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Mr. Maxwell Stops Short

Mr. A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue and one of the group who for so many years has "kidded" North Carolinians into believing that white is black and black is white, stops short in his attack on the Newsome-Lefler history, "The Growth of North Carolina."

Mr. Maxwell, offering to sustain his criticism of the books, says in an open letter, "I present one paragraph of particular importance because it is the final conclusion — an index, if you please — of the coloring which this book gives to the whole history of the State."

But Mr. Maxwell did not present a complete paragraph. He merely quoted a part of the paragraph in question, the remainder of it apparently being so hot he could not handle it. What Mr. Maxwell dared not quote, and it is a part of the same paragraph which he so strongly takes exception to, reads as follows: "It (North Carolina) ranked among the highest fourth of the states in illiteracy, farm tenancy, and crime. The tenant farmer, the mill hand, poor schools, the Negro, low wages, small salaries, ignorance, disease, undeveloped resources, inadequate libraries, the one-crop system, and crime were some of the problems that had not been solved. As they are solved, North Carolina will become a better state in which to live." That's the part of the paragraph Mr. Maxwell picked out but apparently did not care to quote.

Mr. Maxwell and past groups in Raleigh need defending, for, in the minds of the common people, it is just as mean to take money from a highway worker to support a candidate's campaign as it is to practice graft around the treasury.

Mr. Maxwell, pointing out the progress made by North Carolina, hardly mentions a single advancement that was not supported to some extent by the New Deal, an agency frowned upon and degraded by the recent State administration.

Just as the big planters in the east fought the schools and roads in years gone by, North Carolina's policy, in too many instances, has been to reserve its advancement to the favored few, yielding to the masses only when the masses asserted their power at the ballot box and demanded recognition. Too many of the political heads, Democrats and Republicans, in North Carolina's past history did not lead the way for the masses; they merely blocked the way until the masses became weary of the crumbs falling from their masters' table. It has been no long time since the Great State of North Carolina approved the employment of little children in stuffy, tubercular-breeding mills, and until this day a national child labor amendment has not been given the support of North Carolina by its political leaders. The attitude of the 1941 State Legislature toward labor is still fresh in the minds of hundreds of thousands of workers. North Carolina itself has done little to remedy the tenant farmer problem. It merely closes its eyes when compulsory school attendance laws are violated by tenants and workers who keep their little tots at home to work in the fields or handle other tasks.

One will have to agree with Mr. Maxwell when he points out the fact that North Carolina has progressed. It has progressed in spite of conservative politicians, but with its ideal climate, its natural resources and other favorable factors it has not progressed as it should have. A few more administrations like unto those in the recent past, and the people of North Carolina would consider recalling the Republicans, or at least thinning out the Democratic ranks.

Startling News

Startling news for the month of March did not come from the war front in Albania or in far-away Africa or in the air over England or in the Atlantic sea lanes. It originated in our own country. Holding a place on the second page in the daily press, the bleak announcement merely stated that more lives are being lost on our highways than in the war.

The potential effect of war in the world today is shocking to humanity, but if cold statistics mean anything the happenings on our highways hold a meaning effect on our lives even before war comes.

Mr. Ford Speaks Contrary To His Acts

Henry Ford, in a die-hard fight against the rights of thousands of his workers and all laboring classes be they from good American stock or direct from the heart of Russia, Germany or Italy, is accusing labor of jeopardizing a \$150,000,000 defense program. It is to be admitted that labor racketeering is delaying defense, but not as much as the dominated press and the controlled radio of the land would have us to believe. Foreign elements in labor movements should be ousted, but as long as democracy calls for its defense democracy should acknowledge, at least, the right of laboring men to better their positions in equal proportion along with the capitalists.

Mr. Ford, in a vast system for the distribution of propaganda for his company, speaks contrary to his own acts. He talks at length about the disturbances in Dearborn during early April. He presents a one-sided picture from the beginning to the end. He accused the Communists for having a part in the disturbances, but in the Findings of Fact released over the signature of Arthur J. Tuttle, United States District Judge, it was stated by the jurist that the proof before him was not sufficient to justify any action calling for a restraining order against the Communist Party. He concluded his findings report by saying, "I wish it understood that the findings of fact do not apply to the Communist Party." No defense of the Communist Party is offered here, but it is fairly apparent in the particular case that Mr. Ford is trying to warp the public mind against all laboring men by dragging them in and associating them with the Communists.

Admitting that organized labor, free of Communists, has erred, one will do well to examine Mr. Ford's record if he would get a true picture of the trouble. And what is Mr. Ford's record? No so many months ago he declared to the world and certainly to the complete satisfaction of Hitler that he would not make a single piece of war equipment for the defense of England. More recently he is quoted as saying that he did not care which side won the war. To round out that part of his record open to the public, Mr. Ford has challenged the law of the land, defying the United States Supreme Court, and holding to the belief that it is right in a civilized world to work men to death under the guise of publicised high wages.

Mr. Ford, veering from his task of advertising his products, recently appealed to the nation with a series of advertisements telling about wages. It is admitted that his wage facts sound convincing, but it takes more than high wages — one of the factors mentioned in the advertisements — to bring about understanding between labor and capital. It is possible that many Ford workers have signed more or less secretly with the United Automobile Workers, a branch of the Congress of Industrial Organization, but it is well understood that they signed because of dissatisfaction over working conditions and because of the conduct of their supervisors who are as notoriously hard a lot as to be found in American industry.

As for Mr. Ford's wage scale, men who have worked for him say that he actually gets more for his labor dollar than any other manufacturer in the world. And as to his preferential treatment of the aged, it is more the rule than the policy of the company to release their workers in or around the 35-year-old point, keeping a few old servants around as subjects for misleading publicity. An observer visited Mr. Ford's plant at Norfolk some time ago, and out of the hundreds of workers the old-timers — men over 35 and 40 years of age — were counted on the two hands.

Energy From Prayer

Mecklenburg Times.

Too many people regard prayer as a formalized routine of words, but to Dr. Alexis Carrel, who concluded 33 years of brilliant biological research at the Rockefeller Institute in 1939, and has been honored with the Nordhoff-Jung medal for cancer research and the Nobel Prize for success in suturing blood vessels, writing about the power of prayer, says, it is a force as real as terrestrial gravity.

As a physician, Dr. Carrel says in his article entitled, "Prayer Is Power." "I have seen men, after all other therapy failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer. It is the only power in the world that seems to overcome the so-called 'laws of nature.'" Dr. Carrel believes that this power comes to those who pray, because they seek to augment their finite energy by addressing themselves to the infinite source of all energy.

And that is why this scientist, who has long been impressed by the fact that many of life's phenomena cannot be scientifically explained feels that prayer is the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands, he says, and its results can be measured in terms of increased physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina, and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships.

"True prayer is a way of life; the truest life is literally a way of prayer."

There are worst things than war, of course. I should prefer to wear any soldier's uniform of protest rather than live in a world dominated by Nazi war lords proclaiming that might is the only right and suppressing free thought, free speech, a free press, free elections, and a free church.—Dr. Clarence Poe.

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\$7.95	Now	\$4.88
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\$4.98	Now	\$2.88

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\$4.98	Now	\$2.88
\$2.98	Now	\$1.99
\$1.98	Now	\$1.29



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