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Grow Quality Tobacco

Farmers should not grow poor quality tobacco this year. There is too much low quality tobacco on hand already. It is easier to get quality with a small acreage than it is with a large crop.

A few acres well cultivated, topped, suckered, cured and graded will sell for more than a big crop half cultivated, poorly looked after, stuffed into barns, only to come out and go the market as undesirable low grades.

Roosevelt Stock Goes Up

Roosevelt stock took a jump when he discharged and kicked the sheriff of New York City out of office this week. The general ground for dismissal was that he had robbed the people of New York out of about \$360,000 since he has held the office by illegal fees, gambler and bootlegger pay-offs.

Of course, the governor made a mistake when he failed to oust Mayor Walker and the city attorney, who were undoubtedly just as guilty of malfeasance as Sheriff Farley was.

Now Is the Time To Find Out

Every aspirant for a political office should be made to make a definite statement as to whether he loves most a starving, poverty-ridden populace, or a few bloated millionaires.

Whatever may be our individual opinions about the trend of politics, when we sum the whole matter up we will find that people generally want government favorable to their interests. Our past habit has been for the people to elect officers and then let big interests direct them.

Now is the time to find out what your lawmakers are going to do. Don't wait until they get to Raleigh or Washington.

Inconsistency

The press of the country, to a large extent if not all, sympathized with Edward Allen when he was on trial for his life in Pennsylvania for the killing of Francis P. Donaldson. The courtroom crowd applauded when a "not guilty" verdict was returned. Then out in Hawaii, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, a woman who moves in high circles, was charged with the murder of an Hawaiian. The trend of the news despatches and editorial comment in the press of the country was sympathetic in the woman's behalf, because she avenged a wrong committed on her daughter, a prominent naval officer's wife.

Louis Graves, writing in his Chapel Hill Weekly said he was sympathetic for the two. Continuing he said, "But I could not help reflecting upon the contrast between that sort of comment and the editorial comments of the newspapers when the case of the rape of some obscure farm or village woman, and the lawless punishment of the offender, happens to break into news of the day. Then you read almost nothing to encourage you in sympathy for the victim; all the emphasis is upon the barbarism of punishment by and any other means than an orderly trial in a court of law."

"Of course," the Chapel Hill editor concluded, "a lynching by a mob is different from the slaying of a seducer or a rapist by a member of the victim's family, and is a far less excusable offense. But both are lawless and, according to cool opinion in a home or an editorial cloister remote from the scene of violence, both should be heartily condemned. But the opinion rarely seems to remain cool when blood relationship, or friendship, or some other circumstance stirs powerfully the sympathy of the person who is passing judgment."

Everybody Wants Japan Whipped

It will certainly be good news to most folks if China whips Japan. It is a great pity for a nation or an individual to so act that everybody wants them whipped. Still that seems to be the case with Japan. Of course, everybody knows Japan wants China; and she wants America, too, for that matter—certainly that part which lies west of our Rocky Mountains.

Those to whom President Hoover is directing his anti-boarding campaign, will do well to read the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew

Death-Dealing Instrument

Raleigh News and Observer.

One million people were seriously injured in automobile accidents last year, and 34,000 persons were killed. What a toll to the latest method of transportation. Judging by the newspaper accounts of killings and maimings in the early months of this year, the slaughter is going on at an accelerated rate. The increase in deaths in 1931 was 3 per cent above that of 1930. This in spite of the millions spent in improving the highways, the increase in the number of highway patrolmen and the insistent preaching in press and elsewhere for "Safety First."

Automobile manufacturers are constantly trying to make better autos, mechanics, are seeking to make autos more safe, and many drivers are exercising more care. Cars are made to go faster. This may increase the danger. Many accidents are pronounced "unavoidable," but such verdicts are rarely true. Most accidents could be avoided if all drivers were well trained and understood the mechanism of the machine they drive, and careful driving at a moderate rate of speed was the rule. Instead, people rush by corners and come out of side roads without looking or reducing the rate of speed, and rush heedlessly along the highways, violating all regulations, laws, and fundamentals of safety.

What is the remedy? Or, in view of the increasing number of deaths and maimings, has the public become so hardened to killings that warnings fell upon deaf ears?

Establishing Confidence

Charlotte Observer

The one thing in the way of successful operation of President Hoover's "bring-out-the-money" campaign is the lingering feeling of fear that yet grips the people, and dissipation of this fear is the one accomplishment of importance. A meeting designed to bring about this very end has been arranged for the Charlotte Country club on February 22—a day of distinguished significance—and, as a result of this meeting, we may expect "confidence" to be largely restored in the minds of the people of the two States that are to participate through their Governors and industrial leaders. At this meeting a new "Declaration of Independence" from fear, selfishness and jealousy will be proclaimed. The speakers to participate represent the best of the citizenship of the two States, and there is no doubt that they will develop reasons for the faith that is in them, and bring the people into accord with that faith. Agriculture, commerce and industry will be represented, and an arousal of enthusiasm and confidence is to be expected. This is a movement calculated to meet one of the admitted requirements of the day, and it will prove of potent assistance in helping the anti-boarding campaign along.

The proposition is different from the popular fad of "the conference," for it is to be not in exchange of views on "the situation," but an exchange of experience, going to show that if there ever was a time that lack of confidence might be justified, that time has gone by, and that the call on the people is to turn their faces to greet the dawn of returning prosperity and to assist that return by absorbing the confidence established in the minds of the leaders in the meeting.

Concerning Personal Convictions

Greensboro Daily News.

