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### EXEMPTIONLESS

The amended revenue bill, as it passed three readings in the House, and Tuesday one in the Senate, included a three per cent sales tax which is exemptionless, that is, that the levy would be collected on the basic food items—flour, sugar, molasses and sow-bosom—and although the measure in its present form is estimated to yield enough to come within one per cent of balancing the appropriations bill, the taking of a retail excise on the elements of the most frugal existence carries with it a sort of economic nausea.

Most of us have more or less become reconciled to the sales tax, and of course expected its re-enactment, but we can't be brought to believe in this new angle of the situation whereby the bare elements which would keep a beggar's tortured soul and famished body together, should be fallen upon as a source of revenue for the replenishment of the coffers of a fiscally embarrassed commonwealth.

While not altogether unkindful of the State's pressing needs for money, there are altogether too many things which bring to its populace misery, want and damaged health, and no actual benefit at all—upon all of which the tax-gatherer could be made to lay a heavy finger, without stooping to break the pauper's crust.

### DOUGHTON DECLINES

Robert L. Doughton, veteran Congressional leader, and a kingly in the recovery structure of President Roosevelt's New Deal, is not going to offer himself as a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1936, as had been his supposed intention. The announcement came after an interview with the President in which it is deduced the Chief Executive expressed a great desire to have the Doughton leadership remain behind him in the National Congress.

Besieged by thousands of North Carolinians to enter the gubernatorial primaries and at the same time urged by his colleagues in the Congress and the President himself to remain with them at the helm of the national ship of state, Mr. Doughton hesitated long and thoughtfully, then with characteristic Doughton frankness issued a concise statement to the press and continued working—working as he has always worked, for what he believes to be the best interests of the nation and all its peoples.

And while not gainsaying the fact that Mr. Doughton would make a great Governor, that his long training in governmental affairs would stand him in good stead as Chief magistrate of his native State, yet we can't help rejoicing a bit with the candidates in his decision to stay in Washington, where he has become one of the most constructive of our great national leaders. To leave the right hand of the President for a ninety-day Legislature would be a step in the wrong direction in the opinion of many of the strongest Doughton adherents. And the people of the Ninth District, neighbors to Congressman Doughton, geographically and actually, would feel bereft if they could no longer approach Doughton as their Congressman, after enjoying 25 years of superbly unselfish service from his Washington office. We believe that Mr. Doughton's record of doing the right thing has not been altered by this latest action.

### HERE'S A SAMPLE OF IT

Wallace Davis, convicted Asheville banker, is free after serving about two years and six months of sentences totaling nine to thirteen years. He was serving one sentence of five to seven years, and there was another

sentence of four to six years, but it was only a matter of form, since it ran along with the first; concurrent, the court calls it. He was serving two sentences at the same time. We suppose he was due to be paroled. Nearly all the "big shots" who have to go to prison get a parole after serving part of their sentence; that is, those who have friends and influence and money with which to hire smart lawyers to follow up their cases and keep them before the parole board. Luke Lea is another one who will soon be out.

But, what about the "forgotten men" in our prisons? Who is looking out for those unending and unknown prisoners, who have no money or influential friends to engineer pardons and paroles for them? Are they getting fair and just treatment at the hands of the State?

This is exactly what has helped to bring our court system into disrepute—Gastonia Gazette.

## THE BOOK

the first line of which reads "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures . . .

By BRUCE BARTON

### TEN FAMOUS WOMEN

The same letter which invited ten thousand preachers to name the ten greatest men in the Bible asked also for a list of ten famous women. Seventy-four names received votes, and the following ten are selected from among the highest, and are arranged not in the order of their popularity, but in their chronological sequence.

1. Eve, "the mother of all living."
2. Ruth (who had the highest vote next to Mary, the mother of Jesus).
3. Hannah, the devoted mother.
4. The one woman whom the Bible calls great.
5. Esther, the beautiful queen.
6. Mary, the mother of Jesus (for whom practically every vote was cast).
7. Mary of Magdala.
8. The Bethany sisters.
9. The woman of Samaria.
10. The widow who gave the mite.

Eve! Every ancient people has its own legend of the creation of the first man and woman, and in almost every story the woman gets the worst of it. It is only fair to Eve to remember this. Some man (Moses or another) is her biographer.

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband.

So much for the Eve whom everybody knows, the Eve of the Garden and the transgression. We shall not linger with her. It is with Eve the girl with an unhappy memory and the swift disillusionment going forth with the young man she loved and making a home "east of Eden," whom we should like to know better.

There in the backwoods is heard the lullaby of this primitive Madonna, singing the song that all mothers have sung:

"I have gotten a man From the Lord." She knows very well that the child is Adam's son, this miracle of little pink toes and tiny hands that have such a terrible clutch at one's hair and heartstrings.

