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Where Are The Two?

Clifton W. Pearson, Burke county repeal delegate, has received quite a bit of publicity because he offered the two persons who voted for him in one voting precinct a prize if they would come in and let themselves be known. But nary a one has come forward. Maybe they haven't time or perhaps they don't care to announce themselves and thus be conspicuous in the neighborhood.

Only one precinct in the state, so far as we know, gave unanimous assent to either cause. That was Laurel township in Ashe county which voted about 135 for the dry delegate and gave a goose egg to the repeal movement.

The Farmer And His Debts

So much has been printed about the farmer's debts and the picture of farm distress has been painted in such gloomy colors a survey of the debt situation recently published by the Twentieth Century Fund is of special interest.

Fully sixty percent of all farms are entirely free from mortgages, this survey reports. Of the remainder, those which are mortgaged, sixty per cent are in the closely-grouped states north of the Ohio river and east of the Missouri. And of those, only about a quarter of the debtors are in anything that can be called distress, or in danger of losing their homes through foreclosure.

There are 6,600,000 farms in the United States. About 3,000,000 are mortgaged for a quarter of their value. Only about 750,000 farmers are in acute distress, and their total debt is less than one percent of the total internal debts of the people of the United States.

No one is attempting to minimize the hardships suffered by the farmer during the period of economic distress. On the other hand our rural people are to be commended for the sacrifices they have made to keep free of debt. They have spent what they had more wisely than most of the urban residents and will be in far better shape when the gloom of hard times has been expelled.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day, with its turkey dinners, motor trips and hunting parties, will soon be here. But as we enjoy the festivities of the occasion, it is appropriate that we think of this day as the Plymouth colony thought of it. The account, as set down by William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth plantation, in 1623 with the spelling and punctuation the same as he wrote it in his journal, follows:

"Notwithstanding all their great paines & industrie, and ye great hops of large cropp, the Lord seemed to blast, & take away the same, and to threaten further & more sore famine unto them, by a great drought which continued from ye 3. weeke in May, till about ye middle of July, without any raine, and with great heat (for ye most parte), inso-much as ye corne begane to wither away, though it was set with fishe, the moysture whereof helped it much. Yet at length it begane to languish sore, and some of ye drier grounds were parched like withered hay, part whereof was never recovered. Upon which they set a parte a solemne day of humiliation, to seek ye Lord by humble & fervent prayer, in this great distress. And he was pleased to give them a gracious & speedy answer, both to their owne & the Indians admiration, that lived amongst them. For all ye morning, and greatest part of the day, it was clear weather & very hotte, and not a cloud or any signe of raine to be seen, yet toward evening it began to overcast, and shortly after to raine, with shuch sweete and gentle showers, as gave them cause of rejoycing, & blessing God. It came, without either wind, or thunder, or any violence, and by degrees in yt abundance, as that ye earth was thorowly wete and soked therewith. Which did so apparently revive & quicken ye decayed corne & other fruits, as was wonderfull to see, and made ye Indians astonished to behold; and afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with enterchange of faire warme weather, as through his blessing, caused a fruitfull & liberrall harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoycing. For which mercie (in time convenient) they also sett aparte a day of thanksgiving."

We should do more than keep the form of Thanksgiving. We should also keep the spirit of our Pilgrim fathers, remembering that while this is not the most prosperous of years, we still have many things for which we can be thankful.

Fair Competition

Those who are inclined to the belief that the government's efforts to work out codes of fair competition for the various industries is leading the country in the direction of socialism should pause to consider the case of the insurance companies.

In a recent address, George S. Van Schaik, superintendent of insurance in the state of New York, said:

"One of the reasons that the President's program for industrial recovery has received such wonderful support from insurance men generally is that the program is founded on ideas and principles which have grown rapidly in insurance administration during the past decade. The necessity of high standards of practice, the elimination of unfair competition, the recognition of the desirability of cooperative action, all so vital to the National Recovery Program, have characterized much of the unquestionable advance insurance as an institution has hitherto been making."

Insurance is no longer the haphazard sort of protection it was when price cutting and non-standard practices were in vogue. In other words, codes of fair competition saved the insurance companies from bankruptcy and disrepute.

Co-operation with the President in putting into effect codes of fair competition will result in a new standard of business ethics in America. And it will be a change for the better. It is a wiser policy to let quality of work, salesmanship and service determine the volume of business a firm receives and in this way keep men at work at a fair wage than it is to let a cut-price program destroy the buying power of the working man.

