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IN FLANDERS' FIELD

By Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below,
We are the dead,
Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch—be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Why Billions of Dollars Are Idle

The billions of idle dollars that are bulging the bank vaults in the country today are not idle necessarily because the owners fear governmental legislation and taxation. Most of the dollars are idle because the country is burdened to its knees with interest on the money it has already borrowed. Many of those dollars are idle because the fellow who wants to borrow and actually needs to borrow hasn't the type of collateral required by the conservative investor. Many of those dollars are idle because thousands upon thousands of borrowers were knocked off their feet in the early thirties and they do not rate in the eyes of the conservative lender.

And yet we are told that fear of the government has forced billions of dollars into hiding. Wall Street has advised other lines of business to lower prices for basic commodities and goods to make those commodities and goods move into the channels of trade and reduce excessive surpluses. Until the government came along a borrower never heard anything but six per cent and in frequent cases there was a bonus included in the deal at the borrower's expense.

Let Wall Street stop talking about fear and practice what it has preached all these years—reduce its interest rates and make credit available to those who need credit. To the same extent that the moneyed interests loosen their hold on the creditor's neck, business will improve. But at the present terms there is little hope for an increase.

Main Versus Secondary Roads

The secondary road system, long recognized as the red-headed stepchild of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works commission, is facing a dark future. In the brief breathing spell following the completion of the State's main highway lines, the secondary system came in for a little attention, but not much, to be sure. Now State officials are talking about rebuilding the main trunk lines, meaning that the secondary system will do well to hold a place under the sun.

Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, a man who has offered to figure more prominently in the public eye than the mere prominence gained in a permanent position with the revenue department, points out that North Carolina needs to spend forty million dollars to modernize its main highway system. Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise maintains that the task will require forty-seven million dollars. But what's a mere seven million dollars between the Raleigh boys?

It is true that the main gas tax is collected from the traveler on the trunk highway, and certainly the main highway deserves first attention. But much of this talk about modernizing the highway should be nipped in the bud.

This business of competing in a race that as the speed increases will profit no one much should be considered at length before any action is taken to convert roads that were built to accommodate traffic at from 35 to 40 miles an hour to roads that will "tote" traffic at 60, 70 and even 76 miles an hour.

Struck with the false idea of building super roads for the foreign traveler that he might be impressed once or twice each year, our highway officials have had to overlook the secondary roads and other "feeder" lines. While the construction and maintenance of those secondary lines more than offset the revenue, they unbottled the traffic to the main lines where rich revenue followed in their due course. In this State, it has been the policy to let North Carolinians drag through mud and mire to the main highways and battle the foreign car for a place there. We have placed too much value in the casual visit of the foreigner and overlooked the importance of the home fellow who traveled nearly every day in the year.

If Mr. Maxwell plans to run for governor, and up Raleigh way the boys say he is planning to do just that, he will find it advisable to get off the main highways and travel around the byways and hedges where the basic course of taxation and progress can be contacted. There he will find the votes and possibly recognize the need for secondary road construction along with the need for a super system for handling trunk line traffic.

In the Looking Glass

Bertie Ledger-Advance

Most of the cotton belt at one time or another has looked about for some convenient goat on which to hang the blame for cotton's deplorable condition. Bitterly has blame been piled on the civil war and the war in China, high tariffs, and high taxes, the boll weevil and the dictators, Washington and the weather.

Yet during National Cotton Week, May 22-27 it may be well for the cotton belt to look into a place it has neglected—it's household mirror. There it will find a very unusual figure, one who is both partially responsible for the present condition of cotton and the only one who has the power to bring about cotton's recovery.

The story of what others have done to cotton is tragic; but the story of what the cotton belt has done to it, and of what it has not done for it, is both tragic and inexcusable. Those to whom cotton means most have not bothered to be loyal in its use.

National Cotton Week offers the opportunity of the year for active and effective support of the agricultural product on which twenty-five million Americans depend for all or part of their income. In sponsoring it the National Cotton Council and other agencies have not asked for sacrifices or inconveniences in behalf of a public cause. Rather have they asked the people of the cotton belt to invest their money in modern merchandise offering full returns in style, smartness and serviceability. They ask the logical maintenance of an American market for one of America's greatest crops—a crop whose products give to every purchaser a little more than his money's worth.

Uniform Marriage Laws

Winston-Salem Journal.

Reports from various counties over the State indicate that the new marriage law is causing numbers of young couples to revive the old custom of journeying to neighboring states to be married.

The trouble lies in the failure of North Carolina's neighbors to put teeth in their own marriage laws.

But the pilgrimage of an occasional couple to adjoining states to obtain marriage license should not discourage the friends of public health in North Carolina. A few diseased persons here and there may be among those who trek to Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee or Georgia to evade our marriage statutes, and the counties may lose a little revenue on that account.

But through an adequate measure of cooperation between the public and county health authorities the elopers may be singled out and compelled to submit to physical examination. And the dollars counties lose through the operation of out-of-state Gretna Greens will be offset by the larger community values created by a healthier citizenship.

