

THE RURAL CHURCH

THE FARMERS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE NATION'S MORALITY.

Co-operation of Church, School and Press Essential to Community Building.

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The church, the press and the school form a triple alliance of progress that guides the destiny of every community, state and nation. Without their civilization would wither and die and through them life may attain its greatest blessing, power and knowledge. The farmers of this nation are greatly indebted to this social triumvirate for their uplifting influence, and on behalf of the American plowman I want to thank those engaged in these high callings for their able and efficient service, and I shall offer to the press a series of articles on co-operation between these important influences and the farmers in the hope of increasing the efficiency of all by mutual understanding and organized effort. We will take up first, the rural church. The Farmers Are Great Church Builders.

The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the guardian of the nation's morality; upon his shoulders rests the "ark of the covenant" and he is more responsive to religious influence than any other class of citizenship.

The farmers of this nation have built 120,000 churches at a cost of \$750,000,000, and the annual contribution of the nation toward all church institutions approximates \$200,000,000 per annum. The farmers of the United States build 22 churches per day. There are 26,000,000 rural church communicants on the farm, and 54 per cent of the total membership of all churches reside in the country.

The farm is the power-house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature.

The Functions of a Rural Church. If the rural churches today are going to render a service which the age demands, there must be co-operation between the religious, social and economic life of the community.

The church to attain its fullest measure of success must enrich the lives of the people in the community it serves; it must build character; develop thought and increase the efficiency of human life. It must serve the social, business and intellectual, as well as the spiritual and moral side of life. If religion does not make a man more capable, more useful and more just, what good is it? We want a practical religion, one we can live by and farm by, as well as die by.

Fewer and Better Churches. Blessed is that rural community which has but one place of worship. While competition is the life of trade, it is death to the rural church and moral starvation to the community. Petty sectarianism is a scourge that blights the life, and the church prejudice saps the vitality of many communities. An over-churchd community is a crime against religion; a serious handicap to society and a useless tax upon agriculture.

While denominations are essential and church pride commendable, the high teaching of universal Christianity must prevail if the rural church is to fulfill its mission to agriculture. We frequently have three or four churches in a community which is not able to adequately support one. Small congregations attend services once a month and sit still to perform the religious functions of the community. The division of religious forces and the breaking into fragments of moral efforts is a pitiful little less than a calamity and defeats the very purpose they seek to promote.

The evils of too many churches can be minimized by co-operation. The social and economic life of a rural community are inseparable units and cannot be successfully divided by denominational lines and the churches can only occupy this important field by co-operation and coordination.

The efficient country church will definitely serve its community by leading in all worthy efforts at community building in uniting the people in all co-operative endeavors for the general welfare of the community and in arousing a real love for country life and loyalty to the country home and these results can only be successfully accomplished by the united effort of the press, the school, the church and organized farmers.

Pigs on Shipboard. The killing of a pig at sea is always an occasion of much importance, not only for the reason that fresh meat is to be enjoyed—a great luxury on a sailing ship after perhaps months of salt provisions—but because what is termed a "pig breeze" or favorable wind may be looked upon as a certainty. Pigs when kept on sailing ships are often let out of their pens, and their movements, which are believed to foretell the state of the wind to be expected, are watched with keen interest.

Whitley-Meadows

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Wednesday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows on Main Street, when their daughter, Miss Ollie Meadows, became the wife of Mr. Bruce Whitley, Rev. J. D. Howell, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating.

The reception room was beautifully decorated with holly, pine and mistletoe. To the strains of the wedding march executed by Mrs. S. F. Williams, the bridal party entered the room, the groom with Mr. Jack Biggs, and the bride, with Miss Emma Graham, came in bearing a lovely bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She was attractive in suit of blue cloth with hat to match. Miss Graham wore purple cloth with large black picture hat. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Whitley boarded the A. C. L. train and left for a trip North.

The bride is one of the popular women of the younger set in Williamston, and has a host of friends who wish her many long years of happiness. Mr. Whitley is engaged in farming and has prospects for a prosperous life, and is being congratulated on winning Miss Meadows.

Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the authority conferred in me by a "Deed of Trust" executed to me by D. E. Gurganus on the 24th day of Feb. 1914, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in Martin County, in Book 111 Page 36 to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on the 1st day of Feb. 1915, at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House door in Martin County, the following property:

My one-sixth undivided interest in two town lots in the town of Williamston Martin County, one store lot known as the Sallie Gurganus store lot containing one single brick store, one dwelling lot on which is a two story dwelling house which Eli Gurganus now lives.

