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Headed For the Junkheap

Many of the time-honored courses in the school curriculum are headed for the junkheap, national education figures meeting in Cleveland recently predicted.

"Why," asks the commission of school men, "should American boys and girls spend their time on such noncontroversial facts as the capital of Honduras is Tegucigalpa?"

Pointing out that there have been shifts in world affairs, that America has been mechanized and urbanized, the commission urges a system of education that will forget dates in history, theorems and Latin conjugations.

There has long been a need to junk the time-honored courses of that type and start teaching children how to live and let live, how to get along with other people, that it is honorable to work and earn their keep, and that they have duties to discharge as citizens.

A few years ago, a teacher in a North Carolina school pleasantly explained that arrangements had been made to dispense with the daily chapel period and devote that time to study of art.

The Farmer Last Again

Much has been said about the farmer receiving parity payments, soil conservation payments; plow-up payments, build-up payments and other payments, but the cold figures show in bold relief that the farmer has received nothing that did not belong to him when these payments are matched with the profits of the manufacturers and the taxes of the various governmental agencies.

In the five-year period prior to 1933, North Carolina tobacco farmers received a total of \$334,000,000. During that same period the manufacturers of tobacco products received \$568,822,000 in net profits.

It has been estimated that for every sixteen cents spent for manufactured tobacco, the farmer gets about one cent. If he had received even two cents out of the sixteen he would not need governmental aid.

And yet, it is a mistake for one to believe that the government is taxing the manufacturer to make those payments. During the past ten years, the government has collected more than four and one-half billions of dollars in taxes imposed on tobacco.

yell from the old conservative group, the group that would tax the farmer into slavery and hold him there while industry sipped the cream in tax-exempt properties.

No, the farmer is not getting something he is not entitled to, he is merely getting something that he is entitled to get and something that he richly deserves.

Neighborliness Awakened

The stark tragedy that befell the little Green's Cross community in Bertie a few days ago kindled anew a sympathetic feeling for our fellowman and recreated a neighborliness that we so often push into the background in our daily walk through life.

How much better the world would be if we would only awaken out of our lethargy and do the neighborly acts day by day and not wait for tragedy and suffering to spur us to action.

Out of the tragedy across the river comes certain proof to the claim that there is still a human spark in our souls, but, sad to relate, it is apparent that little less than a catastrophe will awaken that spark to action.

Party in Power Holds Responsibility

Transcript and Messenger.

Feeling grows over the State that unless the Democratic party—the party now in predominance and power in North Carolina—takes action to mend its ways, voters are going to put into power a governor and maybe other officials of another party identification, the first chance they get.

Few nights ago a former chairman of the State Board of Elections told a gathering of Young Democrats as much.

"If the record of the party or its candidate is not good enough to win on merit, it deserves to lose," Mayor L. P. McLendon is quoted as telling the Democratic club of Durham County.

McLendon has strongly advocated abolishing of the absentee ballot. Use of the absentee ballot has marked many elections—primary and general—as manipulated to take victory for the side that had tallied the most absentee votes.

But behind the pencil mark on fraudulently voted ballots is the marker who has not only marked across opposite the name of his candidates, but has interfered with the exercise of the franchise of voters in the booths.

There's little excuse for use of markers now. We can all read and write; the party in power claims to have done so much for promotion of education in the state that there can be no excuse for illiteracy.

The people are thinking about reform in government and taking more of a part in affairs of state. We believe the greater number of them recognize that marking ballots is an unfair means of winning victories.

In writing new election laws for the state, the party in power in the General Assembly, representing the dominant party in North Carolina, has the challenge before it to do something to provide for honest elections.

Repeal of the absentee ballot and abolition of ballot markers offer possibilities of attaining the objective—honest elections. The party holds the responsibility of giving the electorate what the Governor and the State Board of Elections chairman have recommended.

Planes For France

Christian Science Monitor.

Americans who remember that war trade was followed by war twenty-two years ago naturally look twice at reports that France has bought 600 airplanes in the United States in the last year.

And from the standpoint of American defense there is some feeling that planes in France are as useful as planes in Panama.

Such objections are required to be specified, to be verified, to be in duplicate, and to be filed with the undersigned.

State Digging Heavily Into County's Income

Ups Tax On Liquor And Gets 40 Percent Of Intangible Taxes

Aged Revenue Bill Is Now Likely To Reach the House 'Next Week'

Battling against the powers that be in the Raleigh lobby, the legislature turned again to the counties this week for revenue to finance State operations for the next two years.

Based on the 1938 liquor sales, Martin County will collect and turn over to the State this year approximately \$11,347.11 or an increase of just about \$2,000 from the sale of liquors.

Busy undoing something today that it did yesterday, the committee declares the revenue bill will be dumped on the floor of the House "next week" a promise that has already been repeated numerous times.

The \$400,000 a year in revenue, which was lost by removing the income tax increase of one-fourth of one per cent on corporations and of from 3.5 to 12.5 per cent on all individual income taxes except those in the lowest bracket, was made up Tuesday by giving the State 40 per cent instead of 25 per cent of the yield from taxes on intangible property.

The most important single change in the bill is a loss of \$400,000 a year in revenue due to exemption of rough and dressed lumber, brick and tile from the sales tax.

The next most important change is a reduction of \$249,000 a year in the taxes on railroads, due to a lowering of the rate on franchise taxes from 90 to 75 hundredths of one per cent of assessed value and a light change in income taxes.

