

A Plea for An Understanding of Our Economic Structure

Perhaps the besetting sin of the average citizen is his imperfect knowledge of economics. He is a splendid business man individually, but nationally, he knows little, and consequently many times the governmental factors that regulate our financial policies operate without either the guidance or the check of public opinion. This is a more serious matter than might appear on the surface. It is contended that the security of power is more stable and beyond doubt a more certain asset than metal. On the other hand, we find the gold worshipers who insist that the yellow metal is the only basis of national stability. Good production, of course, is quite limited, acting up at most to a few hundred millions. But also it is a fact that the water power of the country is not an asset until it is harnessed and put intelligently to work. When we come to consider the production of national wealth on which all credits must be based we find that the farms of this country last year produced \$1,660,000,000; so that this nation of agriculture this turning of the poetic mind aside from the real American fundamentals means that the power that he is "moneying with a bank" is playing fast and loose with the heart of the nation. The farmer is the basis of understanding and the government is the center of the agriculturalist, the center of our life is financially, and nothing will bring the dawn of the new economic era to the pressure of political opinion, which in turn can change that only when there is intelligent understanding of our economic structure.

ANOTHER BREAK IN MISSISSIPPI LEVEE

Port Worth, Texas, April 27.—Recession in the Trinity River have been their attention to the search for the sixty or more persons reported missing and the reconstruction necessitated as a result of the three days' flood which inundated the low-lying sections. It was reported that the river was well within its banks this morning, having dropped sixteen feet overnight. Street car service throughout the city has been restored. A late report lists the dead and missing at forty-nine. The property loss is estimated at over a million.

The levee board has offered a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest of anyone convicted of illegally dynamiting the levees during the flood. A rigid investigation is being made of the report of the dynamiting.

St. Louis, Mo., April 27.—Flood waters of the Mississippi river which broke through the Weeconda levee at Lake Concordia, entered the town of Ferriday, La., today. Ferriday is a town of five hundred population. The waters travelled four miles before reaching the town giving the residents ample time to escape.

Vidalia, Louisiana, is also in the path of the released waters. This town has a population of two thousand persons and their only means of communication to the Concordia and Catahoula parishes is by boat. The water is expected to cover parts of Texas, Franklin and Arapahoe parishes. This section comprises a rich farming area devoted chiefly to cotton raising.

Service men of the Natchez post legion have started erecting tents to care for the refugees.

New Orleans, April 27.—A break occurred in the Mississippi levee at Port Worth today. This levee is ten miles south of this city. It is reported that three hundred and fifty families are fleeing.

AMOUS INDIANS' HISTORIES

Indian history should appeal to every American and especially the American boy of today. Don't fail to read the historical sketches on the American Indians, which begin in this issue and will be continued until 48 stories have been run. It is a part of the history of the race of people who once owned this great country.

IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOLS

Many schools have closed in the last few days the most successful terms they have had in the last five years. "Prosperity came near wrecking the schools. Not that they did not cost enough money, but folks lost all interest and set their minds and hearts on the follies of the day rather than the deeper and more substantial things.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND JAMESVILLE

Mr. Wheeler Martin and Mr. Parker of Williamston were in town this week. Mr. T. O. Edens and Mr. Carnegie of Lumberton were visiting friends in town this week.

Rev. Phillips of Hassells spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lilley.

Mr. Ben Ward and son LeRoy, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. A. Dixon spent the week-end in Hoper with parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fagan and Miss Amda Sykes spent the week-end near Lumberton with friends.

Messrs. Dave Griffin and R. W. Perry of Griffins township were in town Wednesday afternoon attending to legal matters.

Messrs. Robert Mizelle and George Mizelle were in town Wednesday night. Miss Susie Martin is spending the week-end near Dardens with friends and relatives.

Messrs. Noah Daniel, Tommie Whitely, Alfred Harrison, J. L. Coltrane and Clyde Owens were in town this week attending to business.

Mr. A. B. Babcock spent the week-end in Tarboro visiting with his family.

Messrs. L. W. Mizelle and E. I. Ange stopped to Washington Tuesday on a business trip.

Mr. M. C. Jackson left Tuesday for Pinhurst to attend the Bankers Convention this week.

Misses Fannie Mae Reddick and Edith Stallings were the guests of Miss Irene Stallings Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williams and children and Misses Sadie and Myrtle Griffin spent Sunday in the country with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Griffin.

Mr. R. G. Sexton, Miss Carrie Sexton and Mr. George Sexton spent the week-end near Williamston with relatives.

Miss Martha Lilley is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Askew this week.

