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TIME FOR ALL TO HELP

The Red Cross is making good progress in its campaign to raise ten million dollars throughout the nation, to render aid to the hundreds of thousands of people in the lower Ohio and Mississippi Valleys who have been rendered destitute by the combination of drought and hard times.

This appeal for funds is one nobody with as much as a dime to spare can ignore. These are our own people who are actually suffering and in want. More than half a million of them are already being fed and cared for by the Red Cross, which never waits until it has the money but goes ahead and pledges its credit and that of its officials to get aid to the needy without delay. "He gives twice who gives quickly" is one of the Red Cross mottoes.

It is to be hoped that there will not be another cold wave in the stricken regions. Observers who have reported on conditions there say that a heavy drop in temperature would certainly mean great loss of life. It may well be that the estimate of ten million dollars will not be enough, although the Red Cross has many times proved its ability to make a dollar go farther in helping the helpless than most people can make five dollars go. Nobody need be afraid that his contribution will be wasted if given to the Red Cross, whose workers are trained but unsalaried, giving themselves as well as their money. And do not let the feeling that there will be money enough deter you from giving.

PROHIBITION AND POLITICS

The long-awaited report of the Wickersham Commission on the enforcement of the Prohibition law opens on a national scale the whole question of whether or not Prohibition can be enforced. That means that the "Wet vs. Dry" issue will be one of the biggest, if not the dominant issue of the Presidential campaign of 1932.

The Wickersham report itself is definite in its main conclusions and recommendations. It is opposed to repeal of the 18th Amendment. It is opposed to the restoration in any manner of legalized saloons. It is opposed to the Federal or State governments going into the liquor business. It is opposed to any change in the law to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer. It believes that the cooperation of the states and the support of public opinion is necessary for complete enforcement of the Prohibition law, but believes that there has been an improvement in enforcement since the forces for that purpose were reorganized, although enforcement and obedience to the law are still inadequate, as are the agencies of enforcement.

The commission recommends that more money should be appropriated for enforcement, and the organization and personnel improved and backed up by more efficient laws for the prosecution of violations and the conduct of investigations. In addition, the commission recommended that "If the 18th amendment is revised" it should give Congress the sole power to regulate the liquor traffic, and not leave anything to the states.

With this last conclusion President Hoover, in his message transmitting the report to Congress, disagrees. He thinks that the burden of enforcement should not rest entirely upon the Federal Government. He has previously expressed himself as feeling that the states have not done their full duty. But with the main conclusions of the commission he agrees.

All of the members of the commission agree on the general statements of fact in regard to Prohibition enforcement, but some of them disagree with the conclusion, although all signed the report. In separate memoranda different commissioners expressed themselves in favor of total repeal of the 18th amendment, of the Government going into the liquor business or authorizing the states to do so, of changing the Volstead law without repealing the Constitutional provision for Prohibition, and of other palliative measures.

Already the forces on both sides of the question are lining up for a great political fight next year. At present the Democratic party leadership, in the North, at least, is wet and getting wetter, while the Republican leadership is mainly dry and getting dryer. But Prohibition cuts across all party lines, and one result of the present situation is likely to be some strange new political line-ups.

Vandals upset 150 grave markers and statues in the two cemeteries at Brownsville, Pa.

"BAD JOHN" OF PIONEER FAME DIES IN VIRGINIA

Life Furnished Inspiration For Story, "Trail Of The Lonesome Pine"; Was Leading Figure In Mountain Feuds Of Few Years Ago.

Pound, Va., Feb. 4.—"Bad John" Wright, 88, who furnished the inspiration for the character "Devil Judd" Tolliver in John Fox's "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," died here last Friday in his native Cumberland a few miles from this mountain village.

For years "Bad John" was a leading figure in the mountain feuds of this section, and later as an officer of the law was one of the most colorful characters of the time when "the law" pushed westward into the mountain country.

Wright is definitely known to have killed nine men and the estimate ran as high as 36, but the mountaineer, while willing to tell thrilling stories of his career, never set a definite estimate.

