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On Overworked Word

The Williamston Enterprise.

The most overworked word, and perhaps the one least understood, is "confidence."

It has been brought to the front by predatory wealth. What they want is full confidence that they can dominate political circles of the country. What the average little man wants is confidence that he will get fair play and the assurance that he will be saved from the plundering and oppressive domination of his opportunities, his privileges, his person, and his property—which makes the meaning of the word entirely different.

When the word "confidence" can be defined as producing a feeling of honesty and safety, it is one thing; but when it is construed to mean special privileges for a special class that gives them the assurance of getting the best of every deal, then it means an entirely different thing.

Must Defeat Politicians

The very fact that high State officials are now advocating national legislation to tax inter-State shipments of merchandise, is evidence that they already consider the sales tax a fixed policy of taxation for North Carolina. The Fair Tax Association offers salvation from such a policy, if you and others will give it the moral and financial support necessary to carry its campaign to successful conclusion. We must defeat the purposes of the army of State employees and politicians now working for its retention, and match the efforts of powerful interests within and without the State who, for selfish reasons, are willing to finance a campaign having as its purpose perpetuation of a form of taxation which is characterized by Columbia University economists as "an unnecessary and backward step" after making an unbiased survey and study of the operation of sales taxes in different States—thanks to the Rockefeller Foundation, which financed the survey.

Pictured as a Monster

The sales tax is wrong in principle, and we should be done with it. Let me repeat here what I said in Greensboro last week:

If the State can get sufficient money from its subjects to bring about the wonderful results credited to the sales tax, which is unjust and unfair, it can certainly get enough money to accomplish the same results through a system of taxation based on true principles of fairness. A cursed thing like the sales tax monster, which preys upon the poor by exacting toll on purchases of food, fuel and raiment, in equal proportion to the toll exacted on the purchases of the rich, and which drives business from the stores of patriotic home merchants who have during all these years willingly carried their portion of the public burden—such a monster, I contend, should be damned to a premature death.

The Fair Tax Association is the only organization which is openly and continuously waging battle against the sales tax, and I urge you to immediately join its ranks, and influence others to do likewise.

Wives of Great Men

Colliers' Weekly.

No one can dispute the right of women to hold office in this country. The right was won after hard political struggle against great odds. And since the establishment of equal suffrage, many women have been duly elected to office and have acquitted themselves creditably. It can be presumed that they have risen on merit, and are continuing in power on the basis of demonstrable achievement. But what is to be said of the woman whose sole claim to political office lies in the fact that her husband died in it?

It is not necessary to note specific instances. There are and have been wives elevated to the office of sheriff, congressman, governor, even senator, on the somewhat diaphanous theory that a widow inherits her husband's office as she does his house and other chattels. One has only to recall, however, the common saying that opposites attract—to remember the frequency with which a strapping six-footer is seen with a tiny bit of fluff clinging to his arm—to realize that matrimony alone does not qualify a woman, upon her husband's demise, to step into his boots.

A frequent indictment of the American male is that he is too sentimental with regard to the American woman. On this one count, certainly, he is vulnerable. It would seem, however, that it is not for men alone to condemn and halt this practice. Those clear-headed American women who have carried their less farsighted sisters so far politically must perceive the danger inherent

Can't Stand the Light

The Williamston Enterprise.

Wall Street is disturbed over the stock market investigation. They know there is where they have pulled millions out of the public in many instances for stocks worth nothing whatever.

They well know the art of looting with one hand and picking with the other. The fact that they are opposing publicity of their business is evidence enough that it is not clean, honest business. If it was, then they would welcome investigation. It is a case of not wanting light because their deeds are evil.

Plus and Minus

News and Observer.

Citizens of North Carolina, who are interested in the adequate education of their children, will be interested in the finding of Dr. R. W. McDonald, head of the Department of Education at Salem College, who recently cited four positive and nine negative factors in connection with the status of education in North Carolina.

Dr. McDonald's 13 points, good and bad, positive and negative, are as follows:

- Positive**
1. North Carolina has adopted a State minimum educational program for an eight-month term.
 2. North Carolina has paid teachers' salaries (such as they are) on time and in negotiable form.
 3. North Carolina has consistently elected to public office only those persons who have avowed their interest in public education.
 4. North Carolina has simplified the school district organization of the State.

