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A GOOD INVESTMENT.

A Business Man of Weldon Tells How That Town Erected Its School Buildings.

Several towns and communities in Northampton are either building or contemplate building new school houses this year, and it may be of interest to our people to know how our sister town of Weldon just across the Roanoke proceeded to erect its school buildings. We have before published in these columns how the town of Weldon issued \$10,000 in bonds for building, and that amount not being sufficient how Hon. W. E. Daniel and other citizens came to the relief and made it possible to complete the necessary buildings. Rich Square and other towns in Northampton having building propositions to solve we concluded the republication of the facts about the erection of the school buildings at Weldon would help solve the problem we wrote to a prominent business man of Weldon for the exact facts and we give below his letter:

WELDON, N. C., April 29, 1911.
Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 28th inst. in the matter of the building of the annex to our graded school building for white race in Weldon. We found after we had expended the \$10,000 bond issue in building four school buildings that the building for the white people was inadequate, that there was needed two additional class rooms and an assembly hall. The town of Weldon, the municipality, has always been very generous to our graded schools, and at the suggestion of W. E. Daniel they guaranteed payment of the additional amount required at the rate of \$500 a year, provided the school would attend to the payment of the interest. We expended about \$3,000, and the payment of these notes was guaranteed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Weldon, and they have paid these notes as fast as they have matured. The question arose at the time as to the possibility of a future Board of Commissioners repudiating the obligation; only, however, on account of its effect upon those who would be inclined to lend the money, and thereupon, W. E. Daniel, to satisfy the lenders, endorsed the notes individually. We had no trouble in negotiating the loan and building the annex in this way. We have by far the best auditorium in the County, hardly excepting the new Court room at Halifax, with opera chairs and a capacity for seating, with additional chairs put in, not less than 600 people.

Before we established our graded schools we tried to maintain a pay school here and had on an average about 50 pupils. There was a public school for the white race conducted by a lady in a small room, and I think she generally had about 35 or 40 pupils. Today we have a splendidly equipped graded school building for the white race, with an average attendance of about 250, with nine teachers in charge. We have a good school building for the colored people with three teachers in charge. I consider the investment here the best investment the town has ever made, even comparing the institution with the industrial enterprises of the community.

The last census gave Weldon a population of 1999 in the corporate limits, and between the corporate limits and the fair grounds

not less than 800 more. This part of the community is in the graded school district. There is not a vacant house in the town of Weldon.

I trust that you may be able to make the necessary arrangements for the addition which you need. If the investment is made your community will never regret it.

Is there a "Servant Problem?"

It has recently been found that only about 18 per cent. of the households of the United States employ "servants." There has been a great hue and cry about "solving the servant problem," and thousands of people came to the conclusion that the whole country was going to the dogs because enough servants were not to be had. We have been deceived. What about the 82 per cent. of households that have no servant? They have solved the servant problem. The mother, daughters, sisters—possibly the husbands or brothers—do the work, or perhaps all "lend hand." Why all this rumpus and noise about less than one-fifth of the households of America? Is this one-fifth the important part? It is doubtless important, but by no means the most important. There is as much more real Americanism in the 82 per cent. of households where no "servant" is employed as in the 18 per cent. where servants are required. In other words, 82 per cent. of American women are neither shirks nor snobs. They do their own work, and are not ashamed to do it—or at least the major part are not. They feel a joy in service. They are too intelligent, too wise, too womanly to think for one moment that the discharge of any duty that makes the home more homelike, more comfortable to the tired husband when the day's work is done, more attractive to the children than the street or the questionable place of amusement, which lowers their dignity or degrades them. True service comes as near to divinity as anything that imperfect man or woman ever does. Here, then, is the mental attitude which helps solve the servant question.—From Physical Culture for May.

Living for Others

The Christian Herald
The only thing worth while in life is service to others—a life that will brighten and lift up all it touches. Any trial, any hardship, any victory over difficulties that can give the sweetness and strength for such a life of cheer and helpfulness is a wonderful blessing.

When some brother or sister who is passing through the "valley of the shadow" reaches out an appealing hand to you for help, it's worth while to be able to give that help. The burden and the pain in all walks of life give glorious opportunities to the strengthened, purified, valiant soul.

He who came into a sinful and suffering world with miracles of love and helping was a "Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He uttered his most inspiring message when he said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do." Certainly he spoke not to cringing, doubting, selfish, or easeloving men. His promise, his wonderful legacy, was for those who are willing to gain through pain and struggle his meek and kindly spirit. Is there any more wonderful blessings in all of human life than such a legacy and the experiences which fit a man or woman to claim it?

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

To Benefit Present and Future Generations by Establishing Good Schools.

Conditions in our county are such that I feel it my duty to write in order that those who oppose school tax may see the condition in which they stand.

This is not a question to be ill-treated, but on the other hand, a question to be well considered. The question before us today is: "Shall we give our boys and girls a chance to be men and women?" This is not a question of money as some think, but an intellectual and moral question which appeals to every man and woman whether rich or poor, or whether they have children or not. Every man is responsible to a great extent for the opportunities of his neighbors' children.

We are now breathing the atmosphere of our fathers and some of it is a very poor and selfish atmosphere, too. We owe what little we are to the great men who have sown that we might reap. If some of those men had seen the prospects which we have before us today, we would not have been discussing this question. We would have been educated and our section would not have been wrapped in ignorance. The learned men and women today are trying to speed the time when all children of all classes may have the blessed and glorious opportunities being offered them that they might be able to stand above ignorance and take their position for every right and glorious opportunity which may come into their pathway.

We are not selfish when we say we want our children to have all the blessings they can get; but on the other hand we become unselfish as soon as we wake up to the things which do our children good and want other children to share the same. I said this is not a selfish question when taken in a broad sense, but it is a selfish question in another sense. We should be selfish in a righteous sense standing for the best things against evil and ignorance. We call this selfish, but we are told "to covet the best gifts."

