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### Friendly Gesture

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, newly appointed pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Southport, preached his first sermon here Sunday morning and in a fine gesture of friendliness and cooperation members of the Southport Baptist church, of which the Rev. Herbert M. Baker is pastor, gave up their morning service to join with the Methodists in welcoming Mr. Hayman to Southport.

That is the kind of cooperation and understanding that we like to see among our churches, and with this spirit prevailing throughout the coming year among the people of our community we have reason to hope that much good may be accomplished.

### This Is Worth Knowing

The same law which gives to a county or city or other governing agency the right to foreclose on real property of non-payment of taxes also provides that before such sale may be made notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation for a period of thirty days.

Currently the county commissioners of Brunswick county have embarked upon a determined effort to clear up tax accounts long past due, many of which will be out of date after next year. As a result of this activity only a small percentage of suits which have been instituted ever were brought to sale for the simple reason that once the property owner was convinced that there was no escape, he found some way to pay up his taxes and costs.

In a few instances sales have been made where no more than one or two speculators were present to bid on property being offered. In many cases the persons holding an equity in the property were not even present, this despite the legal compliance with newspaper publication requirements. This is the situation which we wish to clarify, and is the condition for which we hope to see a cure.

When your property is put up for sale for taxes, the only interest of the governing body (in the present instance, Brunswick county) is the collection of delinquent taxes and costs for bringing the action. All money over this amount which the property brings must be paid to the person holding title to the property at the time sale is made. This means that if your farm is being sold for non-payment of taxes amounting to \$100.00 and that there are costs amounting to a total of \$25.00 the total amount which the county may retain from proceeds of a foreclosure sale is \$125.00. All over this amount which the property brings will be paid to you.

The county has no wish to acquire real estate, so after bidding has reached the point beyond which the county has no further interest, speculators may make a small additional bid and buy in the property at a fraction of its true value.

The best thing for the property owner to do in a case of this kind, of course, is to raise the money and pay off his taxes if it possibly is within his means. Failing this, he should attend the sale, and through the interest of himself or others should see that the bidding goes as high as possible in order that the refund to him be as much as he can make it.

Under no circumstances should he stay away and place himself at the mercy of persons who would seek to take advantage of his financial embarrassment. He owes it to himself and to members of his family to fight to retain his property; and failing that,

to be sure that he receives every cent it is worth, less the amount of taxes and costs.

### Well Done, Faithful Servants

(From Whiteville News Reporter)  
Rev. L. D. Hayman leaves the Whiteville community after four years of service as pastor of the Methodist Church with the knowledge that not only his own congregation but the community as a whole is aware of the fine contribution he has made to Whiteville.

Remarkable success has attended his efforts to build his church and community both spiritually and physically. In the physical field, his pastorate here has witnessed advanced progress in the new church building program in Whiteville and a new church at Mishop Springs.

It would be superfluous to enumerate his deeds of kindness and service to a community that has known him so well. His personal visits to those who were ill or in need of help in anyway have endeared him to Whiteville and vicinity. Many a hospital patient has been encouraged and comforted by the kindly pastor who thought more of the need than of the time and effort required on his part.

Back of the success of nearly every great and successful man there is a woman and in the case of Rev. Mr. Hayman this is unmistakably true. The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Hayman was really that of the Haymans, because Mrs. Hayman entered into the church and community life of Whiteville as few women are able to do. She proved herself a driving force for church development, and no word about the Methodist Church for the past four years would be complete without the inclusion of her name.

To both Rev. Mr. Hayman and his wife, who leave for their new work at Southport, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

### Suggestions To Hunters—

Now that the hunting season is going on at full blast—the fact should be considered that many landowners recognize and respect the hunter's standpoint of things.

There would probably be more of them who would feel the same way if hunters made it a general practice to recognize and respect the landowners' point of view. After all, the landowner has the rights on his side.

Looking at things from the landowner's viewpoint and feeling that better cooperation between the hunters and landowners would be mutually helpful, A. E. Callender of Shallotte, has clipped and sent us the following rules of etiquette that the hunters ought to observe:

1. Always ask a farmer's permission before you enter upon his lands with a gun.
2. Respect the "No Hunting or Trespassing" signs when you see them.
3. Leave your car in the farmer's barnyard.
4. Do not shoot near farm buildings or livestock.
5. Close gates when you use them.
6. Always climb fences at a post.
7. Be extra careful with matches or burning tobacco, so as not to start a fire near buildings or in fields.
8. Pay the farmer as much respect as you would expect him to give to you and your property.

### Let's Name Gray

Rumors are current that President Truman wants to appoint Ed Pauley as Secretary of the Army when and if Kenneth Royall resigns. The Senate turned thumbs down on Pauley when his appointment was before it for consideration two years ago.

There is an appointment which the President can make with every assurance of Senate confirmation. Right in the department is Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem and his elevation from Assistant Secretary of the Army would be welcomed by the nation.

We have no sympathy with the idea of keeping the Secretaryship in North Carolina merely from the keeping standpoint, but the President would find it difficult to make a better selection. If Mr. Royall retires, let's elevate this qualified man.

Don't think that money is everything in this world. It isn't even ninety-nine percent.

When it comes to seeing a good thing, many men have second sight. They never see it first.

Dr. Clifton Davis of Mt. Airy here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis. He has been spending several days here.

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