Negative

North Carolina is the only State in the union which—

1. Has deliberately lowered its educational standards by act of its Legislature.
2. Has levied a new tax purposely for schools, and at the same time has appropriated less money for schools.
3. Has adopted a policy of discouraging local interest in schools.
4. Has a city as large as Winston-Salem with only eight months of school.
5. Pays no teacher a living wage (\$720 per year is the maximum).
6. Has two State boards of education, with confusion as to their powers.
7. Provides no supervisors of instruction.
8. Has wiped out by a single act of its Legislature all of the constructive actions taken by popular vote in every school district in the State.
9. Spends this year less than \$19 per child enrolled as a State average for operating its public schools.

In recent months these in authority in North Carolina have heavily stressed the four positive factors in the State education system. But friends of education in North Carolina must not permit the nine negative factors to be forgotten. Until they are removed, there is plenty of time to wait before indulging in unstinted praise of our educational situation.

The Responsibility for Crime

The Williamston Enterprise.

Crime is said to be the most costly thing and the heaviest burden the American government and its subdivisions has to bear. And so far we have not definitely placed the responsibility for crime. Of course, we generally put it off on the fellow who is caught with the goods on him, and, of course, from a legal standpoint, he is the guilty man.

On the other hand, it may be the mistakes of a mother, a father, a teacher, or the attitude of that class that we call "the good people" generally.

As the child grows up he measures everything he sees and hears. When he hears his mother talk ugly about a neighbor every day and then, when Sunday comes, sweeten up on her, nobody knows about the deceptive lying any better than the child. And when a little boy sees his dad put the big apples and big potatoes at the top of the barrel when he sells them, and hears him stretching the truth about his acres, and multiplying the pounds of tobacco he gets, a fine lesson in fraud is taught; and by the time he has reached school age he has already learned the art of lying and stealing—and from those who love him best and would not have him do wrong for anything.

Our liquor law violations have been more than doubled because of the influence of the so-called "better class," by their very attitude as well as their patronage.

The handling of courts have had much to do with increasing crime on the one hand, as well as the deterring of crime on the other hand.

The recent investigation in Raleigh also brings to light a condition which exists in many places—that is, officers becoming partners in crime through friendship, for money, or for fear. Political rings are welded by lawbreakers. The gamblers, the bootleggers, and the "red-lighters" vote for the man they can rule; and he is afraid to resist and turns his face from the scenes of crime and trails on the back-tract of reports when they come to his attention. Raleigh, of course, may be an exception, yet there are many towns and cities where justice is sold to satan by officers of the law.

Half of all crimes will be stopped when courts, enforcement officers, and the better class of people do their duty as citizens and officials.

In this situation. They should be able to denounce such sentimentalism.

COMMENT ON SPORTS

PREDICTS GOOD YEAR

THE GOLF BALL

EQUIPOISE UNDERWAY

JONES DEFINITELY OUT

After a rapid fire swing around the National League circuit, President John Arnold Heydler is convinced that baseball is in for its best year since 1930 and that his own League will witness a hot pennant race with the world champion Giants fighting to withstand the challenge of three powerful western clubs. He thinks that the hitting and pitching of the Cubs and the speed and power of the Cardinals and Pirates will test to the utmost the great defensive work of the Giants.

Lon Warneke, blond Arkansan, got off to a good start with the Chicago Cubs. In two games against Cincinnati and St. Louis, he allowed only one hit per game. Incidentally, Carl Hubbel of the New York Giants is also off to a good start, allowing only one run in two games.

Francis Ouimet, captain of the U. S. Walker Cup golf team, denies that he has any binding instructions as to the ball to be used at St. Andrews on May 11 and 12. Somehow the impression got out that the players had been bound to use the American ball, slightly larger than the British sphere. As St. Andrews is a sea-side course and frequently windy, the American ball because of its size does not behave too well in a breeze. Ouimet's statement is that the players will use the ball best suited to atmospheric conditions on the day of the matches.

The United States Army polo team recently won a trophy by defeating Mexico's crack riders two games to one at Mexico City, D. F. The Mexicans lost the first two games but won the last contest. After the game, Ambassador Daniels presented the Army team with the cup at the request of President Rodriguez and stressed the benefit in international relations that is certain to come out of such sports encounters.

