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DAY OF RECKONING

Tomorrow, if you took the trouble to register, you will have an opportunity to express yourself at your neighborhood polling place. If you didn't bother to register, you'll have no right to complain about the officials you'll live under for several years.

Here and now, The Mirror serves notice on any and all citizens of New Bern and Craven county who forfeited their voting privilege. Don't squawk to us, or around us, in days to come, when you aren't in agreement with the actions of elected public servants. You had your chance.

It's a disgrace that a minority of the citizens entitled to register and vote in New Bern and Craven county will decide for the majority before sundown tomorrow. Ironically, the most important ballots in Saturday's Primary aren't going to be the ones cast but the ones that could not legally be cast.

Although we hardly deserve it, America has been blessed more abundantly than any other nation on the face of the earth. By way of appreciation, we have taken our heritage for granted. Like the spoiled child who is pampered by doting parents, we are too busy reaching for what we don't have to be thankful for what we've already got.

If you lived in the average foreign land — and it would be poetic justice if some of us were subjected to the experience for awhile — you would soon view things differently. In Italy, for example, you would discover that something like 80 percent of the citizens exercise their voting rights.

We hear a lot about the threat of Communism in America, and The Mirror does not minimize that threat. Far more deadly, however, is the anathy of millions of citizens who have no voice in government because of self strangulation.

What good is a democracy, if we fail to live up to its ideals and share its responsibilities?

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Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

The Petition of Rachel Blount

To the Worshipful, the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Craven.

The Petition of Rachel Blount and Frederick Blount respectfully showeth that your petitioner Rachel, formerly Rachel Bryan, was lawfully married with James Bryan, formerly of your County. That the said James Bryan died interstate sometime about the month of January 1806, seized and possessed at the time of his death of a considerable real estate in your County of Craven, viz:

About sixteen or seventeen hundred acres lying on the North side of Neuse River and usually known by the name of the SANDHILLS, a lot of land or ground in the Town of New Bern on Pollock Street, together with a house and improvements thereon, which was the residence of the said James at the time of his death. The said James was also seized and possessed in fee, but in common with the heirs of JOHN BRYAN, deceased, of a tract of land lying on Slade's Creek, and supposed to contain six hundred and forty acres. It is further shown that at the March Term, 1806, of your Worshipful Court, administration on the estate of the said James Bryan was duly granted to your petitioner Rachel, who in the month of October, 1807, intermarried with your petitioner Frederick. It is also shown unto your Worships that the said James Bryan, left living at his death three children, who were his heirs: JOHN BRYAN, JAMES BRYAN and ELIZABETH BRYAN, and that the said Elizabeth died an infant and interstate, about the month of June 1810. The said John and James Bryan are infants whose guardian is John Cobb, Esq. Your petitioner further shows that as yet the dower of your petitioner Rachel Blount in the lands of her first husband, the aforesaid James Bryan has not been laid off or allotted to her.

To the end therefore that the same may be done, may it please your Worshipful Court to grant process against the said John Bryan and James Bryan, that they may appear by their guardian at the next term of your Worshipful Court, then the three show cause, if any they have, why the dower of your petitioner Rachel should not be now laid off and allotted to her and your petitioner in duty bound will every pray. By J. R. Donnell, Attorney.

North Carolina, Craven County, 1816.

In obedience to the annexed writ, I, I Thomas H. Daves,

Village Verses

PERSONAL MATTER

Friend or enemy,
It's all the same,
No one is privileged
To dish out blame
And to criticize
The way you vote—
This is a truth
We all should note.
Like one's faith,
You pick your own,
The choice is yours,
And yours alone.
So vote as you please,
And we will too;
May we still be friends
When the day is through.
—JGMCD.

Sheriff of the County of Craven on the 9 day of March 1816, and in the 40th year of the independence of the State aforesaid attended by James Carney, John P. Daves, Rufus Wiley, Thomas Wadsworth, Francis LaMotte, Daniel Shackelford, John S. Green, David A. Murdock, Sylvester Brown, John Morris, John R. Good and Benjamin C.

Good, freeholders, unconnected with Mrs. Rachel Blount, widow
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