"Bad John" became ill many months ago and grave fears were expressed last fall. He is survived by a large number of relatives.

All of Wright's peace officer casualties were the result of fugitives refusing to surrender.

Earlier in life "Bad John" participated in the famous Wright-Hall feud in which a large number of men were killed. It was never established whether "Bad John" added any notches to his gun stock in this feud and in later years he refused to talk about it.

Although he did not know the exact year of his birth in Letcher county, Kentucky, near the Virginia line, Wright guessed 1843 was the year. Those who knew him said he was at least ten years older.

Wright, whose enormous stature also had given him the nickname of "The Tall Sycamore of the Elkhorn" was a guard at the Wise county, Virginia, jail when Fox knew him. The novelist and Wright became fast friends and Wright's experiences as drawn out by Fox furnished much of the color of the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine."

Although his early career gave fiction the character of Devil Judd Tolliver, Wright never read Fox's stories. After 40 years as a peace officer, his principal ambition, he told an interviewer last summer, was to have the true version of his life written and printed.

Known in his declining years as Uncle John, respected as a fearless officer of the law, he lived in a little cabin on the North Fork of the Pound river, not far from Wise, Va., "The Gladesville," where the noose claimed several killers whose deeds provided material for some of Fox's characters.

Two years ago Wright made a public confession of religion and was baptized in a mountain stream ceremony that attracted the hill folk from far and wide in Kentucky and Virginia. Straight as an arrow until his last illness, sharply through glasses he had worn only a few years, Wright liked to welcome visitors and had no hesitation in talking of events and places described in Fox's stories. Often he guided callers to where the lonesome pine stood and where lonesome love was.

Courageous, of gigantic stature and acquainted with his native Cumberland as well as any man of his day, the noted mountaineer as an officer of the law gained a wide reputation. This reputation was that of an officer who "got his man" and was won in a day and a section when this depended to a large extent on a quick eye and an equally alert trigger finger. "Bad John" had both.

While he had been in ill health for some time, he apparently made a complete recovery from his sickness last fall and his death came as a surprise to many of his friends.

After a Beloit (Wis.) citizen advertised for someone to mow his lawn, 32 men applied for the job.

T. J. Bryant, 68, teacher of a school near Henderson, Ky., put a kettle of kerosene on the stove mistaking it for water. The kerosene blazed and Bryant grabbed the kettle and ran toward the door. His hand was so badly burned that he dropped the kettle and the burning oil spread over the floor, barring the path of the 11 pupils, 1 of whom was burned fatally.

The old U. S. Mint building at New Orleans, La., is to be converted into a Federal jail which will house 300 prisoners.

An illicit whiskey still that had a capacity of 10,000 gallons a day, was seized by prohibition officers near Hazleton, Pa.

Because he has four wives, 27-year-old Ralph O. Meigan, of Bladensburg, Md., is serving a sentence of 18 months in the Maryland Penitentiary for bigamy.

Clyde Ray, of Lamesa, Tex., claims to have discovered a new method of exterminating ants. He digs a hole beside the door leading to the ants' nest and places a narrow-necked bottle in the ground with just the opening in view. The ants, mistaking the mouth of the bottle for their own front door, fall in. Oil in the bottle prevents the insects from climbing out.

PURE COTTON SEED GIVE BEST YIELDS

Survey Made By Jerry H. Moore Of State College, Reveals Interesting Facts Concerning Growing Of Cotton In North Carolina.

Pure seed of improved varieties produced the best quality of lint and give the best yields of seed cotton as compared with mixed seed and poor varieties, according to a survey made on 232 farms in four ginning areas last year.

The survey was made by Jerry H. Moore, cotton technologist at State College, who secured samples of all cotton varieties grown on the 232 farms. The samples were collected principally in Lenoir, Northampton, Union and Mecklenburg counties. Mr. Moore says many interesting facts were learned during the course of the study.

He found, for instance, that many growers got planting seed from neighbors without stopping to investigate the purity of the seed. In many cases, the seed so obtained were no better than those already being grown on the farm. It was found also that some growers change their seed every year and some never made a change. In those areas where one cotton variety predominated, the seed stocks have been kept up to a fair standard without any special effort to improve the seed or to prevent mixing at the local gins.