Mr. L. A. Sykes made a business trip to Plymouth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Briley of Greenville are the guests of Mrs. Patricia Wallace this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reddick, Mrs. J. O. Peel, Mrs. J. T. James, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Ayers Miss Nina James, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Roberson and Mrs. W. H. Stallings spent yesterday at Calm Point on a fishing trip.

FOR COMMISSIONER Editor of The Enterprise, Since the time for the county primary is almost here, I feel it important that the people should begin to think for themselves, who they want to serve them for the coming two years.

While the office of county commissioner is generally considered a very small office, I consider it a very important one and feel that we should get men who know the needs of the people to fill it.

I have in mind such a man in the person of Mr. S. E. Harrison of Williams township. He is a man of the people and is one who knows not only themselves but their ability also. I hope the voters of Martin county will nominate him at the coming Democratic primary to fill the office of county commissioner for the next term.

Yours truly, JAMES R. TIRE.

A HEINOUS CRIME H. F. Badger was committed to jail Wednesday night under the charge of committing a crime against nature. For some time suspicion rested against him, but not until this week was absolute proof obtained. He was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor E. S. Peel, and was bound over to the June term of the Superior Court and in default of bond was committed to jail.

This is one of the most terrible crimes mentioned in the law, the penalty being, upon conviction, imprisonment ranging from five to sixty years. Badger is sixty-six years old which makes the deed more horrible.

LLOYD GEORGE SENDS A WARNING NOTE Genoa, Apr. 27.—The Economic conference has developed plainly into one of the most important political world convocations in history by reason of the momentous problems coming to the surface since its inauguration. A further note of gravity was added to the situation by Premier Lloyd George in his address to American and British correspondents when he uttered a warning of a new political crisis in Europe.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT Services for the Second Sunday after Easter, April 10th: Church school, 9:45 A. M.—Harry M. Stubbs, Supt. Morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 8:00 P. M. Ac cordial welcome to all. —Rev. Walter B. Clark.

MORALS: A DEFINITION OF WHAT THEY ARE

Morals are the standard of social conduct. All immoral conduct is antisocial and all anti-social conduct is immoral. Any act which inflicts needless injury upon a fellow creature is immoral; it may at first seem insufficient, but it will be found to reach high enough and deep enough to cover all true morality. For there is hardly any act man can perform which does not affect a fellow creature. For instance: if a man takes to drink he injures others as well as himself. He has become a less agreeable and a less useful member of society; he may even become a danger or burden to his fellows.

Speaking morally, a man belongs not only to himself, but also to the whole human race. True morals are all founded on the rule that it is wrong to cause needless injury to any fellow creature. The teachings of most great moralists, of all times and nations, go to prove it. For instance: Lao Tze, the Chinese moralist, said: "What you do not want done to yourself, then do not do to others." He also said: "Benevolence is to be in ones most inward heart in sympathy with all things—to love all men and to allow no selfish thoughts.

The same kind of teaching is found in Buddhist books. "Since even animals can live together in mutual reverence, confidence and courtesy, much more should you, Oh Brethren. So let your light shine forth that you may be seen to dwell in like manner together.

The Hebrew moralist often sounded the same note. In Leviticus we find: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In Proverbs: "If thine enemy be hungry give him bread to eat." In the Talmud it is written: "Do not unto others that which it would be disagreeable to you to suffer yourself; that is the main part of the law."

We have the same idea expressed by Christ: "All things therefore what soever ye would that men should do unto you, even do ye also unto them for this is the law of the prophets?"

Socrates said: "Act towards others as you desire others to act towards you."

But even when the moralists did not lay down the Golden Rule they taught that the causes of sin and suffering was selfishness and they spoke strongly against self-love and self-aggrandizement.

What is the lesson of Buddha? Buddha went out into the world to preach for the cause of human sin and sorrow. He found that the cast to be self indulgence and the cure to be self conquest. The cause of pain he said, "is desire." The moral is that selfishness is bad and unselfishness is good. And this moral is backed by the almost universal practice of all men in all ages and of all races in testing the virtues or the value of any persons conduct. In no case shall we praise a man or woman honored or praised by man when his conduct is believed to be selfish. It is always unselfishness that men seem to admire. This shows us that deep in the universal heart—the root-idea of morality is social service.

Selfishness has come to be called bad because it injures the many without benefiting the one. Unselfishness has come to be called good because it brings benefit and pleasure to one and all. It is twice blessed: it blesses him that gives and him that takes.

As Marcus Aurelius expresses it: "that which is not for the interest of the whole swarm is not for the interest of a single bee."—Contributed.

