



EXTRA SPECIALS

FOR THE LAST WEEK OF THE

McNeely Clearance

Mr. McNeely, just back from New York, says all fall and winter merchandise must be closed out at once, regardless of price, to make room for spring things, which he has just bought in large quantities.

BIG VALUES, THIS WEEK ONLY

14 Fall Coats, to be sacrificed, regardless of price.

18 Velvet Dresses, formerly priced as high as \$49.50 to close out at—
\$14.95

ONE LOT OF ABOUT 20 JERSEY DRESSES
Worth up to \$12.75 — Extra Special
this week at
\$5.00

All other FALL DRESSES, including
Crepes and Satins—
1/2 PRICE AND BELOW

VERY SPECIAL—
100 pairs of Pure Thread, Full Fashioned
Silk Hose, to close out at—
\$1.45

SPECIAL IN MILLINERY—
95 Hats left, that were priced to \$12.50
Marked to close out at—
\$1.95

— THIS WEEK ONLY —

Our January Clearance Sale positively closes Saturday night. Come this week and secure the greatest bargains we have ever offered in first quality garments.

J. C. McNEELY CO.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Withrow spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Melton.

Mrs. Aubrey Withrow spent Saturday night with her mother Mrs. B. M. Melton.

Misses Blanch and Margaret Melton and Nellene Blanton spent Saturday night with Mrs. Clarence McEntire.

H. F. Young who was appointed by the State Baptist convention as one of the trustees of Mars Hill college will attend the mid-winter meeting of this body at Mars Hill tomorrow.

Penny Column

FOR SALE: 3 EMPTY OR VACANT houses. Must be torn down or moved on Red Row. These houses for sale at bargain prices. Quick. H. F. Young. 3t 14c

Grand Jury Probe Vanderburg Case

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son, the other officer, corroborated Austin's testimony.

W. P. Upton, a deputy sheriff who talked with young Vanderburg the morning after the crime was discovered, said Jacob told him that his father had come home drunk the night of the fire. The deputy also said that the boy told him only a small part of the kitchen was burning when he was awakened by smoke the night of the fire. Previous witnesses said young Vanderburg told them the house was a mass of flames when he was awakened and rushed downstairs on discovering the fire. According to Upton, Jacob said that when he rushed down the stairs and passed the door to the kitchen he found the flames confined to a small area around the fire place. The entire house was not burning, he said.

Several neighbors of the Vanderburg's were called to testify that Jacob frequently quarreled with members of the family and would do no work on the farm. J. C. Kirby, tenant of the elder Vanderburg, said that Jacob's father told him "if I was able to handle the boy I would give him a strapping."

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Della Thomas, Plaintiff vs. Enoch Thomas, Defendant.

To Enoch Thomas, non resident defendant. You are hereby notified that an action, as above entitled, has been instituted in the superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., against you by the plaintiff, in which she is asking for an absolute divorce upon the ground of 5 years separation and you are further notified that a verified complaint has been filed in my office and that you are hereby required to appear and answer same on or before March 6, 1929 at my office in Shelby, N. C., or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Herein fall not and of this summons make due return. Witness my hand and seal, this January 14, 1929.

A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court, Cleveland County. D. A. Tedder, Atty.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF GROVER

at Grover, N. C. to the Corporate Commission, at the Close of Business on the 31st day of December, 1928.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	85,088.48
Overdrafts	255.11
United States bonds	100.00
Banking house	964.55
Furniture and fixtures	1,843.13
Cash in vault and amounts due from approved depository banks	25,583.94
Cash items (items held over 24 hours)	85.49
Other real estate	2,000.00
Total	\$115,920.70
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in (amount)	10,000.00
Undivided profits (amount)	1,485.53
Reserved for depreciation	500.00
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Unearned interest	672.47
Other deposits subject to check	57,281.65
Cashiers checks outstanding	296.95
Time Certificates on deposit (Due on or after 30 days)	45,451.54
Total	\$115,920.70

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland:
J. B. ELLIS, Cashier, J. L. Herndon, director and H. S. Keeter, director of the Bank of Grover, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
J. B. ELLIS, Cashier.
J. L. HERNDON, Director.
H. S. KEETER, Director.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Jan., 1929.
R. C. TATE, Notary Public.
My commission expires 5-1-1930.

High Lights Of Gardner Address

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of narcotics and alcohol on human system.

How He Said It.

Noteworthy excerpts from his address follow:
I am taking office today a free man. I am not hampered by any pledges or promises. It shall be my definite aim and unflinching purpose to deal justly with every individual and every interest in North Carolina, and to know no party, creed or nationality in the discharge of my official duties.

I do not believe this state needs any vast amount of new legislation. With the changes strengthening the primary laws there should be enacted an adequate secret law for the general elections, popularly known and designated as the Australian ballot system.

