

**North Carolina Is Remarkable State
Thinks Roger Babson, Business Expert**

Raleigh.—"From almost any angle you look at it, North Carolina is a very remarkable state," declared Roger Babson, economist, who Thursday night addressed an audience of 750 persons from this and other states at the annual dinner of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Babson, asked for his views on North Carolina, pointed out that among the Southern states it is making strides forward in its economic and business progress which "are nothing short of astounding."

"In the matter of location, climate and physical features, North Carolina is especially fortunate," continued Mr. Babson. "You have many features in your surroundings which appeals to the seekers after relaxation, rest and recuperation. Your piedmont region is one of the most noted playground sections of the whole country. The men who are interested in developing your state as a vacation center are carrying on the work in an approved manner. Although perhaps getting less front page notoriety than some other development yet they are doing the job systematically and the growth is steady. There is also a factor in your climate which with other advantages it attracting the cotton textile manufacturers to establish their mills in your state."

Industry Moving South
"I have always been familiar with the fact that the cotton mills are moving south but I didn't realize to what extent the Northern states and especially New England were losing this line of industry. In 1890 11 per cent of the active spindles in the country were located in the South, in 1910 this proportion had increased to 37 per cent. In 1925 the Southern states were operating 49 per cent of the spindles. These figures, however, do not tell the whole story as regards the location of the cotton industry and its growth in the South. In 1890 the Southern mills consumed 21 per cent of the total consumption of cotton in this country. By 1910 this item had increased to 48 per cent and in 1925 to 65 per cent. This all means that the Southern mills are busier than the Northern ones even allowing for the fact that the class of goods you produce require more cotton per yard than is the case in New England."

"The four states in the South which are getting the bulk of this business are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Since 1913 the number of spindles in your States has increased 68 per cent; in South Carolina, your nearest competitor, 20 per cent; in Georgia, 48 per cent, and in Alabama, 37 per cent. You are not only operating more spindles than any other Southern state but you are consuming more cotton than any other state in the country."

To Fore In Manufacturing
"In general manufacturing North Carolina is maintaining an enviable position. Between 1914 and 1923, which is the latest year for which we have figures, the number of wage earners in North Carolina increased 27 per cent or faster than any other Southern state except Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The total amount of wages increased 177 per cent, or a greater percentage increase than in any other State excepting Alabama and

**CHICAGO NOW HAS
THOUSANDS CROOKS
SURVEY DISCLOSES**

Chicago.—Fields of drama and journalism in Chicago are up in arms.

They have keenly resented production in New York of a play entitled "Chicago," a satire of this city's criminal world and its newspapers.

The author of the new play, which reveals Chicago's murderers as idols and its jurists and newspapers as more or less idiots, spent only a few weeks here as a reporter, it has been charged and leaders in the attacks on the play point out that her knowledge of actual conditions in the "city by the lake" are limited.

Word has been received in Chicago that the name of the play, at least when it is taken into the "sticks," will be changed to "New York."

Chicago police have just completed a survey which shows Chicago has 30,000 criminals and crooks.

There were more than 30 murders in Chicago in 1926 and during that year there were more than 2,000 robberies.

It is estimated that there are more than 25,000 bootleggers in Chicago.

It costs Chicago more than \$3,600,000 each year to fight criminals.

Chicago newest and most sensational criminal is a bandit who has attacked and robbed more than 200 women, according to police.

Because he wears soft-soled shoes and creeps up behind his victims he is known as "The Cat."

He operates in the early evening on dark side streets and all of his attacks and thefts have been against women. Sneaking up from behind "The Cat" throws his arms around his victims, attacking them and robbing them of jewels and money.

Several of his victims have been badly beaten.

Several suspects have been arrested and held in jail but because the attacks and thefts continue it is believed by the authorities the real "Cat" is still at large.

Activities of Chicago's machine-gun criminals have become so frequent and so daring that police have at last been forced to adopt machine guns as a weapon.

Several scores of the deadly weapons have been received by the Chicago police department and officers will be especially drilled in use of the guns.

Part of the training given the machine gun squads will be in using the weapons while traveling in automobiles at a high rate of speed.

A specialty of the gangsters is to use these guns from swiftly moving cars and Chief of Police Morgan Collins is anxious to have several squads of officers so trained that they may pursue the machine gun criminals and give them a lively fight in a machine gun and automobile battle.

A number of Chicago policemen who saw service in the World War and became proficient in the use of machine guns will be in charge of the special squads equipped with the weapons.

Kids Are Just Like That For Bad Yarns

Salisbury Post.

Did Miss Florence Cochran, 19-year-old school teacher of the corn belt tell her pupils naughty stories, or did she not?

And just what was the story which, retold by Willy or Susie at the paternal supper table, irked the arseholes of the vale of Indiana, Ia.?

Was it the one about the two Irishmen who, or the one about the drummer who, or the one about why does a chicken cross the road? Anyway, Indiana's "all het up". But the kids are tickled, for an injunction obtained by the directors against Miss Florence as teacher, has closed the school.

Miss Cochran is fighting to get back in, declaring that if the children heard naughty stories, it was not from her. She in part tells her own story to the effect that one of the big boys peddled about a risqué story told him by his papa.

Now, not all the evidence is in, but we are rather betting on Miss Florence, for we know kids.

We would not insult Miss Florence's intelligence by assuming that she has lived 19 years and knows no risqué stories.

But a girl who chooses teaching as her job is not apt to be so dumb as to tell her stories to her pupils.

We know kids. We all know how kids love to be bearers of news, drop stones kerplunk as it were in calm and stagnant mill-pond of home. And kids soon learn that nothing makes such a good splash in this home mill-pond as some gossip about those in places of authority.

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