

# Dr. Frank Crane Says



**Don't Give Up**  
Whatever has happened to you, don't give up. Do not admit that circumstances are more powerful than you.

Though your head be bloody it should not be bowed. You may have had financial losses and the accumulations of years may have been swept away, possibly by the treachery of some friend. What of it? Tighten your belt and go at it again.

Your health may be impaired what of it? Other people have had discouragements and have lived bravely through them. The world is full of unsung heroes who have met with reverses and yet kept up a brave front.

Keep your flag flying. The bankrupt merchant or the disillusioned youth may see no escape but suicide, but those who are wiser tackle the problem again.

There is no great teaching that does not instruct us that we can rise upon our faulty past and climb the stairs to a finer future.

No more damnable gospel was ever preached than that for you or any man or woman there is no hope.

If you have sinned, if you have made mistakes, rise up! Shake off the past and face the future. There is no man living but what has committed some errors. We can allow

the burden of life to plunge us into despair or we can shake it off and seek other fields.

The world is wide and if there is any one thing that both religion and philosophy teach it is that we can rise upon the wreck of our dead selves and enjoy that which remains.

You don't know what is around the corner and no man can tell what the future has in store for him.

Be a thoroughbred hand keep up your courage, even though the battle may be against you.

Many a person has given up when success lay just ahead of him. If you can't do anything else, hold on. Believe in yourself, believe in life, believe in your star. If none of these beliefs can be proved to be sound their effect upon your character at least is sound, and one who is dominated by a persistent belief in his success is much more liable to have a sure hand and a good eye than the one who doubts himself.

Some one has said that you are never going to succeed in life in anything, mental, moral or physical, until you have stricken from your hands and heart and brain the shackles of fear.

What we want in this world is something to tone us up, to put us at our best, and fear is just the opposite of this.

## OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, July 25.—The past week developed little of outstanding significance either in State or local affairs. With Governor McLean sojourning in the "Land 'O Lakes" and Editor Josephus Daniels filling speaking engagements with the editors at Morehead and the building and loan representatives meeting in Asheville the principal actors in matters political were far removed from the inspiring influences of the capital city in which there is generally gossip in plenty about matters public and private. The County Government Advisory Commission, conducted a very helpful school at State College, while the State Equalization Board heard objections to previous decisions in a conference at Morehead City.

Reports to official associates brings news that Governor McLean is enjoying the outing in the Northern woods and expects to return in fine physical condition for the arduous duties of his office. Since his departure no emergency has arisen which necessitated action by Lieutenant Governor Long, but it so happens that he has remained in the State ready to assume the duties of executive should necessity require. Mr. Long represented the Governor at the big meeting in Edenton on Wednesday celebrating the opening of the bridge across Chowan River which links the "lost counties" of Eastern North Carolina with the rest of the State. A recent message from Governor McLean indicates that he will press an invitation for the next annual conference of State governors to be held at Pinehurst.

More than half the counties of the State were represented in the County Government Institute held at State College during the week and the information passed along was considered very helpful to officials who availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing experts talk about the "new order of things." There has been not a little confusion in a good many counties over proposed changes in government under the new county government act. This has, in the main, been evident in the smaller counties in which the budget system has never been applied. It is all new to them and the effort to conform with the provisions of the proposed new system has resulted in dissatisfaction and confusion. Business administration has for some years been practiced in some of the larger counties and the proposed budgetary plan will be easy of adoption. Details of the plan were fully outlined by high authorities during the sessions of the institute and the effort to take theory out of administration of the new county government laws is believed to have been fairly successful. It is contended that if the budget plan is best for the State it may likewise succeed on a smaller scale.

The State Democratic Executive Committee did as it was expected to do by electing Attorney General Brummitt chairman and tendering a vote of thanks to the retiring leader John G. Dawson who has held the position for the past six years. The selection of Mr. Brummitt may be said to have been "done in a corner," but it was ratified openly and without a dissenting voice. Even the ladies heartedly accepted the proposal wholeheartedly and the new chairman goes to the bat with all factions united. The Committee very appropriately adopted resolutions relative to the passing of Judge Walter H. Neal and Col. Alston D. Watts former members and prominent democrats with records of distinguished service to their credit.

