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A Good Investment

Several years ago, several big corporations and it is recalled that others, too, were reporting large operating deficits. Big business sat bewildered as it patiently waited for an eventful turn so earnestly promised at the corner. A short time thereafter the great business executives, possessing receptive minds, expressed a willingness to be saved by the Democratic Administration.

That was the picture just a few years ago. More recently the same corporations reported new high records had been reached in their business operations, the ledger sheet showing fancy profits instead of losses. The information came out in the form of a report to stockholders. Simultaneously with that report came another attacking the New Deal and pointing out the excessive tax burden.

Business heads consider it a good investment when they can spend billions and reap more billions. Then it can be recognized as a good investment when one tax dollar can be spent and two, four, six or even more can be reaped in an increased business.

It is apparent that we do not realize the value received from the tax dollar, for it is the rule in this country to attack the taxing system as something foreign to democratic government.

Little Change In Half A Century

Marked have been the changes in our every phase of life since July, 1896, but an editorial appearing in Volume I, Number 34, of the Eastern Carolina News, a newspaper published in Williamston during the period by the late Miss Hattie K. Thrower proves that people have changed little. Under the heading, "Abuse of Those in Authority," Miss Thrower wrote:

We hear a great deal these days about liberty—liberty of speech. It is the American's heritage sealed by the blood of the patriots of '76. We boast of it, and under its protection became careless of the true meaning of our privilege. And after all it is a much abused word, and the conclusion is often reached that we have too much liberty of speech, or rather abuse it in a manner unbecoming a citizen of a great government.

One strong point in the character of every American is his loyalty to the government when needed in her defense, yet he stands daily and hurls abuse at that very government, its laws and its rulers.

That is liberty, but is it true loyalty? We have no cloak with which to cover the mistakes of any man, but hold that those in authority, whether they be presidents, governors or magistrates, be allowed the same privilege we take. Men in high position are no more infallible than those whose ballots placed them there, and yet we abuse them because our pet theory is not their's, and they cannot see things through our smoky glasses.

We forget the example of the lowly Nazarene who performed a miracle to pay tribute unto Caesar, and taught at all times obedience to those in authority and respect for the dignity of their office. Some of us pray daily for God to "bless the President of the United States, the Governor of this State and all others in authority," and go out and hurl vile epithets at the very men for whom the prayer was said. What base hypocrisy!

Our country is full of growlers—men whom none could satisfy, be they ever so free from fault. They have not the slightest conception of what they wish nor what is best for the country. Yet these men elected rulers and law-makers and still the growling continues and will while time lasts. We are a liberty-loving people and want everybody to learn of our opinions, so we open our mouths and they come forth sometimes to blacken and ruin, but it is our privilege.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to pay his church dues before he took a vacation trip?—Salem Times-Mirror.

Peace will be visible in the world when standards of living are more nearly equal. — Exchange.

Daily Christian Living

Roy Parker in Hertford County Herald.

Granting the importance of the pulpit sermon and with full realization of the necessity for continued pastoral preaching, I believe more firmly than I ever have that the daily Christian living of the church member, and more particularly of the men of the church, are the sermons that sustain religion and keep alive the spirit of Christianity; and it is upon that basis that this church or any other church is largely gauged and judged. I subscribe to this quoted sentiment: "I think that to have known one good, old man—one man, who, through the chances and mischances of a long life, has carried his heart in his hands, like a palm-branch, waving all discords into peace—helps our faith in God, in ourselves, and in each other more than sermons" . . . There is nothing new in these pronouncements; you and I have heard them since early childhood but on this day when the thought and theme is a time and place for adding emphasis by repetition. More than that, it is the time for us to take inventory of our own selves, to learn, if we can, whether we are living the sort of sermon about which we are speaking, and, if we are not, to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of good living, and Christian living.

