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**Freedom of Speech Must Remain Free**

SHOULD PUBLIC officers refuse to have their acts reviewed and criticized by their constituents? Taking the view presented by Mr. Clay on Moore at the town convention Tuesday night it would seem that they should not.

The speech seemed to violate the very principles of our constitution which guarantees such rights to every man. Certainly the same constitution should and does protect officials by requiring the people to keep within the bonds of truth, if not they come under the laws of libel or slander.

There is a feeling among the people who pay the taxes that they have some rights in matters of public concern, and since about the only thing a fellow can do is to criticize the politicians it seems would deny him of that small privilege. It may be that the people are going very much too far along this line, but when the burdens grow heavier day by day until they almost crush the people no one can be expected for the people to accept murder and complain a bit.

Certainly they do not want their affairs hidden by smoke screens nor their eyes filled with official gas so that a picture of things as they are cannot be seen.

It would perhaps be better for the people if they could know more and more about their business.

The question of muzzling the press of free speech has been passed on so many times already for the public to have any fear whatever that they will not have that freedom for many years to come. That principal of the constitution may present an element of danger to the politician, but not to the public nor will it ever be endangered so long as the people possess love for freedom and reasonable intelligence.

**Citizens Have Responsibilities as Well as Officials**

Now that the town convention has been held and a new mayor and the board of commissioners has been altered, we are all ready to jump on the band wagon. The tooting of horns, the using of an official's head for a drum, every one riding and not one pushing will be in reality.

The election of officers is a big factor within itself, no doubt, but when we elect these officers and place upon their shoulders the entire load, we have done nothing. The people have duties as well as the mayor and the commissioners, and unless we give our duties careful attention the work of our leaders will be in vain.

**Boards of Charities**

Modern charity has perhaps outgrown itself. Even small towns are organizing boards of charities. It makes it very convenient in emergency cases and every community should have such an organization because there is always some emergency case coming up that needs immediate attention.

In the larger places it is unlawful for the beggar to lie down at the rich man's gate and there is some disposition to steer clear of the beggar, the reason assumed being that some of them are not worthy. It is not pleasant to have the poor, the rich, the lame and the blind appear before us to ask alms. Yet, it may be a valuable means whereby we may be tested and made to realize the needs of the world.

We do not like to come in actual contact with the beggar. We rather contribute than to lay the hand of pity upon him.

Will a dollar go as far as you have to go to get it?  
The public now has President Coolidge's views on both spenders and spongers.

Few more of these warm spring days and we'll begin serving warts of oyster on the moths who are now occupying our bathing suit.

*The Letter Box*

**PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUTRAGES**

To the editor:  
Smithwick's Creek and Skewaroke Churches are not responsible for the recent crimes near or on their grounds.

The members of these churches took no part in and had no previous knowledge of the crimes committed in Martin County near or on their lands March 16th and 29th. I never before heard a word of scandal against the young woman assaulted on the night of March 16th. She was the daughter of godly parents, and was carefully reared by them, and thought that friends were near her in another car. No members of the above-named churches were in the party that broke open the jail and maltreated her assailant in the early morning hours of March 29th. I was not even acquainted with more than two men of those who are charged with having been present at the outrage. One left before it was perpetrated, and I learn that the other was intimidated to accompany the armed young men from Griffin's Township and other parts of the county. All, of course, were indignant at the assault upon the young lady; but I greatly regret that they did not leave the assailant in the hands of the law. One wrong does not right another. Griffin's Township is well known to be one of the most industrious, peaceful, honorable, law-abiding sections of the State. I myself was at the Skewaroke Union meeting at Concho, near Oak City, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 27, 28 and 29, and never heard a word of the whole matter until that Sunday afternoon. My people, the Primitive Baptists, do not commit or condone acts of corruption or violence.

I hope, under all the circumstances that the jury and judge who try these cases will temper justice with mercy, as God does with all His sinful creatures on earth. (Mich. 7:12; James 2:14; Psalms, 145:9)

SYLVESTER HASSELL

**APPRECIATE SUPPORT**

I wish to express my deep sense of appreciation for the support of the men and women, who on Tuesday, night at the Town Primary desired to have me named a candidate for the office of Mayor of Williamston. This support was entirely unsolicited as I had refrained from announcing that I was a candidate before the Primary, and for that very reason, the votes given to me were more flattering. The desire to have a woman fill the office was strong in many hearts in the town, but the will of the Primary was against such, and the voice of the people has settled the matter at least, for the next two years. The nominee, Mr. R. L. Coburn, is a splendid young man, and will carry into the office a healthy enthusiasm that must produce needed constructive work, and a proper enforcement of law. The Board of Aldermen was well chosen, and the new administration, without doubt, will make history for itself and for Williamston.

