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### Arbor Day

The Friday following the fifteenth of March of each year shall be known as ARBOR DAY to be appropriately observed by the public schools of the State. So says the Arbor Day Law, which is Section 337 of the very comprehensive Chapter 115 of the General Statutes dealing with Public Education. The law goes on to state that "a program for the observance by the school children of the State shall issue each year in order that they might be taught to appreciate the true value of trees and forests to their State".

We may be wrong about it, but we doubt if any observance of this day has been planned for this county. That is intended as criticism of no particular person, but we do think that it is well to point out that one of the major crops produced in this area comes from the timber land; and since that is true we believe it would be a fine thing to impress the youngsters with the value of timber farming and fire control.

If we miss out on observance of Arbor Day this year, let us start now making plans for taking part next year.

### Farm Family Comfort

Recently we were interested in a list of ten requirements for farm family comfort that was compiled by Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent. We weren't half-way through them before we realized that not one is out of reach of citizens right here in our home county. As a sort of goal for better living toward which to strive, we are passing along this information:

"Every farm family needs to have: Hospitalization insurance; good reading material for the entire family; electricity, running water, and a telephone if at all possible; a washing machine, substantial clothes line, and good laundry equipment; comfortable chairs and beds for all members of the family; tables and reading lamps; convenient kitchen arrangement for more efficient work; adequate storage space for clothes and bedding; and cooperative spirit among family members."

### A Job Well Done

The story of Dr. MacKinnon will find a lasting place among the legends of selfless service to humanity. It came to the attention of the nation through press and radio when his community, Prentice, Wisconsin, declared a holiday in his honor and presented him with a new car, and numerous other gifts to show its appreciation.

Dr. MacKinnon is a country doctor. For 30 years he has been ministering to farmers, lumberjacks, villagers and Indians of the Wisconsin north woods. He has never been known to turn down a call. Sometimes his work of mercy would take him 20 or 30 miles through the night in all kinds of weather to comfort his patients, and to nurse them back to health. Under conditions in his years of practice he has delivered more than 2,900 babies into the world. The unique characteristic of this man is that he has never sent out a bill, which was one reason why his community turned out en masse to pay him tribute. According to the stories, he was overwhelmed by his "surprise party." And well he might have been. Families came from far and near to celebrate with him. Everybody, including those whom he had brought into the world, paraded through the streets, some in uniforms, some in civilian clothes, some still in diapers. The festivities were brought to an end when the doc-

tor had to repond to a hurried call—to deliver another baby.

A story like the above holds a moral. It reveals stronger than any fine-spun argument, the meaning of the doctor-patient relationship that American doctors insist is so important to the success of medical care. It is this doctor-patient relationship that the medical profession is morally certain will be destroyed if our nation adopts what is popularly termed socialized medicine.

### Give, Or Else

One of the most difficult jobs is to show how all of us, whether we work in factory, field or office—whether we are presidents of business firms or unknown workers—have almost a life and death interest in who bosses basic industries. The kind of government we live under is determined by the answer to this question. If government owns and runs industry, it will eventually own and run the people. Economic security will hinge on the brand of the individual's politics.

Amid the controversy over the resignation of Interior Secretary Ickes, a news commentator noted that Ickes was not in the good graces of Administration political leaders because he had not "played ball" in the collection of campaign contributions from the employees in his department. For this he should be commended. It was reported that "other departments much smaller 'kicked in' \$20,000 to \$30,000."

Here is a minute sample of what government in business would mean. Suppose the leaders of the Democratic or Republican party could go to five hundred thousand coal miners, a couple of million transportation employees, hundreds of thousands in the oil industry, and other millions in other basic industries, and say, "give, or else," which would be done under government ownership. It would simply mean that the party in power would stay there, entrenching itself and growing more corrupt and ruthless as the years went by. Utter, political oppression would come to the people in the end.

Such tragedy must not happen in this country. Our people must remain independent to express their opinions at election time. To do that, they must keep American industry free of political domination, not for its sake, but for their own.

### Faith Builder

If the absence of faith ever becomes stupid, which it always is, it reaches the greatest height of stupidity during this season of the year when the eye looks out upon teaming miracles on every hand—miracles of Nature's consummate art displayed in everything, from the tiniest flower bloom to the quiet, unspeakable splendor of a starlit night.

### A Word Of Caution Re: Fast Merchants

Again comes for Raleigh the open season for overnight merchants and fly-by-night dealers who have a way of injecting themselves into communities without ceremony and without benefit of credentials.

