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HERE, NOW
AND
HEREAFTER
By VANCE HAVNER
A Word For The Rebels

More folks belong to the Great General Average. They are pretty much alike, have homes, raise families, drive automobiles and spend their time trying to keep up with the Joneses. This is the Great General Average.

But now in a while, comes along a rebel. He doesn't think nor act like the Great General Average, he has a square peg in a round hole. He follows his own way rather than the established institutions and conventional opinions. Of course, the Great General Average thinks he is a nut. His parents lay it to him, the neighbors call it meanness, and the psychologists trace it back to his grandfathers.

The rebel is a dangerous fellow. He may end up in the penitentiary or in the Hall of Fame. His rebelliousness may get him a striped suit and a pick in his hand or it may lead him to a brass suit and a picture in the papers. His individuality may take him anywhere from the county jail to the White House, but one thing is certain, he will never be an average man.

Just how much rebellion a man should mix up with conformity in his life has always been a problem with a rebel. Just how far a rebel should follow his own way and judgment and just how far he should abide by the established principles of his time is a very individual to work out for himself. For a man to pit himself against the accumulated wisdom of his time is a big thing to do. For some it means immortality; for others it means fatality.

One thing is certain: If you can't follow the Great General Average, you are better off than below it. There are two ways of living in the world, above and below. Be sure your way is above it.

Just the same, the greatest souls of earth have been rebels. Old humanity has worked for ages forming established customs, opinions and conventions. But the greatest of the sons of men have always broken the order of their time.

Our heroes are for the Great General Average although lately they have begun to enter more to the individual child than to the mass. But you cannot rebuke all like for there are some rebels in every school and they must have special treatment.

Our heroes have their fixed standards to which all must assent. But now in a while comes a rebel who does not find his God along the beaten path and his God have his own road. Our heroes are for the Great General Average.

Our heroes are for the Great General Average. Occasionally a rebel comes along who can find his path in a world so full of people who follow a mediocrity prescribed by the world.

OUR EYES AT WORK
The average of our eyes in any line will show their efficiency. It is when you help your eyes with a pair of glasses, currently prescribed, that you are the specialist. DRS. J. H. DUNCAN & GEORGE BANK

MUST BE A MONUMENT TO WRIGHT BROTHERS

First Plans for Wright Memorial Rejected— New Plans To Contemplate Housing Original Wright Plane

The Hon. Charles Moore, chairman of the National Commission of Fine Arts puts a foot squarely down on the plan to build a combination Coast Guard Station and Lighthouse as a Memorial to the Wright Brothers and the birth of aviation at Kill Devil Hills on the North Carolina Coast.

"Where do the Wright Brothers come in?" asked Mr. Moore. And the question has not been answered yet. And so encouraged by Chairman Moore, Congressman Lindsay Warren will introduce a bill in the House of Representatives this week to provide for competitive designs for the Wright Memorial, inviting the best thought of American and European artists and sculptors to submit competitive designs for a monument in keeping with the dignity and importance of the achievement which the proposed monument is to commemorate.

And having gotten away from the Treasury Department plans for a freak building, Congressman Warren and the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association took steps this week to try to interest Orville Wright in new plans that would provide a room in the proposed monument for the original Wright plane which Mr. Wright has refused the Smithsonian Institute and which was recently loaned to the British Museum in London.

The plans which were rejected this week called for an expenditure of \$115,000. The rejection of the plans means that it will probably be too late to get new plans and put an appropriation there the present Congress; but with more than six months in which to work acceptable plans may be ready for the Congress which convenes in December of this year and it is confidently believed that new plans will call for a much larger appropriation.

A notable commission
It was fortunate perhaps that somebody incorporated in the bill, authorizing the Wright Memorial a provision that the plans should be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts of the Library of Congress. This commission is composed of Hon. Charles Moore, of Detroit, Mich.; H. Siddons Newbray, of Washington, Conn.; Wm. Adams DeLano, of New York City; Lorado Taft, of Chicago; Abram Garfield of Cleveland; Benjamin Myster Morris, of New York City and Ferruccio Vitale, of New York City.

This distinguished group of artists, sculptors and architects was created especially to supervise the development of plans designed to make Washington the world's most beautiful capital. This commission carefully scrutinizes the plans for every public building, every monument and every bit of public landscape gardening in the city of Washington.

Mr. Charles Moore, secretary of the Commission is the original member of the Commission, is the author of a number of notable works and editor of "Plan for the Improvement of Washington" by D. H. Burnham, C. F. McKim, Augustus Saint-Gaudens and F. L. Olmstead.

