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Not To Be Trusted?

The Europeans are not to be trusted. They are immoral. They are crazy. These and similar charges were heard on the streets of our little town a few days ago.

No one even offered to make an issue of the declarations, for the people across the waters may be just that.

Looking closer to home one wonders if we Americans aren't worse than our fellowmen across the seas. The day of trust is spent in this country. There are no more plain notes in any appreciable number. Open accounts are bogging down the ledgers, the makers, in many cases, entertaining no idea of ever meeting the obligation. We promise to pay today and go to the courthouse tomorrow in an effort to dodge the obligation. America is overflowing with broken promises.

And when it comes to our morals we can only hang our heads in shame. We have a make-believe moral system, a system that is muddled by suits started in the open courts to gain support for an illegitimate frat. Such cases run up into the scores in a county no larger than our own. We schedule the religious service and then go to the worldly amusement house. We set apart a day to render thanks and then go to a football game. We think it terrible when other peoples refuse or fail to observe the Sabbath, but we hold open wide our places of business on Sunday, and a review of the court records following Sunday shows that we are faltering in the true observance of the Lord's Day.

Crowded into small territories, the millions in Europe with their differing creeds and customs apparently do well to maintain a mental balance. While here in America, with an open country and a creed that strikes of similarity, we have our institutions crowded and our jails caring for the mentally unbalanced.

Then who's to be trusted? Who's immoral? Who's crazy? Maybe all those outside the asylum are crazy and those in the asylum are not. Who knows?

An Empty Observance

Somehow or other Armistice Day last Saturday held an empty meaning for those who value peace and friendship above arms and force. The observance of the day was marked by its emptiness, one recognizing in the event a mere custom rather than as an anniversary of a crowning achievement or as the foundation for a perfect peace not limited to a scant quarter of a century.

There is cause to celebrate when the mouths of big guns are hushed and the roar of death-dealing weapons are silenced, but the very fact that upon the 21st anniversary of the Armistice war grips the world again should cause us to ponder our course during the past two decades.

Realizing that that course led to a renewal of armed conflict, we would do better to steer a different course when the opportunity presents itself in the future.

Possibly the principles of Christianity, once adopted will pierce the walls of misunderstanding, promote the brotherhood of men and lead to a lasting and perfect peace. Activities in the past few years prove beyond all questioning that the multiple creation of weapons will not prevent war, that some other course must be followed if there is to be an enduring peace.

While the first stone in the foundation for a permanent peace was laid in the last war, the construction of a world peace was abruptly stopped by a military domination on the part of Europe and an isolationist policy so loudly proclaimed by erring leaders in our own nation's capital. The mistakes of that period stand out in bold relief before our eyes today. Let us strive to correct those mistakes and follow a different course in the future, a course that will add meaning to an armistice day at some future time.

Geo. W. Wiseman, in an Armistice Day poem, points out the means to an end for war, as follows:

How well this age recalls your timely birth,
When human vultures stalked a blood-soaked earth;

No ancient hero passing in review
Received the wild acclaim accorded you;
And we, resenting not the love you bore,
Proclaimed with zeal that war would be no more.

Since then the fleeting years have come and gone,
Erasing gory scenes you looked upon;
And earth, still wet with blood from unhealed scars,

Again bends low before the god of Mars;
But this you taught—that war will never cease,
Until men bow before the Prince of Peace.

The Committee's Work

Elkin Tribune.

Through the democratic process of the ballot box the farmers were called on to determine whether they would have crop control, particularly regarding tobacco. They voted overwhelmingly for it. And now under the same democratic process they have chosen township or community committees that will have much to do in the administration of the crop control program.

In the last issue of The Tribune we gave a full list of these committees as formed by the county convention at Dobson. We know some of these men and have the utmost confidence in their ability and sincerity, and we are persuaded that others whom we do not know are cut to the same pattern.

Determining farm acreage allotments in their relation to normal yields, soil building goals, farm-marketing quotas, etc., will be a tedious job, even when outlined and simplified by instructions from Washington and assistance from Raleigh. And if their ultimate and collective decisions conflict with the views of the landowner the hugeness of their task should be borne in mind and due tolerance exercised for what may or may not be faults in their reasoning.

The success of this control program depends on cooperation. The government has found it advisable, if not absolutely necessary, to penalize those who deliberately elect not to cooperate. Certainly a continuance of the program depends upon the satisfactory manner in which it is accepted and administered during the 1940 agricultural conservation year. These committees want to see the thing work out right, and it follows that they will be scrupulously careful in the important matter of acreage allotments. Others, for the same reason, should be cautious and stingy with their criticism. If errors are made, there are ways of correcting them, and these should be employed in lieu of the popular tongue-lashing that sometimes follows.

What we are trying to say is that we hope these committees will approach their problems with the utmost sincerity and that they will have the unselfish cooperation of their neighbors.

Industrial plants take two-fifths of the cotton consumed in the United States, according to the National Cotton Council.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court: County of Martin against Joe Whitehorse, Thomas Whitehorse, Catherine Whitehorse, Mamie H. Lilley and husband, Frank Lilley, Annie H. Rue and husband, Charlie Rue, Martha H. Dale and husband, T. E. Dale, Dorothy Hargrove Holden and husband, Paul B. Holden, Rachel Hargrove Brown and husband, Silas Brown.

The defendants, Joe Whitehorse, Thomas Whitehorse, Catherine Whitehorse, Mamie H. Lilley and husband, Frank Lilley, 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 own 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 advertisement 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 the 28th day of October, 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 an action entitled "J. F. Martin et al v. C. A. Harrison et al," the undersigned commissioners will, on Monday, the 4th day of December, 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 tracts of land:

FIRST TRACT: Located in Jamesville Township, and bounded as follows: On the North by L. B. Harrison, on the South by Levi Davis, on the East by L. B. Harrison and Charlie Gurkin and on the West by the Davis tract. Containing 11 acres, more or less, and known as the Harrison Gurkin tract.

SECOND TRACT: Located in Jamesville Township, and bounded as follows: On the North and West by L. B. Harrison, on the East by Harman Gurkin's land, and on the South by the Josh Jerman land, containing 20 acres, more or less, and known as the Davis land.

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a pine, thence running up cedar creek or branch to a Spanish oak, at corner of William Carkeet line; thence along the fence, thence up the dividing line, thence along the dividing line S 36 degrees East to the first station. Being 60 acres, more or less.

FOURTH TRACT: Beginning at a post on the Southern edge of the right of way of the A. C. L. R. R. and the northeastern corner of the tract deeded to J. E. C. Davis of this date to M. F. Hopkins, thence eastwardly along the right of way of the R. R. 44 poles to a post, a corner, thence S 20 E to and across the Main Run of the Big Swamp, thence down the southern edge of the Big Swamp to small chopped black gum, M. F. Hopkins corner, thence N 29 W 160 poles along said M. F. Hopkins line to the beginning. Containing 30 acres, more or less.

FIFTH TRACT: Beginning at the Josh Jerman Corner on the right of way of the A. C. L. R. R. Co., thence along said right of way on the A. C. L. R. R. to the Free Union Road, thence down the Free Union Road to a marked black gum, in the head of a bottom or flat to and through

Big Swamp, thence down Big Swamp to the said Josh Jerman line or corner opposite the point of beginning, thence along the line of the said Joshua Jerman property to the point of beginning. Containing 40 acres, more or less, and being the said property conveyed by J. E. C. Davis and wife to Sam Moore.

The last and highest bidder at the sale will be required to make a deposit of 10 per cent of the price bid. This 2nd day of November, 1939.
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