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Avoid Friction by All Means

Whether Williamston has Sunday baseball and on public school property is beside the point here. This community would do well to guard against a frictional division widened by abusive remarks, the denial of the right to oppose a program contrary to their expone principles, and unfair tactics exercised by either side.

If a marked division is effected among our people, it might have been better had no organization of baseball ever been perfected here. There are too many important problems facing this community for its people to form hostile camps. It is quite certain that the solutions to these problems cannot be successfully solved without the aid of everyone, so in handling the Sunday baseball question let us show the same sportsmanship that the game itself is supposed to promote.

It is well remembered that the clergy and others who would confine the sport to week days have not sanctioned underhanded attacks after going down in defeat in the past for what they considered right. The serious question now is, Can a working unity be maintained in the future regardless of how the problem is handled?

Sunday baseball has been banned in some big cities and permitted in others without any great damage resulting to the progress of those centers. In a small community such as ours, the question carries the potential danger of an over-charged load of dynamite.

Let's have the question settled amicably and above board.

Farm Tenacy Legislation

The outlook is highly favorable for new farm tenacy legislation that will have a wholesome effect on the South, Senator Robt. R. Reynolds says in his weekly feature column recently released.

The Senator explains that the President has provided for \$50,000,000 in his budget and adds that the Administration believes that the tenacy situation in the Southern States can and must be improved.

The tenacy problem is one big one all right, and before it can be successful solved there has got to be an overhauling of the tenant as well as the system. With many exceptions, of course, the tenant is contented to get all he can and return as little as he possibly can. His interest in the successful operation of a farm is negligible, and he always takes the short cuts that have exacted losses in the farm's natural resources. Probably these is foundation to his attitude, and this attitude must be corrected before aid is put at his disposal.

Tenacy legislation will prove worthless in too many cases if the tenant himself acquaints himself with the operation of new-fangled automobiles and fails to cultivate a determination to earn his own way when the opportunity presents itself. In the final analysis, the success of any tenacy legislation rests with the tenant himself. If he chooses to cooperate and do his best, success will mark his efforts and the legislative program. If he sits idly by and waits for food to be placed in his mouth with a silver spoon, he is doomed to failure and all the legislation 48 states and the congress can pass will prove worthless.

Any legislation congress may pass to aid the tenant farmer will be welcomed, and make possible a real test of the long depressed group.

Insatiable Curiosity

Nothing is so irritable as to hear a college graduate smugly offer as an excuse for not knowing something, "I didn't take that up at college." What if he didn't? Does the desire to learn cease upon graduation?

The unschooled man doesn't think that way. Goaded by a sense that his education is incomplete, he is ever alert to improve himself. At 70 he turns with eager interest to books he didn't have time to read at 15.

The happy mind is the curious mind. An education that does not cultivate and develop the bump of curiosity is no education at all. Blessed by an insatiable curiosity one can go on entertaining one's self by reading and observation until the very end of one's days. At 40 such a man, although he may not have finished grammar school, may be as well educated as a doctor of philosophy.—Bagology in Virginia News.

The People Would Welcome It

The mention of an investigation of "charges" against members of the United States Supreme Court, as contained in the book, "The Nine Old Men," attracted attention of people who for years and until a short while ago believed the court could do no wrong. It was just about one year ago that the AAA was ruled invalid, and since that time, the man about the streets has advanced a greater desire to know more about the court and its history.

Interpretations of the Constitution by the learned men are not questioned. The apparent contradictions found in rulings on the constitutional document are what the people would like to have explained to them. The same people can't understand why coal mining is recognized as entering interstate commerce one time and a part of the same system at another time. Just how the change from human rights set out in the Fourteenth Amendment to property rights was effected would, no doubt, prove quite interesting.

An investigation of the "charges" as contained in the book would enlighten the people to whom the court, after all, is to some extent, answerable.

Mentioning the need for an investigation of the "charges" carried in "The Nine Old Men," Senator Guffey, of Pennsylvania said:

"There is no use blinking the fact that today the Supreme court is itself on trial before the whole nation. Just as in the days after the Dred Scott decision, there is not a man or woman in the street who has not some opinion as to what should or should not be done to the court. To the less the court can maintain its superhuman position of being above criticism, the more it needs to satisfy the very human requirement that it be at least above suspicion.

"The air today is full of talk of constitutional amendment—of shearing the court completely of its power to challenge the legality of an act of Congress. The people—or even members of Congress—cannot be expected to judge wisely on the problem of relationship between the court as an institution and Congress as an institution unless they feel that individual members of the court are themselves personally above suspicion, either as to competence or as to motives.

"In 1898 Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme court said:

"It is a mistake to suppose that the Supreme court is either honored or helped by being spoken of as beyond criticism. The time is past in the history of the world when any living man or body of men could be set on a pedestal and decorated with a halo. True, many criticisms may be, like their authors, devoid of good taste. But better all sorts of criticism than no criticism at all. The moving waters are full of life and health—only in the still waters is stagnation and death."

"The Nine Old Men" makes sensational charges not only regarding the motives behind the votes of certain justices on certain cases but regarding their character and how they got on the court as well. If these statements in "The Nine Old Men" go unchallenged, there will creep across this country an ever-widening suspicion of the motives of members of the court which will embitter and muddle every attempt at cool judgment on great constitutional issues."