Equipoise, Cornelius Vanderbuilt Whitney's handicap champion, opened the season by winning the \$7,500 Philadelphia handicap at Havre de Grace, Maryland. The victory enabled the long-striding, chestnut horse to pass Gallant Fox in total winnings and placed him close on the heels of Phar Lap, who earned \$332,250. The world's money-winning record is now held by Sun Beau, \$376,755. Equipoise is now six years old and has been the outstanding performer on the American turf for the past two years. This season he is out to maintain his laurels and, if possible, to go ahead of Sun Beau's record.

Thirteen tournaments are planned by the Professional Lawn Tennis Association this summer, beginning May 19th, in New York, and winding up with the national championship on August 18-25, probably in New York also. This is the first time that the Association has arranged a tournament schedule of national scope.

Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati and Indianapolis will stage tournaments and there will be a tournament at the Century of Progress exposition. Tilden, Vines, Cochet, Plaa, Richards, Barnes, Gledhill, Chapin, Cozeluh and Nusslein are expected to take part in the tournaments.

Bobby Jones visited New York the other day and reiterated his statement that he is "through with championship golf." Referring to his defeat in the masters' tournament at Augusta, Bobby said his putting was off as it had been for some time. He attributed it to the fact that he hadn't played much golf lately, which led to carelessness and a failure to take the game seriously.

PLANE TANGLES IN TARGET

Norfolk, Va. — Lt. David L. Cloud, Jr., crack Marine pilot, lost his life when his airplane caught in a sleeve target towed by another plane. His parachute opened perfectly but both pilot and parachute, dropping into the Atlantic, were immediately lost to view.

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS AUTHORITY POWER

Washington. — A decision by Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey in New York, denying an injunction brought by the William F. Chiniquy Co., of Chicago, to restrain the issuance of NRA labels by the millinery industry was regarded here as of special significance. It upheld in every respect the power of the industry's code authority to enforce compliance with the code. In denying the application Judge Caffey announced his decision immediately from the bench, without further argument from counsel or waiting for briefs to be filed. It was the first attempt to question the right of a self-governing industrial body to institute investigations to determine whether its members are complying with the trade practice provisions of a code. Edwin Falk, complainant's counsel, attempted to argue the constitutionality of the NIRA but the court declined to listen, declaring that point had been decided by Judge John C. Knox in the U. S. District Court of New York, who held the act constitutional in a recent suit involving the cleaners and dyers code. Judge Caffey emphasized that he could find nothing unreasonable in the code. The regulations, he said, "were prescribed by the President and are pursuant to statutory authority. They are within the principles prescribed by Congress in laying down rules for these code authorities. It is not action by the President in erecting unreasonable to limit the use of the label to those who have been ascertained by the proper authorities, through examination, to have lived up to the regulations of the code."

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday morning service, 11 a. m. Subject: "Everlasting Punishment."
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Wednesday Evening Service, 7:45 p. m.
The reading room in the church edifice is open daily except Sunday and legal holidays, from three to five p. m.

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H. C. Ewing, Pastor
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Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.
Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 o'clock.

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Notice of Candidacy For House of Representatives From Edgecombe County

On April 6th, I gave public notice of my candidacy for the House of Representatives from Edgecombe County and I believe it to be the duty of one seeking to represent the people as a member of the Legislature, to let the people know his position on important public questions which are certain to come before the Legislature and must be dealt with.

I believe in public education and will support the necessary and proper expenditures for the public school system. I have four children attending the public schools and it is my hope to have them graduate from the public schools. The present salary schedule of teachers, I believe too low and will support a salary bill which will place them in line with other work of like character.

I am opposed to land tax for the support of the State public school system. Land is now carrying the burden of bonds for local road building, which was put on before the State took over the roads, which makes the land tax already too heavy, by reason of these county road bonds.

I am absolutely opposed to the general sales tax because I believe it is unjust and works a hardship on our citizenship. The ability to pay is absolutely disregarded in this mode of taxation.

I have made some study of the State's condition and know that the State of North Carolina has sufficient resources to support its necessary functions of government without resorting to the gross sales tax, and if elected to the Legislature will support measures in line with position herein set forth. I will appreciate the support of the citizenship of Edgecombe County.

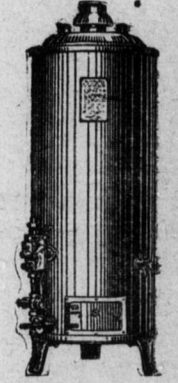
This 3rd day of May, 1934.
Faithfully yours,

ROSCOE GRIFFIN

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