BOY SCOUTS ON THE JOB! The Williamston Boy-Scouts are doing quite a number of commendable things under the leadership of Scoutmaster Simon Lilley. The boys are finding many ways to make the town better. They are training the way that boys and young men should go. They are preparing for higher citizenship rather than allowing themselves to be caught in the drift towards a lower citizenship.

They are also laying some good examples in the way of cleaning up things. They are at present putting the open lot on Smithwick street adjoining the Bank building in order for a tennis court and recreation ground.

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Local News and Personal Mention

Rev. L. C. Larkin is conducting a meeting at Williams Chapel this week.

Rev. Walter B. Clark is in Goldsboro this week attending the Annual Council of the Diocese. Those attending from here are Mrs. J. G. Staton and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stubbs.

Mrs. Martha Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. X. T. Kael of Rocky Mount motored here to spend last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson. Mrs. Harrison will spend some time here as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Anderson.

The money power of the world destroyed the League of Nations and now the same influence is about to burst up the Genoa Economic Conference. It will be a long time indeed before we can call ourselves free.

Mrs. Roger Critcher arrived home from Park View Hospital, where she has been for some time. Mr. Critcher went up for Mrs. Critcher.

Mrs. J. A. Mizelle is spending the week in Robersonville visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison, Miss Velma Harrison and George Jr., and Messrs. C. A. and L. B. Harrison attended the Harrison-Everett wedding at Palmyra Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Hoyt spent Wednesday afternoon in Washington.

Mrs. Erah Cobb has returned from Louisiana.

Mrs. Bettie Pope, Miss Anna Pope and Mrs. Elizabeth Woodhouse are visiting Mrs. Cottie Everett in Greenville this week.

Mr. Jesse Coltrane of Griffins was in town today.

Cotton seems to be gradually crawling up in price and there is hope that it will get to 20c soon.

The big coal strike seems to be about the quietest thing in America today. It begins to look like nobody is paying much attention to it. Perhaps negotiations will soon be completed whereby the country, the miners and the consumers will all be benefited. An orderly strike is more apt to be a good thing than a bad thing.

Mr. T. C. Wilson (Big Pete) the famous V. P. I. football star who is now as superintendent of the Southern Willite Co., who are the contractors for the building of the Washington road west to Wilmington yesterday on business.

The bankers of the state are having the greatest meeting since the organization of the Bankers Association.

Mr. J. H. Norman of Halifax, the state tax man was in town Thursday.

Mr. M. E. Dixon, of Ayden, who is oil inspector for this territory, has been in town this week.

Elder Sylvester Hassell left Thursday for the Skewarkee Union, which convenes with the church at Briary Swamp in Pitt County.

Rev. A. J. Manning attended the meeting of the school superintendents at Goldsboro this week.

Mr. Harry Waldo of Hamilton was in town Wednesday.

Mr. A. Corey of amesville was in town on business Thursday.

Mr. Wheeler Martin attended a Republican Congressional Convention at Elizabeth City this week. Mr. Ed Cramer of Elizabeth City was nominated for Congress.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Martin County Savings and Trust Co., in this issue.

HARRISON—EVERETT Mr. Donnie B. Harrison and Miss Blanche Everett were married at the residence of the bride on Tuesday. Rev. L. C. Larkin performed the ceremony. Mr. Harrison is in the mercantile business at Palmyra. He is the son of Mr. C. B. Harrison and a brother of the splendid bunch of Harrison boys of this town. Miss Everett is the daughter of the late Justice Everett of Palmyra and is one of the county's most accomplished and popular young ladies.

O. MAX GARDNER PROVES HIS CALIBRE

The Democratic papers of the state are generously commending the lofty unselfish announcement of our fellow-citizen Max Gardner that he believes "political equity entitles Eastern North Carolina to the next nomination for governor." This statement is bound to become of historic interest in the state.

There is no thinking man or woman in North Carolina who does not know that if Max Gardner had entered the race as Governor Morrison's successor that he would have entered with brilliant prospects for success: in the first place, he has a tremendous following of intensely loyal, devoted and fighting friends, who enthusiastically follow him with a zeal and spirit rarely known even in politics. In the second place Gardner's attitude when defeated by a small majority in 1920 was superb; he was heard to utter no complaint, but submitted without sulking to the mandates of his party and plunged with courage and confidence into the campaign of his successful opponent and made over fifty speeches in behalf of Governor Morrison's election. This act alone established Gardner in the minds and hearts of North Carolina as a man of gubernatorial calibre, but his recent convention statement reveals the reason why Gardner has core personal friends than any man in the state.