A Great Squad

The name of Duke University's "Blue Devils" is spoken wherever football is known as a result of the victorious march of the Wade-coached eleven through the current season. While great teams like Michigan, Oregon, Southern California, Georgia, Purdue and others were being either tied or defeated, Duke has come through in every contest.

Duke might have the brainiest faculty in the country and the fact would never be learned by the average man. But Duke's string of football triumphs has added prestige to the North Carolina institution and the Blue Devils are in the race for the Rose Bowl invitation.

The schedule alone would hardly take the Duke eleven to Pasadena, but the name and fame of Wallace Wade may turn the trick. His Alabama teams gave sound thrashings to Pacific coast elevens on two occasions and came away with a draw the other time they journeyed west. And while the Blue Devils may not be the greatest football aggregation in the country, it is not improbable that it is among the best. Certainly Duke has a great team and they have earned the praise that has been accorded them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

PAUL IN CORINTH

Lesson for November 26th. Acts 18:1-17. Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 2:2.

Corinth stood on a narrow isthmus fifty miles west of Athens. Though inferior to Athens in intellectual attainment, it was its equal in art, and its superior in commerce and wealth. But its superb architecture formed a screen behind which vice and corruption flourished. The worship of Venus, for example, was carried on with gross immorality.

Into this pleasure-seeking community Paul came after his discouraging reception in Athens. Here he made his home with Aquilo and Priscilla, tent-makers like himself, and taught in the synagogue every Sabbath. In his letters to the church at Corinth we find interesting reminders of his impressions of the city. For instance, he doubtless visited the stadium. There he witnessed a running race, watched the placing of a garland upon the brow of the winner, and enjoyed a boxing match. (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Furthermore, he noticed the long hair of effeminate fops. (1 Cor. 11:14.)

But more important than these indications of varied contacts in this crowded city is the kind of gospel Paul preached. At Athens he had catered to his audience by an excursion into the philosophy of religion, and a quotation from the Greek poets. But in Corinth he resolved to preach in a direct, positive, heart-to-heart fashion. "I determined," he says, in the sentence chosen for our Golden Text, "not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." It was no easy task, for not only was the city full of wickedness, but partly strife had broken out in the little church, as many as four parties competing for precedence (1 Cor. 1:12). No wonder depression of spirit gripped him (1 Cor. 2:3), but the Lord, in a reassuring vision, bade him persevere in his testimony. (Acts 18:9, 10.)

For many months the apostle labored in Corinth. Unbelieving Jews stirred up a furious mob against him, but the proconsul Gallio was sensible enough to dismiss the case. When Paul left Corinth, a comparatively strong church had been established.

In Arabia, to contribute \$5 to the community chest gives one the title of patriot; \$7.50 ranks one as an active patriot; \$10 honors him as a great patriot; and \$20 makes him a super-patriot. That sounds like the scale of prices of entry in a social register "blue book."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

News From Ronda Route 2 Section

RONDA, Route 2, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Sarah Hineher and family, including her married sons and daughters with their families, were recently guests of Mr. Sneed Gentry, of Brier Creek.

Mr. Worth Sale, while loading a weeder, accidentally let a tooth pierce the thick part of his left hand last week. The wound is healing nicely, he is glad to report.

Dr. W. R. Welborn has entered Davis Hospital for a series of treatments, having a complication of troubles. His numerous friends wish him an early return to his office in Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stroud, of Bethel, are "all smiles." The stork passed their way on his journey last week and made them the happy parents of a "fine boy," Richard Thomas.

Mr. Robert Key, of Ronda, Route 1, carries a very badly bruised hand in a swing to Elkin daily for Dr. Parkes to dress, owing to his automobile turning over with him several days ago.

Clinton Baldwin, the excellent son of "Bob Baldwin," has gone to Ft. Bragg to join the C. C. Camp. The good wishes of the community are his.

Mrs. J. E. Strohd, of Winston-Salem, visited her sister, Mrs. Jas. Stroud while her husband was looking after business in the community.

Messrs. Worth and Geo. Harvey Sale made a business trip to Elkin last Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Pardue, of Clingman, spent last Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Nancy Walker and helped to prepare a most excellent dinner, Monday, for the cornshucking. She returned home with her father after the corn shucking was over in the afternoon.

Messrs. Tyre Gray and Lee Hemric were in Elkin on business last Friday.

