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WE'RE LIVING IN CLOVER AND DON'T REALIZE IT

If You Want To Be Glad You Live in The Elizabeth City Territory, Just Take a Trip Way Down South

By W. O. SAUNDERS

Cheer up! Elizabeth City and this immediate northeastern North Carolina territory is busy, prosperous and secure against panic, compared with other sections of the country right at this time. I have just returned from a trip to Atlanta, Ga., the great financial, commercial and industrial center of the south. I didn't go to investigate conditions prevailing in the south. One doesn't have to. One with eyes can see that the south is bankrupt. From the windows of a railroad car on any southern road one can see thousands of acres of cotton unpicked and know that back of the railroads are millions of other unpicked acres.

And the cotton that has been picked and ginned and baled is not stored in warehouses, but lying out in the yards exposed to the weather, because the cotton farmers farther south have few shelters. One sees little else but cotton in the south and one used to the black lands of northeastern North Carolina wonders how they can even raise cotton on the red clay soil of Georgia and South Carolina.

Every day looks like Sunday in the southern country to-day. The stores are neither buying nor selling goods and no one is paying bills. The south has depended upon cotton and cotton has again wrecked its hopes. The rank and file who prospered temporarily when prices were high last year have spent all the easy money they made last year, expecting easier money this fall. They bought silk shirts and automobiles while the going was good. To-day they whine for credit for corn meal and sow-belly, and the repair man is swearing he won't work on their automobiles for less than cash. The southern markets are glutted with second hand automobiles for sale at any price.

There are not hundreds, or thousands, but millions of human beings in the south to-day with nothing but cotton to realize on. And they can't sell their cotton; they can't eat it; they can't even patch their rags with it until the mills spin it into yarn and weave it into cloth. And thousands of mills are not spinning or weaving. More than half a million textile workers are out of employment.

That is the woeful picture of the south to-day. It is duplicated in the tobacco growing regions of eastern and central North Carolina.

In the big industrial centers up north, millions are out of employment and facing a hard winter with only a Republican platform promise of prosperity to mock them.

How different things are here in this little God favored corner of North Carolina. We are not wholly dependent upon any one thing under the sun. If cotton fails us, we have our peas and corn and hogs. The ginners may not want our cotton, the miller may not want our corn; but thank God we cleaned up on potatoes earlier in the season and haven't spent it all yet. Money may be a little tight and the bankers reluctant to lend; but still one legitimately in need may borrow enough to scrape along. We may have to postpone the purchase of new automobiles and the building of new homes, but with our garden truck, our poultry, our eggs, our pigs, our fish, our lumber and other resources we can scrape

CAN N. CAROLINA AFFORD TO PAY!

Dr. Claxton Says She Can And Presents Astounding Facts To Prove It

The people of North Carolina paid into the Federal Treasury last year more than \$162,000,000 in indirect taxes. The state of North Carolina expended last year only \$8,157,931.63 cents for public education in elementary and secondary schools. North Carolina has expended for all public educational purposes only \$130,038,896 from the founding of the first public school system in 1840 down to the present date. A simple example in subtraction reveals the startling fact that North Carolinians paid into the Federal treasury in indirect taxes last year over 25 million dollars more than they paid in taxes for education in all the history of the state.

The foregoing information, of vast importance to every one interested in education is taken from a carefully prepared statement of the educational situation in this state by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Dr. Claxton says that North Carolina needs to spend three or four times more money than she now spends on public education. And being a practical man he attempts to show that North Carolina is able to do so much.

The records show, according to Commissioner Claxton that for elementary and secondary schools the total has been a little more than \$107,500,000; for higher education including universities, colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts, normal schools, schools for the deaf and the blind, a little less than \$22,500,000. Allowing \$5,000,000 for defectiveness in records, the tax expenditures for education have been less than \$135,000,000. The people who pay taxes for other purposes in these amounts can, without disaster, and the comparatively small amount needed for education.

