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THE TAX DODGER AND HIS LYING TO THE LIST TAKER

Some have said there is something wrong with our government. We are interested; and therefore we asked all the county and State officers to please tell us the faults in our government. Every one of them told us that government, in its true sense, was nothing more nor less than an organization of people for their mutual good, with both burdens and blessings.

Good government provides that every man shall share equal in both the burdens of government and the blessings which it gives.

Then we inquired if the folks were all granted equal rights in the distribution of the blessings of government. The answer was that everybody has the same rights to the public roads, the public buildings, the same police protection, and the same rights in the courts. It was found that every child of school age, both rich and poor, white and black, had an equal right to attend public school.

When we had made a fair investigation, it looked as if there was no ground for any complain against the form of government.

We then met a list taker, who told us he knew a few things. He became so interesting in his conversation that we asked him to tell us all about the laws which fix the burdens of government on the people.

He told us that the state law requires every citizen to come to him once each year to enlist for a year's service, that the government might be protected and sustained.

He stated that the folks were all classified into two divisions. He said it was his duty to place every man in his proper division according to the requirements of the law. He said he

picked every strong, able-bodied person between the ages of 21 and 50 years in the first division and made them pay poll tax, whether they had property or not, because they were able to carry the burdens of State.

Then he turned to the roster of the second division. This roll contained none except property owners. We were told that the law required them to list all of their property of every kind and nature, whether they be white or black Americans.

This list taker told us frankly that when he was listing horses and cows and sheep and hogs, corn and meat; in fact, most of the visible property within the common knowledge of people, he generally got an honest list. Yet he said that when he came to the stocks and bonds, the silver and gold, the diamonds, the securities and property that could be hidden, that things changed. Whereupon the question was asked if every man did not have to take an oath as to the property listed, he said yes, but even that had no effect on lots of folks. We said, "You don't mean to say that people will perjure themselves to keep from bearing their equal portion of the governmental burdens?" He answered that he was sure they would, and did.

We asked if he meant to say that many of our own American citizens are deserters and run every year to dodge the battle-call of service to our country and our people.

The answer came, "Yes." Then was asked who has to carry the burdens of our country. He answered that it was those who are honest enough to tell the truth about their property and list it for taxes, as the law requires.

Then we asked if it did not place a heavy strain on the willing ones to

carry so much load. He said that it did and that it was the reason why the government is so harshly criticized; some honest fellows are falling out under the load, and some deserters and shirkers are reaping the reward.

The question was then asked as to how you might know a tax dodging, shirking deserter from other people. He answered quickly that you can't always tell by their looks. However, there is one pretty good way to spot them—just find the fellow who is squeezing the poor, making them pay enormous bonuses and you may find a tax dodger. It is one of the marks of a fellow who is unwilling to "tote" fair and carry his part of the government's expenses.

Then lots of them are always abusing their government. When you hear that, it is often from the lips of a tax dodger.

They the very courteous list taker was asked if there was no way to remedy this inequality. He said it was hard to do; that throughout all the history of man, some were honest and some were dishonest; thought if the county board of commissioners who had full power to do so, would call a few of the outstanding cases before them and deal as the law directs that they shall do, it would add millions of hidden property to the tax books.

MARTIN COUNTY AGAIN SUFFERERS SLANDER

The Daily News, of Washington (N. C.) carries a front-page story of the unfortunate and regrettable occurrence which resulted in the death of a man and the charge of murder preferred against the man's wife.

There is neither desire or necessity on the part of The Enterprise to cover or hide wrong, no matter if committed on the soil of Martin County or in any other county in the State. We have endeavored to adhere to what we believe is a fair and just policy in dealing with matters of this nature. We have always tried to maintain the ethics of journalism. We feel a justifiable pride in that we have never had the inclination to resort to the unethical and unnecessary expedient of mud-slinging which is characteristic of certain types of individuals and newspapers.

We regret that the Daily News of Washington, N. C., should have felt so hard pressed to present a decent account of a regrettable happening that it became necessary to resort to slanderous and derogatory utterance

against Martin County, and her citizens.

It is true that we have here in Martin a few undesirable people. Some of them so undesirable that we would be glad if they would see fit to leave the county. Perhaps this condition prevails in other counties, too.

The Daily News said, "Another gruesome and heinous crime has been added to those which have already given Martin County a reputation for great wickedness." Those who know Martin County and her good men and women know that if in the minds of anyone the reputation of Martin County is one of "great wickedness," that

idea is only in the minds of those who are ignorant of the truth or are base in their own character.

That the Daily News has fallen so low in the ethics of journalism as to become a sheet where the productions of a warped and twisted intellect may find expression is indeed sad. We extend our sympathy.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. The undersigned having qualified as executor of the estate of B. L. Long, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to ex-

hibit same to them on or before the 14th day of May, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of May, 1926.

DELLA S. LONG,
EDGAR M. LONG,
B. M. WORSLEY,
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Executors.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in that certain deed of trust executed September 7th, 1921, by L. E. Corey, and of record in the public registry of Martin County, in book H-2, at page 4, and the conditions of the same not having been complied with, I will sell at public auc-

tion to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in Williamston on Friday, June 25th, 1926, at 12 m., the following described tract of land, to wit:

A tract of land in Griffins Township, adjoining the lands of Henry and Arthur Roberson on the north; Jamesville and Washington road on the east; Henry and Louis Roberson on the south; and Joshua Hardison on the west; and being the same land deeded to I. E. Corey by Joseph Corey and wife Hanah J. Corey, and containing 223 acres, more or less.

This 24th day of May, 1926.
E. S. PEEL,
Trustee.

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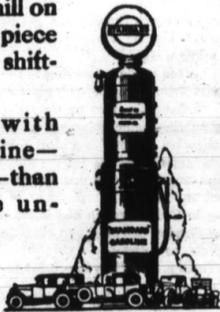
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