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A BIG STEAL

The Williamston Enterprise
 Sincerely believing that had a meritorious claim, Martin County people recognize the refusal of the State Highway and Public Works Commission to refund to several counties money expended for the construction of main highways as the one big steal of the century. The State has repudiated its promise to the people, they say, and they are irked no little to see an all-powerful agency continue its ruthless march on the backs of poverty and actual want back in the counties.

Forced to recognize the refund problem, the State administrations apparently said in the beginning that not a single crumb will fall from the heavily laden table of the highway commission, and today the only danger hanging over the road fund is the right of the General Fund to step in and take a bite that the numerous commissions might continue well fed.

Facts and figures well planted in the minds of Martin County people have never been brought to light by those designated with the task of investigating the merits of the claims to road refunds. "Advance the money now, and the State will assume the responsibility later," Martin County people were told. "There'll be some revenue for you from the gas tax," they were assured. The promises have been forgotten by those who made them, and the gas tax is packed away in Raleigh out of reach of everyone except the few.

At no time was it ever pointed out that North Carolina paid for a road and then turned around and maintained that it was not right to pay for a link connecting the first road. Little was said about at least one county and possibly other receiving refunds.

Martin County spent half a million dollars building main highway routes and after saddling its property owners with heavy taxes it did not and could not properly finance its secondary system. And then the North Carolina Highway Commission comes along and points out that Martin County failed to build good secondary roads, and intimates that it cannot do anything to relieve the situation.

The claims to road refunds have been denied and the highway folks now say Martin County is getting its share of the maintenance fund. It's a peculiar system of book-keeping they have up in Raleigh.

SYPHILIS

The Smithfield Herald
 A year ago, the public generally got all worked up over the prevalence of syphilis in the United States. Statistics showed a big percentage of infection and the disease was recognized as Public Health Enemy No. 1.

Johnston county citizens, along with those of other sections, discussed in civic clubs and other groups, the situation and one would have thought that an intensive drive to wipe out the disease was imminent.

In North Carolina, increased interest has been manifested in the drive against syphilis and in September this state led all the states in the Union in the number of cases reported and taking treatment. Reporting 5,849 cases. North Carolina even exceeded New York with a population of 13,000,000 reporting only 5,283. Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, sees in this fine report, evidence of cooperation among doctors and clinicians.

The interest in Johnston county however has not kept pace with that in the state. With a population of 60,000 people, only 39 cases of syphilis were reported in the county health office in September. The law concerning domestic servants seems to have been overlooked, though the facilities are at hand for complying with it, and the excitement of a year ago seems to have died down. The public seems to have fallen back into its accustomed status with syphilis still insidiously undermining the health of a large percentage of our population.

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News and Observer
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ELECTION DAY IN GRAHAM COUNTY

The Zebulon Record
 Under the heading "Funny Incidents During the Election," in the Graham County News we read these interesting, but not so funny facts about the election:

The Associated Press in Charlotte called up asking the particulars concerning the killing of five men.

Three State policemen were present to help keep the peace. A candidate decided to go in and help mark the ballots; a deputy escorted him out; the police took the deputy's pistol and put him in jail. The sheriff arrived, ordered the police to release the deputy and return his pistol, which they did.

Boys and girls under age registered and their votes were challenged; one man quoted the law, another said they weren't going by the law; flashing his gun, another said they were; other guns appeared before what very near became a tragedy passed without bloodshed.

A thousand (presumably C. C. C. workers) who had sold out and voted absentee votes were hauled out of the county. So reads the funny incidents of election day in Graham county.

The Graham County News, published by a woman, one who has sound opinions and strong convictions, says it "is opposed to voting dead people, cats, dogs and cows, and to stealing elections. What this county needs is for people to get cleaned out on the inside; then they will want to do the right thing."

The News has already begun a campaign to clean things up and get ready to have "an honest, honorable, upright election" next time.

Fifty years ago this editor, as a small boy, was a spectator at elections in Robinsville. At times things were pretty bad. Only real live folks voted in those days, much less the sort of human and other varmints the News accused as parading as bona fide citizens. Occasionally differences would arise and there would be a bit of cutting or shooting, but it appears things have gone from bad to worse among our native hills, and also in spots and blots all over our state.

