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Fishing in Mudholes for Tadpole Votes

When men running for high office go dabbling in mudholes for tadpole votes, we need not hope for good government from such sources. Such is the course that it seems Mr. Hoover is going to take as indicated in his acceptance speech Thursday.

When rulers become afraid to trust the moral and religious forces and throw themselves at the feet of those who want laws to promote their selfish purposes, where will the spirit of truth find lodgment in our government?

Nothing is quite so sickening as a man yielding his ideals for votes.

Roosevelt's Opportunity

If Roosevelt ousts Mayor Walker, we believe he will be elected President. While people generally may not be so much concerned about honesty for themselves, there has never been a day when they have been more concerned about the honesty of the other fellow.

Since the beginning of the Seabury investigation, many people have become convinced that there has been much wrongdoing by Mayor Walker which has made him rich at the expense of the city—and not only him, but his friends have grafted many millions out of the common folks of the city.

The American voter is ready to approve honesty in government, and there is nothing Mr. Roosevelt can do that will establish an abiding confidence in the people as the dismissal of Walker.

Men—and honest men—are the need of the hour. The demand for that type of leadership is going to increase until official graft will not be tolerated anywhere—not even in Tammany.

Repudiating Our Obligations

When men get in a mood to repudiate their obligations, and obligations of the public—such as was suggested at the meeting of the board of commissioners last Monday—there is evidence that something is wrong, generally with those taking that attitude. We are more in need of a spirit in men to push forward and meet their obligations. We should regard our promises as being worth far more than our property.

Some citizens are so revolutionary that they would have the obligations of their counties and towns defaulted. Perhaps some farmers think it right to repudiate their supply bills, or it may be that some men would like to default in payment of the mortgages on their homes, but they can not do it until the crops of all kinds, the cars, the cows, the plows, the hogs the hoes, and everything else on the land is taken, and then the house and the home sold to satisfy the mortgage, and then the balance of the debt is converted into a judgment to haunt the farmer and the home owner and his family as long as they live.

No farmer or land owner should purposely default his obligations, nor should any other persons—and the same thing applies to towns, cities, counties, states and nations.

The greatest need of the age is for the people to shoulder their obligations, admit their errors in wasteful extravagant living, and work themselves out of the hole they are in. We can never cure our faults by lamentations and mutterings. We will have to work hard to gain the victory.

Early Training Sorely Neglected

Too little attention is being given to the teachings set forth in the Ten Commandments. Many people fail to recognize Sunday as the Lord's day, and go on with their play.

And then the commandment that says, "Thou shalt not steal," is not being fully taught, for men and women are robbing and stealing day and night. And two more that say, "Thou shalt not kill," and "Thou shalt not commit adultery," are being ignored. Our newspapers are filled with sensational killings that are the outgrowth of adultery. And then the two commandments upon which hangs all the law and prophecy—"Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, . . ." and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,"—are almost forgotten.

Our early training is being sorely neglected. The people will finally have to teach the youth the value of character and a reverence for God.

County Taxes Not Unreasonable

Why should we complain so much about our county taxes. They are not so high, after all, a careful review shows.

The man who has \$1,000 worth of property pays \$2.15 for all county purposes. That is, it pays for his protection in the courts, maintains his records, feeds the poor, both in the county home and scattered throughout the county. This sum pays all the officials, whose business it is to go—night or day—to protect each man and every member of his family and all of his property from assault and theft. It provides health officers to prevent the spread of typhoid fever, smallpox, diphtheria, and all other contagious and infectious diseases to which the human body is subject. It pays for keeping the criminals from running at large and menacing society.

Then the owner of \$1,000 worth of property pays \$2.30 to educate the 8,000 county school-children, including transportation cost and every other expense for the regular term of schools.

Perhaps there can be found no man who would kick at either of these items, or who would complain at the management of either the county board of commissioners or the board of education.

The major portion of our taxes—that is, \$8.15 on each \$1,000 worth of property—goes to pay interest and bonds. These were issued mostly for roads. Now, how do we feel about our roads? Will we be willing to sell them for what we have got in them, or do we want to hang onto them? The second largest item of indebtedness is for schoolhouse. What will we do about our schools? Shall we sell out, "cuss" out, and quit—or will we act like men of wisdom, fall in line, use our schools and make something out of the coming generations?

Every thinking man knows our ignorance costs us vastly more—yea, many times more—each year than all of our taxes amount to.

We are wasting a lot of valuable time in "cussing" taxes and talking about baseball.

Enemies of Free Government

The Democratic party has made more mistakes flirting with New York during the past fifty years than all its others put together. New York interests want to own the Republican party and destroy the Democratic party. And we must admit that the rulers of the big city have succeeded fairly well in their desires during a greater part of the time for the past three quarters of a century. What the Democrats need to do is demand a complete divorce from New York politics and denounce its character and charge it as an enemy of every phase of good and true government of and for the people. The Democratic party should charge New York politicians as being a band of political self-seekers who want to throttle every type and kind of business except those that pour the shekels into their vaults.

Let Mr. Roosevelt denounce New York as an enemy to the common people of the country, and he'll get a big majority in the next November election.

The Democratic party cannot convince the people of its sincerity if it goes to flirting for the trust vote of New York. Mr. Roosevelt can win if he will denounce the New York politicians as the common enemy of free government.

