

SOME MILL MEN WHISTLING TO KEEP UP THEIR COURAGE

(From Manufacturers Record) "Southern competition in the textile field is a bugaboo that has been much overemphasized," says "one important industrial authority in Maine," as quoted by the Wall Street Journal.

This "important industrial authority in Maine" would have come nearer to true appreciation of the facts if he had realized that New England's fear of Southern competition when first it began to loom on the horizon has changed into resignation in face of a formidable certainty. The human mind cannot feel the lively fears of a fresh apprehension indefinitely; gradually it estimates the danger and settles down to a state of acceptance of incontrovertible facts, or else buries its head, ostrichwise, in the sands of denial.

So wild a prophecy as that contained in the first sentence above needs no reply. No man is gifted with the infallible foresight apparently claimed by the author of that forecast. The complete falsity of the second sentence is attested by many men who operate mills in both sections and who find their Southern mill help fully equal in skill and far superior in tractability to that of New England.

True sections of New England are "somewhat crowded," but large areas are still lying idle. If labor is wanted, labor can be had. All other conditions being favorable, New England would have to be far more than "somewhat crowded" to force so remarkable an exodus of a great industry as that which the industry has been executing, especially when that exodus is from a section of such great advantages in climate and skill and energy of its workers into one which all factors except the single one of available space are so adverse as this dispatch from the Boston News Bureau would have us believe.

The reference to New England mill workers as descended from skilled ancestors of generations ago is a huge joke. The New England native mill worker of generations ago long since disappeared from the mills and have been succeeded in turn by French-Canadians, then Greeks, Poles, Lithuanians, Italians and other aliens, who are very inferior in every way to the mill labor of the South. The New England mill owners fully recognize this fact.

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LAWRENCE MAZZANOVICH Landscape Painter

A well-known picture dealer of Chicago was talking to one of the artists whose output he had exhibited and sold for a number of successful years. "What you ought to do," he said, "is to go down to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Western Carolina and really paint that country. No one yet has dared to do it, but you can if you will. There's a little town called Tryon, which is one of the most attractive spots in the whole region and I know you can get fresh inspiration there."

Lawrence Mazzanovich took Mr. O'Brien's advice, and in the fall of 1926 he arrived in Tryon. He has never regretted this move and he has "dared" to register on canvas the brilliant beauty of the hills and valleys of the Blue Ridge. Mr. Mazzanovich was born on a vessel off the California coast. His father, a Dalmatian soldier of fortune, had married a Venetian gentleman and had wandered about the world, and even after his family had grown in numbers and in the years he carried them from place to place interfering with a regular education but not with the development of unusual talent.

Lawrence studied art in the Chicago Art Museum, married Anne Holden of Chicago, and then studied in France for several years. Returning to America with his work he met with almost immediate and marked success. Several of his paintings have been bought by institutions and many are hanging in private galleries.

With a son, John, the Mazzanovichs finally settled at Westport, Connecticut where they built a charming home on the Saugatuck River with an adjoining studio where Mr. Mazzanovich produced most of his work up to the time of his coming to Tryon.

He painted every corner of the State of Connecticut and parts of Massachusetts and New York. Then came the longing for something new of different color and contour. He tried California, his near-native State, at it gave him nothing. Even after his arrival here it took some time before he was able to put on canvas what he perceived, but in the last year and a half, his work has grown in power and beauty with amazing rapidity. He has not yet had a formal showing of his canvases, but groups of people have visited his studio and carried away specimens of his workmanship.

His is a genius that springs from work. He is never satisfied with his results. Pictures that to the observer are entirely satisfactory, lack "distinction," and he studies and works tenaciously until they either come up to his standard, or are ruthlessly discarded. The discarded. The distinguishing points of his art are that his drawing is solid and correct, his color sense vivid and original, and that all his pictures have an illusive charm that can only be explained in the rather simple statement that every one



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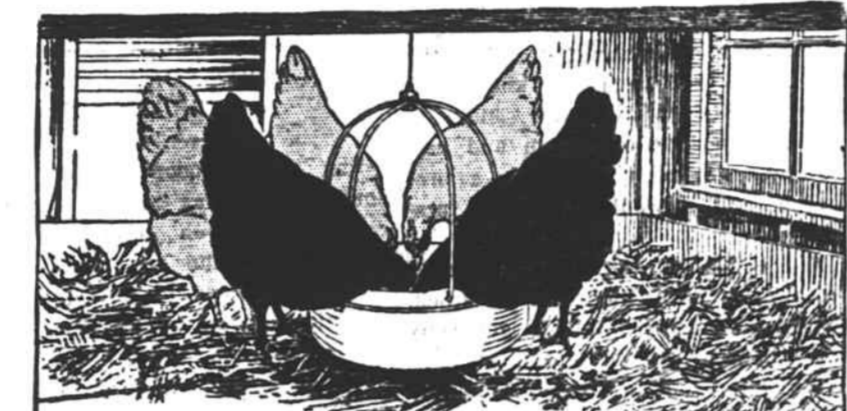
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who owns one loves to live with it, -to have it on his wall, year after year, never finding it stale or less than satisfactory.