A fair and just workmen's compensation law should be provided by the general assembly.

I favor continuation of state aid for the six months school term, and substantial aid for all those who have voted the eight months term for themselves, and such others as may hereafter show the desire for a longer term, but I do not believe that it will be wise, at this time, to impose by legislative enactment, an eight months term upon the entire state.

There should be no mystery, obscurity, or complexity in handling public funds. We can never have economical or efficient government if we keep the public in the dark.

I recommend that our county government laws be strengthened where necessary, and that they be made to apply to all alike.

It is my recommendation that no additional road bonds be now authorized.

In order to furnish much needed relief from these high local taxes, I recommend the levy of one cent additional tax per gallon on gasoline. If the general assembly should see fit to relieve the counties of this direct property tax of \$5,509,458, it could do so by taking two cents from the proposed five cents tax on gasoline and applying it to county maintenance.

I wish to emphasize that absolute requirement of keeping all commitments of the state well within the limits of the revenue provided under your tax bill.

One of the major aims of my administration shall be to improve agriculture and rural life in North Carolina. My plan shall be constructed around these four main points: (a) Pure-bred seed for our farms. (b) Pure-bred sires for our animals. (c) Grade A folk for our farms. (d) A fair and just distribution of the tax burden.

In making an inventory of the assets of the state I should like to be able to write North Carolina down as first in observing the law.

Dover Mull Better, Hope Held For Him

Dover Mull, well known county man, who is said to have attempted suicide early last Wednesday morning by shooting himself in the head, will likely live it is gathered from information concerning his condition.

He has been in the hospital since the shooting, the bullet having entered and passed through the head near the upper jaw. So far no serious complications have developed and his chance of recovery therefore is considered brighter.

Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

At Mooresboro, N. C. to the Corporate Commission, at the Close of Business on the 31st day of December, 1928.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$186,180.52
Overdrafts	161.22
All other stocks and bonds	30.00
Banking house	4,483.27
Furniture and fixtures	4,346.95
Cash in vault and amount due from approved depository banks	57,901.10
Other real estate	2,604.93
Expense	79.43
Total	\$255,777.42
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$26,500.00
Surplus fund	5,800.00
Demand deposits due bank	8,218.14
Other deposits subject to check	77,947.92
Cashiers checks outstanding	1,081.93
Time certificates on deposit (Due on or after 30 days)	136,229.43
Total	\$255,777.42

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland:
Y. L. McCARDWELL, cashier, M. M. GREENE, director, and R. C. MOORE, director of the Farmers & Merchants bank, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Y. L. McCARDWELL, Cashier.
M. M. GREENE, Director.
R. C. MOORE, Director.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 1929.
WILLIE V. GREENE, Notary Public.
My commission expires April 27, 1930.

At The Theatres

"The trouble with you is, you're beautiful but dumb! Dumb about life! The way you dress and act says 'hands off' to every man—and still you expect your boss to fall in love with you!"

So said Mae, the blond art editor with a different date every night, after listening to Janet's tearful story of how she overheard Jim Conroy, owner of the advertising agency in which the girls work, say to a client, "Janet is a good secretary but I'd as soon think of falling in love with a filing case."

Jim's reaction to the new Janet and the ups and downs of their romance form the story of "Beautiful But Dumb," the Tiffany-Stahl production starring Patsy Ruth Miller, showing at the Webb theatre tomorrow.

Some Thoughts On Death

(By Thos. F. Opic, D. D., in The Uplift.)

Death is one of the few things that come to everybody in the world. "All must die, passing from life to eternity," says Shakespeare. The best way to die right is to live right. He who lives nobly, without fear and without doubt, can die nobly and without doubt. Such a person may indeed view death not in horror but as a great—indeed, as the great adventure. "Death in itself is nothing," says Dryden—"we fear to be we know not what, we know not where"—but surely the Christian's idea of the hereafter should easily and readily take that kind of a sting entirely from the scorpion death!

Nature works "upward." God draws ever to higher and yet higher planes. We need not fear that death will lead us into lowered conditions! The life that has been high here will be higher hereafter. We may well believe. The life that has been noble here will be nobler hereafter. God works ever upward. The mineral kingdom evolves into vegetable, the vegetable into the animal—and, but for the vegetable and the mineral, there obviously could be no animal kingdom! May it not be that the animal works upward into the world of pure spirit?—at least so far as the human in the animal realm is concerned? Does there have to be physical embodiment in order to be life? Obviously no!

