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**POOR POLITICS**

That the Jackson Day dinner address of Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in Raleigh on last Saturday night, was a great political blunder, comes from all parts of the State and from all factions, even admitted or so classed by leading republicans. North Carolina voters contain that much desirable element of good sportsmanship and resent slurs or lack of courtesy in any event or instance. It is generally conceded that the speaker's complete ignoring of Senator Bailey was intentional and brought about by the fact that Senator Bailey refused to be led about at the will of some of the self-styled leaders in Washington. Senator Bailey may be wrong in many of his positions, but there are many of the voters in North Carolina who agree with him, endorse his activities and commend his ability and manhood in standing out openly and fighting for what he believes to be right and in the interest of his constituents, and his greatest enemies give him credit for being honest and sincere in his position, even though they disapprove his course.

It seems that it was Senator Bailey's and Congressman Hancock's friends that contributed equally to any others in making the dinner a success and the discourtesy to Senator Bailey and Congressman Hancock is resented and will no doubt tend to widen the split in the Democratic ranks in the coming primary with no desirable results on the Democratic majority in the fall elections.

This is a repetition. It's a pity we can't have party gathering with harmony instead of so much inexcusable dissention activity.

**FORTUNATE AMERICA**

The year 1938 starts off with a larger number of citizens of the United States, actually and proportionately, adequately provided with the necessities of life and many of its luxuries, than any other nation in the world's history has ever had. In every way we are better off than we were ten years ago. Ten years ago we were better off than we were twenty years ago. Our national history over 150 years has been a record of steady improvement from decade to decade, in the condition of the American people, and of moving toward the goal of the total abolition of poverty and economic distress faster than any other people have ever dreamed of moving.

Those are cold, hard, historical facts, not to be controverted by the false contentions of political demagogues and those who would supplant the American system by imported social experiments which have never worked where they have been tried.

Unthinking people who do not know that America gives its citizens more of the real values and creature comforts of life than does any other nation are sometimes misled into believing that we are going in the other direction. We have become so accustomed, as a people, to living better and earning our living easier than those of less fortunate lands ever did, that when a world-wide economic collapse forces many of our workers to cut their scale of living down to a point which only an aristocratic few have ever achieved abroad, we consider ourselves ill-used by fate. We forget, or never knew, that hundreds of millions all over the world have never even cherished the hope of being able to live as well as the ordinary American wage-earner lives, even in times of economic distress.

**CURING ECONOMIC ILLS**

Seldom in our history has there been such pronounced disagreement between individuals and groups over the question of how to put the affairs of the nation and its people on a sound economic footing again. The idea on this subject, hotly debated on all sides, range all the way from insistence upon the Government taking its hands off all private business enterprises to complete control by Government of the affairs of every business and every individual.

We do not pretend to know the right answer. Only Omniscient Wisdom itself can tell whether this, that or the other of the innumerable recipes for the restoration of prosperity will effect a cure. It seems to us quite possible that none of them is a panacea for all the ills that currently afflict the body politic. It seems more likely that the only cure is that ancient healer, Time, which eventually cures all things.

In this impatient age, quick results are demanded. If the country isn't back on its feet before the next election, how can any political party claim the credit for recovery when it has not yet arrived? Why should the slow healing process of Time be allowed to drag along until some other group happens to be in office?

Much of the confusion of ideas as to what ought to be done to save the country arises from no more worthy motives than that. We think too highly of the intelligence of the statesmen in control of public affairs in Washington to imagine that many of them actually believe that economic ills can be cured by political methods and measures. But we would be the last to suggest that they stop talking and give the rest of us a rest and a chance to try working out our own salvation. After all, progress can come only when discussion is free and un-

restricted. And certainly the American people are getting a liberal education in elementary economics out of it.

**THE USED CAR PROBLEM**

In announcing the other day that it was laying off 30,000 employees and putting the other 225,000 of its workers on a three-day-week schedule, the General Motors Company gave as one of the reasons why automobiles are not being bought as fast as formerly, the fact that the dealers are too heavily loaded up with used cars which they have taken in trade and cannot sell readily. There are other reasons, of course, for the slump in motor sales. Fewer people have dependable incomes out of which to buy new cars, for one thing. Tens of thousands are making the old car do for the time being until business takes another upturn.