However, the problem could be simplified for the nation in general if the health departments of the various states would get together and formulate a uniform marriage law to recommend to the legislature in each state for adoption. The enactment of uniform marriage health laws would break up the operation of Gretna Greens and drive the 'marrying magistrates', who are primarily interested in fees, out of business.

Gems For Your Scrapbook

"The most manifest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness."—Montaigne.

Interesting Bits Of Agricultural News

Insured

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has reported that 156,000 premium payments, representing about 6,400,000 bushels of wheat, have been received for "all-risk" policies on the 1939 wheat crop.

Sorghum

Feeding experiments in Nebraska have shown sorghums to be 90 per cent as valuable as corn in the feeding ration for all kinds of livestock.

Jump

The annual tonnage of beef graded according to Federal standards rose from 408,000,000 pounds in 1937 to 603,000,000 pounds in 1938, or an increase of 47.6 per cent.

Health

Medical services for the farm family represent only about six per cent of the cost of all the goods and services required by the average farm family.

Chaser

Since mice dislike the odor of naphthalene, flakes of this repellent scattered over and around bags of idle seed, blankets, and clothing form good protection.

Equal

The Minnesota Division of Forestry has found that a cord of black locust, hickory, oak, or ironwood will produce about the same number of heat units as a ton of good hard coal.

Business Conditions Will Remain Stable

Relatively stable domestic business conditions and demand for farm products in 1939 was predicted last week by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in one of its periodic economic surveys. Indications point to some improvement during the summer, but no marked change, the bureau said. Meanwhile, in inner New Deal circles it was indicated a huge new spending program is under consideration. One figure named was \$3,000,000,000 which would be second in size only to the history-making \$4,800,000,000 relief and recovery program of 1935. Despite the growing economy sentiment of a small but determined group in Congress, administration backing for at least part of the spending proposals now being formulated is anticipated. The president said last week that specific measures must be found and adopted to bring together idle men, machines and money.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the power and authority contained in a certain deed of trust dated the 24th day of December, 1934, executed by William Ruffin and wife, Bessie Ruffin, to T. C. Abernethy, trustee, which deed of trust is duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Martin County, North Carolina, in Book

N-3, page 487, securing a certain note payable to Home Owners' Loan Corporation, default having been made for a period of more than ninety (90) days in the payment of said note as provided therein and in the performance of certain covenants set out in said deed of trust, and demand of foreclosure having been made by the holder of said indebtedness, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Martin County, Williamston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on the 16 day of June, 1939, the following described real estate to wit:

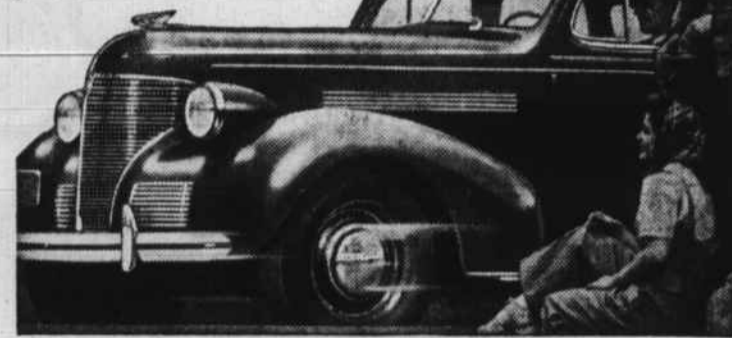
Lying and being in the town of Williamston, Williamston Township, County of Martin, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows: Adjoining the lands of Hettie Thompson, Ida Everette and Reddick Street on the line between William Ruffin and Hettie Tomphson; thence along

the line of Hettie Tomphson South 61 deg 15' West 108 feet to a stake; thence along the line of Hettie Tomphson North 30 deg 15' West 50 feet to the line of Ida Everette; thence along the line of Ida Everette North 61 deg 15' East 108 feet to a stake of Reddick Street; thence along Reddick Street South 30 deg 15' East 50 feet to the beginning, and being the same premises conveyed to R. J. Peel by Elbert S. Peel, trustee, by Trustee's Deed bearing date August 25, 1932, and recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book L-3, at page 94, and being the same premises described on a map or plat thereof made by D. G. Modlin, Surveyor, December 1, 1934, and which is now on file with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. Being the same premises described in a deed from Elbert S. Peel, Trustee, to William Ruffin and wife, Bessie Ruffin, bearing date January 24, 1928, filed for record and recorded January 24, 1928, in the Martin County Public

Registry in Book Z-2, at page 309. This property will be sold subject to 1939 taxes. The purchaser at this sale will be required to make a cash deposit of 5 per cent of the purchase price to show good faith. This, the 15th day of May, 1939. T. C. ABERNETHY, Trustee. Gilling & Spruill, Attys. m19-26-j2-9-16

DR. V. H. MEWBORN
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Williamston office, Peele Jly Co., every Fri., 9:30 a. m. to 12 m

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