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A Hearty Response

In a few hours this week something over \$20,000 was promised by businessmen of the county toward the required \$35,000 needed for the erection of the proposed freezer-locker storage plant which is planned for the county. And, those pledging the money stated that all of the money would be forthcoming for such a plant, if it was necessary for them to provide it all.

That was a hearty response to provide a worthwhile and very valuable industry which would be a large benefit to each family of the county using its services.

The response of the farmers, 60 percent of all locker rentals must be to farmers in order to secure War Production Board approvals and allocation of materials, has not been so hearty, as yet, but it is believed that a little more diligent work upon the part of the committee seeking renters of the lockers will produce the required number and more.

Rats

(The Charlotte Observer)

The determination of the City Health department to exterminate the rats of Charlotte should receive the prompt and vigorous support of both the people and the City Council. The appearance of even one case of typhus in the city ought to be admittedly a reflection upon us, because typhus is usually associated with backyard regions unfamiliar with modern sanitation.

Most property owners, of course, will be glad to co-operate in ridding their property of this pest, but the City Council should lose no time in passing an ordinance giving the health department complete authority to deal with the recalcitrant few.

And let no building owner believe that he does not need the advice of an expert in getting rid of rats. For he is dealing with the craftiest of mammals. To outwit him sometimes requires all of man's reputedly superior intelligence.

Disdainful of the most appetizing poisons, contemptuous of the most ingenious trap, too sly for a cat, too wily for a dog, the rat fattens on our food supplies at the rate of millions of dollars a year, while at the same time he reproduces at an incredible rate.

He sometimes shows more knowledge of the structure of a building than the architect who designed it, for, with an unerring instinct for direction, he makes his way inside through drain pipes, sewers, ventilators, wall spaces, and chimneys, and scatters his typhus-bearing fleas wherever he goes.

Any opening high or low is an invitation to him, for he climbs like his cousin the squirrel. Only the deepest foundations and concrete basement floors can keep him out, for he burrows like his other cousin, the rabbit, he compensates for his rather sluggish movement with a bag of tricks that would make Br'er Fox look like a simpleton.

In the rat we have an enemy that eats our food, spreads a deadly disease among us, and is too smart to be defeated by any half measures.

sold in billions of dollars.

McRae and Williford had a commissary and turpentine still on the hill just this side of Rockfish, near McLaughlin's bridge over the creek, but there was no bridge there then, but a ford. There was not another bridge, between McKenzie's bridge over Drowning creek on the Morganton road and Fayetteville, until the good roads period arrived.

The county over was supplied with mail carriers from business centers all over the country. A route from Clark's mills to Fayetteville, Clark's mills to Carthage, Clark's mills to Powelton. After the Raleigh & Augusta Railroad was built in the latter 1870's, instead of from Clark's mills to Fayetteville, the route was from Clark's mills to Keyser.

The mail routes throughout the country interlinked with routes like the three above. People had to go to the post office after their mail. This was suspended after "Free Rural Mail" routes were established in later years. The Parcel Post law has been much help to rural dwellers. Bringing electricity into farm homes will prove helpful, and make farm life more attractive.

I hope prices of everything will occupy high brackets hereafter. To produce corn at 40 cents a bushel, wheat 60, oats 30, pork 8, beef 4, eggs 4 dozen 25c, ten cents was high; men worked for 60c a day and boarded themselves, and but little money was paid out on any of these things. Even if folks pay out every cent they get as soon as they get it, it is better than doing business with-

out handling any money at all.

Once cleaned out half mile or more of ditches in three days for 75 cents a day, and never got that, and I have spent the better part of my life working for next to nothing, and did not collect. You could not blame folks, for they had nothing with which to pay. This reminds me: A

boy asked: "Say, Neill, can you give me a chew of tobacco—but I reckon you ain't got none?"

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—As a training plane taxied in at Ginter Field, Pvt. Taisto H. Hamalainen of Worcester, Mass., flight instructor, heard a strange noise in the engine. He lifted which to pay. This reminds me: A

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POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

In my recital last week, one error should be corrected. It shows John W. Moore came to my printing office early in January, 1911, when in fact it was in the early days in January, 1897. Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson, and Robeson counties were

stirred through three legislatures.

The new county was first to be known as "Glenn," honoring Governor Glenn, I suppose, because Glenn had been a strong prohibitionist. Anyhow, both Cumberland and Robeson people are Southern if anything, and General R. F. Hoke of Wake County was a Southern General, who was to take General Lee's place, should that worthy become disappointed.

Robeson has led in prohibition since I have known that county, and her board of county commissioners refused to issue license to sell liquor although, license had been issued to sellers under different views for many years. The Robeson board of commissioners about 65 years ago refused to issue license to the sellers. The law forbade the issuance of license to any, except to men of "good moral character," and this particular board said a man of good moral character would not sell liquor, and applying to issue license to any one that granted, and Robeson has lived up to that throughout the years.

The general concluded to prohibit the sale of the liquor, during the prohibition era, but we have allowed this prohibition, the legislature that gave an act allowing it, and the D.C. felt will prohibit the passage of that act must pass.

Those enforcing A. B. C. stores say the psychology of the thing is, it is better to bring the sale of the undesirable stuff out to the front, rather than have it sold behind the building. However, better still, we say do not allow it sold anywhere. There was a great deal less liquor sold during prohibition days than now. There was not a Keely Institute open when the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed. Now these liquor hospitals are in hundreds, and liquors

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