Plans for the Wright Memorial were made by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury after the manner of plans for a post office building, a coast guard station, a lighthouse or other common government structure and with little regard for art or sentiment. The Commission of Fine Arts did not see the plans until they were ready to go to Congress with a recommendation for the necessary appropriation.

Chairman Moore took one look at the plans when they were submitted to him last week. "Where do the Wrights come in?" he is said to have asked. His every sense of art was offended by the very practical plans for a noble coast guard station and a fairly good lighthouse. There was nothing in the plans to suggest a memorial to the Wright Brothers and the birth of aviation.

"A Good Day's Work"
W. O. SAUNDERS, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association was in Washington Saturday when the plans were laid before Chairman Moore and had an intimation that the plans would be rejected by him. When announcement was made early this week that Chairman Moore had rejected the plans, Mr. Saunders sent the following wire:
Feb. 20, 1928.
Hon. Charles Moore, Chm.,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.
Your rejection of the Treasury Department plans for proposed Wright Memorial at Kill Devil Hill, was a good day's work. We

A Fair Young Delegate



MISS MARY MEEKINS, attractive daughter of Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins of this city who will alternate as delegate from the First Congressional District to the Republican National Convention this summer. Photo by Marceau, Fifth Ave., New York.

John and Fulton Lowry, two Elizabeth City youths who became outlaws several years ago provided so much work for the courts of this county that benevolently disposed persons became interested in their younger brother Robert Lowry and, to save him from following in the criminal footsteps of his brothers, they made a lawyer of him.

Robert Lowry lawyer is making more work for the courts than his brothers ever did and his activities in personal injury cases is giving every industry in Elizabeth City serious concern. On the docket of the three weeks term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases now in progress in Elizabeth City young Lowry appears with 18 cases on the docket, nine of which are suits brought for pauper clients claiming damages for personal injuries.

His most sensational suit was on trial in this newspaper was going to press. Garland S. O'Neal, claiming personal injuries in an accident at a local manufacturing plant, is not only suing his former employers, but is suing Dr. C. B. Williams as well, young Lowry figuring in both actions. The company is sued for contributory negligence and Dr. Williams is sued for neglect in the treatment of the injured party.

Young Lowry and his cases are taking up much of the time of the Court. Two of his cases were non-suited; the judge threw out a third case. In one case Lowry won a verdict of \$500 against the John E. Beaman Construction Co., of Raleigh, for S. J. Hamilton who sustained injuries while working on the Virginia Dare Hotel in the employ of the defendants.

No accident in any industry in Elizabeth City seems to escape the notice of young Lowry since he was provided with a law license and permitted to set himself up in the practice of law in his old home town. Recently he employed his talents in securing a parole for his brother John who was doing time in the penitentiary and John has got religion and turned street preacher.

But surely mother would not be eternally damned because of her failure to make a public confession; the only unpardonable sin is the sin against the Holy Ghost, Mr. Pardue told me.

ANOTHER LOWRY MARY MEEKINS KNOWS WHY SHE IS FOR LOWDEN

And Her Father's Daughter Shows How The Republican Wind is Blowing in North Carolina This Year— He Who Runs May Read

For the first time in their history the Republicans of the First Congressional District chose a feminine representative to a Republican National Convention when Miss Mary Meekins, daughter of Federal Judge I. M. Meekins of this city was named as alternate with John L. Phelps of Columbia as delegate at their District Convention in this city Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

LEAVING WORK TO POSTERITY

E. F. Aydlert is erecting a brick store building on his property on the South side of Colonial Ave., near Road St. The front of that building is being laid within five feet of the curb, leaving a five foot sidewalk. It is Mr. Aydlert's right to do this; there is nothing or nobody to stop him. And if any one tried to stop him it would mean a law suit without end. And so the five foot sidewalk on the South side of what has become an important business street is to be perpetuated. Here was a chance to make a beginning in the ultimate widening of the sidewalk of an important business street.

On the other side of this same street facing Aydlert's property the sidewalk is supposed to be 18 feet wide. When this newspaper built its shop and offices on the North side of the street six years ago it deferred to the city's wishes and set its building line 18 feet from the curb. This newspaper's property is more valuable by reason of the width of its sidewalk. Mr. Aydlert's property would be more valuable if given an adequate sidewalk.

Farmers Pay More Tax Than Town Folks

To what extent the farmers of North Carolina are paying more taxes according to their income than corporations and men living in towns is to be nearly definitely determined by a survey now being conducted.