How Money Could Be Raised
Commissioner Claxton further says: "Last year the people of the United States paid an average of \$20 per capita for tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco and snuff. If North Carolina is an average tobacco using State, as I have reason to believe it is, then the people spent last year more than \$45,000,000 for tobacco. If in some high moment of enthusiastic devotion and self-sacrifice they had agreed among themselves to smoke two cigars instead of three, burn two dubs instead of three, chew two dubs instead of three, and had put the money thus saved into the school fund, they could have paid all the teachers of the elementary and high schools of the State three times as much as they were paid. A small fraction of the money spent for joy-riding saved for education would have done the same."

"Far be it from me to suggest either of these means for increasing the school funds for the pay of teachers. It is not necessary to use either. People who can spend money in large amounts for these other purposes as the people of North Carolina do, can easily pay also whatever may be necessary for the education of their children to prepare them for life, for citizenship and for increasing the material wealth of the State as can only be done through education. I know the people of North Carolina well enough to believe they will do so when once they fully understand the need."

CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF INLAND WATERWAY

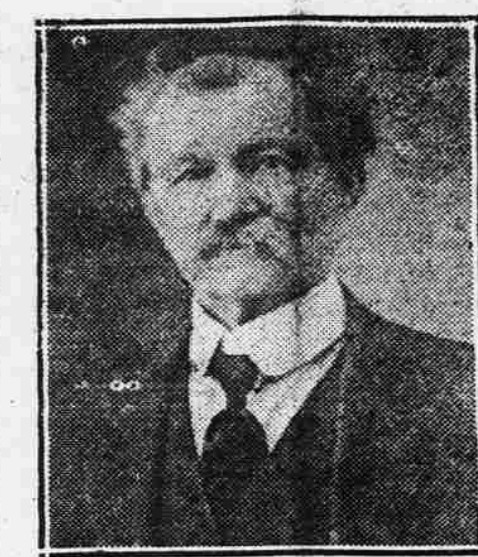
Congressman John Small Will Be There And Invites Everybody To Go

On Monday, November 29, 1920, a simple celebration will be held at Great Bridge on the line of the Inland Waterway for the purpose of commemorating the completion of that section from Norfolk to the Albemarle Sound. A letter from Congressman John H. Small, member of the committee on Rivers and Harbors, to the local Chamber of Commerce invites the organization to send delegates to participate on the occasion of the celebration, and announces that arrangements will be made to take from Norfolk to Great Bridge. The exercises will be under the auspices of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, and that body is hoping that Elizabeth City will be well represented at Great Bridge on Monday next. Secretary Case of the Chamber of Commerce asks any who will be able to attend the celebration to notify him at once, either by letter, or by phone. Any citizen of Elizabeth City, whether a member of the Chamber of Commerce or not, is invited to attend the celebration, but it will be necessary for all such to send in their names in order that the needed arrangements may be made.

T. P. Nash, Sr. is in New York this week visiting his son T. P. Nash, Jr. T. P. Jr. is professor of chemistry in the medical branch of Cornell University this year.

PETER SHIPP DEAD AT THE AGE OF 74 YEARS

A Native of England and For 41 Years a Useful and Exemplary Citizen of This Community



P. S. SHIPP

Peter S. Shipp, age 74, died at his home, 303 First St. in this city at 5 o'clock this morning, following an illness of several weeks. He had been unconscious for several days and the end came slowly and peacefully. The funeral and interment will take place at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Shipp was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this community. He was a native of England, his parents settled in this country when he was a child and his early life was spent in New York state. He came to Elizabeth City 41 years ago, physicians having sent him south on account of his health. He was told he had only a few weeks or months to live. He completely recovered his health, his wife joined him here a few months later and they made Elizabeth City their home. He was ever an active, useful and exemplary citizen. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married 52 years ago, and by one son, Fred Shipp, of New Bern, N. C.