Artificial Stimulation

Discussing artificial stimulation, the unproductiveness of confidence and the tariff barriers, Paul D. Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Roberson, of this county, has some interesting remarks, as follows:

Sometime ago President Hoover opened up an anti-hoarding campaign, whether he intended for the thrifty to become spendthrifts is not certain. However, there was no great revival of business as he seemed to think would be the outcome of such an experiment.

Moreover, such artificial actions will not put confidence in the American people nor in the world at large. There must be a drastic revision of our policies and those of the world to stimulate industry. Actual changes must be made and not mere talk.

The fundamental cause of the lack of confidence is failure of the statesmen and people of all countries to realize the common interest of the nations, notwithstanding the servitude of the lesson to which the World War subjected them. It seems as if they should have learned how completely they depend upon one another for their welfare.

It is not possible for any one country to have sincere confidence in the future when every country is engaged more or less in closing the doors to the products of foreign countries by tariff barriers, and by so doing, continually losing markets for their own products. This is happening now and for the past decade when nations are in debt as never before and need more markets in which to sell their products in order that they may meet their obligations. There can not be confidence when such conditions as these exist and more serious disaster is logically to follow.

No one can measure or estimate either the potential wealth or trade and income of the world. If each nation would only produce those commodities for which it is best adapted, and if it were allowed to distribute its production free from all hindrances to other nations in exchange for goods which constitute their basic production, the trade and consumption of the entire world would rise to untold levels. Thus every nation would share in the world's natural riches in much greater measure, and not only war, but poverty and the depression would disappear.

Our economic mentality is necessarily international as evident from the huge loans made to foreign nations. The nations political mentality is almost purely national; politically the nation fear and distrust each other and try to hamper each other's progress.

Often A Picnic's Not A Picnic



WHITE RAGS WANTED: WE will buy clean white rags (not scraps) for 2 1-2 cents pound. Central Service Station, Williamston, N. C. a9 2t

NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Elizabeth Simpson, late of Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery of the same.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement. This 23rd day of May, A. D. 1932. E. G. BAGLEY, Executor. P. O. Box 888, Greensboro, N. C.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Eli Gurganus and wife, Betty C. Gurganus on the 1st day of December 1922 and recorded in Book

K-2, page 447, we will on Saturday the 3rd day of September, 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:

Beginning at Cedar Branch at a gum, Gurganus and James corner,

running N. 60 W. 83 poles to a stake at the Plymouth Road, thence up the said Road S. 73 W. 76 poles on up the said road S. 84 W. 13 poles to a ground bridge and ditch, thence up the said ditch S. 38 E. 16 poles, on up said ditch 9 W. 5 poles to the Free Union Road, thence down said road S. 60 E. 32 poles, S. 65 1-2 E. 28 poles, thence

S. 60 E. 72 1-2 poles to Cedar Branch, thence up said Branch to the beginning, containing 72 1-2 acres. The Plymouth Road lies to the N. and N. W. The land of Ed James lies to the N. E., the land of one Cordon to the E. and S. E., the land of one Boston to the S., the land of one Cordon to the S. W., the Gurkin School House lot lies to the W.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Eli Gurganus and wife, Betty C. Gurganus 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 27th day of July 1932.

W. G. BRAMHAM AND T. L. BLAND, RECEIVERS FOR FIRST NATIONAL COMPANY OF DURHAM, INC., FORMERLY FIRST NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, DURHAM, N. C.

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SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Alexander Hill and wife, Cora Hill, on the 23rd day of April, 1926, and recorded in Book X-2, page 293-294, we will on Saturday the 3rd day of September, 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:

First Tract: Beginning in C. H. Davis line and running thence S. 4° 16' E. 14 poles to the center of Cedar Branch, Edd James' corner; thence N. 77 E. 14 poles; thence S. 72 E. 8 poles; thence N. 77 E. 12 poles; thence N. 1 E. 202 poles; thence S. 45 W. 48 poles to the beginning, containing 40 acres as shown by map made by A. Corey, Surveyor, February 11, 1926. Second Tract: Beginning at the head of a ditch on the Dailey Road on the Warren H. Hill tract of land and running thence S. 89 E. 33 poles to the center of Molasses Branch thence S. 29.30 E. 23 poles; thence N. 84 E. 8 poles; thence S. 23 E. 8 poles; thence S. 14 E. 31 poles; thence S. 69 E. 9 poles; thence S. 46.30 E. 30 poles; thence N. 85 W. 85 poles; thence N. 1 E. 79 poles to the beginning, containing 30 acres as shown by map made February 11, 1926 by A. Corey, surveyor.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Alexander Hill and wife, Cora Hill, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 percent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 27th day of July, 1932.

C. H. DIXON, RECEIVER FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DURHAM, TRUSTEE, DURHAM, N. C. a5 4tw

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Saturday Aug. 20th **BOB STEELE** in "SON OF OKLAHOMA" Comedy and Serial 10c to EVERYBODY

ANNOUNCEMENT!

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT MESSRS. JOE TAYLOR AND CLAUDE GRIFFIN WILL OPERATE THE

Roanoke - Dixie Warehouse Williamston, North Carolina

During The 1932 Tobacco Season

We wish to use this means to officially and personally invite our Martin County friends and those in adjoining counties to sell their tobacco with us at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse, Williamston, N. C.

We appreciate the patronage you have given us in the past, and we trust we may have the great pleasure and privilege of serving you again.

Claud Griffin & Joe Taylor PROPS., ROANOKE-DIXIE WAREHOUSE WILLIAMSTON, N. C.