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AN OPPORTUNIST LEADER

As this is written, the MacLean Act supporters, headed by Joseph Daniels, are marching to victory with a luxury tax as the main source of revenue to "relieve" land of taxes.

And thus will end the long battle of the embattled farmers, according to Mr. Daniels' promises. With the MacLean Act in force (no ad valorem tax on property for support of schools) and with sources OTHER than real estate supplying the money, we can now enter into those Elysian fields of happiness which Mr. Daniels has painted so vividly for the past 110 days.

No more shall we hear the cry of the stricken farmer and property owner; no more are we a downtrodden race under the heel of privilege; no more need we worry about where the tax money is coming from. Leader Daniels has solved the riddle; he has shown the lighted path for the unwilling feet of our misguided statesmen; he is the Saviour of our State. The MacLean Act is a reality.

We speak not disparagingly when we call Mr. Daniels leader. He is today the unofficial and self appointed leader of Eastern North Carolina. We say that in all sincerity of belief. At this particular moment, he has achieved that status which all public men aspire to: unquestioned leadership.

Having assumed this leadership, he must carry on. If the MacLean Act has solved the tax problems of the State, then Mr. Daniels should receive the credit; even more so than the writer of the Act, Representative MacLean, who in the latter days had seen the folly of his ways and was willing to compromise with the ten million dollar equalizing fund.

The next two years will tell a whole lot of the story. If the MacLean Act fails to do what Mr. Daniels has told the State it will do: effect economy, lower taxes, relieve the burden on the overtaxed, then Mr. Daniels will stand in a very unsavory spot.

He has grasped the opportunity presented by the general depression to seat himself in the saddle. It is difficult to state just why. There are those who say he is peeved at the leaders of his party because he was not honored with a seat in the U. S. Senate (a fitting place for an ex-Secretary of the Navy). Others claim he has his eye on the next Governorship.

Whatever may be his aims and ambitions, he must ride or fall with the MacLean Act. It is his child by adoption. When an harassed General Assembly having passed the Act under pressure, would have let it die a natural death for lack of funds, it was Mr. Daniels who resurrected it and breathed new life into the emaciated form.

His friends claim that he had other means than nuisance taxes to raise the money for the MacLean Act. We do not believe it. If he had, Mr. Daniels, admitted leader, would have had incorporated in the Revenue Bill, those sources. As a matter of fact, he and all others know that a nuisance tax of some kind is essential to the MacLean Act.

We predict it will be the luxury tax, simply because that will have less opposition, having less numbers directly involved. A poor turn of affairs, when a so-called relief measure, is foisted on those unable to defend themselves.

And when the two years is over, the "relieved", including the farmers, will find they have paid out more in taxes than under the present system. It will be given them in easier and more painless doses.

The only job that Mr. Daniels has done well to completion, to perfection, in all this tax squab-

ble, is to further alienate and antagonize invested capital and possible future investors. The sad part is that while Mr. Daniels has always been an enemy to the interests, it was not until the present depression that he was able to gather about his flag thousands of citizens who, discouraged with business, were in a ready frame of mind to believe anything about anybody.

Opportunist Daniels has seized his opportunity and done well thereby.

CLEANING UP

It is not too late to clean up yet. Clean-Up Week is this week but that does not mean that when this week is over, all efforts toward making the individual residence or store a little more livable should cease.

The purpose of Clean-Up Week is to bring the matter forcibly to the attention of the citizens. While a little more concerted work will be done during that particular period, we believe it is the hope of the Womans Club and other organizations that; seeing the benefits and realizing the advantages of general cleanliness, the average citizen will continue the good work at all seasons of the year.

There may be those who think such movements are worthless or accomplish little. But just imagine the general effect if nobody took an interest in such things and if we were all allowed to follow the lines of least resistance and leave things just as we finished with them.

There is no compliment greater to any town than to have it known as a clean town; nor is there any greater satisfaction to the average citizen than to know he lives in a clean town and has done his share to make it so.

BIRTH CONTROL

The age in which we are living has one outstanding feature in that the forces of habit and custom, the traditions of the past, the hangovers of generations gone by, have lost the halo of pseudo-reverence accorded them in the past.

To us of today, history is a recording of past events; it is no longer the Alpha and Omega of our present conduct. Perhaps a lot of the good we might derive from following the conduct of our ancestors is being lost; but we can safely say we are also discarding a lot of rubbish which has been handed down from generation to generation with no other redeeming feature than that of hoary usage.