COME TO BOOST BETTER ROADS

North Carolina Road Boosters Here In Full Force Next Week

The North Carolina Landowners Association and the North Carolina Good Roads Association are cooperating with the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce in the series of meetings to be held thruout Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties the week of November 29.

Dr. Low, whom the federal government loaned to the state for a few months; W. A. McGirt, Manager of the Landowners Association and President of the North Carolina Good Roads Association; Miss Berry, Secretary of the Good Roads Association, and other prominent workers in the state, will participate in the meetings.

Dr. Low has been lecturing in various parts of North Carolina, and the newspapers have given glowing accounts of his talks in the interest of better health conditions, better roads, better methods of agriculture, etc. His lecture is profusely illustrated with stereotyped views. The other speakers are all intimately familiar with conditions in this section of the state, and are striving to bring about the changes needful to be made before Eastern North Carolina can hope to make a successful appeal to the outside world. Startling facts and figures will be brought to the attention of the people, and the series of meetings promises to be the most interesting and profitable ever staged in this part of the state.

The big meeting of the week will be held at Elizabeth City Thursday, December 2, when each of the above mentioned speakers will be present. The proposed state highway system, which will connect Elizabeth City and the surrounding country with the rest of the state, will be featured on that occasion. Maps, charts, etc., will be shown. An effort will be made to bring to Elizabeth City most of the members of the County Highway Commissions and County Commissioners of the several counties in North eastern North Carolina, and all who are interested in better roads.

A movement was long since started to bond the state for the construction of a system of state highways, and meetings have been held in all parts of North Carolina to awaken interest in the movement. Word comes the people are everywhere interested in the proposal to have the state construct certain roads in every county, leaving each county free to expend its money on the roads that are merely local. And for the purpose of crystallizing public sentiment before the January session of the Legislature, and effort is being made to reach the people of every section of the state before the first of the year.

A list of meetings to be held next week follows:
Monday, Nov. 29, Newland; Tuesday, Nov. 30, Poplar Branch; Wednesday, Dec. 1, Moyock; Thursday, Dec. 2, Elizabeth City; Friday, Dec. 3, Salem; Saturday, Dec. 4, Camden.

TIME TO BUY IS NOW-NOT LATER

Too Much Waiting Will Surely Result In Still Higher Prices

The "ultimate consumer" may be overplaying the game in waiting for prices to go lower than now before supplying his needs.

Regardless of price conditions, people must eat and wear clothes.

When production decreases—as it must when people stop buying and consumption goes on, something is bound to happen; and inevitably it means higher, instead of lower, prices!

In the matter of wearing apparel, for example there is not a factory in the whole country that is to-day running on full time, and many of them are shut down in the effort to meet recently developed conditions.

With the gradual depletion of the supply on hand, and with the consumers requiring the same necessities as before, it is inevitable that the point of exhaustion of the present available supply will be reached.

Then it will follow that when everybody goes into the market for new supplies, all wanting the same goods at the same time, the result will mean only one thing, whether its effect be good, bad or indifferent. Under such a condition higher prices would be unescapable.

The New York Times correctly expresses the situation in the statement: "That the present season's fall in prices will go on uninterrupted, however no one imagines. Labor costs are still disproportionately high, and the present year's forced closing out of speculative holdings means relaxation, when the active business season ends, in the strain on credit which has been primarily responsible for this month's violent fall in prices. But that prices and cost of living will rise again to the high point of 1919 or last spring is wholly improbable."

The consumer has, to a large extent, been out of the market for his necessities during the last few months.

He has delayed the purchase of necessities in the hope that the decline in prices had not reached the bottom. There never has been such a marked slump in prices in so short a time as that which has taken place recently. There have been greater variations in price, but not so short a time.

Reports from all parts of the country indicate that the consumer is now going again into the market for his necessities. This conclusion is undoubtedly wise, for the probability is that longer delay would mean that when he does go into the market it would be under higher price conditions.

Retail business all over the country is evidently acting upon a decision that the wise thing to do now is to make it "turn-over," get what it can for its stocks that were bought at the prevailing high prices during the last year, accept its loss and enter the new year under readjusted conditions.