The authors of the book are known for conservative and generally know what they are writing about.

Shifting the Criminal

Pardoned on condition that he leave Hopewell, Va., and not return, an alleged criminal was turned out of a Hopewell jail last Christmas to wander at liberty any place except in the Virginia city. Probably the court or pardoning authority did right in the particular case, but it is difficult to understand the action. If an alleged criminal is not good enough to stay in Hopewell is he good enough to enjoy unrestricted liberty in places outside of Hopewell?

Forgetting the specific case, and looking to numerous others, one reaches the conclusion that the shifting of the criminal from one community to another is a mighty poor way to solve the crime problem. Certainly a criminal ordered out of a North Carolina county violate the laws as readily in Virginia as a criminal chased out of Virginia can violate the laws in North Carolina. Numerous alleged law violators escape punishment on the condition that they move on, and the practice is becoming more common. Probably Hopewell, in the recent case, is returning a compliment.

Belated History

Dr. John B. Crane, Harvard University man, is writing a history of aviation and seeking information to substantiate a claim that Gustave Whitehead was a master airman when the Wrights took the air at Kitty Hawk. According to the claim, Whitehead flew about 10 minutes at an altitude of 40 to 50 feet and landed safely. That was in Bridgeport, Conn., in August, 1901, about two years before the Wrights flew, according to the claim.

If there is any foundation to the claim, where has Dr. Crane been all these years? And where are others who would keep the dates of great inventions sacred? Why have they remained idle all this time? While the Wright Brothers' accomplishment was celebrated not so long ago on an international scale, no loud protests were heard even suggesting that the Wrights were imposters.

There are now living a number of people, the claim would have it, who witnessed Whitehead's flight. If the claim is with foundation, it is just too bad that Whitehead did not have a press agent at the time and made it unnecessary for one to turn to belated history to learn the facts after believing all these years that the North Carolina coast was the birthplace of aviation, as well as the birthplace of the nation. As yet, the latter claim as to the birthplace of a nation has not been disputed.

953 LOSE LIVES ON STATE ROADS IN PAST 12 MONTHS

Death Toll In This State Is Less by 105 Than Record In 1935

North Carolina highways were stained with the blood of 953 persons who died in road mishaps last year, the state bureau of vital statistics reported a few days ago.

This total was less by 105 than the 1,058 who met death on the highways of North Carolina in 1935, though the state motor vehicle bureau had not completed its highway fatalities tabulations, which usually list more than does the report of the vital statistics bureau.

Homicides reported in 1936 totaled 364, while in the previous year there were 399. Suicides increased from 276 to 282. Sharpest increase in violent deaths was shown in accidental drowning, which claimed the lives of 211 last year as compared with 143 in 1935.

Death from burns decreased from 239 in 1935 to 175 last year. Railroad accidents, including train-automobile collisions, were fatal to 106 in 1935 and 109 in 1936. There were five air-transportation fatalities in each of the past two years.

Previously reported by the bureau were 35,834 deaths and 76,

863 births in 1936. Deaths the previous year totaled 33,541 and births 79,596.

Pneumonia was the most fatal of sickness in 1936, claiming the lives of 3,840 last year as compared with 2,828 in 1935. Other high fatalities were recorded for: tuberculosis, 1,896 last year (1,766 in 1935); cancer, 1,789 last year (1,780 in 1935); and influenza 1,114 last year (1,033 in 1935).

Club Members Starting Tree Planting Projects

Seventeen 4-H club members in eight clubs of Cumberland County have ordered 600 black walnut trees cooperatively for planting this winter.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by W. O. Abbitt to the undersigned trustee, bearing date May 16, 1933, recorded in the public registry of Martin County in book H-3, at page 165, default having been made in the payment of the notes for which said deed of trust was given as security, and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of same, the undersigned trustee:

DR. V. H. NEWBORN
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tee will on the 15th day of February, 1937, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit:
 Being the Mobley Mill and Mill Site, containing four (4) acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to James A. Everett by W. C. Manning, trustee, by deed of record in the public registry of Martin County in book XXXX, at page 222, to which said deed and deed of trust under which the sale was made are hereby made reference to for a more thorough and accurate description.

This the 11th day of January, 1937.

HUGH G. HORTON, Trustee.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Martin County. In Superior Court, before the Clerk.

D. G. Matthews, Administrator of J. R. Spruill, vs. Mary Simmons, Ella McDaniel and Lizzie Reeves, Et Al.

The defendants, Raymond and

Marion Watson, Mary Simmons, and Ella McDaniel, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court, Martin County, North Carolina, to sell certain lands of the late J. R. Spruill to make assets to pay debts; that the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, said county, in the courthouse in Williamston, N. C. within ten (10) days after service of this summons, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 22nd day of January, 1937.

L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

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| Municipal & other marketable bonds | 2,850,947.71 |
| Other stocks and bonds | 14,106.00 |
| Loans and discounts | 2,030,978.77 |
| Banking houses, furniture and fixtures and real estate | 250,000.00 |
| | \$19,905,644.36 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital Stock — Common | \$ 400,000.00 |
| Capital Stock — Preferred | 400,000.00 |
| Surplus | 400,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 396,215.00 |
| Reserves | 258,698.67 |
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