Messrs. John Brindle, Henry Huff and Will Walker, of Boonville, were the guests of Mr. Worth Sale last Wednesday night. They with Mr. Adolphus Smith are known as the "Walker Heirs" to whom the Ginnings farm belongs.

Messrs. Granville Green, Worth Sale and Don Gray, with a surveyor, Mr. Aaron Speer, of Boonville, divided the Gennings farm into what they considered four equal lots last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Aaron Speer was the guest of Mr. Worth Sale Thursday night.

Rev. D. G. Reece, of Jonesville, preached an interesting and instructive sermon at Bethel Saturday night, November 18th.

Mr. J. C. Hemric and sons, Jim, Frank and Percy, went to "Holly Hill" Saturday to grind Mr. Hemric's ax to be ready to cut board timber Monday morning.

Mrs. J. A. Foster was the guest of Misses Mattie and Armisa Sale Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Sale and Miss Mary Kate Sale spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Sale. Mr. Clark Walker called to see them.

Relatives and friends of Miss Auba Mathews regret to learn that she is in very bad health.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, of Ronda, and Mrs. Jennie Symm Crouse, of Mayodan, visited the cemetery at Old Brier Creek while visiting relatives at the "Tilly place, North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Joe Mathis.

Mr. Ralph Martin, of Ronda, bought peanuts of Miss T. Armisa Sale last week.

Mr. R. R. Crater attended Union revival Wednesday till Sunday. Rev. J. W. Raah, of Statesville, assisted the pastor, Rev. N. T. Jarvis, in this meeting. There was much interest in the services. The meeting closed yesterday. This reporter failed to get number of conversions and the number of candidates baptised.

Miss Marie Sparks spent Saturday night with her friend, Miss Bretta Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemric gave a party Saturday night in honor of their daughters, Misses Mae and Lizzie, who were home from Elkin for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Gentry took dinner last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Quince Sebastian.

Mrs. Vetra Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Galther Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gentry, of Winston-Salem were the guests of Mr. R. S. Walker, Friday night, and until Sunday afternoon.

Misses Mae, Lizzie and Julia Bell Hemric took lunch with Misses M. E. and Misa Sale, yesterday.

State Baptists Close Sessions

Excellent Convention Held in Greensboro. Fine Progress Is Reported

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention closed its one hundred and third annual session on last Friday at noon in the First Baptist church of Greensboro. According to the opinion of many in attendance, it was one of the most harmonious and forward-looking sessions held in many years.

In spite of the general decline in contributions by the churches during the past three years, the General Secretary of the Convention was able to report that 732 churches out of a total of 2378 had contributed more for denominational objects during the first nine months of 1933 than for the corresponding period in 1932. It was a matter of great satisfaction to the messengers to the Convention to learn that no money had been borrowed during the past year, but that there had been a reduction of about \$7,000.00 on the debt against State Missions, and a slight reduction also on the Convention's bonded indebtedness.

A fine spirit of optimism about all the work of the Convention prevailed. Notes of encouragement were brought from the churches throughout the State. Reports indicate that a larger number of churches than usual will observe the Annual Enrollment week when efforts will be made to enlist all church members in active service and in regular giving. The date suggested for this is December 3-10.

The Convention elected a "Promotion and Enrollment Committee" consisting of sixty-eight members, one from each of the district associations throughout the State. It will be the purpose of this committee to offer assistance to the churches in promoting the New Testament plan of giving the Gospel to the people at home and abroad. To this end the very best plans for financing a church and enlisting the activities of all the members will be presented to the churches.

The pastors and churches of the Brushy Mountain Association are requested to make application to Rev. Eugene Olive, North Wilkesboro, for as many "Annual Enrollment Cards" as they may need for their every-member

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provide space for both the enrollment of life for service in various kinds of Christian work and for a statement of the individual's desire to contribute to the support of the local church and denominational program. The cards are prepared for use among the churches throughout the state and will be generally employed in the Annual Enrollment week the first of December.

There was general rejoicing at the Convention over the results of the voting throughout the state on November 7th. The outcome was declared a vindication of the great influence of the Christian forces of the state, as expressed in numerous speeches during the sessions of the convention. The convention went on record as favoring the strongest possible campaign of temperance instruction for the young and of enforcement of state prohibition laws.

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 21.—President Roosevelt asked the nation to "be grateful for the passing of dark days" in a proclamation issued today calling for the annual observance of Thanksgiving day November 30.

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