There is not a retailer in Elizabeth City who is not offering consumers of wearing apparel of every kind an opportunity to buy at retail at lower prices than some of these goods cost a wholesale!

They will not carry over high-priced stocks, which will be shelf-worn and out of date, to come into competition with goods to be made available under lower price jobbing conditions next year.

So they are now unloading much of this stock at sacrifice prices actually lower than the prices that will prevail next year.

The wise consumer will take advantage of the opportunity offered in these sacrifice sale offerings being made by practically every retail establishment in Elizabeth City.

The danger in delay lies in the fact that it probably means higher prices for the same merchandise later on.

SQUIRES, THE GREEN GOODS MAN IS HERE THIS WEEK

P. C. Squires, nationally famous as "the green goods man," is in Elizabeth City this week. Mr. Squires' particular brand of green goods is holly and mistletoe and he knows the market for these Christmas greens. He began coming to Elizabeth City about 15 years ago and once it looked like he had cleaned up all the holly and mistletoe in this section. But after an absence of seven years he is back again, a new crop having developed during his absence.

Elizabeth City has observed also that Squires' home is in Ocean City, Md. Mr. Squires' home is in Ocean City, Md.

Hathaway Says

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not your eyes? They are more important.

Dr. J. D. Hathaway
Optometrist
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

ELIZABETH CITY BONDS ARE GIVEN A BLACK-EYE

Solemn Obligations Repudiated Just When City Talks of Issuing Half a Million in Bonds—And The Man Who Could Have Saved The Situation Didn't

A DESERTED FAMILY SUFFERING FOR FOOD

The Cohoons on Panama Street Have Been Living on Six Dollars a Week

There is a family in Elizabeth City in need of help almost within a stone's throw of two of its biggest churches. Mrs. Ruth Cohoon, a young mother, with two boys, ages five and nine years, and an infirm mother to support is pitifully struggling to keep up respectability on the small sum of six dollars a week which she manages to earn at the Avalon Hosiery Mill where she works when the power plant furnishes enough current to run the mill.

The Cohoons came here two years ago from the Kilkenny section of Tyrrell county. The husband B. F. Cohoon found work here, in one of the mills and made a living for the family of five. The wife worked in a hosiery mill and contributed to the weekly earnings. Things went along very well until about six months ago when Cohoon went away to look for work. Since that time according to Mrs. Cohoon, he has contributed only about \$10 to the support of his family and apparently forgotten it completely. They haven't heard a word from him in several months, but he wrote his mother in Gunt Neck that he was going to California. Repeated efforts on the part of Mrs. Cohoon have failed to locate him.

The Cohoons live in a neatly kept but barren little home at 505 Panama street. There is a big lithograph of the First Thanksgiving on the wall. Thanksgiving this year didn't mean many good things at that home as are on the loaded board in the picture of the First Thanksgiving, but thru the efforts of citizens of Elizabeth City a neat little sum was presented and the family did afford a good dinner. The matter was taken up with the City Manager and he also saw that some provisions were sent.

Mrs. Cohoon was married when she was about 15 years old. Her husband was a little older. Both were uneducated and totally incompetent to support the two children that have come to the family. Here is an example for the edification of society which permits a couple of children to start out in the biggest business in the world. Who loses when these two children make a failure and leave heavy liabilities in the shape of hungry, healthy, normal offsprings which for a time at least will be a burden upon society.

MIDWIVES TO RECEIVE EXPERT INSTRUCTION

State Board of Health Will Send Trained Nurse To This Section Next Week

According to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, North Carolina State Board of Health, about every other child born in Eastern North Carolina has an ignorant midwife to see that it is started along the journey to a healthy life. This means that during the days before and after birth one half of the mothers trust their lives in the hands of these women.

