

CLINTON'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Built and Maintained Under the Auspices of the Leon Daughtry Post of the American Legion

Herewith is pictured the American Legion Community Center of Clinton. This model community building is located on an acre and a half of land within three or four hundred yards of the Sampson County court house. By it flows the historic Cattail branch. Only a few hundred yards above the community building was a camping place for the Indians two or three centuries ago, as indicated by the number of arrowheads and other relics of the Red Men found in the

have been realized."

The grounds are equipped as play grounds and are furnished with swings, slides, etc. The building houses the county circulating library and is equipped for meetings of all kinds.

Building Deeded to Town of Clinton.

The handsome building and playground is deeded to the town of Clinton by the Legion Post to be used for all kinds of government and civic meetings. It is controlled



THE CLINTON COMMUNITY BUILDING.

curve of the little stream.

The community building was erected and equipped at a cost of \$14,236.70, of which \$10,078.00 was contributed from the government funds and \$4,158.70 by the Legionnaires of the Leon Daughtry Post.

The building was erected under the direction of Col. George L. Peterson, who gave nine months of his time without compensation to the task.

It was dedicated on Nov. 11 last, Congressman Graham Barden delivering the principal address. Other

and operated by a Board of Trustees chosen by the Legion Post. The present board of trustees is composed of Commander J. S. Royal, Adjutant Geo. L. Peterson, Finance Officer, R. B. Wilson, J. C. Kennedy, and D. V. Carter, all Legionnaires.

An all-time hostess and librarian has been employed. She is Miss Margaret Faison. The grounds and building are under the management of Mr. Perry Carr as caretaker.

In connection with the story of this fine enterprise read also the



View of Play Grounds of Community Building

speeches were delivered by former National Commander Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, and J. Connor Kennedy of Clinton. Mr. Stevens, who should know, in speaking of the building, stated that it would do credit to Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, or any other city in the State.

Mr. Kennedy expressed the appreciation of the Leon Daughtry Post and others for the devoted service of Col. Peterson, speaking thus: "But for the tireless and unselfish work of Col. Peterson in the interest of this project the dream of this fine building would never

story of the County Social Service Center located in the very heart of the old town of Clinton.

The erection of this building was not the beginning of the Leon Daughtry Post's social service work. It has probably taken the lead in that kind of work in the State. In fact, it received the cup last year for superiority in that kind of achievement. Before the U. S. government took over the relief work, this Post practically cared for the unfortunate of the county through its own contributions and those secured by it.

Dr. Noble, long a professor at the State University, will celebrate his eightieth birthday to-day, the Ides of March. Marcus Cicero Noble has been an institution in North Carolina and is still going strong, though retired as an active teacher.

It is gratifying to see the amount of building and repair work in Dunn and throughout this section. One wonders how much of it is due to HOLC funds and how much is being effected from funds in hand.

Ploughing started out briskly Monday but was checked by Tuesday's heavy rains. However, one observes a good deal of land in Harnett and Sampson already in fine condition preliminary to planting. The spirits of the people are evidently finer than in years.

The new sales tax levy will be fully twice as burdensome on the poorest folk as was the old. The most of the incomes of that group goes for the very necessities of life. The poor fellow who buys a pound of stew beef will pay about 6 per cent. sales tax. That should not be.

The Measure of A Man's Worth.

It has been cited against Dr. McDonald, author of the substitute for the sales tax, that he pays little or no taxes. The Charlotte Observer and the Robesonian have carried biting editorials against any such means of belittling Professor McDonald's efforts. And the writer would add a word to the effect that the state could much better spare some of its big tax-payers than the same number of men of the McDonald type.

Says the Robesonian:

A man's worth to his community or state and the soundness of his views on public questions are not to be measured by the size of the pile of material things he may have accumulated. Some men and women who are rich in wisdom regarding public welfare are poor in this world's goods. Some of the greatest statesmen have been poor men, have been too busy in useful work for the public to accumulate a fortune. It is a rather silly idea that because a man has been successful in accumulating a fortune he must have the sort of wisdom that would make him valuable in legislative halls. He may or may not have that sort of sense.

And it is a curious thing that while we wrestle with the problem of raising funds for education some folks sneer at ideas of taxation and government advanced by educated people, after exhaustive study, as necessarily impractical.

The Robesonian had it in mind to submit some remarks along this line about a recent incident in Raleigh when the Charlotte Observer beat us to it and said it better. Here is what The Observer says under the above caption:

Discussions of taxation policies for the state, now being indulged in the legislature, could very properly stop short of such digs as were resorted to a few days ago when Representative McDonald, foe of the sales tax, was reminded by a member of the finance committee that except for such a tax, the Representative would fork up nothing from his pockets for support of the state government.

That is probably a fact, inasmuch as Mr. McDonald is a teacher by profession and it is not accepted as a truism that much support of public treasuries emanates from the financial resources of those who teach either in the schools or colleges.

Dr. McDonald, former member of the

The Greater Offense.

All the papers are discussing the drastic treatment of two Negro prisoners which resulted in the loss of their feet and a menace to their lives. Hardly anybody's sense of justice or of humanity is so low as to need it prodded to recognize the cruelty and downright inhumanity of such treatment.