The State Board of Equalization in session at Morehead City on Friday made a number of adjustments and allotments to meet complaints of various counties. Reductions amounting to five millions of dollars in valuations of four counties—Camden, Dare, Pitt, and Rockingham—were considered necessary to an equitable adjustment of recently appraised values in which patent errors were discovered. Thirty-five thousand dollars from the \$100,000 stimulating fund were distributed among nearly a score of counties. Practically all major protests from counties were considered and adjusted at this meeting of the board. Another session is to be held next month to take up other complaints that may arise in the meantime. Twenty-four counties asked for aid from the stimulating fund and those who failed on Friday may renew their requests later on. The Attorney General rules that counties participating in the equalization fund must levy a 40 cents tax; take care of normal increase in number of teachers employed with salary schedule based on average attendance last year; pay outstanding indebtedness for current expenses, and make levy for current expenses with state providing only 15 per cent of salary fund, county levying remainder.

The highlight law of the recent General Assembly is declared to be mandatory by the Attorney General's office, but a comparatively small percentage of cars in operation have been tested, according to reports from the State Highway Commission which has had the matter under supervision. Motorists claim that this testing business is just another unnecessary requirement having for its purpose the raising of more revenue and object to parting with seventy-five cents in order to conform with the suggestion.

The State Tax Commission has established offices in the Revenue Building with Dr. Fred Morrison, secretary, in charge. The public is advised to let the commission have helpful suggestions at any and all times by A. J. Maxwell, chairman, who wants to make a real tax survey of the State.

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of the proposed bond issue feel confident of the success of the movement. Less than a third of the qualified voters registered for the election but it is evident that a majority of those who did qualify themselves will vote for the bonds. The legislative provision for the continuance of the Fair places the responsibility for the site upon the State. The North Carolina Agricultural Society promises to donate \$125,000 for the construction of buildings, provided the city of Raleigh supplements this sum to the extent of \$75,000, and 2,693 voters are deciding on Tuesday what is to be done about it.

The recent selection of Willard L. Dowell, former city clerk of this city, as executive of the State Merchants Association and the transfer of headquarters to Raleigh is considered a forward move of a business organization which keeps an ear to the ground day in and day out all through the year. Mr. Dowell is president of the North Carolina Municipal Association and brings to his new position an experience which will be a valuable asset in the "service with a smile" he proposes to render the merchants of the State.

Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade congratulates the State on the decrease of fire loss, the figures for last month being \$197,000 as compared with a loss of \$275,691 in June 1926. The fires also decreased in number and there was no single heavy fire loss during the month. During the week Commissioner Wade journeyed to Asheville and talked to the State Association of Building and Loan Associations on topics of which he has made a special study in connection with his plans of supervision.

North Carolina has 5,464 miles of surfaced highways and 700 of these miles was surfaced during the past year, according to data received here from the United States Bureau of Public Roads, thus placing this State eighth from the top of "the galaxy of states" in the construction of surface highways. The State of New York heads the list with 9,353 miles to her credit. Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan have outstripped the "Old North State" in surface mileage, but no states other than those mentioned here have 5,000 miles of surface roads. About 350,000 motor vehicles have to date been licensed to do business in North Carolina during the ensuing six months and most of the plates issued have been distributed through the branch offices operated generally by the Carolina Motor Club.

A party of 150 Arkansans, headed by the governor of that State, have planned a visit to North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Cuba, Georgia and Alabama. They expect to look into the way North Carolina does things on August 16 and plans for appropriate entertainment are in the making by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. This Arkansas Development Tour may not include an investigation of the coastal plains or a visit to the habits of Capt. John A. Nelson of the fisheries commission, that \$6,654,990 pounds of fish, with a commercial value of \$2,414,499, were taken from Tar Heel waters the past year. The investment in fishing equipment is more than five million dollars and 9,308 persons were employed in fishing operations.

The Statistical Division of the State Department of Agriculture finds that crop conditions are very much more hopeful the last week in July than they were a month ago and, it is said, to the breaking of a long drought and the recent appearance of "good old summer time" which the good old farmer likes to experience. Staple crops are expected to reach new high levels at harvest time.

Simultaneously with the report of a decrease in the number of contagious diseases in the State comes the news that the State Board of Medical Examiners granted license to practice medicine to ninety-three broad

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