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**NOVUS HOMO SEES DECAY IN AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM**

Jackson Writer Says Fine Rural Homes Are Becoming Fewer on Account of Tenancy and Other Conditions.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The strength of a nation lies in its agricultural class. When this class becomes, through continued oppression, unable to support the weight of the structure of civilization that must rest upon it, then decay and disintegration sets in, and the days of the country's institutions are numbered.

Recent observations of the writer, on a small area of the state's domain, have aroused some thought along the line above suggested, and, if any very great portion of the nation's "mud-sill" is showing the same degree of weakness, as has been suggested to us, during the past few weeks, then there is more to be done in this country during the next few years, than scramble for "pie" at a party pie counter.

To be sure there are still a great many ideal homes in the country districts, and there are yet a few of the old fashioned citizens who remind one of a former day. But these are becoming distressingly scarce, and the other kind are becoming alarmingly numerous, and when we view the neglected area of the various sections, and see the devastation that alien ownership and sorry tenancy has wrought with the lands, we are made to feel that the days of feasting on the surplus products brought forth from the store house of nature, is about over, for there will not only be no surplus, there will be less produce than the cost of cultivation will demand and the loss will have to be borne by someone, with this thought in mind. We are wondering how much deeper the foundation—the agricultural industry—can be eaten into before there is collapse? No building will stand longer than the foundation on which it rests will support.

Every one knows that raw materials are the first requisite to industrial progress, and with these facts before us it is amazing how great an effort is being made to teach agriculture how to carry a greater load, while not one little finger is being lifted to remove any of the burden.

Why is it that our wise economists overlook altogether the fact that prevention is easier and less risky than cure?

We know this about some things, why not see its powerful effect on the most important things?

We would consider a man who would speed up his car in an attempt to span a precipice, that had never been spanned, but was lined on the bottom with the carcasses, and wreckage of every one who had made the attempt, a fool; yet we are doing virtually that very fool thing, when we try to bridge over the chasm of a wrecked agriculture; by doping the industry with false hopes, while at the same time we pile greater burdens upon it, and insist on its carrying us over, by increasing its speed.

We learn from history that the downfall of every civilization began with the deterioration of agriculture. When agriculture begins to chafe under its burden, then evidences of decay sets in, and the chances of continuing intact begin to diminish.

In the United States, agriculture has been discriminated against until the reaction is setting in; and if the pendulum of retaliation should swing to an equal distance from the center in the opposite direction to that it has reached on its present swing, there would be only a miserable recollection of a once proud nation, among the few survivors who would be left. Agents of financial, commercial, and manufacturing interests have dominated government and made and executed laws in the interest of those industries, at the expense of agriculture, until agriculture is milked dry, and is not in a condition to come fresh anytime soon, so what are we going to do about it?—Novus Homo.

**FEBRUARY IS WONDERFUL MONTH, SAYS W. L. MOTES**

During the Second Month We Have Ground Hog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, and Other Historical Occasions.

To the Editor of The Journal:—This is a wonderful month. To begin with there is ground hog day on the second. It serves as a weather prognosticator to the farmers throughout the United States. On the 9th we celebrate the birthday of W. H. Harrison; on the twelfth, Lincoln's birthday; on the twenty-second, Washington's birthday; all three of whom were presidents of our country. A. N. Stephens, the only vice-president of the Confederacy, was born on the eleventh; and Longfellow, America's greatest poet, was born on the 27th.

St. Valentine's day, which occurs on the fourteenth, makes the young people happy, and gives the fair sex an opportunity to woo and win in cupid's game of hearts. February is the only month in which the moon cannot appear new, quarter, or full twice as it can in the other months. Being in the middle of the winter, it generally hands out cold weather.

February has five Sundays every twenty-eight years except when there are eight years from one leap year, as in 1900. If one is born on the twenty-ninth of February he may go to school before his second birthday arrives. The years 1852, 1880 and 1920 had five Sundays in February, and this will not happen again until the year 1948.

Is there another month that can equal it?—Excelsior, Mineral Springs, R. F. D. No. 1., Feb. 26.

**Death of a Little Boy.**

Herman Crump, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crump, died Thursday at his home in Vance township. He had been ill with pneumonia only for a few days. Herman was a good boy, and was loved by his school-mates. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and one sister.—A Friend.

**MISS HELMS HAS BEEN A GOD-SEND TO NEIGHBORS**

She Goes From Home to Home to Care For the Influenza Patients—Liked 'Esq. Jerry Laney's Commendation.

Monroe, R. F. D. No. 5, Feb. 26.—Miss Minnie Lee Helms returned home the latter part of the week from a two weeks' stay in Peachland, where she nursed the sick family of her brother, which has been down with influenza for some time. Miss Helms is now going from house to house in this community doing all she can for the sick folks. There is hardly a family in the Corinth neighborhood but what has influenza. Time and space forbid me giving the names of those down with the malady.

Miss Odessa Forte of Albemarle came up last Sunday to spend a few days with her family and help nurse the sick.

