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A Good Speech

Governor Gardner made a good speech to the Advisory Budget Commission and heads of the State institutions at Raleigh recently. The things he said seem to be true and reasonable. His comparisons of revenues and costs for the last biennium sounded all right.

But what of the future? During the past years the State spent \$30,251,176. The last legislature appropriated \$38,704,394 to be spent in the biennium beginning July 1. Three and a quarter million of this sum goes to the counties as an equalization fund, which leaves about \$5,000,000 more for the present two years than for the past two years. This is about a 15 per cent increase, which is a fairly large increase to make in expenditures. Now where does it go? Doubtless a higher percentage of this increase goes to raise salaries of officers than for any other purpose.

The spirit of lordship that enters into the mind of a man when he is elevated to office is one of the most dangerous things in a democracy. Why should the salary of an officer go up, up, and up all the time when the income of the taxpayer goes down, down, and down all the time?

The clerk, the bookkeeper, the stenographer, are all glad to retain their old salary schedules, and there are many outsiders who would like to get their jobs. But the officer must have a raise. He takes a pay and a higher classification than other human beings. He goes to a higher plane of living, to set new lines of social order for the common folk to try to imitate. High salaries and little work constitute one of the most destructive combinations that ever struck any business organization, and is doubtless injuring the efficiency of our government—national, state, county, and municipal.

No nation can be happy when its officers are lords and its people are servants.

Consistency, Where Art Thou?

Editor Saunders, of Elizabeth City, seems to have got his lines crossed a little bit last week between two stories in his newspaper. In an editorial attacking Clyde R. Hoey's methods in the Gastonia case, Saunders says that "It is the inalienable right of a citizen of these United States to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, or not to worship. The state and the courts have nothing to do with the belief or lack of belief of any one under the sun." In this he is evidently constitutional, and therefore right. But in another column of his newspaper, Mr. Saunders says of a certain religious gathering in Elizabeth City, "In a more enlightened age these evangelical nit-wits and Jesus-shouters will be restrained by law."

Of course, it is of interest to know just what Mr. Saunders means by the words, "restrained by law." He must mean that he expects the constitution to be changed in order that it may have the authority to prescribe just how people shall or shall not worship. The jewel of consistency seems to be a lost gem.

Too Much Red Tape

On the first Monday in July, Sheriff W. J. Martin, of Edgecombe County, appeared before his board of county commissioners for the purpose of making a

final settlement of the 1928 taxes. Mr. Martin was told, in effect, however, that they could not settle with him because they did not know how, but that they would hire some man from afar off to come to Tarboro and make the settlement for them. Sheriff Martin assured them that he knew his business, that he was honest and he was present with the proper amount due the county. After spending a handsome sum of Edgecombe County's money for a stranger to come and figure for them, the Edgecombe County authorities admit that Sheriff Martin was right.

Auditing has cost the public more in the past 10 years than all the public officers stole during the previous century.

Time To Feed the Old Cow Again

A Harvard University professor estimates that there will be, in the course of a few years, 50,000,000 automobiles on the American roads instead of the 25,000,000 now on them. He is therefore stressing the importance of States, counties, cities, and towns to prepare to handle that great increase of traffic.

There is some encouragement in this statement, because it means an enlargement of industry, and will doubtless force a financial system that will increase the buying capacity of the laborer and the farmer. With the present ratio of income, there will be several classes of people in the land who will be unable to buy or rent a car. So, then, in order that the laborer may be a good trading asset, big business will have to do something for him.

The business of the country is getting to be more like a dairy farm every day. The people have been milked dry by the interests, and it seems that the interests will have to feed the people so they will be able to keep milking.

Right and Wrong

Our boasted American freedom has grown to be very one-sided. Politicians are denying preachers and church members the right to express themselves on public questions. They say the only duty for the churchman to perform is to be good and say nothing. The lawless are always opposed to the influence of the church. They also oppose honesty, morality, and all kinds of truth. The millions who are honest, square, and law-abiding, but not church members, should be able to see that the whole argument is between right and wrong.

