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### Friendly Criticism

Is North Carolina doing her best? A visitor from a Northern state says not. He is rather severe in his charge that we are a thriftless, careless people who fail to grasp the many opportunities that are ours. He further says we brag too much, which is possibly true. He says we fail to paint our homes, and fail to keep our farms neat and up to date, that all of our town approaches show up poorly.

Well, what have we left to talk about when he furnishes us with a bill of particulars? We just have to confess that when we approach our towns, we find weeds, trash, rotten-down shacks, streets and sidewalks lined with ragged, dirty, poor people, living in hovels and dirt. As we proceed into the towns' centers we find the elite with kid gloves and maybe with some light garden tool picking or digging around some rose bush shrub or tree. This class is the one of which we have been thinking and boasting. The fellow who lives on the suburban or town outskirts is seldom thought of and never counted.

Then we start the drive on our fine roads which we must hold our eyes on with much care to keep us from seeing the unpainted homes, the poorly constructed stock barns, inadequate feed barns, storage houses, usually unpainted and generally in a high rate of deterioration.

The farm land which is our principal asset is generally left bare through the winter with nothing to prevent erosion and deterioration. Doubtless not more than 20 percent of our towns, homes and farms escape the attack made by the visitor.

This charge should produce the most serious thought by our people. It means too much to our children, and grandchildren to let this condition go too far without checking up and looking for a safer way to carry on.

The only explanation for the present condition seems to be that whenever this generation makes a dollar it wants the pleasure of spending it at once. We have failed to lay aside that sinking fund to take care of the proverbial rainy day. When the enemy of adversity meets us in the middle of the road, he finds us completely unarmed and we are forced to run to the nearest cover and see our land sold for taxes, our furniture or car go back to the owner and perhaps undergo the embarrassment of a mortgage foreclosure. Will the people of North Carolina stop, think and act, or will they keep up their wild orgy of spending?

We better paint up, repair and take care while we are able because not more than three-fourths of the life of man is productive, and if he fails to lay aside when he has the opportunity to do so, the day will nearly always come when he will want for the necessities of life. We must remember that there are a few ways to save and many ways to squander.

Now let our people take warning from the friendly but true criticism offered by our visiting brother, and change things so there will be no grounds for criticism. When we do we will be a better, safer and happier people.

### Need History of Roanoke Country

It is very interesting to mark the events in the life of a person and a tree, and the same thing applies to a state or nation, towns and cities.

The town of Williamston has very little written history although it has been more than 155 years since it was incorporated. It is on the location of the first settlement in this section, and upon which the cruel Tuscororas had a village with its center located on the spot where the Standard Fertilizer Company's big plant now stands. The Moratoc tribes once camped here, giving the town its first name, "Moratoc". The tribes were said to be very friendly.

The town, in those days, was a great trading center for vessels playing the waters from New England all the way to Cuba. Tar, pitch and turpentine were exchanged for other goods, mostly molasses from the West Indies.

These few facts have no chronological recording, but are scattered here and there, but furnishing, at the same time, sufficient interest to call for a complete history of the Roanoke country and the town of Williamston.

### No Need of Fear

The New Deal need not fear for it will not fail. While there are people out hunting for it and way-laying it with guns and knives, shooting at it with poisoned arrows, trying to stab it in the back, yet it lives and thrives upon the confidence and experiences of the masses. There was a time when the general public did not fully understand just who was pinching them, and they did not know who applied the lash. They just had to stand and bear it. But now, thanks to our system of public education, the folks have their eyes open, and know just who pinched them in the past, and who are trying to stick pins in them now. They know just who to kick when they are mistreated.

When a man works a year and figures what his labor has produced and where each item of his production and follows it along to see how much each man who touches it gets from his work as it passes along from warehouse to factory and then as it comes back to him processed into some usable form, most people have learned that some body along the line has taken too much toll for what he did. For that reason the original producer steps in and smacks the fellow who has engaged in the unfair deal. Of course, the fellow attacked then squeals and yells anarchist, communist, socialist or some other such name.