To our minds however his announcement which puts him in the very front rank of North Carolina's democracy means more to the future of the Democratic party in North Carolina than it means to Max Gardner for the reason, if Gardner had marshalled his forces, backed by the splendid womanhood of the state, for whom he stood and suffered in 1920, and launched the fight for nomination in 1924, it might have broken and ruptured the Democratic party. The party cannot stand many campaigns such as it encountered in 1920.

Of course the people of Cleveland county where Max Gardner was born and reared and loved and served are and have been ambitious for his election as governor of North Carolina, but his friends are just as happy in the knowledge that our son has the confidence, love and devotion of North Carolina in full measure, and that if he lives no power or influence on earth can keep him from becoming in 1928, Governor by the biggest majority in the state's history.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY The registration books for the coming primary election were opened in every voting precinct in North Carolina on April 27th and will remain open until May 27th. All persons not on the registration books must register to vote in the primary to be held June 8th. This only applies to those who have come of voting age since last election; those who have moved from precincts in which they voted last year and to those who for any reason have not previously voted.

All elections are important and both men and women should see that they are properly registered.

Mr. C. W. Keith is registrar for Williamston township and can be found at the mayors office on each Saturday prior to the closing of the books.

GRADED SCHOOLS TO CLOSE MAY 15th The graded schools will close on May 15th this year. The teachers and pupils are working hard to complete the grade work required. The work in the school has generally been very satisfactory throughout the term. A fuller cooperation in the relation between parents and school has prevailed than has been the case for several years; still one of the weak points in the school yet is the lack of cooperation. Parents and teachers will have to come very near together before the schools are what each should desire. When both get down after the children with a fixed purpose to make them work, then good results may and should be expected.

BUILDING BURNED ON BIDDICK FARM On Tuesday night about twelve o'clock a new dwelling in the course of construction on the Biddick farm, owned by Julius S. Peel, and near Holly Springs church, was burned down.

No one seems to know the cause of the fire. Some suggest that it was an incendiary blaze, but the most reasonable conclusion is that it was accidentally burned by some immorality, as it was not occupied at the time and was probably a "sundowner" or "night rider" and was a significant fatality.

STORIES OF GREAT INDIANS

By Elmo Scott Watson. Copyright, 1922, Western Newspaper Union. SITTING BULL WHO WAS THE INDIAN SPHINK

WHEN historians have written the last word about the American Indian, they will be unable to agree in their estimate of Sitting Bull (Tatanka Yotanka) chief of the Hunkpapa Sioux. Perhaps no other Indian ever received so much notoriety; probably none ever deserved it less.

He was not a hereditary chief nor a great war leader. Some who knew him have called him a coward; others say he was brave enough but prudent. In the strictest sense he was not a medicine man, so he frequently had been called, although he possessed "medicine" was strong. Who, then, and what was Sitting Bull? He was a keen judge of human nature and he was lucky in his prognosis, notably in predicting the destruction of General Custer. He was a great leader with some mysterious power over his people.

Perhaps they saw personified in him the untiring spirit of resistance to the white man. "God Almighty made me an Indian. He didn't make me an agency Indian and I don't intend to be one," he told General Miles in 1877. That was the keynote of his whole career. It resulted in his leading his people to Canada where they remained until 1881, when starvation forced him to return to the United States and surrender.

Sitting Bull had a grim sense of humor. Once a trader at Fort Buford gave him a red shirt with the suggestion that he wear it when he goes for war. Sitting Bull accepted the garment with the remark that "right now would be a good time to put it on." He did so and when his hair left the trading post they turned and fired a volley into the building.

The old chief had two wives, and when Bishop Marcy tried to persuade him to divorce one, Sitting Bull replied: "The black gown is my friend and I will do this for him. I will get away both my wives and he will get me a white wife." His proposition was not accepted.

In the Battle of Little Bighorn he said: "The whites may get me at last, but I will have a good time until then."

He proved a true prophet in saying that in an effort to quiet the great Indian excitement, Indian police were sent on December 18, 1890, to arrest Sitting Bull. Some of the Hunkpapa resisted and in the melee that followed Sitting Bull was shot dead. His body was buried in the snow, but as he was a white man, the whites got him at last.



NIGEL DE BRUIER as TCHERNOFF in THE FOUR HORSEMEN of the APOCALYPSE

OCEAN TRAVELERS SEE "FOUR HORSEMEN" FIRST Three miles offshore seems to mark the beginning of privileges. There the beaming stewards of transatlantic liners rip out the stiches with which the revenue officers have sewed the bar up tightly; and there, too, passengers aboard the White Star steamship Adriatic had opportunity, weeks before the presentation of the picture to the New York public, of seeing Rex Ingrams production of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the Metro picture, to be shown at the Strand here, next Thursday.