It matters not what position one occupies in the church relations—whether a leader, teacher, deacon, or other officer, or just a plain worshipper—no matter how far removed from general recognition, he is one of the church group of men impressive for good, and impressive for evil, and it is in the nature of things that he cannot really improve himself without in some degree improving others. Which is but another way of saying, the lowliest of us exert an influence upon those with whom we come into contact, and that there is no such thing as living our own lives without making an impression—for good or evil—upon others . . . Neither can we live a sermon on Sunday alone—by keeping up with the forms of worship and filling a profunctorial place in religious activities; we must live well and perseveringly every day of a lifetime if we would preach the effective sermon for others' guidance or for the approval of our own conscience.

The first and greatest test as a personal exemplar of Christian virtues and guidance comes to us in the home life. As fathers, as companions of others' children, the influence the layman exerts is incalculable for good or bad, depending upon his own daily conduct before those of the most impressionable ages.

In business, our relations with the public we serve, daily conduct towards fellow employers, treatment of employees—all of these things contribute to the sermon our lives are preaching. What sort of a sermon it is will be determined by the character of the individual person, as expressed in the dealings he has with these groups.

Perhaps, there is no relation in life that provides a clearer and more accurate perspective and mirror of one's life than what he does with his leisure time—the hours and the days when one chooses to do the things he wants to do most. It is of greater import now than ever before, I think, especially since more emphasis has been placed upon curtailing hours and days of work, and there is more opportunity for the average individual to devote his time and thoughts to other than workaday problems . . . What one does with his leisure time is a pretty fair gauge of the character of the person. During these hours one lives the life of his own choice, and it is either constructive or destructive as one chooses. I need not catalog the things that one may do for good or evil. There are plenty of them in each category.

I suspect that the average church pastor can gauge his members, particularly those of us who have reached the age where we are capable of determining our own particular choices, more accurately by what they do with their leisure time than he can by observing them at regular church worship, or by visits in the home or through business dealing with them. In the other relations of life, what we do with our leisure time likewise determines our well being . . . I recall now that the medical specialist to whom I gave a personal history, in the course of diagnosis of serious bodily ills, said to me: "What do you do when you are not at work, I am not interested in what job you worked at nor how hard you worked during business hours. It is what you did after work hours that will help me diagnose the causes of your illness." In this personal experience it developed that I had not given proper care and treatment to my personal body during the hours of leisure; and true it is, and will ever be, that your soul's welfare is largely determined by the sort of treatment it receives during the period when you own habits and life.

The life of a layman is one continuous sermon, and the pulpit is wherever one happens to be.

An animal trainer claims that he has taught a dog to read. And we've got spelling bees, too.—Punch.

Middle age is the sudden realization that the "young married set" means some other crowd.—Detroit News.

The idea that a man can make a fortune without contributing to society explains why so many men never have any money.—Exchange.

Only rarely does a man with a hobby go crazy. But think of his poor wife. — Brandon Sun, Canada.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of Mrs. Ada Knight, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned for payment within twelve (12) months from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th day of October, 1939.
MRS. FRANCES KNIGHT PARKER
Executrix of the Estate of
Mrs. Ada Knight.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
County of Martin against D. W. Downs and wife, Emma P. Downs, George M. Fountain, trustee, Robert W. McCulloch, administrator of A. J. McCulloch, and E. C. Winslow, agent of the administrator of A. J. McCulloch, Dr. S. P. Bass and Murray Lumber Co., Inc.

The defendants, Robert W. McCulloch, administrator of A. J. McCulloch, deceased, and Murray Lumber Co., above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to foreclose the taxes on land in Martin County in which said defendants have an interest; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the completion of this service of publication by notice and to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 1st day of November, 1939.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court of
Martin County.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court, Martin County in a special proceeding entitled "Dallas Peal et al v. Selma Wynn et al," the undersigned commissioners, will, on Thursday, November 30th, 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:

A tract of land lying and being in Martin County, North Carolina, located in Robersonville Township, Martin County, bounded on the North by the old Williamston and Greenville Road, on the West by Charlie Warren and Abram Roberson and on the East by the Jenkins Farm and on the South by Flat Swamp and Tranter's Creek. Containing 196 acres, more or less.

