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LOOKING AHEAD

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Creative Spark

Invention is declining in the United States. Between 1930 and 1943 patent applications went down about half at the Patent Office in Washington. To be very technical, the drop was 54% per 100,000 of the country's population. If the total number of patents applied for annually had varied a great deal in former years, this would not be so surprising, but it had not.

From 1900 to 1930 our number of patents increased each year, about like the population grew. Many people played at being inventors. Some original gadget to make living easier could be found in process of development at nearly any way-side wagon shop. Many a housewife cherished what she hoped was a secret recipe. Boys and girls dreamed of wealth from something they might "think up."

All to the Good
Only few of these formulas or mechanical devices ever reached the Patent Office, but the youngsters who worked with them gained valuable knowledge. And out of this wave of creative energy came useful things. Patent applications reached an all-time high between 1925 and 1930, and (population considered) patents actually granted broke a 50-year record, only a few months later.

Invention is the spark of creative thought. It was during America's era of invention that the people of the United States rose up industrially and climbed to the top of the world, in wealth, in education, in health and in living standards. Inventions increase employment, boost wages and shorten working hours. Inventions create infinitely more jobs than they destroy.

Historical Sketch
F. O. Richey of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the nation's distinguished patent attorneys, informed me recently that the history of invention divides naturally into four periods: (1) Before the 17th Century when there were no patent laws and few inventions; (2) The 17th and 18th Centuries with poor patent laws poorly administered; (3) From early in the 19th Century to 1933, and (4) since.

America's era of invention covered more than a century back of 1933, a period with Ben Franklin at one end and Thomas Edison at the other, in which Chief Justice John Marshall stood out for fair use of the patent system. Those were the years when inventions and their scientific development were profitable to men of intellect—schools of engineering and chemistry flourished.

Spoil of Hostility
The Latin who called Necessity the mother of invention was wrong. Necessity makes people improvise; invention springs from love of achievement and hope of reward for good ideas. Among Europeans, the Swiss have the most freedom and lead in inventions. The Chinese, having no hope of reward, invent little. In America, our Patent Office safeguarded the reward in the 19th Century.

In the last dozen years, however, the U. S. patent system has been the target of much verbal attack. Holders of patents are pointed at as if they had stolen something. Moreover the rewards, that come (by nature suddenly) to inventors, are twisted from them by taxation. What is the result? Inventors are not inventing. Must America's creative spark be quenched, or may her inventors be rewarded?

High Average

This is the season for taking stock. America has concluded a global war. Perhaps it is not quite fair to say the Americans won it, but, at least, they put a stop to it, which was the important thing. Conquering heroes are coming home by shiploads and replacements are going forth to stand guard over the peace they have bought so bravely at such fearful cost.

Success in battle consists of getting there first with the most. This proverb has been attributed to more than one military hero but it probably originated with that picturesque cavalry general of the Civil War, Nathan B. Forrest. At any rate, it is still true. This war was old when America got in it, but each individual conquest proved the old formula sound.

A War of Machines
Mechanical devices, in infinite variety and uncomputed tons, put an end to the conflict. They were made in America. Moreover the ships and cars and planes that took them to far-flung points of need were likewise made in America. If any other nation of people had been able to do it, they would have done



Sgt. Charles Liebert, patient at the U. S. Army's Holloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., is happy that the war is over and he can look forward to a job. The 24-year-old Pittsburgh parachute trooper dropped from the sky in France only to be put out of combat by a shell from a nearby German tank. The shrapnel sliced into his right arm. His wounds have healed but he urges everybody to buy Victory Bonds to help furnish medical attention to the boys who must receive treatment for months.



Seaman Eddie Flowers, 23, Pensacola, Fla., says he bought Victory Bonds to speed the recovery of Navy wounded all over the world. His leg was injured by a land mine in France many months ago but it was slow in healing. He is thankful for the added care and comfort that War Bonds afforded him at the Navy's St. Alban's Hospital, N. Y.



r/vt. Carl L. Smith, 22, of Green Back, Tenn., is getting better again after receiving treatment at the Army's Holloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. He was wounded in the right leg by a sniper in Germany and urges people to buy Victory Bonds to help provide care for thousands of other men still in hospitals.

U. S. Treasury Department

it before Pearl Harbor. Only America had what it took.

But what is this rare and magic quality? The answer is easy: It is *average greatness*. An outstanding genius here and there does not make a competent race. Such men are useful but they are not the people. A young man to whom I handed a diploma in June, 1943, reported proudly in August that he had been one of 6,500 obscure chemists who helped develop the atomic bomb.

The Home Front
Where, but in America, is it possible to find 6,500 obscure chemists? Chemists of his skill and training are worthy of distinction in some countries, but in America they engage in volume production. They work on what amount to assembly lines. And the result brings a weary world a breath of relief from starvation and suffering and sorrow. The exceptional "average greatness" found in America is the rare

quality which must not be sacrificed. If we keep it, this country need never come under the heel of a foreign enemy or a home-grown despot. But if we keep it our people must know what it is and how it is obtained. Without further ado, average greatness is a product of the kind of liberty America enjoys.