This is the theme of all cradle songs. Eve set the mothers of the world singing. She did wrong, in that apple affair. But as a result of it she and Adam were no longer pensioners; they were working to pay off the mortgage. And weren't they happier, isn't the whole race happier, in this bustling and chaotic world than if they had stayed in Eden?

I sometimes wonder how much Eve really regretted!

Next Week: Ruth

### The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

#### GETTING "FRESH" AIR

The modern automobile may be called the universal convenience for out-door travel. It is rare to find an American householder that does not possess some sort of a family car.

I rode in my sedan about thirty-five miles yesterday afternoon. It was sunny and warm—a perfect day; I wanted—needed—air and sunshine; I, like multiplied thousands, had been housed the week before. The question is, how much air and sunshine did I obtain?

In a very "sketchy" ride over the hills and through country lanes, I was not actually in the glorious sunshine over ten minutes! Seated on the cushions, I did not get ten whole minutes of physical exercise—a solemn fact.

I am forced to confess—the closed automobile is worth precious little as an instrument for gathering sunshine and exercise for the man who needs both. . . . Thrice more benefit comes to the health-tourist who is compelled to get out by the side of the highway and patch up a punctured tire or a "blow-out." He gets the sunshine and exercise.

Let me word this exactly: I got more sunshine and exercise in my back yard one afternoon with my garden hoe—than I would get in an entire Sunday afternoon's auto touring, and did it in twenty minutes. I mention this to show how easy, effectual and cheap one can obtain such absolute essentials to life and health, as sunshine, air and good exercise. The humblest may reach forth and take without cost, while the idler "gets by" in his self-deception.

### DIRT

We family doctors, who find our living "out among the sticks," somehow form a very close acquaintance with the dust to which we all some day must return. This letter may be of more than passing interest.

Dirt is regarded as the chief enemy of our great hospitals; every effort is directed here to the extermination of every atom of, possibly, germ-infested dirt. But we country doctors find means of getting along with it!

I remember once taking care of a very malignant case of small-pox; it was in the squalid quarter, and I do not remember of having encountered a filthier case! The old, ragged quilts and greasy blankets were not changed or aired for six weeks; the room was a north-east exposure where the sunlight was practically an unknown quantity. The patient was filled with the venom of the hideous disease; he did not look like a human being.

My visits here were very circum-spect indeed; I did not remove my overcoat nor did I trust myself in one of the rickety chairs—I delivered my messages and medicines standing. I sprayed myself with formaldehyde before leaving the room.

This man made a most marvelous recovery; he simply had the constitution to "best" all the infection. He has lived at least 25 years and is in perfect health today.

This would tend to convince us that dirt does not always kill. I have seen dozens of patients that lived like swine make the most astonishing recoveries from serious disease.

But this is not by any means an argument for carelessness in treatment; we shall go on guarding against all chance of infection with all our souls and bodies. That the dirty patient gets well sometimes is more a matter of luck than intelligence.

## OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

### WRITES TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Editor Watauga Democrat:

If this sketch does not find the waste basket and you thought it would be of any benefit, I would say a few things in regard to tobacco growing—things I have learned by experience and observation.

While this section has been growing tobacco for 13 or 20 years, Watauga farmers have, I believe, been growing it for the last 3 or 4 years, and I hear some of the Watauga growers have decided to fall out of the business this season. A preacher asked an old lady if she was a Christian and she said: "Yes, sirc, I've been a Christian off and on I guess for 40 years or more!" I would say to the growers if you have a place to cure it grow some tobacco every year, for a tobacco grower off and on will make about as bad a failure as the off and on Christian—and if there be any sweet we are sure to get it if we are on the job in season and out. However, if we are the ones who are off and on we are very likely to get all the bitter and no sweet.

So I would say to the Watauga tobacco growers, if you are prepared grow some every year so it will not take so long to get rich. When tobacco looks like it is ready to cut then let it stand a week or ten days longer. Tobacco cures a dark red by being cut before it is ripe. Cut tobacco and hang in barn. Why put it on a scaffold when it has to go in the barn? It takes lots of work and timber to scaffold and it does not cure up as bright being in the hot sun and rain. The water should not be forced too rapidly from the leaves. When it cures slowly it will be a brighter color and not so red. Cut and fill up the bottom runs in the barn first (tobacco will wilt in five minutes). Put this up in top of barn next morning while the dew is drying off tobacco in the field and repeat this. Sticks should be spaced at least 10 or 12 inches apart in the barn and let's not try to grow enough in one year to do the world 10 years.

