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Easter

While Easter, 1941, is almost certain to hold a truer meaning in a war-torn world than in any other recent year. America will, in all probability, center a greater attention on the fashion parade. Even though they are burdened by the heavy hand of an aggressor, millions in war-stricken Europe are bowed down in prayer, and in their suffering they are experiencing the experiences of Christ on that Good Friday twenty centuries ago.

Could it be that we, far removed from the scene of conflict, must suffer the experiences now being suffered by millions in Europe? Easter holds a great hope, but we apparently must see Good Friday before we realize that hope.

"Possibly the prayers of millions at this Easter-time will help stop the march of the aggressors," a citizen seldom seen in any house of religious worship, suggested just as Holy Week made its appearance. And possibly the prayers of combined millions throughout the world will have their effect. However, we are too late with our prayer as far as having any appreciable effect in bringing the present war to a close, but now is an opportune time to start praying that peace and good will might flourish in the years to come and that Easter might hold a truer meaning for all mankind.

The Proposed New Farm Bill

While offering encouragement for the moment, the proposed \$1,340,610,744 farm bill offers a disheartening outlook for agriculture. This paper takes a definite stand in support of the bill, and points out that conditions demand its passage. If Congress fails to pass the measure it will have broken faith with those people who constitute the backbone of the nation either in peace or defense.

The need for such a bill when billions are being pumped into trade channels suggests that agriculture has been crowded out of the scheme of things in this country. It suggests that agriculture has been kicked around to such an extent in our economy that it is forced to beg with a cup on the steps of Congress in Washington. It is disheartening to think that even in times when stock dividends are increasing and the standard of living is being raised for the other millions that agriculture has to beg. If agriculture can't stand on its feet when purchasing power advances by leaps and bounds then what has the farmer to look forward to when the present nightmare is ended?

It is fairly apparent that a change of far-reaching proportions is in the make, a change that will give agriculture a place to call its own under the sun.

The proposed farm bill is due a place in the scheme of things under present conditions. If it is not passed then agriculture will do well to follow the course of the industrial worker and strike. Defense of nation is important, but fairness and justice for all must accompany defense.

Mr. Maxwell Steps Out

Mr. A. J. Maxwell, the able head of North Carolina Revenue Department, stepped out a few days ago with a strictly political defense of Jule Warren's conservative history. To say the least, the aging commissioner's action is disappointing and disgusting, uncalled for and unnecessary in the face of the bare and glaring evidence. Just when he is about to be retired in his old age, he apparently feels it to be his solemn duty to cry out in defense of North Carolina's conservative forces. And on past records as written in history and unwritten, the old system needs defending.

Mr. Maxwell abhors particularly one paragraph in the Newsome-Lefler book, the book selected by the text-book commission and rejected by the State Board of Education for the pussy-footing, true-to-the-vein Jule Warren text. The particular paragraph reads: "But it (North Carolina) was still poor and backward in 1940 in comparison with most of the states. It ranked among the lowest fourth of the states in education, teachers' salaries, libraries, daily circulation of newspapers, health, doctors, hospital beds, total and per capita wealth and net income, average annual wage per worker, taxes

collected per capita, average income per farm, value of property and domestic animals per farm, and milk production."

The facts are saddening, to be sure, but they are the unadulterated truth, and if Mr. Maxwell can bury his head in the sand as the ostrich does and forget all about the rotten but glaring facts, there is no reason why the truth should not be recorded in the pages of history. The story as told by Newsome and Lefler was true in 1940 and it is true this very day. One does not have to go far from home to verify the stated facts and add some of his own. Look at the pig-pennish approaches to nearly every town and count the poverty-stricken huts. Follow crime to its breeding places. Go to the farms and see how little children and mothers have to accompany the men workers into the fields. And yet Mr. Maxwell would turn to his pet statistics and deny the facts as seen by the naked eye and not on a costly report prepared and warped by a high-salaried state employee.