"Muzzy," as he is known to everyone in Tryon, is a picturesque figure. Tall and lithe, with iron gray hair and an expansive smile, he has swung himself into the hearts of young and old. He sings well, loves sociability, and thrives in the out-door warmth and sunshine of this region. He and his "bucking boncho," a Ford station wagon, are almost as familiar sights on Trade Street as the very buildings themselves.

During the coming season "Muzzy" will return from Connecticut and take possession of a new studio built for him in Quillette Estates. The house will consist of a big studio, bedroom, bath, and kitchenette, and be located on a slope facing to the north underneath the new city reservoir. This situation gives him a full sweep of north light, an exposure coveted by artists. This probably means that Mazzanovich has become a permanent part of Tryon, and that Mrs. Mazzanovich can be persuaded to leave her friends and activities in Westport and join her husband here.

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Raleigh—\$300,000 being raised, for erecting 2 new dormitories and Burwell Memorial library building, at cost of \$375,000.

Elizabeth City—Work started, on new water plant to be erected north of Broad Street, on shores of Knobbs Creek.

Oak Ridge—Power line from Kernersville to Oak Ridge, sold by Oak Ridge Institute to Southern Public Utilities Company.

Dana—\$75,000 school to be erected here.

Sanford—\$100,000 bond issue to be voted on in Lee County for building memorial hospital.

Kinston—Bids solicited on purchase of municipal light plant.

Rutherfordton — \$250,000 new courthouse completed here.

Hendersonville—Work started, on \$45,000 business building, on Main Street.

Raleigh—Road from here to Norlina being paved.

Lumberton—Robeson County Fair to be held here, October 18-23.

Durham—4 new dormitories, of \$4,000,000 unit at Duke University, nearing completion.

Smithfield—Ivanhoe Mill being repaired.

Summerfield—Telephone line completed from here to Guilford Battle-ground.

Thomasville — Chamber of Commerce to be organized in this town. Washington—Cotton ginning commenced in this section.

Tarboro—Rapid progress being made, in hard-surfacing State highway from Tarboro to intersections of routes Nos. 42 and 12 near Pine-tops.

Hendersonville—7th Avenue to be surfaced, at cost of \$32,000.

Fairmount — 8,610,000 pounds of tobacco sold at this market, so far this season.

Lumberton — Route 20 between Boardman and Lumberton, under construction.

Raleigh—Stone tower being built on Mount Mitchell, nearing completion.

Wilmington—Contract let, for paving walks at Greenfield Lake.

Raleigh—Work progressing rapidly, on construction of new State Revenue building here.

Bostic—New Baptist Church to be erected in this town.

Rutherfordton—New Hop Avenue to be repaired and resurfaced.

Lumberton—Ford garage here to be enlarged, at cost of \$7,000.

Wilmington—Contract let, for construction of new First Presbyterian Church to cost \$375,000.

Newport — Industrial survey to be made of this town, with view to locating canning factory here.

Tryon—Work started, paving road between Tryon and Saluda.

North Carolina has 300,000 pounds of tobacco to market this year.

Goldsboro — \$1,500 appropriated, for advancement of poultry industry among farmers in Wayne County.

North Carolinians, Inc., planning extensive campaign, to secure funds for proposed \$150,000 national advertising project for North Carolina.

Green's Creek—New parsonage being built at Green's Creek Baptist Church.

Dana—Canning factory here putting up 4,000 cans fruit and vegetables daily.

Southern Pines — \$125,000 new church and parish house to be erected, on Massachusetts Avenue.

Wilmington—Enterprise Dry-Cleaning Company moves to new quarters, at 128 Market Street.

Hendersonville—Moland Drysdale, Inc., brick manufacturer, report

Increasing growth of business. on construction of new road... Charlotte—Site chosen for new Lumberton and Fayetteville. Mecklenburg Nursery. Lumberton — Work progressing, ing repaired.

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