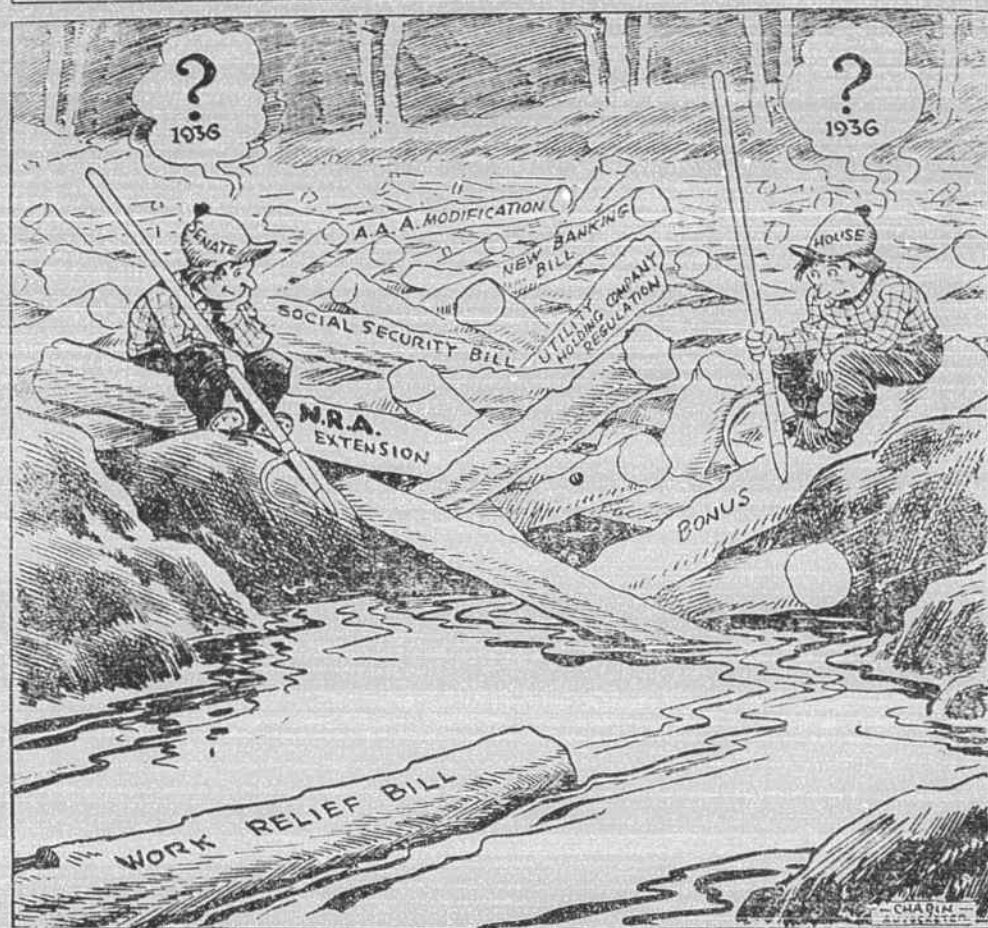
A Watauga potato truck recently hauled a load of potatoes back in Virginia for 35 cents a bushel. We should grow a little of many things for they are growing potatoes and tobacco outside of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Butler, Tenn. JOE CULVER.

### NOT GUILTY!

Editor Democrat: Will you put this in the paper? I am sorry that I got in trouble like I have got in, but I hope it will come some day that I was not the one that did the charge. I hope the people in the county don't think I did the charge they had me charged with. I hope some time in the future I can make a man, that everybody will not try and hold me down. If it don't come out in this world it will come

## Loafing at the Log Jam—by A. B. Chapin



out in the next world. God in Heaven knows I am not guilty. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have been so nice to me since I have been in jail I sure do thank them for their kindness.

GRADY HARTLEY.  
RALPH GILLEY.

### WILL GOD DWELL IN A SINFUL TEMPLE?

Some time ago this momentous question was asked. I have thought about it a whole lot, and have taken the trouble and pains to look into the matter. From this study of God's Holy Word, I am forced to say that He WILL NOT dwell in a sinful temple. In the first place, He will not dwell in a sinful temple because the body is the temple of the Lord when washed and justified. Then we are joined to Christ. Shall we take the members of Christ and join them to sin? God forbid. Let us read I Cor. 6:15. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid! The body is the temple and must be kept clean.

Let us look now at I Cor. 6:19. What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God. Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's. The body is free from sin because it is washed and justified. I Co. 6:9-11. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves, nor drunkers, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God."