As Newsome and Lefler said in their book that progress was slow in North Carolina because there were two classes, the rich or well-to-do class and the poor class. The rich did not want to pay taxes to support schools for the poor. They did not want roads and other improvements for the good of all. They were living well and were satisfied. The same trouble, possibly in a lesser degree exists today. Specifically stated there is the political corruption at the ballot box, the big stick of wealth hanging over the law-making bodies, the inequality in tax laws and the half-hearted system of collecting those taxes.

North Carolina has had its corrupt policies and flagrant thefts, but today the practices are well hidden in the files and legalized in high salaries for the high-ups.

Defying The Public

Our so-called Democracy in North Carolina is scoring another victory. The public has voiced its opposition to Mr. Jule B. Warren's "Book of Errors," but the powers-that-be, the able and great leaders of education in the great State of North Carolina (sounds like Mr. Hoey) are allowing the text to remain in the schools.

Our State rulers have "pulled" so many fast ones on the people so many times that they are slow to change their positions when caught with their pants down. The question is, How much longer will the people stand for such acts, acts that are causing many to doubt the high-sounding definitions given to democracy in North Carolina?

If it is money that's keeping the book before innocent school tots then let the former governor, Mr. Hoey, and the others responsible for the adoption of the book accept the loss.

But while the public talks, the youths continue to study about the good old North State and in complete ignorance of political corruption, high-handed politics and so on and so on.

Research And The Farm

Hertford County Herald.

"Perhaps I am prejudiced, but it does seem to me that if business and industry can spend a large percentage of their income for the purpose of research, then the agricultural South can afford to give utmost consideration to multiplying present appropriations for agricultural research."

The lines above are quoted from Dean I. O. Schaub in the current issue of the North Carolina Farm Bureau News. "I venture to predict," he went on, "that the future prosperity of the agricultural South is tied irrevocably with the efforts we are making in the development of scientific knowledge."

This newspaper agrees that a great many of the ills of the farm can be corrected and will be corrected when research is as much a part of the farm as it is of our other major industries. Every item of agricultural research has proven its worth. A telephone company's laboratory, for instance, is as much a part of the organization as the maintenance department; the same is true of chemical manufacturers. All great business thrives on research. Agriculture must do the same with appropriations made in proportion to the importance of the farming industry to the Nation. To our way of figuring, farming is the most important industry; therefore, the South and the rest of the Nation can well "afford to give serious consideration to multiplying present appropriations made for agricultural research."

But, back to Dean Schaub; "Undoubtedly as the years go by we will be shocked from time to time as investigators point out conditions which they discover. Right now we are advised that possibly 45 per cent of the population of the Southeastern States is inadequately nourished because of its diet."

Here in the South we dislike to be told such harsh truths. Neither do we like it when we are advised that soil erosion is greater in the South than in any other section of the United States. We resent the insinuation that our tenant system is not what it should be. The list of objectionable truths could be extended indefinitely.

"To what use may we best put the land formerly devoted to cotton, tobacco, peanuts and other crops of which there has developed a surplus?" The answer to this question, he says, "will determine whether we can utilize our labor efficiently, whether our standards of living will be improved or lowered, or whether we will continue to remain Economic Problem No. 1."

Cold, fact-finding, impersonal research is the answer.

"Living Newspapers"

By REV. Z. T. PIEPHOFF
Pastor, Presbyterian Church

"Ye are living letters, known and read of all men."

There came a man sent from God whose name was John. He came in order that he might bear testimony, that is, be a witness, be known and read of all men."

Bearing testimony didn't go out with the old fashion prayer meeting. As a matter of fact big business has taken it over in a big way. We live in a day of testimonials, more rightly spelled, Testi-money-als.

e.g. Only this week Look magazine prophesies that Bob Feller will receive from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the use of his name as an endorsement of various manufactured goods. Golf professionals, baseball players, movie stars and hordes of others are besieged with offers to testify.