A man's trunk and hands and physical parts do not constitute the man. These are but the physical tools with which he works. They are the physical manifestation of the man—the ego—of the spiritual personalities is a more new-birth into the realm of pure spirits—a realm without limits in either time or space. The spirit, the ego, the will, the affections, the personal consciousness—the "you," I believe is released at death—to come and to go like flashes of thought, without the physical restriction now prohibiting. And I believe also that the soul new-born infant is a novice in the physical sphere—he must find himself; he must develop and grow used to his new environment; he must learn how to function as pure spirit in a world of pure spirit.

I do not accept modern "spiritualism"—but the reason goes much deeper than the "spirits" seem so "crude" in their supposed "communications" with us of the flesh!—much deeper than that those who have "crossed over" seem concerned with such trivial things and so inadequately interpret the "other life" to us! Indeed it would seem that this would be true in the very nature of the case! They are in a New World! They are at a greater disadvantage than the child in school, who has yet to learn an alphabet and to master numbers before he may spell, compute or correspond! But the "evidence" of "communication" is yet too flimsy for final conviction or for general acceptance.

The Christian idea of death and the hereafter seems to be the most reasonable and the most consoling of all views. The Hindu yogi with his "seven spheres"; the Egyptian with his idea of "transmigration"; the American Indian with his "happy hunting ground"—and the atheist with his idea of "annihilation"—these seem all to pale if not eclipse of a life of increasing beauty and service and love beyond the grave.

There is yet a "living" death to be avoided—a death to the good, the true, the beautiful. There is an indifference to the glories of life, to the call of the spirit—a paralysis to the spiritual, the unseen, the ideal. Many "living" people are dead to aspiration— inert to any pull of God! Awake! thou that sleepest— and Christ shall give the light— and life and love. Thou shalt then have no horror of death—which is mere transition.

Not only does piedmont North Carolina follow the best balanced system of farming in the state, but now it has taken honors in cotton growing from the coastal plain.

The annual two-day short course for beekeepers of North Carolina will be held at State college, January 24 and 25.

J.C. PENNEY CO. INC.

Shelby, N. C.

Winter White Week

An important week for homemakers—on this page we call your attention to a few of the outstanding values that you will find on visiting our store—sheets, sheeting, towels, muslin and yard goods priced unbelievably low.

Heavy Turkish Towels

Outstanding Values for

39c and

49c

Plain White

Colored Border

Here are two remarkable towel values—you must see them for yourself to appreciate them! Heavy double thread terry towels—size 23x46—you can save money on your towel supply for many months.

"Belle Isle"

Bleached and Unbleached

Muslin
A very useful material.
Bleached 36 inches wide, and unbleached 39 inches wide.
Yard
10c

White Batiste

In Several Qualities

Dainty undies can be fashioned so simply—and so inexpensively—from batiste. They can be washed, too, without a thought of hurting them. Buy several yards, now, during

23c 29c 49c

Bedspreads

Crinkled—Colored



It costs very little to dress your bed smartly in a new crinkled spread—with colored stripes to blend with your room. A fresh assortment—size 81x105—for Winter White Week.

\$1.49

Nation-Wide Says Service

In Every Splendid Sheet and Yard of Sheeting

Thousands of housewives have already solved their sheeting problem with "Nation-Wide"—a strong, dependable quality—at thrifty prices.

9/4 bleached or 10/4 unbleached sheeting, yard

39c

Sizes Before Hemmed Tubing, 42 inch, yard

27c

81x90 sheets, each

\$1.10

81x99 sheets, ea.,

\$1.19

Cases, 45 x 36, each

29c

"Penco" Fine Bedwear

Is An Improved Quality

"PENCO" our exclusive brand, combines quality that you can be proud of and a price you can afford. A few outstanding values:

9/4 bleached or 10/4 unbleached sheeting, yard

35c

Tubing, 42 inch, yard

35c

Sizes Before Hemmed

81x90 sheets, each

\$1.25

81x99 sheets, each

\$1.42

Cases, 42x36, each

35c

Buy Towels Now During Winter White Week

A rare opportunity to buy a double thread terry towel, size 18x36, for the small price of

15c

"Stockade" Unbleached Muslin

A staple muslin of firm, serviceable quality—35 inch.

12 1/2 c

Two Big Towel Values

Because of an immense purchase of Turkish towels for over one thousand stores, you can buy these splendid double thread Terry towels— plain white or white with a colored border—at these two amazing savings.

Size 18 x 36

Size 22 x 44

15c

25c

White Lingerie Fabrics

It is time to be planning for spring sewing—and time, as well, to select dainty underwear fabrics from fresh, complete stocks. Batiste, dimity checks, plain flaxon and checked flaxon—at a moderate price range from, yard

19c to 49c

Wash Cloths Knitted and Terry

Many popular patterns and colors. Each

10c

"Wizard" Sheets

Size 72x90

An economical sheet—size before hemmed. Each

79c

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