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North Carolina Sleeping

North Carolina is sleeping at the switch while trains of other states move rapidly forward to a realm of permanent prosperity.

In the educational and cooperative exhibit halls of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the annual meeting of the organization a few days ago, nearly every state in the Union was represented except North Carolina. Kentucky was there with a unique exhibit which pointed out the inequality of the taxing system imposed on tobacco. Illinois, with an exhibit that covered considerable space, presented a clear and concise picture of a growing and prosperous agriculture. The Vermont sugar farmer was there to show and sell his products. Wisconsin, represented by a health 4-H club member, displayed for sale a tasty selection of cheese and butter products. Even Puerto Rico had an able exhibit showing the cane sugar industry and other agricultural products. It was a great show, one that visualized the agricultural resources of a great farming country and evidenced the untiring work that has been done on the American farm.

The exhibits proved just what can be done in agriculture, how problems have been met and are being met through farm cooperative effort, organization and educational and administrative undertakings initiated by recognized farm organizations.

At no place has a more concise picture of the common objectives of an advancing agriculture been presented. But North Carolina — the great STATE — was not in the picture. Because it has a limited organization unit and because there is not a close relationship between agriculture and industry within the State, North Carolina did not have the means to promote an exhibit that would compare with those of other states. It was quite apparent that industry in Illinois has recognized the value of a permanent prosperity on the farms of that state and area. Under the Illinois banner was found a great display of soybean products, a display put there by the Farm Bureau of that State in cooperation with the railroads, bankers and other branches of industry.

It was a bit disappointing to the on-looker from North Carolina to view such a varied line of farm products and farm by-products and fail to find the lowly peanut or golden tobacco leaves in the picture.

Ignoring the Foundation

Out in Chicago a few days ago approximately 6,000 farm leaders from all over the nation met in annual convention under the banner of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The meeting was recognized as one of the greatest of its kind ever held in this country. From nearly every state in the Union went community leaders, men and women who hold forth the torch of freedom and advancement. Great political figures were there and participated in the program.

With this great meeting in progress, the great metropolitan press of the State of Illinois, jumping at every chance to attack the present national administration and to belittle the organization efforts of agriculture, turned its front pages over to the crime wave that apparently never loosens its grip there. Dirty politics occupied banner headlines, and the commercial interests were played up. Pictures from the world of sport stared one in the face at each turn of the page.

But the farmers were pushed into the backgrounds. Even Cordell Hull, the greatest Secretary of State of all times, was crowded into an obscure spot in a feeble section of the great city papers when he addressed a meeting of the group on the second day of the convention.

In few instances has there ever been a greater contrast of the forces that mark the fancies of today and those that work to build a foundation for a progressive prosperity. The very foundation of this country was ignored, but crime, dirty politics and questionable policies a-la-Chicago, stared forth from the pages.

Farmer after farmer realized that their meeting had been virtually ignored and their causes belittled by the smart city press. But there was

no grumbling. In the eyes of those farmers glittered evidence of a greater determination to carry on, to march to victory, and to hades with the big press.

In that Chicago meeting it could be seen that the big city press, once the champion of human rights and freedom, is rapidly deserting its position and joining forces contrary to the very principles it espoused for so many years. A press that once welcomed the farmer now holds an apparent partnership with the criminal and crooked politician, but it will not live long and when it does come it will be men and women from an organization like that meeting in Chicago who will take up and hold high the torch of liberty.

Finding Happiness

There was the fellow who traveled the world over looking and searching diligently for happiness. There was the fellow who sought happiness by pursuing a course contrary to the rights of others. There was the fellow who turned to the passing fancies of the day in search of happiness but he could never quite reach the end of the rainbow.

Those who would search for and find happiness will do well to enter into the spirit of the holiday season now upon us, remembering that the greatest happiness comes in making others happy.

It isn't the hustling and bustling activities that make one happy at Christmas time. No one ever reaped lasting happiness through the medium of money. It is the humble walk into the lives of the less fortunate, the spirit of good will toward all fellowmen that bring the greatest happiness.

Surely, at this season of the year the every one of us will do well to think soberly about the real spirit of the Christmas season and so act that joy and peace may be ours in measure.

There can be little happiness for us if we think about the needy and refuse or fail to act in their behalf, but one's happiness can be guaranteed if he thinks of the needy and acts to help relieve their lot.

Join in with the Christmas Cheer movement and make sure that you will reap the most in happiness this 1939 Christmas season.

Raider Holiday

Charlotte News.

Surface raids by German pocket battleships and fast cruisers are a much more serious threat to British shipping right now than the submarine. If the apparent exploit of one of them yesterday, in sinking four ships of a convoy off Gibraltar, were often repeated, the British food supply might be gravely endangered.