HATTIE THROWER

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, executed to the undersigned trustee by James Brown and wife Alice Brown on the 21st day of April 1924 which said deed of trust is of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book Q-2 at page 102, said deed of trust having been given to secure certain notes of even date and tenor therewith and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the holders of the said notes the undersigned trustee will on Monday the 18th day of May 1925 at 12 o'clock M in front of the court house door in the town of Williamston, North Carolina offer up the various courses of Tyner

for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

First tract: Beginning at the Henry Griffin Southeast corner on the Bear Grass and Williamston road, thence along A. H. Griffin's line to his West corner, thence a straight line across W. S. Peel's field and along a line of marked trees to Tyner Branch, thence Branch to J. Daniel Biggs corner on Tyner Lane; thence down Tyner Lane to the Bear Grass and Williamston Road; thence along said road to the beginning, containing 20 acres more or less.

Second tract: Containing 15 acres more or less, bounded on the North by the lands of Jesse Tyner, on the West by the lands of Jesse Tyner, on the South by J. Daniel Biggs and the tract first above described, and being the James Brown Homeplace.

This the 15th day of April, 1925.

ALBERT S. PEEL, Trustee.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, executed to me by T. M. Mills and wife Cherry Mills, on the 1st day of December, 1920 and of record in the Martin County Public Register in book G-2 page 36 securing a certain bond of even date, and tenor therewith and the stipulations therein not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bond I will on the 24th day of April, 1925 at 12:00 o'clock noon in front of the Court House door of Martin County offer at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

Bounded on the East by the lands of J. H. Cross, on the West by the land of Eason Biggs and Tobe Page, on the North by the lands of Sam Winbush on the South by the lands of John Bowen and being same land bought of H. O. Cowen and known as the Mack Jobley old homestead.

This the 23rd day of March, 1925

R. G. HARRISON, Trustee

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Having this day qualified as administrator, C. T. A., of W. T. Cullifer late of Martin County, all persons indebted to the estate of the said W. T. Cullifer are hereby notified to file their claims for payment before the undersigned on or before the 24th day of March, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make settlement of same.

This 24th day of March, 1924.

H. A. CULLIFER, Administrator, C. T. A., of W. T. Cullifer, deceased. m27 6t

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed to me by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Heath, on the 23rd day of May, 1924 and of record in Martin County Public Register in book S-7 page 7 securing a certain bond of even date, and tenor therewith and the stipulations therein not having been complied with, and at the request of the

**Don't Let That Cold Turn into "Flu"**

Rub on Good Old Musterole  
That cold may turn into grip, "Flu," or, even worse, Pneumonia, if you don't take care of it at once. The old-time doctor prescribed mustard plasters. The up-to-date doctor advises Musterole.

Colds are merely congestion. Musterole is made from oil of mustard, menthol, camphor and other simple ingredients that have been used for generations to stir circulation and break congestion. Rub Musterole on with the fingers. You feel a warm tingle as it enters the pores; followed by a welcome relief. In jars or tubes for adults — 35 and 65 cents.

For infants or very small children, ask for the milder form — Children's Musterole.



**Notice of Town Election**

Pursuant to the law made and provided an election will be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May for the election of a mayor and a board of aldermen for the town of Williamston

J. L. Hassell, Mayor

**NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given in accordance with law that a special term of Martin County Superior Court will convene in the court house in Williamston, North Carolina, for the trial of criminal actions, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1925, in pursuance of an order of His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina.

This April 9th, 1925.

Henry C. Green

Chairman Board of Commissioners of Martin County

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS I WILL LEVY ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY MAY 1st.

THEREFORE, WILL THANK THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 1924 TAXES TO COME AND PAY THEM, AS YOU KNOW IF SAME IS ADVERTISED THERE IS ADDITIONAL COST.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

H. T. Roberson, Sheriff

**New Location**

Large quarters, best of equipment and stock guided by skillful workmanship are necessary in every business. I have them all, and I am now in a position to serve the needs of the people in jewelry and watch repairing. Prompt and courteous service assured.



J. L. Peel

Give me a Call at my new store next door to the Farmers Supply Co.

"Come and Get it"



Simply call 58, give your name, and say "Come and get it." We'll clean and press, patch and repair any article of apparel you may have and return it in an astonishingly short length of time.

We have just installed a steam pleating outfit, and will guarantee the work done by this machine. Accordion pleating is made easy. Just call 58 and say "come and get it."

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