We must stand firm on these things in our homes first of all. Call your family around your fire-side and tell them you are not selfish, therefore you are going to vote on the election day against their golden opportunities. Tell them there are Christian men and women who are paying for them to be equal to any of their surroundings. But you are going to burst up all their prayers by registering or voting against their strong efforts to make them men and women. Tell your children you are satisfied with what you are and the opportunities you have had, therefore in spite of all your conscience you rather vote to please others than to give them the best opportunities. Tell them that you may not live long and you are not able to labor to educate them, but rather leave them in the world as orphans than to let others who should do so educate them. Tell them you are going to do like some others; you will show to your children and to your neighbor's children on the election day that down in your heart you do not love your own or other children. Tell them that they don't need any more than what you will be able to give them, and you don't want any one to help them. Tell them you have a glo-

rious opportunity to leave them in the world well cared for as their education is concerned, but you are determined to kill this by voting on the election day. Tell them that religion puts in man a mission spirit to develop the world then read, what our Lord said "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." Tell them you are a Christian man and have the chance to provide for them. And read, "He that provideth not for his household is worse than an infidel." Tell them that through prejudice, strife, and stinginess you are determined not to allow them and other children to have the opportunities that others are trying to give. Tell them that you desire to please others rather than benefit your own children.

Dear citizens of Northampton County, wake from your state of lethargy and look at the conditions of this county. Fifty per cent or more of our voters can't read and write well enough to be called upon to perform any duties of public life, whether church or state. There are numbers of our young men who became of age since 1908 can neither sign their name nor vote. And if this law had not protected the unfortunate men prior to this time there would have been scores of men who would never have been allowed to have a voice in their country. Think on these things, dear friends, before you cast your vote. You say that you are satisfied with the present condition, then why do you try to make a man vote who can't read and write? For they know not what they are doing. One of these men told me a few days ago that he did not enjoy life on account of his not knowing how to read. His friends begged him to vote for the school tax, but he would not. His friends on the other side asked him to vote against it, but he declined for fear he would do wrong. There are men who are not so far-sighted as this man, who will vote against their own flesh and blood and blight the usefulness of their children and their children's children. Citizens of Northampton county, wake up, look out on the field of ignorance and march to the ballot box and relieve your boys and girls of this awful crime, ignorance. You said you wanted your children to be delivered of the awful crime, strong drink, when it cost you nothing, and refuse now to try to relieve them of still greater crime because it may cost you something. Shall we turn down the bright boys and girls of our county and hide ourselves behind the dollar and let them go in ignorance and shame in this enlightened age?

Vote for our young people. Ignorance demands it; intelligence demands it; your county demands it; your state demands it; religion demands it; and your Lord and Master demands it. "Go teach all nations," is our command. I long to see the time when every boy and girl in our old state will have the blessed opportunities that are being presented to some parts of our county. God speed the time when darkness of ignorance will vanish and the light of intelligence take its right place.

Yours,
R. T. WHITE.
Conway, N. C.

Scribbles—I say, old man, the first edition of my book is exhausted.

Dribbles—Well, I trust your friends appreciate your generosity.

NORTHAMPTON COMMISSIONERS.

Tax Assessors Qualify—Health of County Good for April—Routine Business.

The board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session in the court house in Jackson on Monday, May 1, 1911, with all the members present as follows: J. G. Stancell, chairman; J. H. Fitzhugh and J. T. Bolton, with S. J. Calvert, clerk.

It was ordered that Alice Harding and Henry Crocker have help from the Home of the Aged and Infirm for two months.

Mr. J. M. Flythe, Supt. of the Home of the Aged and Infirm made his monthly report, showing balance due him of \$1.04. He was allowed \$175 for use at the Home during the month of May.

Mr. J. T. Flythe presented one half fee bill of last term of Superior Court which was approved and ordered paid.

It was ordered that G. P. Burgwyn be refunded tax on \$200 valuation of property.

Mr. G. S. Pruden was appointed Assistant Tax Assessor for Seaboard township.

It was ordered that the Assistant Tax Assessors be paid \$3.00 a day for their services.

The Tax Assessors and Assistant Tax Assessors qualified and instructed to perform their duties as the law requires.

It was ordered that the Finance Committee meet next Monday to settle with the schools.

The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered paid:

A. M. Floyd, for pauper's	\$ 8.00
J. L. Stephenson	4.00
E. S. Bowers & Co.	54.66
Stephenson & White	8.00
Crocker & Harris	17.34
Asa Brown, coffin for pauper	3.00
W. C. Smith, officer of Grand Jury	6.00
H. L. Joyner, Sheriff	46.10
S. J. Calvert, Reg. of D.	32.25
Edwards & Broughton, Record Book	16.00
C. C. Camp, bringing prisoner to jail	4.00
W. H. S. Burgwyn Jr., services County Board of Health	4.00
J. H. Fitzhugh, services as Commissioner	43.00
J. G. Stancell	60.90
J. T. Bolton	47.30
Charlie Mabry, account	4.50

Dr. H. W. Lewis, Superintendent of Public Health, submitted his monthly report, as follows: "I would respectfully report that the health of the County has been good for the month of April, 1911. Very little sickness of a serious nature has been reported. The health of the jail and County Home has been good and they are in good sanitary condition."

There appearing no other business the board adjourned.

Clarence—They say that you should not put a \$5 hat on a 5-cent head.

Percy—Well, it's easier to mark down the hat than to mark up the head.

Midnight in the Ozarks

and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton, of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discoveries, he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy, its the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Rich Square Drug Co., T. H. Nicholson of Murfreesboro.



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