Mr. W. E. Helms has been confined to his home for the past week with rheumatism. He is so badly afflicted in his left leg that he can scarcely get about.

Mr. W. F. Helms of Peachland, while in Monroe on Saturday on business, came out to see his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helms. He returned home Sunday. Mr Helms tells the writer that there is scarcely a family in his town that has not had the "flu."

Miss Alma Price of Monroe is nursing the family of Mr. T. Richard Helms, which has been ill with influenza for the past two weeks.

Mr. Oscar Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitaker of west Monroe township, while scuffling with his brother, Richard Whitaker, at their saw mill near the Davis mine, Monday accidentally fell and broke his left arm at the wrist. He was taken to Monroe, where a doctor set the broken bone. Last fall, while trying to crank his father's car, Oscar's right arm was broken.

The Helmsville telephone exchange has been a blessing to the people of that community. Not less than two hundred calls for the doctor have been made through it in the last two weeks.

Mrs. M. A. Helms, who has been ill with pneumonia and influenza for several days, is some better at this writing. A trained nurse has been attending her.

No Sunday services have been held at Corinth for the last three weeks on account of the epidemic.

Your correspondent was delighted to read the letter from the pen of his dear old friend, Esq. J. C. Laney, which appeared in a recent issue of The Journal. We hope Mr. Laney will see fit to write at least once a week.

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

Having this day qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Martha M. Medlin, deceased, late of the county of Union and State of North Carolina, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at his home in Monroe township, duly authenticated, on or before the 19th day of February, A. D. 1921, or this notice will be filed in bar of their right of recovery. Persons indebted to said estate will please see me at once and make settlement. This February 19, 1920.

L. W. MEDLIN, Executor of Arthur M. Medlin, deceased. Stack, Parker & Craig, Attys.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.**

Under and by virtue of the power conferred on me as trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by Walker Baucum and wife, S. J. Baucum, to R. J. McEwen and sons, on the 6th day of November, 1918, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Union county, North Carolina, a book "A. W." page 203 said deed of trust given to secure the payment of a certain note of even date, and default having been made in the payment of said note, I will,

on the 28th day of February, 1920, at 12 o'clock M., sell at the courthouse door in Monroe, North Carolina, at public auction, for cash, a one-tenth undivided interest in the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a rock in the edge of the water at the end of a ledge of rock extending across the river at a shoal and at the head of river (Rocky River) by some maples, and runs thence N. 81.25 W. 14 chs., to a rock; thence N. 76 W. 19 chs., crossing the Sikes Mill road at 5.15 chs., and at this point the bearing and distance to the mill is W. 13 E. 21.50 chs., to about the center of the Mill house to a pine stake just above the mouth of hollow or drain by a cedar, ash and sweet gum; thence down the various courses of said river 55.28 chs., passing the mill at 26.50 chs., to the beginning, and containing fifty-four acres, more or less. Being the land conveyed to J. S. and J. A. Baucum by H. M. Klutts and M. B. Klutts and A. P. Klutts and being recorded in book 46 page 135 to which reference is hereby made.

The sale of the above described tract of land is for the purpose of satisfying the provisions of said note. This the 28th day of January, 1920. W. O. LEMMOND, Trustee.

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**NOTICE.**

Having this day qualified as administrator of the late Eleanor Bass, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said intestate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of January, 1921 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to my intestate will make prompt settlement and save costs.

This January 9, 1920. J. E. CHANEY, Admr. of Eleanor Bass, deceased. Stack, Parker & Craig, Attys.

**SALE OF THREE CITY LOTS.**

Under and by virtue of Chapter 517 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1907, the County Commissioners of Union county will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., at 12 o'clock, on Saturday, the 6th Day of March, described and designated as Lots Nos. 10, 11 and 15 of Block One of Wilgor Heights, or the County Home property, which said lots lie on the west side of the Griffith road, lots 10 and 11 fronting 50 feet on said road and lot No. 15 facing Charleston St. and lying in the rear of lot No. 11. See map in the office of Register of Deeds for Union county for a more particular description.

Done by order of the Board of County Commissioners of Union county in regular session Feb. 2, 1920.

A. A. SECREST, Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Union County.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the estate of H. A. Shepherd, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 14th day of February, A. D. 1921, or this notice will be filed in bar of their right of recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement. This February 10, 1920. (MRS.) MAGGIE SHEPHERD, Administratrix H. A. Shepherd, decd. John C. Sikes, Atty.

**SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE**

North Carolina—Union County In the Superior Court—Before the Clerk.

Mrs. F. E. Yarborough and husband, J. M. Yarborough, vs. Mrs. J. C. Haywood, Virgie Haywood, Walter Haywood et al.

The defendant, Walter Haywood, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Union County for the sale for partition of the lands of J. C. Haywood, deceased, subject to the dower of Mrs. J. C. Haywood; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the clerk of the Superior Court of Union on Saturday, February 28th, 1920, at the courthouse of said County in Monroe, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

R. W. LEMMOND, C. S. C. This 28th day of January, 1920. Stack, Parker & Craig, Attys. for Petitioners.

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