All of which suggests several things. For one, the ghost of the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922, the most ill-fated treaty ever entered into by man. Following our great moral leadership, the British were weak-minded enough not only to take a host of new and fast ships out to sea and sink them but also to enter into a long period of inactivity in building, which not even the news that Nazi Germany was building again could jar them out of. Indeed as late as four years ago, they were still pretending, in company with ourselves, that that treaty remained quite feasible and sane.

Today they are paying: find themselves with only three ships, the battle cruisers Hood, Repulse and Renown, with speed enough to have any chance of catching the pocket battleships and gun power enough to destroy them if they did catch them—ships which are badly needed to guard the North Sea. Meantime our great moral leadership has retired into hiding under the sink.

Another thing is that the British naval command has so far shown up as much less daring and skillful in this war than the German. That may be due to the nature of the case—the fact that the British, in laying down their blockade, need to conserve their forces rather than engage in spectacular and dangerous feats. But another thing that occurs is that it may also be partly due to the fact that the naval command is loaded up with men appointed for all sorts of reasons other than ability—the sort of men who are the curse of every old establishment like the Admiralty and who nearly lost the British the last war. It is a lesson we should look at closely on our own account.

Cost Of War

Sampson Independent.

We read that the present war in Europe is costing the nations involved a cash outlay of \$1,000,000 a minute, or about \$60,000,000 an hour. When we stop to think of what a million dollars actually is, we are moved to wonder how long a war costing so much money, to say nothing of the loss in lives, could possibly last.

Then, too, the worst part of it is that the cost of the last world war is still hovering over the world, and will be for many, many years to come. In fact, it never will be paid.

If the rulers of nations would only stop to consider the cost in lives, destruction and money, we don't believe they would go to war except in case of an invasion by an outside nation.

Whats gone with the Hoover carts? Are we more prosperous? That sounds like a foolish question, and it is foolish. In the early thirties, Hoover carts were the rage, not because people wanted to use them, but because they could not do any better. Today a Hoover cart is a curiosity. And, yet, occasionally some guy ups and remarks that we are in no better financial condition than in the Hoover cart days.—Marshville Home.

Happenings In The Bear Grass School

Everything seems to have Christmas in its heels—Christmas carols and Christmas decorations are heard and seen in every room. School will turn out for the holidays Wednesday, Dec. 20, and will start again on January 1. Everyone seems to be looking forward to a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. Piephoff, the Presbyterian minister, has recently shown some very educational as well as interesting religious pictures in the Bear Grass school auditorium for the benefit of the students and citizens of the community. No admission was charged, but everyone was asked to contribute a small amount to pay the cost of the picture. Those pictures already shown here have been greatly enjoyed by all who saw them and it is hoped that there will be more of the same type.

The Midnight Ramblers, a popular group of entertainers, will be at the Bear Grass School auditorium, Friday night, December 15. The program will be interesting and varied. A large crowd is expected.

Interest in basketball is still running high in the Bear Grass school. A number of games, both boys' and girls', have been played this season. They have lost some, but have won more. There are several games scheduled to be played in the near future and the boys and girls will greatly appreciate the presence of all those who can attend.

Report cards have been given out for the second time during this school year. A goodly number of the student made the honor roll.

Mr. Hickman, the principal, has recently purchased a set of art pictures for each of the elementary grades. They are expected during the next month.

Women Enter U. S. Business In Big Way

Since the turn of the century women have been going into business in a big way. Now they seem to be applying their delicate touch to government and politics. Significant as a trend in consumer activity, women of Minneapolis, Minn., and Jackson, Mich., last week launched drives for more economy in their municipal governments. The women, in each case members of the National Consumers Tax Commission, non-partisan tax study organization, proposed a study of economy measures effected in cities comparable to their own. In a "spirit of friendly cooperation," they proposed that a board of citizens and city officials be appointed to make the study and recommendations. The progress of these two drives by another link in the chain of events leading toward streamlined governmental economy and efficiency.

Dr. and Mrs. Will McDowell, of Scotland Neck, visited Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer here Sunday.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the judgment of the Superior Court, Martin County, in an action entitled "Joe Harrell et al v. Annie Harrell et al" the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday, January 15, 1940, 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 the corner in Jesse Williams line, running N 58 E 21 poles, thence N 68 E 9 poles, thence S 58 W 29 poles, thence N 27 1-2 W 6 poles to the beginning. Containing One Acre, more or less.

Beginning at Northeast corner of Lot No. 7, Jesse Williams land, thence N 58 1-4 E 18 54-100 poles to right of way of the A. C. L. Railroad, 33 1-4 E 25 2-5 poles with said right of way to corner of Beulah Station's

lot No. 14, thence S 58 1-4 W 19 7-10 poles, thence N 31 W 25 2-5 poles to the beginning, it being Lots Nos. 5, 10 and 12 as per plat of N. M. Worsley, duly recorded. Containing by estimation Three (3) acres.

The last and highest bidder will be required to make a deposit of 10 per cent of the purchase price at the sale.

This 11th day of December, 1939.
B. A. CRITCHER,
Commissioner.

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