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"WHY SHERIFFS GO BEHIND"

"Why sheriffs go behind" was discussed by Judge Barnhill in his grand jury charge Monday. The judge was very charitable in saying that in nearly every such case, there is no criminal intent on the part of the sheriff, and that the fault lies in the carelessness of the board of county commissioners or in the mercy of the sheriff.

Under our method of government, there is a point where business and mercy conflict. The law forces the commissioners to tax; it forces the sheriff to collect, and it forces the individual to pay.

Certainly the board of commissioners does not fancy fixing a tax debt on any man; but knowing their duty and on account of the remoteness of pay day and the payer they do not come close up to the main trouble.

The sheriff has another job. He faces the penniless widow or the tax payer with no money; they are his good friends; they believe they can meet the obligation; they cry for mercy and deliverance from the auction block. It takes a pretty stern business man to press a friend so far, and for that reason many people get behind, here a little and there a little.

Certainly it is not good business, and leads to trouble for the man that follows it, yet few will fail.

The sheriff then has to report back to the same board that made the levy, not just like himself; men of mercy. They permit a little carry-over, and may get certain taxpayers behind with the result that some sheriff may get in trouble.

It is not always the case as has recently occurred in Pitt County, which has been held up as the model county of the State for business methods. We find a sheriff embezzling nearly \$50,000 and his bondsmen having to pay this amount.

Being sheriff is a bad job; in fact, handling other folks' money is always a bad job, and in a way places people in an embarrassing position.

DEBT CANCELLATION

Cancellation of the debts due us by foreign countries is a question that has caused much talk since the war. It has been a mystery to the average person why the great bankers and bondholders of America favor the cancellation of the largest debts. Most people regard the debts as honest and legitimate; in fact, everybody seems to so regard them. Yet when we see the big interests favor cancellation, it makes us wonder what is the cause.

The reason is, however, very plain when we just think that England, France, Italy and other countries owe the big banks and bondholders as well as our own American government. It so happens that the United States holds first lien against France and all the other countries, and the amounts due are so large that the bankers' second papers are not very good. For that reason they want the debts due the government cancelled, then their claims will be good—just the same as when the holder of a first mortgage cancels his mortgage against an individual, it makes the security of the holder of the second mortgage good.

If congress will propose the cancel-

AUTUMN TIME "DOWN HOME"

When the corn leaves turn all rust and dry, And the 'tater vines commence to die, The mish and the James and the scuppernon, too, Are ripe and just awaitin' for you; Then I know that the summer's just about gone, And the Autumn time is comin' 'round.

Now, Autumn time in the old North State Is a time worth living for, With the squirrels a-cuttin' on every tree, And the dogs as anxious as they can be,

The 'possum and rabbit—the wild turkey, too, Are just a-fattenin' for me and you; 'Cause it's Autumn time in the Old North State; Come on, let's hurry, or we'll both be late.

Tobacco a-sellin', and the average is grand. There's signs of prosperity on every hand.

The merchant and farmer, the banker, too, Are feeling the Autumn same as me and you. They're busy and smilin' and on business bound, For the Autumn time has come a-round.

Oh, the Autumn time in the old North State Is a glorious time to see, The lads and lassies, and old folks, too, Are as happy as they can be;

The trees in the forest are feelin' it, too, They're dressin' in scarlet for me and you, And the Autumn's a callin'—I can scarcely wait To get Down Home, to the Old North State. —C. O. Pardo.

From this cause in this day, due entirely to the short skirt.

ADVANTAGE OF SHORT SKIRTS

The short skirt comes in great favor as a life-saver from fire. Recent study of the causes of death by fire show that the old-time long skirt that so often caught from open fires, heaters, etc., has almost lost its terror, so few women are being burned to death from this cause.

Now that the skirt is a thing of shortness and tightness, it is seldom that women are devoured by flames caused from dresses.

After all, the short skirt has many virtues. It is certainly safer, it is saner, and, so far as we know, just as decent as the old ten-yard kind that swept streets, floors, and fettered and caused women to be burned. After all the short skirt is all right.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Martin County made in the special proceedings entitled W. C. Purvis, administrator of J. H. Purvis, against Joe Purvis and others, heirs at law, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 23d day of October, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse at Williamston, N. C., offer at sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land, to wit:

Same being a house and lot located in the town of Williamston, N. C., on Simmons Avenue, adjoining the lands of Theodore Roberson, P. H. Brown, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, et als, and being the same house and lot formerly occupied by the late J. H. Purvis and better known as the old Baptist parsonage; and that the same is estimated at around \$3,000.00.

This 21st day of September, 1926. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In the matter of May King Williams, F. E. Williams, and Mary Blanche Williams, by her guardian, Mary King Williams, ex parte.

Pursuant to an order of resale made by R. J. Peel, clerk superior court of Martin County in the above entitled proceedings, on the 16th day of September, 1926, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1926, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the hereinafter described premises in the town of Hamilton, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at Pattie Sherrod's corner on Front Street in the town of Hamilton, N. C., and running along

said street 20 feet to J. R. Williams heirs lie, thence along said Williams heirs line a southerly direction 51 feet to F. L. Gladstone's line, thence along

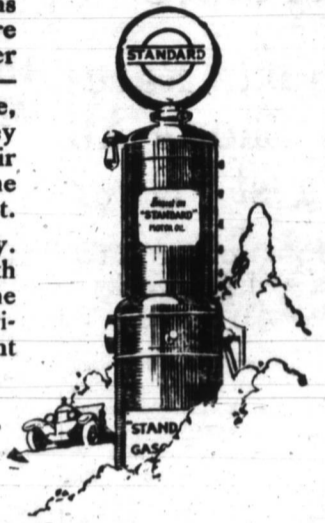
said Gladstone's line a westerly direction 20 feet to Pattie Sherrod's line, thence along Pattie Sherrod's line (51) fifty-one feet to Front Street, the be-

ginning, containing 1,020 square feet. This the 16 day of September, 1926. ELBERT S. PEEL, Commissioner.