The Conflict of the Spirit With the Flesh. Watch and pray that the devil don't get you to commit some "no harm" sin and be lost. If you have been regenerated and washed in the blood of Jesus, there is no sin in your body until the devil leads you off. Shall we not read Romans 8:12? Therefore, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh to live after the flesh, for if ye live after the flesh ye shall die. But if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live.

The Fellowship that We Have with the Father and With the Son. It cannot be denied that we enjoy the fellowship of the Father and the Son. Let us look at I John 1:3. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things write we unto you that your joy may be full." Does not this prove that we enjoy this matchless fellowship?

Conditions of the Fellowship. We must walk in the light. What is it to walk in the light, to have fellowship with the Father and with the Son? In order to get an adequate answer let us read I John 1:5. This is the message which we have heard of Him and declare unto you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness we lie and do not tell the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Now, dear reader, this appears plain to me. If we are cleansed from all sin we are fit to walk with Him. We are fit for the indrawing of the Spirit of God. He forgives all sin; He cleanses from all sin; He does His part. These are the conditions of the fellowship. Christians, test your fellowship. Let

us see if we can measure up to God's word. There are so many people who profess to know God and in their work deny Him. They are being abominable and disobedient and unto every good work reprobate. God's word teaches us not to sin. But if we do sin He is ready and willing to forgive us. He does forgive, if we only ask!

The Test of Fellowship—Obedience, and Love. Let us now read I John 2:11. "Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that sayeth I know Him and keep not His Commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word in him verily is the love of God perfected. Hereby know we that we are in Him. He that sayeth he abideth in light himself also so to walk, even as He walked. . . . He that sayeth he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Now, dear people, do you think from this study that God will dwell in a sinful temple? How can men so construe the Holy Word as to make it look as if we must sin more or less each day?

GAM S. SOUTH  
Meat Camp, N. C.

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## Wataugans May Secure Jobs in TVA Projects

Watauga County is included in the district in which the following positions in connection with the work of drainage and erosion prevention for flood control in the Tennessee and Cumberland valleys, according to R. J. Woolen, district re-employment manager at North Wilkesboro:

"Laborer Foreman, \$1,500 per year; Levee Construction Foreman, \$1,960 per year; Levee Construction Overseer, \$2,000 per year; Concrete Foreman, \$1,860 per year; construction supervisor, \$2,300 per year; General Construction Overseer, \$2,000 per year; General Construction Foreman, \$1,860 per year.

"Anyone in Watauga County interested should apply to the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Engineers Office, Nashville, Tenn. Forms for these applications may be secured from the local postoffice and if not available there may be had by addressing the National Re-employment Office, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

"Calls are continually coming for skilled highway workers. Any person who is skilled in the operation of any kind of road machinery, such as power shovels, motor graders, and bulldozers should register with the National Re-employment Service at North Wilkesboro, but bear in mind that these men must be highly skilled in the operation of these machines before they apply.

"Any applicant who has previously registered in the Employment Office at Boone and requests a renewal may do so by mail."

## THE REINS-STURDIVANT BURIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

"PROTECTION FOR THE FAMILY"  
Boone, North Carolina.

The Reins-Sturdivant Burial Association was organized for the purpose of giving every man, woman, boy and girl in Wilkes, Watauga and the adjoining communities an opportunity to know that they would be taken care of and placed away in a decent manner when they have finished their work here and passed unto their reward. At first we were advised and criticized for the attempt we were putting forth in this direction, but after thorough consideration and checking of statistics we felt that it could be organized, and we knew by our own experience and the information we could gather from our friends that there was a great need for such an organization in our community, therefore we were determined to make an honest effort to be of service to the people we serve in this way.

Our people were a little slow at first, and sometimes we might confess, it looked a little hopeless, but their lack of faith and interest forced us to work harder for fear that we might fail those who had shown by giving us their membership that they, too, believed it a worth while institution and that the thing could be accomplished.

Today we are proud to say to you that our association is more than 7,000 (seven thousand) strong, and we know by the records of the association that it is doing a great good in giving financial assistance to the families of members of our association.

Our goal for 1935 is to increase the membership to 15,000 members and the object of this letter is to give you some information about our fine association, and to say to you that we need your support in helping us to make this a more worth while community organization as well as to give protection to you and your family at a most reasonable rate.

The membership fee is 25 cents for each member of your family, and this pays your dues up to the next assessment which now is July 1st.

### THE DUES THEREAFTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	Per Quarter	Whole Year	Benefit
1 to 10 Years	10	40	\$ 50.00
10 to 20 Years	20	80	100.00
20 to 30 Years	40	160	100.00
30 to 50 Years	60	240	100.00

It would be a real pleasure to have you make this your association. Why not call by our office and let us fill out your application now. Only 25 cents to join.

Yours to serve,

MADGE L. STURDIVANT, Secretary.