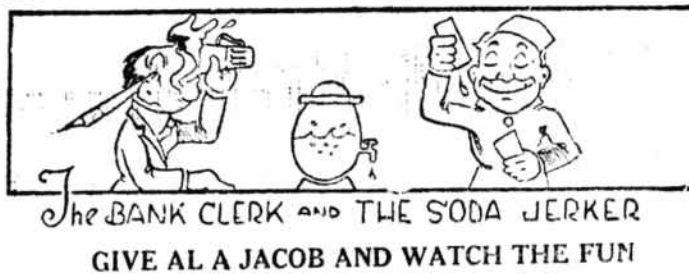
Geo. S. Klemmerson of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture arrived in Elizabeth City this week with a crew of twelve young men from State College who have made case studies of more than 100 farms in the Elizabeth City tract territory this week. Approximately 1,500 farms will be studied through the State and the figures obtained are expected to fairly represent the tax burden of the farmer as compared with the tax burden of the man in town and the corporations.

The results of similar studies in other parts of the country have been to show that farmers are taxed a larger percentage of their income than townspeople or corporations. But little can be done toward securing relief for the farmer thru tax equalization until exact facts are available. The facts are now being obtained.

Wants Uncle Sam To Give Us All Stills

Solution of the vexing liquor problem is offered by a citizen of Washington County who has written Congressman Lindsay Warren asking him to repeal the Volstead Act and pass a law enabling the government to furnish every citizen with a still, letting every man who wants liquor make his own liquor. The Washington County man suggests a license of \$25 a year on each still as a revenue measure and says he doesn't think any man would object to paying that license if the government would furnish him with a still. Congressman Warren does not divulge the name of his contributor.

"That would be funny, now wouldn't it?" said the Soda Jerker. "It would mean that the delegates to the Honston convention would have to return to their homes via Mexico and the Panama Canal," said the Bank Clerk.



THE BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER
GIVE AL A JACOB AND WATCH THE FUN

"Who are the Republicans going to nominate for president?" asked the Soda Jerker of the Bank Clerk. "God only knows," said the Bank Clerk. "and I don't suppose he cares a whoop. If the Republicans could have their way about it they would go back in the sticks some place and get some nice, tame, obscure and infirile little fellow, make a myth of him as they did of Coolidge, the strong, silent man, and give us another four years of misgovernment as under Harding or non-government as under Coolidge.

"If the Republicans had their way they would never permit any man bigger than a valet to occupy the White House; the vested interests of this country who control the Republican party feel thoroughly competent to run things at Washington without the help or interference of some one in the White House who is intelligent enough to know what it's all about and forceful enough to assert himself.

"They had a nice little boy in Harding, but Harding made himself a bit disrespectful by going out with the rough boys, when he should have been staying home nights, and permitting himself under the influence of liquor to become intimate and friendly with a lot of cheap crooks and grafters. Harding made the Republican administration shameful during his tenure of office.

"Next time the Republicans picked another small calibre man but took pains to pick one whose morals were straight and who had a prayerful mouth. The fact that Coolidge wasn't a prayer meeting man at all didn't matter, because after he was elected he promptly joined a church and set himself straight on that score.

WRITE A LETTER WIN A PRIZE

The folks just don't seem to be boiling over with grievances against Elizabeth City. Three weeks ago this newspaper offered \$25 in prizes for letters from both in-town and out-of-town readers on the subject of "What's The Matter With Elizabeth City." With one exception the letters received have been pretty tame.

Two letters are printed on Page 1 of the second section of this newspaper this week; others will follow. There is still nearly a week left for those who wish to contribute to what should be a most interesting and helpful symposium; nearly a week in which some one may hit a nail squarely on the head and pick up one of the \$25 cash prizes.

Letters should be written on one side of paper only should not exceed 300 words and must be in this office not later than Thursday, March 1, 1928.

U. S. Coast Guard Save More Lives

The North Carolina Coast continue to refute the misguided Wet propagandists who would tell Congress that the Coast Guard is but another arm of the prohibition enforcement service. The crews of Creeds Hill, Ocracoke and Hatteras Coast Guard stations rescued seven men from the stranded schooner George W. Truitt which went ashore a few miles south of Ocracoke Inlet in heavy seas last Monday.

The Truitt, a 700-ton schooner, home port Wilmington, Del., was bound from New River, S. C., to New York City with a cargo of lumber. The schooner is buried in sands of a shoal far off shore and late reports are that dynamite will have to be used to dislodge her. Her captain and crew were taken aboard by means of the breeches buoy.

THE BEST IS CHEAPEST
Breakfast 40c; lunch, meat or fish with two vegetables, dessert, bread, butter and coffee 45c; regular dinner 75c. A room with private bath \$2.00.
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