The latest proof of our statements is in the actions taken by various church bodies in regard to birth control. Here is a school of thought that ranked with the blackest of heresies a few short years ago. Its proponents were looked upon with fear and horror, as diabolical tools of Satan. It just wasn't discussed or argued; not even thought of subconsciously. It was tabooed. Custom made it a subject not to be touched by either the intellectuals or the gutter rats; while that great mass in between, more sanctimonious than either, viewed it with ghastly distaste.

We are breaking these shackles of superstition, bigotry and narrowness. Why shouldn't the all important question of sex be discussed as frankly as the less important questions of civics or art. Pity the countless thousands who have suffered because of ignorance of the simple laws regarding sex.

Parents who are hesitant about discussing such problems should remember that there are always those who are ready to give children the wrong ideas about such things, when a few instructions from a parent would thwart any such ideas.

The fundamental principles of birth control are sound. It is a known fact those least fitted to have and able to raise children have the great bulk of offspring. That class does not know continence, cannot be taught it. Therefore they and society should be protected by education and free discussion of the problem.

The writer was condemned by many for favoring a law in another State which would make it legal to sterilize habitual criminals and insane persons. It was called inhuman, heathenish, etc. etc. We still consider it economically sane and sound. It will come eventually, just as birth control for the great masses has already been officially recognized; for some time by leading socialists, economists and other thinkers, more recently by several national church organizations.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



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STRAIGHT SHOOTING

By OLD TIMER

I see by the papers that our High School Musical Clubs won their share of deserved honors at Greensboro. These are no empty honors, because our school competed with all the larger High Schools in the State—and North Carolina is a big State, with many fine High Schools located therein. I still hope that some arrangement can be made for a big musical Sunday night service at the High School—free to all who love music.

They tell me that seventy-five cents will buy as much now as one dollar would by a few years ago. I'd like to pay all my over-due and past-due accounts on this basis. Everyone knows it costs more to live today than it did yesterday, and that seventy-five cents is a mere drop in the bucket. We live better today than we did yesterday. We now have two neckties where we used to have one, and we change our B.V.D.'s every day instead of once a week. Its not the high cost of living that costs more, it's the better kind of living which our civilization demands and we have no complaint.

A few more days will pass and the trees will be out in full, and summer in all its green glory will sweep down upon us. Do you watch the trees as they prepare for the summer? It's a wonderful transformation from death to life. Keep your eye on the great all-out-of-doors and most of your big and little worries will fade away. "Only God Can Make A Tree."

Automobiles are not allowed to operate with their exhaust pipes open. Please advise under what law motor-cycles are permitted to blast forth up and down our streets at any time day or night, regardless of the noise they make. If there is a law to prohibit this nuisance—enforce the law.

As far as I can determine, one man has deadlocked the General Assembly hopelessly. What a pity that President Wilson ever made his one big mistake in making this man Secretary of the Navy. This honor ruined him. Let him continue to use the word "Ex" after his name, the nation is clear of him, but it's our hard luck that he will continue to fool us in the Eastern part of North

Carolina as long as he lives. West of Raleigh his influence is nil, thank God for that fact.

Over one million dollars in cash has been offered for the News and Observer. The News and Observer is listed for taxation at fifty thousand. Who is this man who does not attempt to escape taxes, but actually escapes? If North Carolina was the United States Navy, would we appoint this man as its secretary. We would not. When Joe Daniels becomes Governor, George Washington will return to be an office boy.

We would like to see the Democrats nominate a strong man for President, who in addition to other necessary qualifications, would be 1. Wet, 2. Protestant. And we would like to see the Democratic Party with a Wet platform (Anything less than the usual Republican pledge would be termed wet.) Our only reason of course for this desire would be to solve the argument now in sway between the two parties as to the reason for the South going Republican. The Republicans declare it was because Al Smith was Wet. The Democrats claim it was because the Republicans played on the religious antagonisms of the South. It would be an interesting political experiment—not so noble, perhaps but interesting. If a Wet Protestant Democrat carried the South, the Democrats would be right; if the lost the South as Smith did, the Republicans would be right, and could stand absolved of the charge that they waged a religious war in the South and also in other sections of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunch attended the funeral Sunday in Oak City for Earl Bennett and Robert House, who were drowned last week in the Roanoke River at Weldon.

Mrs. L. C. Crewe of Miami, Fla., has accepted a position with Vogue Beauty Shoppe.

Mesdames J. L. Williams, E. R. Kidd, Jim Ingram and Miss Lena Wright spent Tuesday in Richmond.

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