The answer given by students at Davidson to one of a series of questions recently propounded in a poll conducted by one of the college publications is submitted as further evidence that war can not be effectively outlawed until human nature undergoes a revolutionary change, which includes, among other things, a stiffening of the individual backbone.

To the question, "Would you refuse to bear arms if the objectives of war were contrary to your own personal convictions?" 162 students voted "yes" and 383 "no." Carrying the vote, that is if it is to be accepted as representative, to its final analysis may be interpreted to mean that if approximately two-thirds of the nation's population disapproved a war, had personal objections, or thought their government took the wrong position on matters which were involved in or led to its declaration, a minority, even a handful of diplomats, politicians, or statesmen might precipitate the outbreak and find them, contrary to their convictions, rushing into the slaughter.

That assuredly is not a pleasant thought in these days when wars and rumors of wars clash head-on with efforts for peace. The hope of the United States and the allies in the World War was that the German people would see the injustice of their militarists' position and repudiate the struggle which had been brought upon them and made them the chief sufferers. Even now, in the far eastern conflict, the charge is that Japan is ridden by a military clique and that the people, exercising their sense of justice and their personal convictions, will refuse to participate in the invasion of China and, so to speak, kick the militarists in the seat of their khaki—or is it serge?—breaches. But, on the basis of the Davidson vote, German people should have done no such thing and the Japanese people should not be expected to. If the United States went to war, however, unjustly the citizenry might conceive this nation's stand to be, they'd bayonet their personal convictions, gas their consciences, and join in the slaughter to uphold a position to which they had been, probably before the band played and the rule of the emotions had been inaugurated, personally opposed.

So long as there is a readiness, especially among the intelligent groups, to join in the chant of "My country right or wrong," Mars may continue to chuckle in a fensish sense of security.

A Match We'd All Approve



DRIFTWOOD By TOMMY

Only the other day our county school superintendent told Williamston's premier business club that our county and city school curriculum is an antiquated and preposterous instrument. And well said. Our school course of study is still so colonial and constitutional as to assume that "all men are born equal." The trend of educational thought is today more than ever before to find the bare truth and to frankly face the facts of that truth. Then why not let our school course of study, which should exhibit our foremost expression of thought, admit the truth that it has long ago discovered and frankly face the fact that all men are not created equal. There is nothing undemocratic about truth. And that all men are not created equal is not an undemocratic truth. True it is that we are born with equal rights under the law, but to say that we are equal men and women would be as sensible as for Charles Lindbergh to say to Babe Ruth that, being equal, he will knock as many home runs as the Bambino, for Will Rogers to have told Thomas Edison that he would make synthetic rubber. Such assumptions are mere folly. We know that; admit that. It so results, then, that Babe, as only Babe can, swings his budgeon, Will Rogers "ropes them in," and Lindy pancakes his plane.

These truths, I say, have been accepted and practiced nearly everywhere save in the school room. Not so there, I think, because we have not demanded practical results. Our school room today presents a sad picture of children with different motives, different ideas, different environments, different habits, different emotions, different attitudes, different mental levels, and a multiplicity of complexes peculiar to each individual, and a teacher, who is usually the center of the room, imparting in her faithful way, her own personality, which is utterly as peculiar as that of any of her various students. This, of course, is no fault of the teacher. It is due to the fact that the child has not heretofore been the center of the school room and that the course of study has not recognized student individuality.

That the curriculum is out of date has been recognized. That the public

knows about this fact is assured. What I am wondering is are our community leaders and clubs going to make a concerted effort to effect a public school curriculum which will instruct the youth of this community in the art of making a living.

Farmers Arrange for Electric Line To Homes

One hundred farm-families in the Plateau section of Catawba County have arranged for an electric line into their community to supply light and power for their homes.

NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Andrew Smith and wife, Mary D. Smith, of record in the Martin County Registry of Martin County in book Y-2, page 75, to secure the payment of notes of even date therewith, and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bonds and order of resale, the undersigned trustee will, on the 11th day of March, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the court-



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PART PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

C. B. ROEBUCK

SHERIFF — MARTIN COUNTY

with W. V. Ormond's line 204 feet, more or less, to the beginning. Containing 1-4 acres, more or less, and being a part of the land conveyed to E. F. Bunch by H. C. Carter, trustee of the estate of C. H. Godwin, bankrupt, and of record in the register of deeds' office for Martin County. This 24th day of February, 1932. H. M. STUBBS, Trustee.

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SALE OF VALUABLE FARM FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by James H. Everett and wife, Mattie Everett, on the 28th day of May, 1925, and recorded in book X-2, page 87-88, we will, on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit:

All that certain piece or tract of land containing 157 acres, more or less, situated, lying, and being on the W. side of the Washington road about 7 miles S. of the town of Robersonville in Cross Roads Township, Martin County, N. C., having such shape, metes, courses, and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof, and being owned by Henry Taylor and now J. C. Taylor, and Transer Creek, and on the W. by Transer Creek and the county line between Pitt and Martin Counties, and this being the same tracts of land heretofore conveyed to the said James H. Everett, by deed dated the 28th day of May, 1925, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County in Book L-1, at page 110, and R. H. Mizell and wife, Jane Mizell, by deed dated the 12th day of December, 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County in Book E-2, at page 250.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of James H. Everett and wife, Mattie Everett, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 22nd day of February, 1932. W. G. BRAMHAM AND T. L. BLAND, RECEIVERS FOR FIRST NATIONAL COMPANY OF DURHAM, INC., TRUSTEE, FORMERLY FIRST NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, DURHAM, N. C. mr1 4tw

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