We, therefore, prefer here to discuss another feature of the situation, which if the report is true is of far more vital concern to the public than the inhuman treatment accorded the two youths after their imprisonment.

We quote here from the Monroe Journal, since we did not see the Charlotte News story. Says the Journal: "The Charlotte News says that one of these boys worked around the News office before he was arrested and was not a bad boy. The News couldn't think of his being very insubordinate to white men. He was found in possession of a camera which he said he had bought for forty cents. He couldn't prove it, nor could they prove that he stole it. But they sent him to the chaingang."

I have emphasized the last sentence of the quotation—"They sent him to the chaingang—also 'they couldn't prove it.'"

It is not likely that such an incident as that of the loss of the feet of the two youths would occur again in the course of events in ten

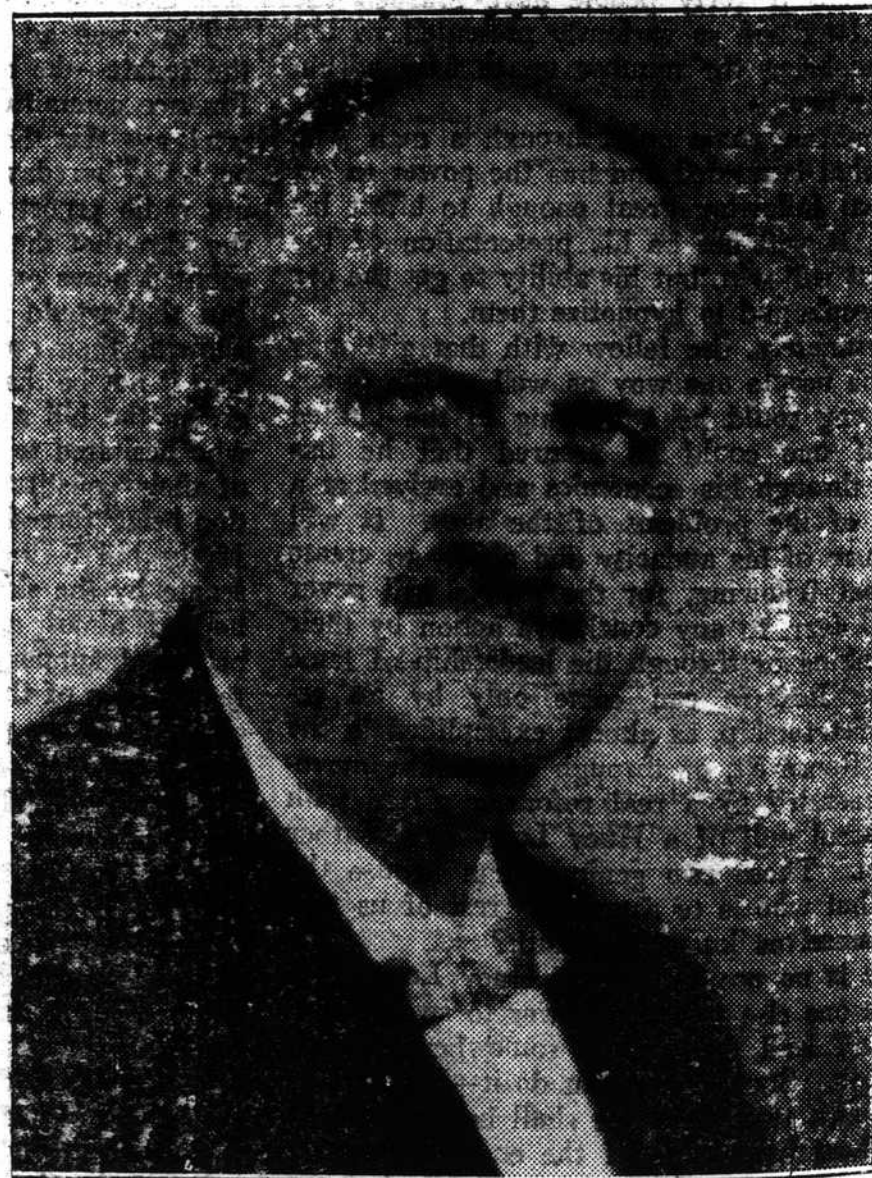
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faculty of Salem college, is an upstanding, high-minded citizen whose value to society and to his generation is not to be measured by the findings of business and industrial and financial yard-sticks.

His services are, nevertheless equal in importance with the services of that other class of our citizens, whose vocation and pursuit put them in touch with the purely monetary and material values.

And it has not come to pass in North Carolina that a man's worthiness as a leader is to be determined solely upon the basis of his tax receipts.

Those who are going out to get Dr. McDonald's taxation plan from such ugly angles gain very little in the favor of the fair-minded people of this state.



REPRESENTATIVE WALTER D. KELLY Of Sampson County.

Mr. Kelly, about the largest man in the General Assembly, evidently thought he should have a large picture. He is making a good representative; has passed several local bills and introduced a bill to restore the old-time whipping post to lessen the prison population and as a possible preventive of crime.