This Jan. 1st, 1915.
A. J. MANNING, Trustee.

Notice

North Carolina Martin County. In the Superior Court before the Clerk Wheeler Martin, Jr. Adm. of Paul Watts deceased.

W. J. Griffin.

Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the authority conferred in me by a "Deed of Trust" executed to me by A. F. Lewis and Ruby L. Lilley on the 19th day of June 1914, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in Martin County, in Book 75, to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on Monday the 8th day of February 1915, at 12 o'clock M. at Court House door in Martin County, the following property:

A 1/2 undivided interest in all of that tract of land of which the late Henry T. Simpson died seized and possessed, containing 40 acres more or less. Adjoining the lands of Pattie O. Wallace, A. H. Hardison et als. Situate on both sides of the Jamesville and Washington road about 2 1/2 miles from Jamesville, this being the same property inherited by Ruby L. Lilley from her father, the late Henry T. Simpson.

This Jan. 7th, 1915.
A. J. MANNING, Trustee.

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I will sell at my home on Friday, Jan. 15th, 1915. All my personal property, consisting of corn, fodder, cattle, hogs, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture and one horse.

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For Sale

I will sell on Monday, December 28th, 1914, at my home near Hamilton, all my household and kitchen furniture, hogs, cattle, berries, straw and hay. Cheap for cash.

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Notice

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust, executed to me on the 26th day of February, 1910, by John A. Cotton and wife, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County, North Carolina, in book 800, at page 383, I will on the 14th day of January, 1915, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder at the door of the Court House door in Williamston, N. C. at 2:30 P. M. the following described real estate.

That tract of land in Martin County North Carolina, bounded by the lands of E. H. Cotton, Dick Jones, Louis Lawrence, Calvin Purvis, Guilford Cotton and others. Containing 141 1/2 acres more or less being the same land on which John A. Cotton's formerly lived and purchased by him from John L. Hines, being known as a part of the Little Place.

This the 9th day of Dec. 1914.
J. R. ASKEW, Trustee.

Notice

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed and delivered by J. A. Everette and wife Ethel Everette to W. H. Dail, Jr., dated the 15th day of August, 1914, and duly recorded in the Register's Office in Martin County, in Book P1, page 498, the undersigned will on Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1915, at 1 o'clock p m expose to public sale before the Court House door in Williamston, Martin Co., to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Lying and being in Martin County and in Pitt County and State of North Carolina, and described as follows: Adjoining the lands of R. L. Whitfield, on the East; Oliver VanNautrick on the South; the Harper land on the West and Oliver Van Nautrick on the North and running to the County Road; thence with the County Road to R. L. Whitfield's line. Containing 80 acres more or less and being the land purchased by J. C. Williams from R. L. Whitfield.

This sale is made for the purpose of satisfying the terms of said Mortgage Deed.

This the 4th day of Jan. 1915.
W. H. DAIL Mortgagee.
Harding & Price, Attorneys.

Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the authority conferred in me by a "Deed of Trust" executed to me by B. J. Barnhill and wife E. L. Barnhill on the 12th day of Mar. 1913, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in Martin County, in Book D1 Page 108 to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on Monday the 8th day of Feb. 1915, at 12 M. at the Post Office in Hamilton in Martin County, the following property:

Beginning at Mrs. Lucy Council's corner of Park Street in the town of Hamilton, along her line to W. W. Close line and along his line to S. E. Ewell's line; thence along said Ewell line being a straight line a southeasterly direction from Park Street; thence a southeasterly direction along said Ewell line 5 1/2 feet to Sena Purvis line thence along Sena Purvis line a westerly course to Park Street; thence along Park Street to beginning, containing 1/4 acre, more or less.

This the 4th day of January, 1915.
F. L. GLADSTONE, Trustee.

Notice

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, under date March 12th, 1905 and executed by J. T. Mobeley and wife Lucretia to the undersigned Trustee, and recorded in Book P.P.P. Page 360, Martin County, Registry to secure the payment of a certain note or notes therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the party at interest, I shall expose at public auction, to-wit: at the Court House door in the town of Williamston, N. C. offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, to-wit:

Being on the North by Al and Beth of the same line and on the East by the B. C. line and on the South by the W. W. line, all of which are in the town of Williamston, N. C. Containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

This the 4th day of January, 1915.
A. J. KORBUCK, Trustee.

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