

THE NEWSPAPER AND THE UPLIFT OF COUNTRY LIFE

Speech of R. M. Phillips at convention of North Carolina Press association, held at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: Since we are all newspaper men, and you, I do not say journalists, but all of us are, in an indisputable sense, newspaper men...

There is no field of effort, no avenue of research that we do not reach and investigate, that we do not master and explain. Haven't we already elevated appendixes to a permanent and commanding place of fame in all the realms of fashion...

We are here, ladies and gentlemen, in the newspaper business, I mean for the purpose of uplifting things. To have influence and be effective, means far more to us than the worldly ambition of acquiring a filthy bank account.

It was in a North Carolina community known to fame and Federal courts as Smithtown. One man said to another: "One of my cows is done and gone dry."

"You don't say?" said his neighbor. "Oh, one of them dog-gasted prohibition failures come in my cow lot and dragged a copy of the Charlotte News, and the Mammoth cow it!"

How is that for a newspaper's power and effectiveness? If you will pardon me I will mention one other case. It is a matter of general knowledge that a mule swallowed a copy of the News and Observer and died.

These instances show the effectiveness of the press on the lower order of country life. But the real subject I am asked to present takes us higher.

It is presumed that the term "country life" in this subject refers to the people who live in rural communities and are known as farmers, and that "uplift" means their mental and moral, as well as material and physical, welfare.

For too long has man the tiller of the soil-lured and moved by the dim light of that ancient Biblical command, spoken in the form of a curse, when our disobedient forefathers were driven from the Garden of Eden: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

But times have changed—are still changing—and at no time since the dawn of civilization has there been so much to arouse ambition in the hearts of country dwellers, and to bring opportunity to their very doors, as at the present period in our history.

Our work as newspaper men is ultimately and inseparably linked with the rural life of the country. Many of us were born on the farm, and some of our pecuniary interests are still there. Perhaps the farms lost some fairly good field hands when we went away.

Let us always send back echoes of good cheer and encouragement. Uplifting country life means uplifting of town and city life. They are interdependent upon each other.

We have accomplished much in the past. The newspaper has won its place in the ranks of progress and influence as just as essential in the accomplishment of great public enterprises as banks, railroads, or any other agencies.

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log schoolhouses in many sections—obscure and remote country districts—poorly lighted and worse ventilated, give place to neat, commodious and comfortable modern buildings.

In many of the counties of this state the old rough trails—called roads—full of holes, rocks, ruts and gullies, are fast giving way to graded and macadamized roads.

Interest and pride are constantly increasing in better and more attractive and commodious churches. Rural telephone lines are penetrating all sections of the state, and thus neighborhoods are brought into closer touch and more intimate relationship with each other.

The people do not have the lonesome and faraway feeling. Rural free mail delivery routes have been established in nearly all sections, and letters and papers are delivered almost daily at the very doors of country homes.

I might continue, indefinitely, to enumerate the many evidences of service the newspapers render in the uplift of country life; but I would be repeating that with which you are familiar.

Of course it must not be supposed that the advantages that are coming to people in the rural communities of the present day mean that they can live in ease and idleness, always inhaling the sweet fragrance of a rose garden and never enduring any of the hardships of toil.

With the awakening that is possible—that is surely coming—with good schools and better churches, a more ambitious and enlightened citizenship is assured. With the annihilation of distance by the telephones and good roads, the lonesomeness of the country is vanishing.

With the use of machinery farming is becoming a profitable business, rather than forced drudgery and dreaded toil. Great as has been the achievements of the past, they are but an incomplete index to the future.

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LEAPED BEFORE LOOKED. Rowan Democrat Put in Hoie by Chairman Sims.

The following is taken from the Salisbury Post of June 8: Mr. Sims to the Bat. Editor Evening Post: "Foul and out"—before I have even gotten to the bat. Eh?

I notice in Monday's Post an open letter addressed to John A. Sims, chairman, and knowing as I do your absolute fairness is my excuse for asking to be given room for this reply to Mr. W. H. Woodson, chairman Democratic executive committee.

Yes, I am "indisposed and at home" as you state, but I am disposed to treat all matters of public concern with absolute fairness, and shall never attempt to reply to any such sarcasm or ridicule. But to this resolution: As chairman of the Republican executive committee the question of the use of whisky for campaign purposes, and our position in regard to same, was submitted to me before our meeting by an intelligent Republican, not a member of the committee.

Mr. Walter H. Woodson, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, a gentleman whom I never had the pleasure of meeting, so far as I remember, replies to resolutions passed by the Republican executive committee at their meeting last Saturday, one of which stated that the chairman of the Republican executive committee was instructed to submit a copy of a certain resolution to the chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

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