The purchaser at the same will be required to make a deposit of 10 per cent of the purchase price.

This 26th day of October, 1939.
H. L. SWAIN,
B. A. CRITCHER,
Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
Ezell Briley and wife, Gladys Briley vs. R. O. Purvis, Elliott Purvis, Geneva Purvis and others.

Under and by virtue of an order of L. B. Wynne, clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, the undersigned commissioner, heretofore appointed by the court, will, on Friday, the 1st day of December, 1939, at twelve o'clock noon in front of the main dwelling house on the premises hereinafter described, of-

fer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to wit:

First: All of the merchantable timber of every kind, nature and description standing, fallen, lying and in anywise being upon the lands hereinafter described which will measure at the time of cutting same 12 inches in diameter at the tree stump 12 inches above the ground and larger. The successful purchaser will be given a deed by the commissioner conveying such timber in

fee simple and also granting to said purchaser the full term of 3 years from the date of the deed in which to cut and remove said timber, and also the right of ingress and egress to and upon said lands for the purpose of cutting and removing said timber and the usual rights and privileges given in timber deeds.

Second: The following described tract or parcel of land, subject only to the timber deed and timber rights and privileges hereinabove provided for, to wit:

Lying and being on the East side of the road from Bethel to Hassells, bounded on the North by the lands of W. R. L. Purvis, on the East by the lands of J. O. Keel, on the South by the lands of R. O. Purvis, and on the West by said road from Bethel to Hassells, containing 250 acres, more or less, and being that part of the S. C. Purvis farm owned by the children of said S. C. Purvis.

This 30th day of October, 1939.
ELBERT S. PEEL,
Commissioner.

FIRST SALE!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

— At The —

Central Warehouse

ROBERSONVILLE, N. C.

JIM GRAY, F. G. ANDERSON, CHARLEY GRAY, Props.

First Sale Tuesday, Nov. 14

— At The —

Red Front Warehouse

ROBERSONVILLE, N. C.

SECOND SALE MONDAY at RED FRONT WAREHOUSE

Monday we had the highest average and best sale of the entire year. And what a sale it was. With Jim and Charley pushing and pulling with all their worth, we sold 384,424 pounds of tobacco for an official average of

20.05

OUR PREDICTIONS OF LAST WEEK CAME TO PASS

We Sell 'Em High Every Day

When tobacco sells higher, rest assured "HONEST" JIM and "HARD-WORKING" CHARLEY will be the one's selling it higher. Be sensible. Sell the rest of your crop with us.

JIM and CHARLIE GRAY, Proprietors

GREENVILLE

"BEST MARKET IN THE STATE"

THERE IS A DEMAND FOR ALL TYPES OF TOBACCO ON THE GREENVILLE MARKET
COMPETITION IS STRONG
ON EVERY LEAF THAT COMES OFF THE STALK, AND AS THE CROP GROWS SHORTER

Prices Go Higher in Greenville

Monday's Sales

1,669,506 lbs. \$320,626.38 Average \$19.21

Sales Week Ending November 3rd.

7,986,106 pounds for \$1,473,410.58, Average \$18.51

Sales Week Ending October 27th.

8,067,434 pounds for \$1,491,093.97, Average \$18.44

Sales Week Ending October 20th

8,444,296 pounds for \$1,472,931.70, Average \$17.45

The Big Rush Is Over!

IN A FEW DAYS YOU CAN COME TO GREENVILLE, SELL AND RETURN HOME THE SAME DAY

Five — Sets of Buyers — Five

Make A Prompt And A Higher Sale Possible

A GREATER DEMAND
STRONGER COMPETITION
HIGHER PRICES