It was found further that the length and uniformity of staple is directly associated with the selection and care of seed stocks. Pure seed of the improved varieties nearly always produce a superior staple as compared with the inferior staple from the short staple, mixed or run-down varieties.

As a result of the survey, Mr. Moore is convinced that the source care of planting seed is the most important factor in the control of the farmer by which he may produce a uniform staple of good quality measuring 15-16 to one and one-sixteenth inch. He urges growers to get good seed and then prevent their being mixed at gins.

RESULTS ARE SEEN IN FARM CAMPAIGN

Farmers And Business Men Are Cooperating To Put Into Actual Operation The Slogan "Farm To Make A Living In 1931."

"The 'Live-at-Home' campaign this year is already bringing results in all sections of the state," according to Charles A. Sheffield, assistant director of the North Carolina State College Extension Service. "Everywhere farmers and business men are cooperating to put into actual operation the slogan of the campaign this year, 'Farm to Make a Living in 1931.'"

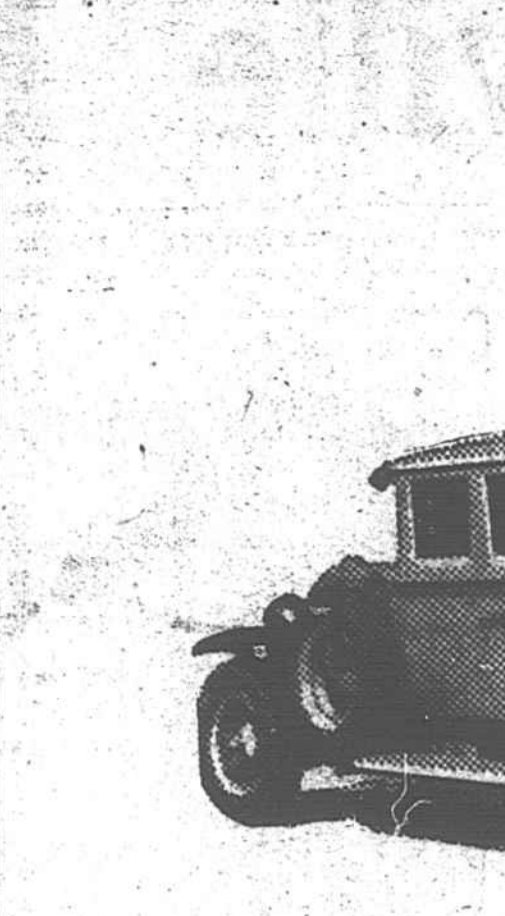
However, Mr. Sheffield finds that there are some misunderstandings among the farmers relative to the raising of certain farm products. He found on trips made during the past three weeks, in connection with speaking engagements, that the farmers of the state had sold off brood sows quite heavily last year, to obtain ready cash. He thinks that this is an incorrect policy. He feels that the brood sow is one of the best investments on the farm and a sure money-maker. He urges farmers everywhere to increase instead of diminish their hog supply.

Another interesting farm fact learned during the January campaign was that farmers in sections where they kept no poultry records, had sold off much poultry. "Where they did not know that they were making a small profit on the poultry flock, handled without much trouble and with a minimum time effort, many farmers depopulated their flock because they thought that they were losing money or making none. In most cases, if they had kept accurate records, they would have found they were making a profit. A poultry flock of 50 or more hens ought to bring in a small but steady income to any farmer anywhere in the state." Mr. Sheffield urges the farmers this year to increase their flocks and not to sell too many hens for meat profits.

He also met several individuals who readily admitted that they made a good living last year, due to the raising of hogs, poultry and garden produce.

A new telephone instrument of gold and mother of pearl, engraved with the Papal coat of arms, has been presented to the Pope by an American company which recently installed a telephone system in Vatican City, Italy.