Some midwives do very well or as well as they know how; others cause deaths of mothers and babies. They know no better and must be taught. With the aim to improve the situation the Bureau of Epidemiology and the Bureau of Infant Hygiene and Public Health Nursing of North Carolina State Board of Health, are carrying on an extensive campaign to educate these women, most of whom are negroes.

Important things are to be done at the birth of a child other than rendering surgical and medical aid. There must be filled a complete and accurate birth certificate to assure the child of its right for school attendance, etc. Silver nitrate must be dropped in the eyes to prevent blindness. Such must be done by physician or midwife attend the birth. With view to instructing the midwives along these lines a nurse from the State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C. will visit the following places. Please inform any one you know acting as a midwife and tell them to attend the meeting.

Snowden, Depot, 10 A. M., Monday, Nov. 29th.
Elizabeth City, Court House, 10 A. M., Tuesday, Nov. 30th.
Hertford, Court House, 10 A. M., Wednesday Dec. 1st.
Edenton, Court House, 10 A. M., Thursday, Dec. 2nd.
Gatesville, Court House, 10 A. M., Friday, Dec. 3rd.
Ahoskie, Colored School House, 10 A. M., Saturday, Dec. 4th.

HE FOUND IT

Miles Jennings tells a story on a man about town who went over into Washington county to look for some of that Washington county moonshine corn. The fellow was gone four days. When he got back Jennings asked him if he found what he went after? "I guess I did," he replied, "because there were two days of my time, I can't account for."

Two thousand dollar Elizabeth City Graded School Bonds held by an Ohio bank and due Oct. 1, 1920 have been returned to the holders unpaid and the coupons on more than \$30,000 of the same bonds have also been returned unpaid, giving Elizabeth City and Elizabeth City school bonds a blackeye among bond buyers. There is an unwritten law in the world of finance that the principal and interest on bonds must be paid when due and bond buyers have no patience with a no respect for a municipality that violates this law.

The Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Elizabeth City acts as treasurer for the Board of Graded School Trustees. E. F. Aydtlett, president of the school board is vice-president of the Savings Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Aydtlett's indorsement on a note, or the indorsement of any of Mr. Aydtlett's friends would have spared Elizabeth City the odium of this repudiation of a sacred obligation at a time when Elizabeth City purposes to go before the country with another issue of bonds to sell. If Mr. Aydtlett wanted to make Elizabeth City school bonds a drug on the market, one can understand why he as chairman of the Board of Graded School Trustees permitted the bonds due Oct. 1, 1920 to go unpaid. The fact that these bonds were sent back adds weight to the charges made by this newspaper that some one on that school board is trying to kill the proposed new bond issue.

It is explained at the Savings Bank & Trust Co. that the bonds were not paid because the schools didn't have a sufficient sum in the treasury to cover the amount. That is not unusual in this community where niggardly management has always contrived to provide too little money to run the school. It is usual for the school treasury to be at low ebb at this season of the year when the tax collector has only begun his work and has not begun to turn new funds into the treasury. All this was to have been anticipated and a properly directed School Board with a chairman heartily interested in the success of the schools and the credit of the city could have easily negotiated a loan to have taken care of those bonds.

This newspaper is reliably informed that either of the banks in this city would have arranged a loan to have taken care of those bonds if Mr. Aydtlett had asked them to do so. But he made no move except to insist that the bonds be returned unpaid. And no one knew better than Mr. Aydtlett that the return of those bonds might be expected to injure the credit of the city and make it so much harder for the city to sell school bonds in future.

This newspaper is aware of the fact that it is considered high treason in some circles to say anything at all in criticism of the immaculate Mr. Aydtlett. No act or motive of his must ever be questioned. But this newspaper is determined to expose every move to block the new school bond issue. The future of the children of this city depends upon the immediate and thorough rebuilding of our public school system. This newspaper intends to fearlessly stand by this school bond issue and to expose its enemies regardless of whom it offends. Not even a cry for Burke Culppeper to come over and help them will deter this newspaper from doing what it believes to be its duty to the people.