Most people would rather have a 1938 model than a 1935 or '36, or even a '37. But even those who can't afford this year's car, would in many cases buy a sound last year's model if they could get it at a fair price and on easy terms. Almost any of the used cars offered by dealers is better than some cars still in use of antiquated vintage.

We do not expect anybody to take our advice, but why don't the automobile manufacturers and dealers get together and fix things so that it is as easy to buy a used car as a new one? The way it is done now, anybody can buy a new car on very long and easy instalment payments but in buying a used car he has to pay a higher proportion of cash and finish his payments in a much shorter time.

It would be a good thing all around if good used cars of recent years could be bought on terms comparable with new cars. It would be worth while from every point of view if all the "junk" cars now on the highways could be taken in trade on used car sales and sent to the scrap-heap, where they belong.

We wait to see what company will be first to adopt the policy of making its allowance on trade-ins for used car purchasers depend on the age of the car taken in — the older the car, the higher the allowance. That would move used cars out of the lots quicker than anything we can think of.—Exchange.

The above is a wise and workable solution, even though the carrying charges on cars are unreasonably high. Now if someone will come along with a workable plan for the potential buyer to get the money to meet the payments, it seems that the automobile situation will have been solved.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM ITEMS**  
 By County Farm Agents

I have been informed that the Annual Tobacco Growers School will be held at State College for Tobacco farmers in North Carolina January 25th to 28th. This Short Course begins Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and closes Friday at Lunch. Tuition will be free, but a charge of one dollar will be made for registration and a certificate of attendance. Meals will be available at the College Cafeteria at very reasonable cost and lodging may be obtained at the College Y. M. C. A. for fifty cents a night for a limited number. We hope several farmers in this County will avail themselves of the opportunity of being in Raleigh during this week to study the Courses offered by the different Tobacco Specialists.

I had planned to write Article on proposed Tobacco Control Bill for this week's news but since the Bill has not been enacted by Congress yet, it is impossible to write an accurate statement as to what the tobacco control bill will mean. As stated in last week's paper, the Agricultural Conservation Program will be in force this year and under this Program farmers are asked to plant 80% of their tobacco base and 60% of their cotton base. As soon as County Quotas are received, the Township and County Committees hope to contact every grower in the County and go over his farm program with him so he will know exactly how he can cooperate fully with the Program. We feel sure that if the Compulsory Control Bill is passed the acreage allowed to be planted will conform with the Acreage allotted under the Agricultural Conservation Program, with possibly the exception of those who have less than a 4 acre base. If the Control Bill allows the persons having a 4 acre base and less to plant their base, there will be no payment for that farm as these particular cases have not reduced acreage under the present set-up. There may be a ruling in the future that will change this.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciations to our many friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our father,  
 His Children,  
 Mrs. W. A. Radford,  
 Mrs. J. P. Griffin,  
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Husband—Your mother keeps threatening me.  
 Wife—Why, all she said as the train pulled out was that she would see you again soon.



A Hollywood "movie" star's wife is asking \$2,000,000 for alienation of affections. That's a pretty steep price to pay for any so common as Hollywood affections.

Friend—Your father looks very distinguished with his snow-white hair.  
 Son—Yes, he has me to thank for that.

Read It Or Not  
 Absolum (of the Bible) did not have his hair caught on the limb of a tree.

Jim—I want to sweep the cobwebs from my brain.  
 Bess—I would suggest a vacuum cleaner.

Father—Do you think our boy will leave foot-prints on the sands of time?  
 Wife—He'll leave them anywhere. Just look out in the hall!

Chronic hand-shakers always have something up their sleeves.

Life is made up of routine. Note how a pet or any well cared for domestic animal is upset if you break in on its daily routine.

Friend—Listen, buddy I think your mind is giving away!  
 Man—Is it? My mind gives away to my wife's mind on every disputed subject.

Usher—How far down do you wish to sit, lady?  
 Lady—All the way, of course.

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