Our No. 1 Resource
The average American soldier is not a great general but he possesses generalship, a human trait apart from rank. From youth he has known his right to own anything he could get honestly, his right to hold any office to which he could be elected, his right to compete. Where competition is not open, learning is lavished on the few and mediocrity paralyzes progress.

I have said this before, but it will bear repeating: The much maligned American system has made this nation great, prosperous, enlightened and resourceful, able to

do big jobs in a hurry, get there first with the most and turn defeat into victory. Economic independence and personal self-reliance are pillars of education. America's most valuable resource is resourcefulness.

WORRIERS GET ARTHRITIS SAYS PHYSICIAN

Medical belief that the emotions are at the root cause of this crippling scourge is explained by a noted physician-writer. Be sure to read this revealing article in the January 27th issue of

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Will of Thomas A. Burke, late of Alamance County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of Dec. 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

J. H. COBLE
Executor Will of Thos. A. Burke.
J. S. Cook, Atty.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of Fred B. Shields, deceased, late of Alamance County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of Decem. 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

EMMA L. SHIELDS.
Executrix
Route 1, Graham, N. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of C. Webb Fogleman, deceased, late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Alamance North Carolina, on or before the 5th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

John B. Fogleman, Administrator of the Estate of C. Webb Fogleman, deceased.
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Rev. J. A. Dalley, deceased, late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Burlington, North Carolina, on or before the 29th day of December, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

NETTIE DAILEY,
Administratrix of the estate of
Rev. J. A. Dalley, Deceased.
Louis C. Allen, Atty.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Jasper N. Warren, deceased, late of Alamance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 403 W. Davis St. Burlington, N. C., on or before the 10th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

CLARA M. WARREN,
Administratrix of Estate of
Jasper N. Warren, Deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executors of the last will of Jasper R. Pendergrast deceased late of Alamance County,

this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned at 402 Bickett Blvd., Raleigh, N. C., on or before the 1st day of January, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded as a bar to their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment This, the 4th day of January, 1946.
RICHARD COY PENDERGRAST
MARY H. PENDERGRAST
Executors of Estate of Jasper R. Pendergrast, deceased

Notice of Sale.

By virtue of a judgment made and entered in an action in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, entitled Alamance County Plaintiff vs. Jake Patton, Zeb Patton, Mamie Lee Hill, et al, Defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

Saturday, February 2nd, 1946,
at 11 o'clock a. m.,
at the Court House door in Graham, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land in Albright Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, situate on Varnell's Creek, adjoining the lands of John S. Ray, William Coble, deceased, and others and known as the homestead of Isaac McDaniel. See Book 12, page 182-183 recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, North Carolina. Save and except lands sold off: See deed to W. C. Payne, 4.18 acres, in Book 22 page 223-224; also deed to C. E. Keek, in Book 24-page 60, 675 acres; and also sold to J. M. Keek, Book 79, page 436, 2.88 acres, also see Book 16, page 462, to Margaret J. Flannigan, duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County.

The purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid when the same is knocked down to him, and the balance upon confirmation.
This 29th day of December, 1945.
LOUIS C. ALLEN,
Commissioner.

NOTICE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA
ALAMANCE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
Hilda Davenport, Plaintiff,
- vs -
Edward J. Davenport, Defendant.

The defendant, Edward J. Davenport will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing a divorce on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the General County Court of said county at the court house at Graham, North Carolina, not later than thirty days from the date hereof and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This, the 5th day of January, 1946.
EFFIE GUTHRIE,
Deputy Clerk, General County Court
W. L. Shoffner, Atty.

NOTICE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA
ALAMANCE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
Selma B. Curtis, Plaintiff,
- vs -
Harmon A. Curtis, Defendant.

The defendant, Harmon A. Curtis, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing a divorce absolute on statutory grounds; and the said

defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the General County Court of Alamance County at the Courthouse in Graham, North Carolina, not later than twenty days after the 1st day of February, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff filed in this action, or he plaintiff will apply to the court for the plaintie will apply to the Court for This, the 7th day of January, 1946.
F. L. WILLIAMSON,
Clerk of General County Court
C. C. Cates, Jr., Atty.