It is a strange thing why there is a thousand times as much said when an officer kills a man while on duty as there is when a desperado waylays and shoots a man in the dark.

There is one thing clear: The lawless are always demanding liberties which they are unwilling to give.

The Farm Board's Problem

The long-talked-of farm relief bill went into action yesterday, when the Farm Board was organized with the avowed purpose of helping the farmer to more successfully handle his crop.

The Farm Board evidently has a hard job. They are fighting a big battle with an untrained army, the American farmers. All of the machinery for handling crops up to now has been set up by the buyer of the crops and not by the producers. One of the first duties of the Farm Board should be to set up a marketing system for the farmer which is not against his interests, as has been the case in the past, when the farmer's entire crop was at the mercy of the manufacturer and speculator.

The Farm Board will find a very strong foe to face. The people who have bought and handled the crops of the country in the past are experts on manipulations. They know how to argue—the buyer, the factory, and the consumer—against the producer. So the first thing the board will face will be a fight. The innumerable individuals and combinations who have grown rich on crop speculations are not going to throw up the sponge, lie down, and have their hands and feet tied without a kick. On the other hand, the farmer is going to be a poor fighter, because he knows nothing about the selling side of his business, having always depended upon his enemies to look after that side of his business for him.

The Farm Board, with the proper determination and the full backing of the government, has a great opportunity to put agriculture on a safer business basis, where methods of distribution fair to both the producers and the buyer can be worked out, putting each on an equal footing.

This is the first great effort our Government has ever made to protect the farmer, and every man engaged in agriculture, either directly or indirectly, should do everything possible to help the government in its undertaking.

land lying and being in Bear Grass Township, Martin County, North Carolina, containing 152.8 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by the lands of W. R. Roebuck, on the east by the lands of Warner Cowing, on the south by the lands of W. R. Roebuck and on the west by the lands of McD. Leggett and W. R. Roebuck, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Mc. D. Leggett's corner on the road, thence 25 E. 12 poles, N. 66 1-2 W. 36 poles, N. 4 W. 38 poles, N. 48 E. 21 poles, N. 84 1-2 E. 14 poles, N. 69 1-2 E. 10 1-2 poles, N. 81 1-2 E. 20 poles, N. 88 3-4 E. 22 poles, S. 25 W. 17 1-2 poles, S. 52 1-2 E. 9 poles, N. 38 E. 32 1-2 poles, S. 25 W. 17 1-2 poles, S. 52 1-2 E. 9 poles, N. 38 E. 32 1-2 poles, S. 86 3-4 E. 26 poles, N. 40 1-2 E. 16 1-2 poles, N. 65 E. 38 poles, S. 76 1-2 E. 27 1-2 poles, S. 36 1-4 poles, E. 10 poles, S. 71 1-2 E. 8 poles, S. 87 1-2 E. 5 poles, S. 4 1-2 E. 86 poles, due west 34 poles, S. 25 W. 13 1-2 poles, S. 10 1-2 E. 18 1-2 poles, N. 15 E. 16 poles, S. 78 W. 76 poles, N. 20 W. 27 poles, N. 45 W. 26 poles, S. 71 W. 51 1-2 poles; N. 20 W. 24 poles to the beginning and being a part of the land conveyed to W. R. Roebuck by E. B. Roebuck and wife, Mary E. Roebuck.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of W. R. Roebuck and wife, Dora Roebuck, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust to the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 12th day of July, 1929.

FIRST NATIONAL CO. OF DURHAM, Trustee. Formerly First National Trust Company, Durham, N. C. jy16 4tw

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County; in superior court. D. G. Matthews vs. Essie Mae Bowen, H. B. Bowen, Guardian, Henry D.