The exhibition of a print on ship-board before the photodramatized story of Vicente Blasco Ibañez was viewed in New York came about as a result of the presence on the Adriatic of John Macrae, of E. F. Dutton and Co., American publishers of Blasco Ibañez novels. He was then on the way to a conference with the noted Spanish author at his villa in Nice, in southern France.

Metro Pictures Corporation, makers and distributors of the picture already had dispatched to the writer a special print of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," but English and Continental exhibitors were clamoring for an opportunity to see the screen masterpiece; and so Mr. Macrae volunteered to carry a second celluloid copy with him, on his way to France. Now of its presence aboard the Adriatic spread quickly; the passengers petitioned for a view and so Mr. Macrae agreed to show "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

Rev. J. T. Williams will preach at Oak City next Sunday morning and night; preaching in the Christian church in the morning, and in the Baptist church at night. Preaching at Roanoke church in the afternoon. Preaching at the home of George Brown Saturday night. Sunday school at Peel School house at three o'clock. Rev. C. C. Brown will preach all next week at the Roanoke church.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE TARIFF MAKERS

The clans are gathering in large numbers in the highways and political byways of Washington at the call of the tariff chieftains, and before long we may look for the appearance of the cloven hoof. Now more than ever it behooves the Farm Bureau to be on the alert. That the tariff reform is to come in the way of protection and higher schedules there can be no doubt. The important matter to be considered is who is to be protected? The manufacturers can be trusted to look after their own interests, but it is to the interest of everybody that the welfare of the farmer be considered. President J. R. Howard is awake to the seriousness of the situation, and there can be no doubt he will prove himself a potent factor in this business of fixing up the country's system of duties; but farmers as individuals must remember that to be strong President Howard must have united support. No set of politicians dare fly in the teeth of the united voice of the farmer, lobbies to the contrary notwithstanding; but if that voice be divided, then anything may happen. There are many agricultural products that we have in surplus, and in these America must meet world markets. First in importance come corn. Legislation that will prevent dumping will be of great benefit to the American farmer who always has under his nose a map of Argentina.

The farmer is bound to suffer to some extent from high schedules because high tariff on the things he buys will more than offset high tariff on the things he has to sell. Certainly there should be insistence that no schedule on the manufactured products of agriculture should be higher than on the raw products that come from tilling the soil.

OKAY CITY NEWS Mr. Norman Brinson of A. C. College of Wilson, conducted services at the Christian church Sunday.

Among those who motored to Hobgood Friday evening to see the "Kentucky Bells" were Misses Myrtle Bowen, Ruth and Mildred Early, Mildred Davenport, Gladys Everett, Ruth Hudson Vera Harrell, Estelle Wayne, Essie Baggett, Sarah Pollard and Louise Scott; Messrs. Robert Everett, Louis and Howard Brown, Henry Early and Ernest Harrell, Durward Smith and J. T. Matthews; Mrs. W. T. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Early, Messrs. Heby Everett and Jesse Crisp.

Quite a number of Oak City people went to Robersonville Tuesday night to see "The Dust of the Earth" that was given by the Girls Auxiliary of Oak City.

RECORDERS' COURT The Recorder's Court met April the 26th, 1922, at 10:30 A. M., with his honor, J. C. Smith presiding and B. Duke Critcher prosecuting for the state. The following cases were disposed of.

State versus Rufus Taylor. Larceny. Sci Fa was discharged upon payment of costs of Sci Fa. Defendant comes into court and pleads guilty. Sentenced to jail for 90 days.

State vs. Richard Smith. Assault. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs.

State vs. Robert Dawson. Assault with deadly weapon. Pleads not guilty. Upon hearing the testimony the court renders a verdict of guilty. Fined \$20 and costs.

State vs. Frank Williams. Selling liquor. Pleads guilty and sentenced to the roads for a term of nine months.

1921 TOBACCO PRICES LITTLE HIGHER THAN 1920 The State Department of Agriculture has just published the final report on tobacco sales in North Carolina for the year 1921. The report shows that the crop was 43 per cent smaller than the 1920 crop though the prices were a little higher than in 1920. If to yield had been as large as the 1920 crop it is a reasonable guess that prices would have been lower than in 1920.

A big crop this year may and probably will mean low prices. A reasonable crop of good tobacco will bring good prices.

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