

# THE CHATHAM RECORD

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## FACTS vs. FICTION

There is no greater fiction than the frequently published statement that the wealth of this country has doubled or trebled since 1914. There is not an acre more of land; there is not as much timber on the land; not as much mineral in it. The number of homes have scarcely kept pace with the increased demands for them. The increase in railroad mileage has been very small. There is less raw cotton in the country than in 1914; less wheat, we believe. There are fewer cattle, mules and horses. We doubt if the number of hogs is greater than in 1914.

But there have been immense increases in wealth of water power, in installation of more efficient machinery, in improvement of roads, in improved methods in practically every industry. And thus the country is in condition to make its daily living with less toil, but it must make it. Fully nine-tenths of the people are living virtually hand-to-mouth. And the fabled increase of wealth consists largely in non-productive and temporary accretions. Millions of automobiles represent an immense amount of money, but in three years they will have vanished. Mansions have taken the place of cottages in many cases, but that means a greater outlay rather than greater incomes.

Only an equalization of opportunity is needed to make America truly prosperous, but it is sheer fiction to state that there have been such increases in wealth as estimated by some optimistic folk. A bolt of cloth may readily be estimated to have its number of yards doubled if you will cut the yardstick in half. But not only does the dollar represent less value than in 1914. Securities have multiplied and estimates of wealth comprehend values represented by the actual property and the bond based upon it. In this state, for instance, taxes are paid upon the list value of the land and the face value of any mortgage upon it. Farm loan banks have sold millions and millions of land bonds. These are listed as wealth and the lands also upon which the bonds are based and probably the millions of currency issued on these bonds by the banks. That counts fast, but all the wealth is in the land alone.

Yet the country, as said, is better prepared than ever to make its daily needs. But it is almost certain that the supplies on hand September 1 would not carry the country through as long a period of absolute non-production as those existing September 1, 1914, would have done. The people could ride further, but eat for a shorter period. They could enjoy their radios and movies, but they would soon have to do so on empty stomachs.

It is surprising that a man of good horse-sense will undertake to get away with stalling operations in Chatham county. Sooner or later he has to pay the bill, and often sooner. We can easily conceive how a man may have too little principle to restrain him from the practice, but hardly how even the biggest fool cannot see that it is a losing game in the long run. Character, time, and money are the coins in which the bill is paid. Poor fools! A man that has no more sense should buy him a kicking machine and give himself a good kicking.

Only truthful advertising pays in the long-run, and this applies to newspapers as well as to other enterprises.

Askum: "Does a fish diet strengthen the brain?"  
Tellum: "Perhaps not; but going fishing seems to invigorate the imagination."—The Pathfinder.

As The Record sees it, there was nothing for the striking mill employees at Marion to do after the management had secured men and women to replace them at the wages offered but to move out and seek employment elsewhere. If the management was paying all the wages it could afford, Governor Gardner nor a half-dozen governors could not overcome that fact. Besides, the ease with which the vacated jobs were filled indicates that the strikers had been better off than a whole lot of other folk, who were ready to take their places. Some people do not know when they are doing well. They compare their lot with that of the wealthier or more prosperous and forget, or do not realize, that there are tens of thousands worse off than they. It is needless, with a proper distribution of the work and produce of the country, that this should be true. But when the virtual monopolies rake in all they please, the highly competitive producers can take only what they can get. If the average man were able to pay higher prices for cotton mill products and buy all he needs, then the mill hand could demand and get more for his services.

## "THE INTERNECINE WAR"

The Greensboro Daily News has a "sermon" every Sunday. It is generally understood among newspapermen that W. T. Bost, the Raleigh correspondent, who is a licensed minister, writes these sermons. Last Sunday the preacher discussed the labor troubles at Gastonia and Marion. The article is so good we are giving it space in our editorial column this week:

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. Galatians 5:15.

Again we are at it in North Carolina. The soldiers are stationed in the hills, the communists are on trial in Mecklenburg, the roads are littered with ride-hoppers going discontentedly nowhere. North Carolina seems to have more of this than anybody now. So long as this state was busy building roads and inviting industry to come down and settle, everybody seemed to have a job and to be moderately happy. But our people are chewing each other up. Employers and employees engaged in the same industry are at terrible odds. Soldiers must put military practice into civilian life and the picture of the state is not pretty.

We wonder what it is all about. Sturdy apostles of the status quo assure us that it is pure devilry, the hellish impulse of agitators to stir up trouble among satisfied workers. But that analysis is too simple. There are too many good people idle. And they are not at all muscular workers. There are many lawyers of character and ability who have no clients, many trained and self-sacrificial doctors who have no practice, preachers who have no congregations, merchants who have no trade, office men and women who have no call for duty. The tragedy of North Carolina and national life is the enforced idleness of so many skilled and willing workers.

These, to be sure, are not the makers of trouble, but we mistake entirely the meaning of all this upheaval. There are tramps, good-for-naughts, hoboes who will not work. They think the world owes them a living and they seek to collect in advance. The place for them in our present unscientific way of handling them is the chain-gang. But even the roads and the prisons find it difficult to get work for all the convicted idlers. There are other piddling workers, men who think they wish to do something, but never finish anything.

They need hunger to help them along. Then there is a third class who have the inclination to work, but play out before they complete anything. Flabby muscles and weak, vacillating wills stop them. Charity is their need. But it is plain that for the willing, highly sensitive, well-trained and earnest workers, those lawyers, doctors, preachers, merchants, stenographers and all their allies in enforced idleness, the need is a better industrial system.

Which brings us to the point. This war in the state is for that better system. One needs no intimate knowledge of economics to understand that Marion, Gastonia, all these centers of disturbance need something new in their business.

Poverty is pinching the great bulk of our people. They may have been profligate, wasteful, improvident to the last degree, but one finds that difficult to believe in the light of their wages. North Carolina has not yet become a great wage-paying state. Any commonwealth which pays its governor \$6,500 per annum can acquit itself in every forum of the earth if it is attacked for its official wastefulness. Any state that would pay until very recently the intellectual guardian of its children, the superintendent of public instruction, \$3,000 annually, the man who holds their future in his faithful and patient hand, is not producing citizens who impoverish themselves in the payment of wages.

No, the simple truth is, that at last North Carolina has come to those disconcerting extremes of poverty and plenty, to the same old trouble of distribution. The party of the first part in our economic system says the trouble is overproduction, but the party of the second part thinks it is underconsumption. You have not seen since the "free trade and soup kitchen days" of Cleveland and Harrison any such beggary as goes on today. They tell the farmer that his difficulty is overproduction, but you never saw so many beggars asking for food. They tell the manufacturer that his difficulty is too much goods for the market, but you never saw more cheap, overworn, out-of-season clothes than you see now. So the situation is about this: Too much food, therefore people go hungry; too many clothes, therefore they go naked. It won't work.

But Saint Paul tells us not to devour each other. That's the admonition of this pulpit. North Carolina ought to understand this business better. What is that foolish flag for which our people will fight each other? The Mecklenburg declaration of independence. What was it all about? Political freedom. Who got excited about it? Everybody. Where was North Carolina when the big row was going on? First, of course, as always. So it has come about that in Mecklenburg where is Charlotte, in Gaston, where is Kings Mountain, if it is; in Marion where the population wished a name after a Revolutionary hero; in Salisbury where was General Greene with the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele tradition, there has returned the age-old trouble, the continuation of that coronation of the common man, to whom we have given the most unreserved commitment in political freedom. In the cycle of democracy we have come back to the starting point and are now on the road to industrial democracy. And that democracy, that freedom, is going to complete itself. President Peck Hart cannot halt it, soldiers cannot stop it, it is written in the book of fate that democracy will complete itself.

Or devour itself, and Saint Paul says don't do that. If it eats its votaries up; if industrial feudalism will not correlate with political democracy, political democracy will be the last to die. The message is simple. Democracy has come back to North Carolina after a trip around the world. It is a whirling, riotous, void, dark, even a dreadful chaos, but it is back. Mecklenburg, Marion, Salisbury, Gaston gave birth to this child 150 years ago.

And of course, if Gastonia is in the congregation, the text, which was written for the occasion, especially applies, though the ears bitten off and the human devoured may be only a communist trying to make himself heard and Crip Brindle alone standing between him and destruction.

The world of reality has its limits, but the world of imagination is boundless.

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA, CHATHAM COUNTY.  
Vannie Miles vs. George Miles  
To George Miles, the defendant above named—Greeting:  
You, George Miles, will take notice that the above entitled action was commenced in the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 24th day of August, 1929, by the plaintiff, Vannie Miles, for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce on the grounds of five years separation and adultery.  
The defendant will further take notice that you are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, at his office in Pittsboro, North Carolina, within thirty days from the first publication of this notice, which date will be the 28th day of September, 1929, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, which is filed in the office of the said clerk, or the relief demanded by the plaintiff will be granted.  
This the 24th day of August, 1929.  
(Signed by)  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
A. C. Ray and F. C. Upchurch,  
Attys. for plaintiff.  
Aug 20, Sep 5, 12, 19)

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale made and entered in a certain judgment rendered in the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, entitled the Federal Land Bank of Columbia vs. A. M. Riddle et als, the undersigned commissioner will, on

Monday, the 7th day of October, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder on the following terms: One-fifth cash, and the balance in five equal annual installments, said installments bearing interest at 6 per centum per annum, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land containing 354 1/2 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being on the Moncure Road about 4 miles South from the town of Pittsboro in Center Township, Chatham County, N. C., having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by R. B. Clegg, surveyor, in 1918, and attached to the abstract now on file with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., the same being bounded on the North by lands of B. Noe, N. B. Gunter, W. B. Harper; on the East by lands of Lonnie Womble, R. L. Johnson; on the South by lands of Lonnie Womble and B. Noe and Luther Jacobs; and on the West by lands of N. B. Gunter and Joe Womble.

TIME OF SALE: Monday, October 7th, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon.

PLACE OF SALE: Court House door in Pittsboro, N. C.

TERMS OF SALE: One-fifth cash and balance in five equal installments at six per centum per annum. This the 3rd day of September, 1929.

V. R. JOHNSON,  
Commissioner.

(Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3)

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HUGH WOMBLE, Pres. T. W. GOLDSTON, Cashier  
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—if you would win the game

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