COMMISSIONER'S

Notice of Re-Sale

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Alamance County, in Special Proceedings No. 2277, whereto all heirs of Henry Brannock were constituted parties for the purpose of selling the lands of which he died seized and possessed the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Graham on

Wednesday, January 23rd, 1946,
at 12:00 o'clock, noon,
the following lot of land to-wit:

In the Town of Graham, adjoining Morris Brannock, Callie Brandon, L. G. Miller and others.
Beginning at an iron bolt, S. E. corner of Morris Brannock, and running thence with said Miller, Eastward 165 feet to a stake, corner with Miller; thence with Miller Northward 103 feet to a stake, corner with Miller, thence Westward 66 feet to a corner with said Miller; thence with Miller Northward 62 feet, corner at a Cedar tree with said Miller, in said Brandon's line; thence with Brandon N. 85 1/2 deg. W. 85.8 feet to an iron stake, corner with Morris Brannock in said Brandon's line; thence with said Morris Brannock Southward 132 feet to the beginning and containing 79-40ths of an acre, more or less.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash, balance with interest from confirmation at 6 per cent per annum, due in six months. Title retained until fully paid for. Sale will stand open for advance bids.
Bidding will begin at \$157.30.
This, the 5th day of January, 1946.
J. S. COOK,
Commissioner.

Notice of Sale!

By virtue of a judgment made and entered in an action in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, entitled Alamance County, Plaintiff vs. D. R. Jones and B. P. Jones, Trustee, Defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

Saturday, January 19th, 1946,
at 11 o'clock, a. m.,
at the Court House door in Graham, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described as follows:
A tract of land in Haw River Township Alamance County, and adjoining lands of W. S. Stutts, D. K. Gant, James H. Anderson and A. H. Kounce, and

Beginning at a rock corner with said Gant and Stutts, running thence N. 64 deg. 15 min. E. 8.42 chs. to a rock, corner with said Gant thence S. 30 deg. E. 23 chs. to a rock, corner with said Gant, thence S. 52 deg. 30 min. W. 37 chs. to a rock, corner with said Kounce in said Anderson's line; thence N. 2 deg. 40 min. E. (B. S. 1 deg. 45 min.) 27.64 chs. to a rock, corner with said Stutts; thence N. 3 deg. E. (B. S. 2 deg. 30 min.) 4.20 chs. to the beginning, containing 59.5 acres, more or less, upon which is situated a six-room two-story dwelling.
The purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid when

the same is knocked down to him, and the balance upon confirmation.
This 18th day of December, 1945.
LOUIS C. ALLEN,
Commissioner.

Notice of Sale.

NORTH CAROLINA
ALAMANCE COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
W. G. Coble, trading as R. A. Coble
Hardware Company,
- vs -
J. V. Payne.
By virtue of an Alias Execution directed to the undersigned Sheriff from the Superior Court of Alamance County, in the above entitled action, I will, on

Saturday, January 19th, 1946,
at 11 o'clock, a. m.,
at the Court House door in Alamance County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the defendant, J. V. Payne, owned in and to the following described real property on the date of the docketing of this execution in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alamance County to-wit, the 6th day of October, 1941, said real property being described as follows:
A parcel of land in Albright Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining R. S. Cooper and others and

Beginning at an iron post near a branch and old Fayetteville Road, corner with Will Clark, thence with said Clark, Thompson, and Rumley, N. 55 deg. E. 62.87 chains to a stake on the west bank of Haw River, corner corner with said Thompson; thence up said River, N. 20 deg. W. 14 chains to a stake, corner with R. S. Cooper; with said Thompson; thence of A. G. B. Cooper, S. 60 deg. 20 min. W. 65.50 chains to a stake at said old road, corner with A. G. B. Cooper; thence with said old Fayetteville Road, S. 27 deg. E. 20.95 chains to the beginning, containing 113.8 acres, more or less, and known as the Seymour P. Holt homestead, and being the same real property described in deed from J. V. Payne and wife to B. M. Payne and wife, which deed is duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deed for Alamance County, North Carolina, in Deed Book 138, at page 181.

The said real property will be sold subject to advance bid as provided by law, and the bidder will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid when the same is knocked down to him, and the balance upon confirmation.
This 11th day of December, 1945.
E. L. IVEY,
Sheriff of Alamance County.

NOTICE

Sale of Real Property!

Under and by virtue of an order of the clerk of the Superior Court of Alamance County in a Special Proceeding entitled "Bynum Allred et al vs. Jennie Allred Coble et al, the undersigned Commissioner will, on

Saturday, January 19th, 1946,
at 12:00 o'clock, noon,
at the Courthouse door in Graham, Alamance County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property:

That tract of parcel of land in Patterson Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, described as follows:
Being Lot No. 3 in the division of the lands of Sallie and W. C. Allred, and adjoining the lands of W. F. Way, J. R. Anderson, William Kline, Alphonza Allred and Julia Overman, said tract containing originally 66.25 acres, more or less, and known as the Luck Allred homestead where he lived for many years.

This 17th day of December, 1945.
THOMAS C. CARTER,
Commissioner.

NOTICE

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA
ALAMANCE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY COURT
Angie M. Stewart, Plaintiff,
- vs -
John H. Stewart, Defendant.

The defendant, John H. Stewart, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the General County Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce on statutory grounds, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the County Court in the Courthouse in Graham, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 4th day of February, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This, the 3rd day of January, 1946.
F. L. WILLIAMSON,
Clerk of the General County Court.
B. P. Jones, Atty.