"Haste makes waste"



"I have never yet seen persons really get anywhere who were always in a hurry with never time to care for their motors—picking up gas, all kinds—here, there, and everywhere. They soon find this policy makes their car shy at a hill-climb—whine for second gear—pine for a rest. "Best to make haste slowly. Play safe. Always fill up with 'Standard' Gasoline. It's the result of fifty-six years' experience—always dependable. Right handy everywhere."



says Dealer Dan

"STANDARD" GASOLINE

ALWAYS DEPENDABLE

Service Warehouse
Rocky Mount, Sept. 20

Pick the green and black out of your tips. Do not mix them with the ripe. Black, burnt tips and very common first pullings are lower. Good tobacco of all sorts is high. Do not make too many small piles, but pick out the green and black from the ripe.

Below Are Some Sales Made Today

Smith, Green & Bruce Daniels	\$28, 35, 45, 46, 75, 80—Ave.	\$56.71
Hathaway & B. R. Bissette	\$27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 35, 35, 36, 40; 42; 46; 55; \$95.	
Adams & Jones	\$21, 24, 24 1-2, 35, 36, 38, 42, 60, \$69	
J. J. White	\$30, 44, 60, 69—Average	\$49.15
C. M. Weathersley	\$30, 36, 45, 70, 80—Average	\$51.45
Dave Rogers	\$15 1-2, 23, 26, 27, 27, 30, 36, 39, 40; 43; 60; 75—Average	\$44.11
O. B. Ferrell	\$30, 34, 35, 50, 60, 75—Average	\$46.05
Goddard & Jones	\$14, 24, 31, 35, 39, 39, \$73	
Winstead & Baker	\$10, 21, 30, 44, 45, \$59	
F. R. Joyner	\$26, 35, 40, 42, 45, \$48	
Bulluck & Battle	\$17 1-2, 20, 26, 30, 34, 37, 41, 40, \$50	
Luper & Bulluck	\$33, \$34, \$46, \$49, \$56	
F. A. Bridges	\$13, 14, 30, 32, 33, 38, 42, \$50	
Jerome Taylor & Hendricks	\$16, 16, 20, 40, 45, 46, \$50	
Robbins & Wright	\$29, 29, 30, 42, 46, 49, \$50	
W. N. Hurdle	\$26, 31, 32, 35, 37, 46, \$50	
W. A. Drake	\$10, 24, 33, 37, \$50	

PENDER'S

Yellow Front Stores

The Most for the Least

THE PENDER POLICY THAT WINS FRIENDS

- Libby's or Del Monte Pineapple, whole sliced, large No. 2 1-2 can 27c
- Better Yet or Norva PEANUT BUTTER, Virginia's Best, lb. 17c
- MATCHES, Best Safety, pkg. of 1 dozen boxes 7 1-2c
- SPAGHETTI, Franco-American Large can 9 1-2c

FINEST MEATS

- Princess Anne Pure Pork Sausage meat, lb. pkg. 29c
- Virginia Smoked Sausage links, lb. 29c
- Premium franks, lb. 29c
- Premium bologna, lb. 24c
- Pimento Lunch rolls, lb. 34c
- Minced hams, lb. 24c
- Swifts Premium Hams, lb. 39c
- Smoked picnics, small and lean, lb. 29c
- Salt pork, rib bellies, lb. 24c
- Salt pork, plates, lb. 20c
- Salt pork, fat backs, lb. 18c
- Chipped beef in dust-proof pkg. 15c
- D. P. Sliced Breakfast Bacon 1-2 lb. pkg., 27c; 1 lb. pkg., 53c

CANNED GOODS

- can 33c
- D. P. Peas, tiny sifted, sweet Stringless beans, Blue Boy, fancy, can 29c
- lima beans, Warwick, fancy, green, can 29c
- Corn, D. P. Extra fancy, can 20c
- Sauerkraut, Extra Quality, large can 15c
- Spinach, Libby's best, large can 22c
- Asparagus, Del Monte, No. 1 round can 21c
- Salmon, Rising Sun, fancy red Alaska, 33c
- Peaches, Del Monte, halves in syrup 31c
- Apple butter, White House, large can 27c

MAZDA LAMPS

- 10 to 50 volts 25c
- Frosted, 50 watt 27c

HOMINY, new crop just received, Pearl or Grit, lb. 4 1-2c

D. P. COFFEE

- The world's best drink, pound 47c
- Packed in air-proof carton. Save 8c on container & have the best

OUR PRIDE BREAD

- Giant 21 ounce quality loaf 10c
- Plain Layer Cake Pound 25c

- POTATOES, fancy selected, lb. 4 1-2c
- ONIONS, solid yellow, lb. 3 1-2c
- SWEET POTATOES, the best of the new crop, lb. 4 1-2c

We Set the Pace Others Follow