We are told that—Smoking will reduce you, quiet your nerves, and soothe your throat.

In various testimonials here and there I have found the following amusing, ridiculous, and not any too near the truth statements.

One person said, "We used your carpet cleaner and now our rugs are just as good as new ones."

Another said, "I used your new gasoline and got 27 miles per gallon. There isn't a knock in a car tank full."

Here is one of the best ones: A tramp is lying in the shade of a tree and this is his testimony, "I used your soap 17 years ago, and I haven't had to use any since."

New automobiles, expensive radios, life endowments, and even cub planes are offered to the ones who can write the best ones.

How true it is that we live in a day of testimonials. It has always been true, for ever since the dawn of time man by his words and actions has been testifying either for or against God. We are living letters, known and read of all men.

The purpose of a man's testimony is to bear witness to the merit and quality, necessity and benefit, of the thing he represents.

Unfortunately we cannot say that this is the true purpose of our present day testimony.

e.g. "Does your breath offend?" "Have your teeth lost their sparkle?" "Does your child refuse to eat spinach?" If so, then why remain that way? When all you have to do is to

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take one penny and buy yourself a piece of Double Bubble Chewing Gum.

"Do you want to be an all-American boy?" "Do you want to have a strong robust body and become the hero of the football, baseball or basketball squads?" How silly it is to be a weakling, a wallflower, a nobody, when all you have to do is eat a bowl of cereal each morning.

"Are you girls bothered with runs or holes in your stockings?" Then why not buy holeproof hosiery?

Testimonials have become so exaggerated that the American public has come to discount them and many of us completely ignore them. These goods have been tried and found wanting. They are not what they are advertised to be. They do not do and cannot do what is claimed for them.

I wonder if this isn't the reason why we had some time ago and perhaps still have today in some places the two expressions, "Oh Yeah," and "You're Telling Me."

"Of this I am sure" that we are all agreed. Such exaggerated testimony is fast becoming detrimental to legitimate business. And of this I know

we are all assured, that a hypocritical testimony in the name of religion will do more to retard the advancement of the Kingdom of God than anything else on earth.

There came a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came to bear testimony for God."

"Was his testimony true?" "Is Christianity all that it claims to be?" "Does it work?" "Will it work today?" "Is Christianity a liability or an asset?"

Grab

Army representatives estimate that it will require approximately one million dollars per day to feed men in service by next June, when the armed forces are supposed to reach a peak.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court.

County of Martin vs. M. O. Fouts. Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, the undersigned commissioner will, on Friday, the 9th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the court-

house door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

Adjoining the J. & W. Land Co., and formerly the Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Co., and known as the Fisher land, and lying and being in the N.W. side of the old Jamesville and Washington Company's right of way, containing 200 acres, more or less, and being the land conveyed to M. O. Fouts by A. T. McDonald and wife recorded in Book V-2 at page 504.

This the 7th day of April, 1941.
ELBERT S. PEEL,
Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Bryant Andrews, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned Administratrix on or before the 28th day of March, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

HATTIE A. CHERRY,
Administratrix of Bryant Andrews.
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. m28-6t

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by S. T. Brady and wife, Della Brady, on the 15th day of December, 1937, which said deed of trust is of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book P-3 at page 417, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain notes of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of said notes, and the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the owners of the said notes, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, the 3rd day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

All those certain tracts of land lying and situated and being in the county of Martin and state of North Carolina, Hamilton Township, near the town of Hamilton and described as being tract no. 9 containing 30.37 acres more or less, and tract no. 10 containing 31 acres, more or less, making a total of 61.37 acres, more or less, and being a part of what is known as the B. B. Sherrrod farm as surveyed and platted by G. R. Revelle, surveyor, in October, 1929, and recorded in Land Division Book No. 3, at page 164.

This the 2nd day of April, 1941.
ELBERT S. PEEL, Trustee.
Peel & Manning, Attys. a4-1t

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