Every U. S. congressman will represent about 250,000 constituents under the proposed reapportionment of the House.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST TIRE, TO BE IN FARMVILLE TODAY (FRIDAY) UNTIL ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

George Holston, Goodyear dealer, is sponsoring the exhibition here February 5th and 6th, of the world's largest tire.

This massive casing stands 12 feet high and is four feet wide. It is a standard All-Weather tread balloon in every respect save size.

An 80-foot spar from the historic battle-ship, Old Ironsides, will serve as the flagpole of a school at Topeka, Kan.

Every important highway in the United States will soon be equipped with emergency first-aid stations which will render free service to injured motorists, according to a plan of the American Red Cross.

The number of persons—men, women and children—directly effected by the unemployment situation in the United States is estimated at more than 20,000,000.

When motor trouble forced G. T. Robertson to stop his truck near Richmond, Va., he picked up from the highway, a penny match box that contained \$20.

Despite his 80 years, Daniel McNeil, of Fulton, Kan., works daily on his farm and recently helped on highway construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Manley, both past 80 years of age, of Los Angeles, Cal., are believed to be the oldest newly-weds on record.

Chinese officials who resent the photographing, by tourists, of beggars, huts, naked children and other unpleasant bits of China's life, claim that such pictures are detrimental to the best interests of the nation.

Herbert C. Pries, railway switchman, of Cleveland, Ohio, won \$67,827 with the \$1 ticket he purchased in the Cambridgeshire Sweepstakes Lottery which is operated of Newmarket, Eng.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

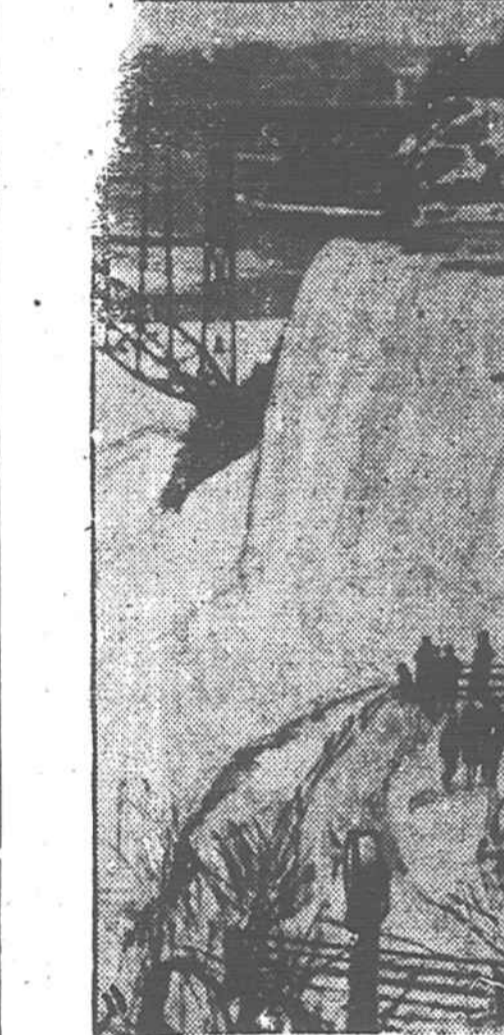
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph Tyson, deceased, late of Pitt County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, at his office in Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of January, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 20th day of January, 1931. R. T. MARTIN, Admr.