Coming from another town, a couple of dealers in second-hand household goods announce through paid advertising that they will take over and sell out the furniture stock of a Raleigh dealer in used merchandise. In addition to the "closing out" sale of used furniture, some new pillows and other accessories are offered, all purportedly being part of the local stock which is being "closed out."

Although there are no details obtained by detectives engaged for the current instance, it is recalled that such closing out sales, even in normal times, usually are supplemented by additions of merchandise hauled in generally during dark evening hours. Despite active selling, such stocks do not usually diminish very rapidly, it is noted.

There are instances, too, of hotel rooms and vacant properties being rented for a few days selling by strangers who contribute little to a community's progress, but take all they can during their brief stays amidst glowing representations of things offered for quick sale.

In the existing emergency of merchandise scarcities, a closing out sale can be looked on with more than usual suspicion. Likewise, the so called sales expert who either take over or bring in stuff to sell, generally will bear watching. Such itinerant merchants are not always particular about the quality of their stuff, nor ready later to make restitution in case something does not turn out as represented.—The Raleigh Times.

### Roving Reporter

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needed the same thing, at the same time. They had dollar bills and there was no lesser change. A satisfactory arrangement (to us) was made by H. S. paying \$1.00 and Floyd \$2.00. They are square with us but we figure that H. S. still owes Floyd fifty cents.

Jimmy Stanley, of Shallotte, advises us that he killed the biggest rat in Brunswick county, Friday. It weighed four pounds, according to his claims. He says it was either the largest rat or that he is the biggest liar, and that he has witnesses to prove it either way. Since it will make no difference, we will take his word for it both ways.

D. C. Russ, of Shallotte, was telling us Saturday that he worked for the North Carolina Shipbuilding company for four years

steadily. Anticipating a slow up in things, he quit at the middle of February, has bought a new tractor and other farm machinery and gone back to farming.

Lacy Todd, of Shallotte, says he planted his first acre of corn Friday and he is planting fifteen acres more this week. When you consider that this is only the middle of March you will be prepared to take our word for it that he is doing some pretty early farming for a country boy.

There are several reasons why Shallotte is a regular Saturday port of call. One of them is that we are sure to meet up with a lot of our farmer friends there and we like to get about among them and among Shallotte folks. Still another reason is that the Shallotte business folks see to it that we always get enough subscriptions to pay the bus fare,

and don't have to dig it out of our own pockets. For instance, we made five calls at Isaac Reynolds' blacksmith shop Saturday. These trips netted four new subscriptions. Across the street at Rodney Cheers, inspired by some helpful promoting from Rodney, three more new subscribers came across. At Bellamy and Holden's were two more. The Shallotte Trading Company inspired two and we were "held up" several times on the street. We made enough commission to pay bus fare. We always do there.

Farmers are much behind with their spring plowing, but not discouragingly. As a matter of fact, go anywhere in the county and you will find farmers about as confident at the outlook as they ever get to be. The labor situation has undoubtedly picked up with the return of many service men to the farms. Added to this bit of encouragement is the fact that while the boys were away the farmers got around to the extensive use of farm tools and implements that do not entail the use of so much man power. Give the Brunswick farmers a few days of plowing weather and they will catch up with things.

Mrs. Henry Stone, who with her husband presides over the new Shallotte high school teacherage when they are both not busy with teaching, has asked us to call around some afternoon and visit said teacherage. The invitation is a very tempting one, at the same time it stirs some inward qualms. It so happens that nearly all of the occupants of the teacherage, some 20 of them, are very attractive young ladies. We are rather shy where women are concerned, especially if they are young, more especially if they are pretty. We feel a bit nervous over the impending

event. We might even call it an ordeal. However, having had much experience with large bunches of college girls who came on trips to this section in past years, we feel that we can get away with a visit to the Shallotte Teacherage and all that it contains.

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The Brunswick County Board of Equalization and Review will meet in the Brunswick County Tax Office on the following days for the purpose of reviewing the tax lists for the year 1946:—

SMITHVILLE and LOCKWOODS FOLLY TOWNSHIPS:—  
Wed., March 20th, 9:00 a. m. to 3 p. m.

SHALLOTTE and WACCAMAW TOWNSHIPS:—  
Friday, March 22nd, 9:00 a. m. to 3 p. m.

The Board shall, on request, hear any and all taxpayers who own or control property assessed for taxation in the county in respect to the valuation of such property or the property of others—shall correct errors in the name of persons, in the description of property; but shall not increase or reduce the assessed valuation of any real property, except where errors have occurred, where property has been sub-divided, or where something of value of \$100 or more has been added or removed from the same, or where some extraordinary circumstance has affected same.

**W. P. JORGENSEN**  
TAX SUPERVISOR  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY