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**Why Tobacco's Low**

The reason why tobacco is so low must be because a few of the tobacco companies stock went up \$90,212,682 during the month of August. Of course, when they resolved to raise the value of their stock they resolved at the same time to rob the tobacco farmers of a legitimate price for their tobacco by taking \$90,212,682 from him and adding it to their own pile.

The American Tobacco Co. got \$26,969,963 out of this grab; Liggett & Mayers, \$15,789,259; and R. J. Reynolds snatched from the weary hands of tired farmers, the hungry mouths and naked backs of children, the modest sum of \$40,500,000.

This, in a land of free government, of democratic form—but, unfortunately, a government ruled and dominated by wealth.

**Poor Attendance at School Costly**

Realizing the importance of regular attendance in our schools, not only from the point of view of the welfare of the child, but also from an economical standpoint, the Division of School Attendance of the State Board of Public Welfare has furnished the following information regarding the school attendance in Martin County. The figures include both white and colored schools.

According to the records of 1928-29, 6,765 children were enrolled in the schools of this county. Of that number 5,288 were present each day, and 1,477 were absent every-day during the school year. The per capita cost for instructional service for last year is not available but in 1927-28 this county spent \$26.78 per white child (\$11.42 per colored child), which shows that each year, we are spending a large sum of money for which full value is not received, due to the fact that so many children are absent each day during the school year and are not taking advantage of the opportunities provided for them.

Since the number of teachers permitted by the State equalizing board is based upon the average daily attendance, the county is forced to pay for extra teachers to care for the situation caused by poor attendance. Due to the low average attendance in our schools last year, this county employ and paid from local funds 13 extra teachers, at a cost, according to the State average, of over \$900 each. This additional financial burden could, in a large measure, be relieved if every school child in the county was kept in school regularly.

In increasing our average daily attendance we will not only be giving the children of our county the opportunities which are rightfully theirs, but also lessening the burden of the local taxpayers.

**Wars and Their Causes**

Why do we have wars?  
Of course, we generally say, because some one imposes on us, which is only half right. The whole, and true answer, is because we impose on somebody or somebody imposes on us.

There has never been a war nor a fight that was not provoked and caused by selfish treatment by one man or nation to another man or nation.

Our own government has boasted of its power and wealth until we feel that we are just about strong enough to rule the world. But the fate of the proud nations of the past should be a warning to us, and a reminder that we can not tread on the rights of other people and live.

Our present tariff proposals are so unfair to those nations with which we trade that we can not hope to be blessed in our dealings with them.

Now comes the proposed combination of European nations for the protection of themselves. If such a combination is perfected America will soon find herself losing trade and wealth, and will perhaps view darker war clouds than ever before.

The efforts of the American government to monopolize the world for the purpose of enriching a few hundred combinations—with the common citizenry of our own country and the people of other nations being choked down in poverty in order that manufacturers may grow gorgeously rich—will tend to make us a weak nation rather than a strong one.

What we need is more justice in our trade relations with other countries and a fairer sharing of profits between the laborer and the factory owner.

**The Barking Dog**

How much privilege should be given a barking dog? It is a common practice for some people to keep dogs tied and let them bark all night and disturb the neighbors. Sick people, old people, and babies are kept awake and disturbed hour after hour by flea-bitten worthless dogs, which are not only worthless but expensive and dangerous, a nuisance and a menace in any community.

Why not have a law to require any person who persists in keeping a dog to get up and sit with his dog at night to keep it company and prevent that lonely feeling which evidently causes his beloved dog to bark and disturb other people?

Of course, if the owner likes to hear his dog bark and doesn't care if it does disturb others, then the town authorities might send a policeman around and let him shoot the dog.

**Seed Selection Pays**

Selecting seed is one of the most profitable things the farmer can do.

It is easy to dig and take care of the seed peanuts at such a time and in such a way that a good stand is assured next year. Dig them before they get over-ripe, stack them in very small stacks, so they will remain cool while curing.

Then the seed corn can be field selected to great advantage. The same thing applies to tobacco, cotton, and other crops. Good seed pays a good dividend, and the farmer can save better seed than he can buy. One reason why the farmer should save his seed this year is that money will be hard to get to buy seed with next spring.

**Coming Down to Earth**

"Nothing so blinds the eyes of a great principle as a bulging pocketbook," says Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.

The truth of this statement is beginning to dawn on many people today. We have enjoyed a long period of prosperity, or apparent prosperity—at least a period in which we have indulged in extravagance—but now we find the pocketbook about empty, and we have to think in other terms.

Our living is, of course, assured, but many of our desires will have to be foregone. We may as well begin thinking on sounder principles of economics than we have been practicing in the past.

The beginning of 1930 will find more people unable to help themselves than at any previous time in our history and fewer people able to help them. We are not pessimists, trying to frighten anybody, but are pointing to a condition that we must face and one that should be faced in a sensible way. We are still a long way ahead of any other people in production, but a long way behind most people in economics. We will be forced to go to the little ant for a lesson, lay up in store a few things for the winter. Perhaps one of the first things we need to do is to lay down some of our pride and live a little more of the simple life.

The thing that we have been calling prosperity and progress was, in a large measure, nothing more than wanton wastefulness. As an evidence of this, we only have to look around us and see how little we have to show for the money we have spent; and we can find but few things that can be listed in our valid assets.

The worst thing about this period, which has been on us for the past 12 years, but which is apparently now vanishing, is the fact that we are lower in the scale of honor, truth, and morals. Of course, some will possibly dispute this last statement, but all one has to do is to ask any one he meets, and that person will be sure to say that he will trust fewer people now than he would have before the war.

The fact is we have been tried and found wanting. Now we will have to suffer the consequences. And we are able to do it. We will be the better by coming down a bit closer to the ground and living a little more orderly than we have in the past.

The man who thinks his pocketbook will save him and make him happy is mistaken.

**THE LETTER BOX**

**CHALLENGE TO WILLIAMSTON HIGH SCHOOL**

To the editor:  
To date Robersonville school officials have been unable to schedule a football game with Williamston. We suggest through this column that the Williamston school officials meet us at any time at any place. In other words, this constitutes an open challenge to Williamston to decide the football championship of Martin County, since these two schools are the only ones in the county having football teams.

IRA T. AINSLEY,  
Coach, Robersonville High School Football Team.  
September 28, 1929.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

To the Letter-Box:  
The church at Skewarkey wishes to thank the Lord for blessing us with such excellent weather during the union meeting at Skewarkey, which convened there last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 27, 28, and 29.

Also we wish to extend our poor and feeble heart-felt thanks to our brothers, sisters, and friends for all assistance extended to us and for us, in each and every way.

We also very highly appreciate the esteem in which we are held by our friends who are not members of Skewarkey church, and also those who are members of other denominations and those who are not members of any church, for they have proved it to us by actions, which speak louder than words.

We again wish to thank you.  
JOHN H. MIZELL,  
Clerk.

**ADVISES DIGGING SWEETS BEFORE COLD WEATHER**

**Potatoes Chilled in Ground Will Not Keep Well in Storage**

By H. R. NISWONGER  
Extension Horticulturist, North Carolina State College

Sweet potatoes should be dug before the vines have been frost-bitten. Sweet potatoes that have become chilled while in the ground will not keep well in storage. Care should be exercised in harvesting so as not to bruise them. The crop should be graded in the fields and carefully placed in slatted crates before hauling to storage house. The grades

should be divided into U. S. No. 1, Jumbos, and culls. Culls should be fed to livestock and by all means kept out of the storage house.

**U. S. No. 1 Grade**  
U. S. No. 1 shall consist of sweet potatoes of similar characteristics which are firm, free from black rot, decay, and freezing injury, and free from damage caused by dirt, secondary rootlets, bruises, cuts, scars, growth cracks, scald, scurf and other diseases, weevil or other insects, and by mechanical or other means. The diameter of each sweet potato shall not be less than 1 3/4 inches nor more than 3 1/2 inches, and the length shall not be less than 3 inches nor more than 10 inches.

**Clean the Storage House**

Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist of the North Carolina State College gives the following suggestions: "All trash and old potatoes should be removed and the walls and floors thoroughly swept. The spores (seeds of fungus diseases which cause rots) are not active under dry conditions and in time are destroyed. It is for this reason that maintaining a dry house during the early storage period will prevent the developing of rots. The wise grower will heat the house for at least a day before storing any potatoes, and then keep up the proper temperature until the so-called 'sweatening' period is over."

**The Five Rules for Curing**

1. Let one person be responsible for and entirely in charge of the house.
2. Start the fires in the house going a day before the sweet potatoes are brought in.
3. Maintain a temperature of 80 to 90 degrees for 10 to 14 days.
4. Give thorough ventilation during the day.
5. When the curing period is over (the roots indicating sprouting or purple spot at the bud), gradually reduce the temperature by discontinuing the fires to 60 degrees.

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A lot in the town of Hamilton, N. C., adjoining Odd Fellows Lodge, Moses Gilliam, a street, and being the same lot listed for taxes by William Sykes. This 28th day of September, 1929.  
B. A. CRITCHER,  
Commissioner.

**PAINS QUIT COMING**

**Missouri Lady Says She Got Stronger and Avoid Hurting West Away After She Took Cardui.**

Quin, Mo.—"For some time, I had been having an awful time with pains in my back and sides," says Mrs. Robert Crossy, of this place. "My head would ache until I felt as if it would split open."  
"I was very weak and nervous. It looked like the least little thing would upset me. I was cross with the children, and I had no patience for anything."  
"Often, when I would get up in the morning, I would have to go back to bed, I was so weak. I dragged through my work, but it took all my strength to do it."  
"I tried many remedies, but nothing did me any good until I started taking Cardui. I had read how Cardui had helped others, and so I wanted to try it, myself."  
"Cardui proved to be all that was said of it. I took it for several months, regularly. At the end of that time, I was in good health, and have been so ever since. I gained in weight, my appetite was good, and I was able to do all my house-work without it hurting me. The pains quit coming."  
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