The budget commission recommended that they be taxed. The joint committee twice refused to tax them. The subcommittee, which made its fourth report, recommended that they be taxed.

The income tax increase on Monday was voted as a direct alternative to that tax.

When To Give Baby Chicks A Grain Ration

Chicks should be given grain feed after the first seven to ten days. This should be fed two or three times a day on top of the mash.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Washington Division.

In Bankruptcy No. 680 In the Matter of: Thomas Jefferson Robertson, T-A E. J. Robertson & Son, Robertsonville, N. C. Voluntary Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that Saturday, April 1, 1939, has been fixed by an order of the Court entered at the first meeting of creditors, as the last day on which objections to the discharge of this bankrupt may be filed.

PARTICULAR

"I'd rather be in the Martin County jail under the care of Jailer Roy Peel than be on the WPA," T. F. Jackson, an inmate in the hoosegow, was credited yesterday with telling casual acquaintances white on a visit to the bastille.

Jackson was also quoted as saying that it did not make a great deal of difference, but one just does not have to work any at all in jail.

Mecklenburg Will Center On One Variety Cotton

Mecklenburg cotton growers will unite throughout the county to establish a one-variety cotton community and will specialize on Coker's 100 according to a decision reached by 526 growers who attended community meetings last week.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court, Martin County, in an action entitled "Mathews and Rhodes v. Minnie Smith et al," the undersigned Commissioners, will, on the 31st day of March, 1939, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a stob on the Hamilton Road, running thence N 50 E 83 poles to a pine, thence N 35 E 97 1-2 poles to an oak, thence N 25 1-2 E 12 1-2 poles to an ash on the edge of the swamp; thence N 61 W 9 poles, N 60 W 10 poles, N 48 W 8 poles, N 55 1-2 W 8 poles, N 45 1-2 W 16 poles, N 42 W 7 poles, N 50 W 7 poles, N 51 1-2 W 6 poles, N 73 1-2 W 6 1-2 poles, S 15 W 13 poles, S 7 W 3 poles, S 2 3-4 W 6 poles, S 37 1-2 W 6 poles, S 41 W 40 poles, S 44 W 4 poles, S 2 1-2 W 9 poles, S 37 W 17 poles, S 5 1-2 W 15 poles, S 28 W 9 poles, S 37 W 17 poles, S 5 1-2 W 15 poles, S 28 W 9 poles, S 18 1-2 W 7 poles, S 16 W 8 poles, S 4 W 6 poles, S 39 W 7 poles, S 27 W 8 poles, S 9 1-2 W 8 poles, S 4 W 6 poles, S 39 W 7 poles, S 27 W 9 poles to a gum at the head of Deep run, thence S 34 1-2 W 68 poles with the line; thence S 42 1-2 W 51 poles to

the Hamilton Road; thence S 43 1-2 E 45 poles to the beginning. Containing 100 acres, more or less, and being the same land purchased of C. V. Andrews and wife of record in the Martin County Registry.

This land will be sold subject to the life estate of Minnie Smith. A 10 per cent deposit will be required of the last and highest bidder at the sale.

This 27th day of February, 1939. B. A. CRITCHER, E. S. PEEL, Commissioners.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Frank D. Taylor and wife, Bertha Taylor, to Harrison Brothers and Company, dated May 26, 1938, and of record in Book T-3, at page 389 of the Martin County Public Registry, and at the request of the holder of the notes of indebtedness thereby secured, default having been made in the payment thereof, I will, on the 20th day of March, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, offer for sale at public auction for cash the property described in said deed of trust as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the fork of the road in which stands the Biggs School House, thence down the new road to Nancy Rogerson's line to the head of the small branch, thence down the said branch to a lightwood post, in the fork of Lamb's Branch, thence up said branch to the fork of the same, thence up the East prong of said branch to the mouth of the small branch, a poplar, thence up said branch to a pine tree, thence

a straight course to the back line, a pine tree, thence a straight line, a pine tree near a path known as the Matchie Chapel Path, thence along the back line two pines in Askew's line to a black gum on the North prong of Lamb's Branch to the road across which is a canal, thence up said road to the school house to the beginning, containing 190 acres, more or less.

This 18th day of February, 1939.

W. H. HARRISON, Trustee.

Coburn & Coburn, Attys. \$24-4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. H. Moore, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 23rd day of January, 1940, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery.

This 23rd day of Jan., 1939. D. R. MOORE, Administrator of the Estate of J27-6t J. H. Moore, deceased.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN

OP-TOM-E-TRIST Plymouth office, Liverman Drug Co., every Fri., 2 to 5 p. m. Robersonville office, Ross Jewelry Store, Tuesday, Feb. 21. Bethel office: Rives Drug Store, Store, Tuesday, March 7. Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted At Tarboro Every Saturday Williamston office, Peele Jly Co., every Fri., 9:30 a. m. to 12 m.

Reita Theatre—Washington

Table listing movie showtimes and titles at the Reita Theatre. Includes 'SAFETY IN NUMBERS', 'BOY SLAVES', 'NANCY DREW, REPORTER', and 'SECRET SERVICE OF THE AIR'.

Large advertisement for Williamston Motor Co. featuring 'USED FORD V-8's 85's - 60's' and 'FINE USED CARS'. Includes an image of a Ford car and a list of vehicle models and prices.