Gurganna, and George Dewey Gray. An action has been begun in the superior court of Martin County entitled as above to foreclose certain tax certificates of sale covering the following described land: Being a tract of land in Martin County, Cross Roads Township, and known as the George D. Gurganna tract of land, containing 150 acres, more or less, and bounded on the north by the lands of J. A. Osborne, on the E. by R. L. Smith and H. A. Osborne, and on the S. by the run of Tranter's Creek, and on the W. by Joe Bullock and J. A. Osborne, and being the same land listed for taxes by the said Henry D. Gurganna:

Now, all persons claiming an interest in the subject matter in the above entitled action are required to appear, present, and defend their respective claims within six months from the date of this notice, otherwise they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claim in and to the property or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 28th day of June, 1929. R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior Court. jy2 4tw

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT Resolutions of Respect for A. L. Roebuck, passed by the board of directors of Planters & Merchants Bank, Everetts, N. C.

Whereas, On the 8th day of June, 1929, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call from our midst our friend and associate, A. L. Roebuck, a member of the board of directors of Planters & Merchants Bank, Everetts, N. C. And whereas this board of directors, realizing in his death the loss of a strong and loyal member, whose presence and wise counsel will be most keenly missed; Now, therefore, be it Resolved: First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the All-Wise Creator.

Second, That our bank has lost in the death of Mr. Roebuck, a true and

faithful servant and noble citizen; one of its most loyal members.

Third, That we share the sorrow of his bereaved family and deeply sympathize with them in their great loss, and direct them to Him who doeth all things well and to whom we bow in humble submission.

Fourth, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Planters & Merchants Bank, a copy be sent the family of the deceased, and a copy be furnished the Enterprise for publication.

Most respectfully submitted, this 17th day of June, 1929. Board of Directors, Planters & Merchants Bank, Everetts, N. C. By V. G. TAYLOR, Chairman. PAUL BAILEY, Secretary.

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County; in the superior court. D. G. Matthews vs. Sarah Long. The above-named defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, to foreclose certain tax certificates of sale, same being land listed for taxes by the defendant for the year 1927; that said defendant will take notice that she is required to appear before the clerk superior court of Martin County at his office in Williamston,

N. C. within thirty days after the service of said summons and answer to the complaint filed herein, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 29th day of June, 1929. R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior Court. jy2 4tw

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NOTICE Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. B. F. Keys and wife, Emma Keys," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 5th day of August, 1929, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County offer for sale, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described land:

A tract of land located in Jamesville Township, Martin County, adjoining the J. C. Gordon land, Brooks land, Ange land, and the public road. Containing 32 acres, more or less, and known as the Boyd land.

This 28th day of June, 1929. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner. jy2 4tw

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County; In Superior Court. D. G. Matthews vs. Dan Moore and Wife, Della Moore

An action has been begun in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, entitled as above, to foreclose a tax certificate of sale covering the following described land: Located in Williamston Township, Martin County, North Carolina, ad-

joining B. F. Peel, Fannie Rawls, Eli Rawls, run of the mill pond, containing eight (8) acres, more or less, and known as the Rawls land, and being the same land listed for taxes by defendants for the year 1927.

Now, all persons claiming an interest in the subject matter in the above entitled cause are requested to appear, present and defend their respective claims within six months from date of the notice, otherwise they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claim in and to the property or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 12th day of July, 1929. R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior Court. jy16 4tw

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County; In Superior Court. D. G. Matthews vs. C. B. Roberson and Willie Ann Roberson

An action has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, entitled as above, to foreclose a tax certificate of sale covering the following described land: Located in Williamston Township, Martin County, North Carolina, ad-

joining B. F. Peel, Fannie Rawls, Eli Rawls, run of the mill pond, containing eight (8) acres, more or less, and known as the Rawls land, and being the same land listed for taxes by defendants for the year 1927.

Now, all persons claiming an interest in the subject matter in the above entitled cause are requested to appear, present and defend their respective claims within six months from the date of this notice, otherwise they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claim in and to the property or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 15th day of July, 1929. R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior Court. jy16 4tw

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by W. R. Roebuck and wife, Dora Roebuck, on the 30th day of April, 1923, and recorded in book of mortgages O-2, page 345, we will, on Saturday, the 17th day of August, 1929, 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., Martin County, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit: All that certain tract or parcel of