NOTICE OF SALE

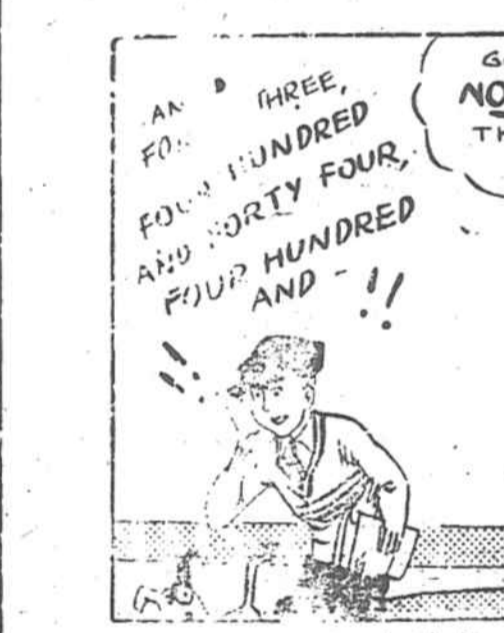
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of Trust executed by Mrs. Nannie B. Flanagan, (widow), S. M. Flanagan, and E. M. Tyson, Admsrs., of estate of J. H. Flanagan, Ruberta Tyson and husband, Elbert M. Tyson, Leon S. Flanagan and wife, Eloise M. Flanagan, Maybelle Turnage and husband, A. C. Turnage, Sammel M. Flanagan and wife, Ora Flanagan, Myrthe D. Flanagan, Thelma Flanagan, Alfred J. Flanagan and wife, Alice B. Flanagan, Seba E. Flanagan, and Mrs. Annie Flanagan, to John Hill Paylor, Trustee, under date of July 1, 1930, of record in Book N-18, page 271, Pitt County Registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein described, the undersigned will sell for cash to the highest bidder, before the courthouse door in the Town of Greenville, North Carolina; on Saturday, February 14, 1931 at 12:00 o'clock noon, the following described tract of land, lying and being in Farmville Township, Pitt County, State of North Carolina, and more fully described as follows: Being a tract of land formerly owned by the late John H. Flanagan, situated near the Town of Farmville, said tract of land being bounded on the north by the Plank Road, on the East by Mill Branch, on the South by Middle Swamp, and on the West by a ditch which forms a junction with said Middle Swamp, said tract containing 247 acres more or less as shown by plat and survey made March 31, 1920 by R. E. Beaman, Surveyor. Said sale being made to satisfy indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust. This 10th day of January, 1931 John Hill Paylor, Trustee John B. Lewis, Attorney.

a niche of their own without exciting undo comment. A prominent tire manufacturer, when shown this rubber giant registered no surprise. He expressed the opinion that the day would come when mammoth planes would be built needing tires as big or bigger than this one.

Niagara Falls Drops a Piece of Its "Lip"



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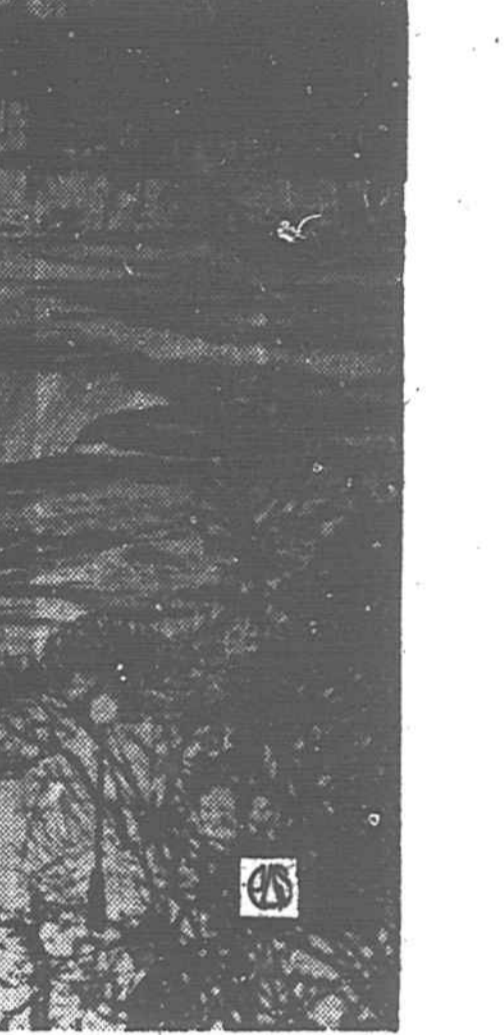


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The tire giant weighs 1800 pounds with wheel. Forty-five minutes are required for inflation to a pressure of three pounds. The diamond treats measure 16 inches in length and 10 inches in width. The tire will be on exhibition on the streets of Farmville from 5 P. M. Thursday until 11 A. M., Friday.

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