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PERSONAL SLANTS

The Smithfield Herald

Yesterday I saw a truck load of household and kitchen furniture pass through town—one of numerous such loads which at this season of the year indicate that the owner of the household effects is changing his landlord.

The one truck held the whole housekeeping outfit from a bundle of straw brooms to the beds and kitchen stove. I don't wonder that one truck was sufficient, for if I had to move often a bed and stove and a straw broom would be about all I would want. I have moved just once in my life, and I did not have much to move at that, but it took weeks afterwards to find some of the things that had been packed up for moving.

If I were a tenant farmer I should want to be one like Mr. Will Price, who stayed 31 years on the same farm. Then if I planted a rose bush I would be sure of seeing it bloom; or if I set out a pecan tree I would know I was going to eat nuts off that tree. And when I finally did leave I'd hope it would be like Mr. Price, to my own "vine and fig tree."

No doubt there are benefits in moving from one farm to another. If a fellow rents rocky land this year, he doesn't have to stay with it; he can leave it for sandy soil of some other farm. If he finds wire grass in the sandy land, he can move on to another place, even though that may be infested with nut grass. If the house leaks and the landlord won't repair it, he can pick out another landlord, even though his house may be in no better fix. If one gets mad with his neighbors he can choose other neighbors next year.

But to me the disadvantages of moving outweigh the so-called advantages. I don't want my neighbor's chickens eat up my corn. I don't want to have a fuss, and I don't want to have a little repair work on my roof. I don't want to have the rain from leaking gutters.

Those persons who like to move want to find a new place each year, or new neighbors, or new chickens, or a new key. And I believe that persons would feel the same way living at the same place and then they would move after all.

There was an increase in the price of tobacco in November 1935. For the year the price had been 6.4 per cent of last year.

AWAY FROM DEMOCRACY

News and Observer

A special committee of Democrats, named to consider necessary reforms in the State election laws and to recommend changes to the State Democratic Executive Committee, has come forth with the amazing suggestion that the best way to insure the will of the people in primary elections is to take away from the people the power to elect.

The committee limited its suggestion in departure from primary elections to Superior Court judges and solicitors and for this departure gave as excuse the idea that as judicial officers they should be relieved from the necessity of engaging in political campaigns. A similar reasoning would end the election of judges in North Carolina at the very time when the people of the nation are cramped by the restraining bonds of a Supreme Court which is appointed for life and so free from responsibility to the people.

Any move away from the primary system in North Carolina is a move away from democracy. Certainly, as every one knows, the primary system is not free from fault. But primaries never would have succeeded conventions if conventions had been perfect instruments for the expression of the people's will. Turn backward in North Carolina at a time when men are looking forward in self-government should be resisted by all people who are interested in their right to govern themselves and to choose the men who will govern them.

The people of North Carolina are interested in cleaning up their elections, not in abolishing them.

WORK OF NEW DEAL, IT'S JUST BEGUN

Union Herald

Harry Payne Whitney, New York banker of Standard Oil affiliations, sportsman and race-horse lover, died in October, 1930. He left an estate whose net value was stated a few days ago to be \$63,250,000. The further interesting fact was mentioned that this estate had increased in value \$4,245,000 since Whitney's death, or a gain averaging more than \$700,000 a year straight through the heart of the depression.

The fact that a dead millionaire's millions grow at such a pace is a pretty complete answer to the claim that great wealth is the reward of great personal qualities. Great wealth, nineteen times out of twenty, is the fruit of privilege; and the Whitney privileges were so potent that they went on heaping up the fortune after the personality had been entirely withdrawn.

There is another interesting side to this story. The Harry Payne Whitney fortune had a net income of more than \$700,000 a year through the depression. The Brookings Institute reports that before the depression, in the prosperous year of 1929, nearly 6,000,000 families in the United States had gross incomes of less than \$1,000 a year each. The net income of those 6,000,000 families was just about nothing at all. Add to these items the further fact that Harry Payne was by no means the richest of the Whitneys; that one of this family, Payne Whitney, left a net estate of about \$200,000,000; and you have a fair illustration of the injustice of the present distribution of the national income.

Is the work of the New Deal finished? It's just begun.

We think no more important legislation will be laid before the legislature than the tobacco compact bill. We hope care and attention will be given to it by both houses.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

To whom it may concern: This is to give notice that I, Eddie Cooper, of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, have this the 29th day of December, 1936, sold all right, title, and interest that I own in the partnership known as Wimberly Brothers located at 204-206 E. Thomas St., in the City of Rocky Mount, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to John Wimberly of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and I am no longer responsible for any debt, bills, or liens of the aforesaid Partnership.
Signed: Eddie Cooper
Ben E. Fountain
Jack Murchison
Attorneys at Law Rocky Mt. North Carolina

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Della Pitt, deceased, late of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify persons having claims against the estate of said deceased on or before the 28th day of December, 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 28 day of December, 1936.
Signed: Mrs. Estelle Pitt Darden,
Administratrix of Mrs. Della Pitt, Estate.

NOTICE

Under the power contained in a deed of trust given by Geo. H. Lawrence to J. P. Bunn, Trustee, on February 2, 1928, recorded in book 289, page 443, Edgecombe county registry, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 16, 1937, at twelve o'clock M., two certain lots, tracts or parcels of land, lying in No. 11 Township, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and described as follows: 1. Adjoining the lands of Henry Baker, Geo. Bullock, Dr. Galway, and others, and said to contain 82 acres, more or less, and being the identical tract which was conveyed by Harry Powell to E. C. Winslow by deed duly recorded in Edgecombe county registry, and by E. C. Winslow to Geo. H. Lawrence, this being the identical tract or parcel of land conveyed to Harry Powell by two deeds, one from J. A. Norfleet to Harry Powell, recorded in book 48, page 210, and Susan Jones to Harry Powell, book 86, page 391, Edgecombe county registry, to which deeds reference is made for full description.
2. Five-eighths undivided interest

in a certain tract of land adjoining the lands of Geo. H. Lawrence, Henry Brake, Henry Bullock, and Isaac Price, containing 40 acres, more or less, and being the identical tract of land allotted to William Ann Lawrence, mother of Geo. H. Lawrence, as shown by report of Commissioners, recorded in book 64, page 145, Edgecombe county registry.
J. P. Bunn, Trustee.
December 11, 1936.

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