More power to your pen, Sister Hornbuckle! Shedding printer's ink is far better in the long run than shedding human blood. Spread it on, thick and heavy. Presses are more powerful than pistols.

West, the largest demand is in the East. In recent years a large number of small longleaf pine trees from the South have been put upon the market. Cutting in national forests and in private woodlands is done to thin and clear stands.

70 PER CENT

Flue-cured tobacco growers have been allotted 754,000,000 pounds of leaf under the 1939 AAA program, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College. North Carolina will receive approximately 70 per cent of this amount if more than two-thirds of the growers throughout the flue-cured area vote in favor of quotas on December 10.

Preliminary figures of the Bureau of Census show the United States to have a population now of 130,215,000.

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NOTICE

Under an order of resale and under the power contained in a deed of trust given by Helen C. Cooper (unmarried) and Chloe M. Cooper (unmarried) to I. J. Dowdy, Jr., Trustee, on March 7, 1936, recorded in book 347, page 209, Edgecombe county registry, the undersigned will again offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on Thursday, December 22, 1938, at twelve o'clock M., before the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the city of Rocky Mount, County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, more particularly described and defined as follows:

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gress 15 minutes W. 286.2 feet to a stake in the Dorsey Battle line; thence with the Battle, Gupton, and Parrish lines N. 70 degrees 30 minutes W. 177 feet to a stake in the eastern property line of Washington Street; thence with the eastern property line of Washington Street N. 19 degrees 15 minutes E. 12 feet to a stake Mrs. Hyman L. Battle's corner; thence with her line S. 70 degrees 30 minutes E. 102 feet to a stake; thence with the Battle, Smith, Braswell and Edward lines N. 19 degrees 15 minutes E. 177 feet to the beginning, by survey made by E. L. Hunley, Civil Engineer, March 3, 1936, magnetic bearings November, 1894, plot of said survey now being on file with the Builders Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rocky Mount, and being the identical property conveyed to B. T. Fountain, Trustee, by C. C. Cooper and wife, by deed of trust recorded in book 277, page 137, Edgecombe county registry, and by R. T. Fountain, Trustee, conveyed

to Helen C. Cooper and Chloe M. Cooper, by deed dated February 21, 1936,
 December 3, 1938,
 I. J. DOWDY, Jr., Trustee

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of resale of the Superior Court of Nash County, made in the Special Proceeding entitled, "T. A. Williams, admr. of E. A. Williams, deceased, et al vs. Nadine H. Williams, et al," the undersigned commissioner will, on FRIDAY, THE 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1938, between the hours of Eleven o'clock A. M. and Twelve o'clock Noon, in front of the courthouse at Tarboro, North Carolina, offer for resale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in No. 7 Township, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land situate near the Town of Battleboro, containing 145.6 acres, and being tracts Nos. 1 and 8 as shown on the map of the Marriott Farm which was surveyed and plotted by James W. Field, Surveyor, which map is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 123, Edgecombe County Registry, to which reference is made for full description by metes and bounds and being the identical lands conveyed to E. A. Williams by the Virginia-Carolina Land Corporation by deed recorded in Book 218, Page 114, Edgecombe County Registry.
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toon to the economical practice of forestry, provided, of course, the trees are cut without excessive waste, and in such a manner as to keep the land continuously producing more trees. Properly done, Christmas tree harvesting is sustained timber yield on a small scale.

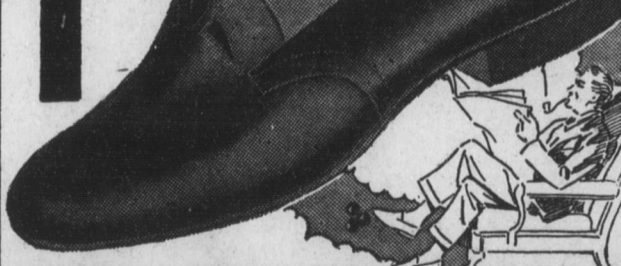
The cutting of Christmas trees on many forest areas thins out the small trees which otherwise would be wasted and allows the remaining trees to develop into sawtimber size. In other instances the use of sub-marginal land for the growing of Christmas tree crops yields a profitable income as a side line for many farmers.

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