There is one thing every man has the right to do, and that is to complain when he is imposed upon. The New Deal has no other purpose than to give everyone a fair deal, and since the people know aid is offered them, they are going to stand by and for the New, Fair Deal.

### What About New State Constitution?

What shall we do with the proposed State Constitution? is a question well worth the consideration of every voter in North Carolina because the question comes face to face with every voter who goes to the polls on November the 6th.

The present constitution of our State was formed, revised and adopted almost 60 years ago under circumstances entirely different from what we now have. It fitted well into the business, political and social conditions of that day. It had the principles of truth, honesty and freedom as its fundamental base. Yet, it did not have the expanding qualities to fit the civilization of the present age. Its purpose was to guard the safety of individuals, determine the rights of the stage coach, the single-horse wagon and the ox cart, and did not have the expansive provisions to take care of the automobile, the flying machine and the thousands of other things of which the framers of the old constitution had never dreamed.

Since we find such a vast difference in things of 60 years ago and of things today, we have to recognize that the dead hand of the old constitution is guiding the destinies of the present and future generations. The people who seem to know least about the present and the proposed constitution are generally opposed to a change, while those who have studied both are generally in favor of the adoption of the proposed changes.

We plan to give from time to time in these columns information on the proposed changes and how they will affect the rights of the people whether for good or for bad.

All people need to and should study these changes carefully.

England has no written constitution because her enlightenment and experience are supposed to enable each generation to well take care of the needs of its day.

The supreme court of both our State and the United States have had to override the constitution in many instances to protect the rights of the people from the very constitution designed to protect them. Man has no sufficient wisdom to direct the ways of very many future generations. Only God can do that, so we need not count our old constitution as a sacred document of superlative perfection.

### Lazy Should Starve

There are said to be 572 ways to make an honest living which would seem to be a wide enough range to take care of every person who is healthy and sound. Yet we find thousands who have missed all these ways and are failing to make a living.

If we should stop for a moment and look at all these failures, we would find that there are not more than a half dozen causes for the failures can be found, three of which causes are major or primary, while the others are secondary.

Of course, sometimes good honest, faithful workers are run down and trodden under foot by unscrupulous manipulators and are powerless to rise again. That class deserves the sympathy and the help of the nation. That is the class that our Government agencies are endeavoring to help to get on their feet again. Another of the three major classes is those without proper sense or knowledge which is frequently the cause of failure. This class also needs the help of the people, their neighbors and the nation wants to and should help. Give them more training and some leadership so they may be able to do for themselves.

The next great class are the slothful and lazy who fail or refuse to apply themselves to their proper tasks in due season. They rather trust to luck than to produce luck by their own labor.

All of these classes may be reduced by helping the fellow who is forced down by influences or circumstances over which he has no control.

Help the fellow who does not know how to do for himself, teach him. And let the lazy work or starve.

There are too many ways for man to make a living for so many people to miss or dodge them all. We must have more willing workers.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by W. S. Barnhill and wife, Ida E. Barnhill, J. T. Barnhill and wife, Telitha E. Barnhill, S. L. Foberson and wife, Elyvn Barnhill Roberson and S. Gertrude Barnhill and J. Elliott Barnhill on the 18th day of August, 1931, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book 11-3, at page 42, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain notes of even date and tenor therewith, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee will, on Friday, September 14th, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the court house door in the Town of Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale for cash the following described property, to wit:

Their two-thirds undivided interest into the lands situated in Cross Roads Township adjoining the lands of J. G. Barnhill and L. A. Clark. Beginning at a bridge in Island branch, thence a westerly course down said branch to the fork of a branch a corner, thence southeasterly course up spring branch along W. F. Wynn line to a corner, thence easterly course with J. G. Barnhill and L. A. Clark line the old Davis land to an oak corner, thence a north course to the road, thence an easterly course to the public road, thence a northeast course along said road to a bridge the beginning containing by estimation three hundred (300) acres, and known as the Barnhill old place and the Asa Yyan place. This the 13th day of August, 1934. H. L. BARNHILL, Trustee. Aug14-4t

### NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of and pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court of Martin County, entered in the case of Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh vs. Oscar S. Anderson, et al, the undersigned Commissioner will on Monday, August 20, 1934, at noon, offer for sale at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, at the Court House door of Martin County, the following described property, to wit:

First Tract: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Williamston Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, 2 1/2 miles east of the town of Williamston, having such shapes, metes, and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a map thereof made by J. R. Mobley, surveyor, on the 15th day of January, 1923, adjoining the lands of C. F. Bennett on the North, the lands of Elmer Chesson on the East, the lands of Moore on the South, and the Feed and Burras land on the West, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the Williamston and Everett road, corner of the Moore land and Elmer Chesson, thence running N. 20 degrees E. 74 poles to a branch; thence the said branch N. 41 degrees E. 20 poles; thence N. 15 degrees E. 16 1/2 poles; thence N. 31 degrees E. 14 poles; thence N. 42 degrees E. 9 poles and N. 63 E. 4 1/2 poles to Back Branch; thence with Back Branch N. 64 W. 9 poles; thence N. 20 W. 20 poles; thence N. 3 degrees W. 26 poles; thence N. 18 degrees W. 18 poles; thence N. 44 1/2 degrees W. 37 poles; thence S. 57 degrees W. 60 poles, to a stump; thence S. 37 W. 9 poles to an oak on a path; thence with said path S. 7 degrees W. 76 poles and S. 4 degrees W. 63 poles to the Williamston and Everett road; thence with said road S. 83 E. 26 poles; thence S. 72 E. 26 poles, and S. 51 E. 24 poles to the beginning, and being the same land conveyed to said J. W. and A. Anderson by the following deeds: L. R. Strawbridge and wife, dated February 14, 1920, and of record in Martin County Public Reg-

istry, Book D-2, page 350; K. G. Strawbridge and wife dated November 6, 1919, and of record in said Public Registry in Book Y-1, page 517. Second Tract: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Williamston Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, containing 149 acres, more or less, on the the Williamston and Everett road (also known as the Wild Cat road), about 2 miles east of the Town of Williamston, having such shapes, metes and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a map made by J. R. Mobley, on the 15th day of January, 1923, and adjoining the lands of Sylvester Coffield on the North, the lands of L. B. Wynn on the West, the lands of the County Home on the South and the lands of J. R. Mobley on the East, and more particularly bounded

and described as follows: Beginning on the Williamston and Everett road or the Wild Cat road, corner of J. R. Mobley; thence S. 4 W. 50 poles and S. 13 W. to a gun in a branch; thence with the line of J. R. Mobley, S. 63 W. 25 4-5 poles to a stump; thence S. 74 W. 5 1-5 poles to a pole post; thence with the line of the County Home N. 29 W. 99 poles to the Williamston and Greenview road; thence with said road N. 49 degrees E. 35 poles; thence N. 10 E. 36 poles; thence N. 68 W. 34 4-5 poles to a post; thence N. 2 W. 22 3-5 poles to the Wild Cat Road; thence with said road N. 7 W. 14 poles; thence N. 66 W. 44 poles; and N. 57 W. 26 2-5 poles; thence N. 11 1-2 E. 116 poles; thence N. 57 E. 45 poles; thence N. 26 W. 21 poles; thence with the line of Sylvester Coffield N. 85 1-4 E. 49 1-2 poles; thence S. 6 1-2 W. 176 poles; thence North 86 E. 1 4-25

poles; thence S. 2 E. 3 poles; thence N. 86 E. 42 poles to the beginning. The purchaser at said sale will be required to deposit 10 per cent of the amount of his bid as a guarantee and forfeit, pending confirmation of sale by the Court. This July 21, 1934. JNO. C. RODMAN, JR., Commissioner. jy24-4t

DR. VIRGIL H. MEWBORN  
Optometrist  
Next Visits:  
Bethel, at Rives Drug Store, Monday, August 20.  
Robersonville, Robersonville Drug Store, Tuesday, August 21.  
Williamston, N. C. at Feid's Jewelry Store, Wednesday, August 22.  
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