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THE DISPOSITION TO CHANGE

It is as old as time for men to seek to better their condition in life. The savage went out in an effort to locate better hunting grounds.

All this was made prominent in the writer's mind one day this week when a well known citizen of this town remarked that a number of farmers had recently been to him for advice about leaving the farm and coming to town.

To one who has lived in town for many years it is interesting to recall the experiences of those who have become tired of town life and moved to the country, and of those who have become tired of the life in the country and moved to the town.

There is no telling just what we would do in the way of selling bonds and making roads if we were not held up in the effort. The trouble is that the bankers who are buying the bonds are not willing to go much further on this kind of a deal.

If he is full handed financially he may enjoy the change. But if he must work, the chances are that the long hours and the daily grind—there are few holidays in town, begin to tell on him and he finds that there is much less time for the social side of life than he had expected to find.

The trouble with the man in the town as well as the man in the country is that he lives too much to himself. The man who is not mingling with the folks about him, whether he lives in the town or country, is in the direct road to the dissatisfied life.

The trouble, as a rule, is not so much in ones surroundings as in ones self. The remedy, usually, for a dissatisfied life, is to be found within ones own breast.

CONSIDER THE BOY

The trial at Dobson this week of the case originating in this city some weeks ago as the result of a school boy being punished made prominent that a boy has some rights in school. Because a boy is a boy it does not follow that he is not truthful.

This was all made most impressive a few years past to the editor of this paper when he got in wrong with a teacher. A son was kept out of school for a half day to feed a hundred colonies of bees. It was fall of the year and a rush of business was on.

The fact is that most boys when they are yet boys have as much common sense and ideas of truth and justice as they ever have, for this faculty of the mind develops early in life. If teachers will be careful to consider the boy's side of a trouble it will often solve the trouble, for usually the boy has some truth on his side on the matter.

DOINGS AT RALEIGH

The one big subject for the legislature down at Raleigh is how to get enough money to meet the public needs of those institutions and roads that are to be cared for. It is now admitted that the state went in debt as much as nine million dollars during the past two years.

Governor McLean has taken the stand that no more than twenty million dollars should be authorized by the legislature for road work during the next two years. But the leaders in the legislature are insistent on as much as thirty-five million dollars. The Governor insists that it is not good business to issue so large an amount at this time.

The interesting point in all this is that the rich folks of the state are looking on while the poor folks are building a state system of roads. There has never been anything like it in the world before so far as we know. In Russia the rich folk would neither develop the country nor permit the poor folk to develop it.

It was all made possible because of the craze for automobiles. So fascinated did the whole people become for the joy ride that no man is so poor as to escape the craze. And every man of the automobile owning class is willing to be taxed enough to make roads on which to operate the automobiles.

There is no telling just what we would do in the way of selling bonds and making roads if we were not held up in the effort. The trouble is that the bankers who are buying the bonds are not willing to go much further on this kind of a deal, for we have written it in our constitution that all this road work must be done by gas and automobile tax.

FOOD PRICES HIGH

It will be good news to the farmer who has grain to sell and bad-news to all others who must buy to know that the price of all grains has recently advanced to almost war time prices. Corn will sell here in Mount Airy to a dealer now for \$1.50 cash, wheat \$2.

It is very well known that a great many farmers and all other people are buyers of food products of all kinds. It is admitted that the world shortage of grain crops of all kinds is responsible for the high prices now prevailing and that these prices will be the rule during the coming summer, or until harvest.

If corn were shipped here from the west, as is often done, it would now cost much more than the local market is paying. If wheat were shipped from the west it would cost as much as \$2.50 the bushel. All this means that the cost of making the present crop will be high as will the cost of all other work where food products count.

COCA COLA TO THE RESCUE

It is hard for the folks who must wrestle with the problems of financing a state to forget that Coca Cola is yet in the land. Down at Raleigh the law making body is searching night and day to find some way to raise a few additional millions of dollars without touching the many millions that are piled up here and there about over the state in the hands of a few who have been lucky in these days of mass production.

The local W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. H. Sparger. Note change of hour.

SUIT STARTED OVER REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Miss Lillian Harkrader, Defeated Candidate, Brings Civil Action Against W. F. Lawrence For the Office

A new impetus was given to the political situation in this county Monday when W. F. Lawrence, present Register of Deeds, and successful candidate on the Democratic ticket, was served with a summons and bill of complaint which starts an action in the Superior Court which, if successful, would deprive him of his office.

The complaint is a lengthy document and sets up the claim that the plaintiff, Miss Harkrader, was lawfully elected to the office of Register of Deeds, but that certain irregularities that transpired in some of the voting precincts deprived her of a majority in the county.

It will be remembered that a new registration was held in Ward No. 1, Mount Airy, on account of the ward being made into two wards. Now Miss Harkrader complains that numbers of names were placed upon the registration book in Ward No. 1 that were not placed there by the Registrar and that these parties were allowed to vote and that it is known that they cast votes against her.

While the complaint alleges the three above instances of fraud and irregularities in conducting the election friends of Miss Harkrader state that there will be more evidence of a more startling nature when the matter comes up for a hearing. They claim to have not shown their trump cards, but have revealed only such evidence as would be necessary to begin the suit.

Mr. Lawrence is going about his work unconcerned regarding the action brought against him and declares he has no knowledge of any unfair and fraudulent means used in his behalf. The summons against Mr. Lawrence is made returnable before the Clerk of the Court on February 11th and attorneys for Miss Harkrader will insist on hearing the case at the April term of court.

JOHN ATKINS GETS PRISON SENTENCE

Now Serving Sentence Two to Fourteen Years in Indiana Penitentiary—Other Cases Against Him Pending

The news in a receipt of a telegram from the Chief of Police of Richmond, Ind., giving an account of the disposition of the case against John A. Atkins charged with endeavoring to "shoot up" the police station at that place some weeks ago. Two weeks ago this newspaper carried an account of his escapade, when he, while in a drunken condition, attempted to get even with the officers for a former arrest.

White Plains Citizen Passes

J. W. Creed, who resides near White Plains, died Wednesday morning after an illness of three weeks following a stroke of paralysis. Up to that time he had been in good health and was a hard working man and good citizen. He is survived by his wife and a large number of children. He was 61 years old.

COUNTY TREASURER MAY BE ABOLISHED

Commissioners To Ask Legislature To Allow Them to Elect An Auditor Who Would Handle Much of County's Business

Those who want to know of the effort made by the County Commissioners to put the business of the county on a more efficient and business-like basis have only to attend a few meetings of the board when they hold their sessions at Dobson. Another step in this direction was taken Monday when the Board adopted a resolution asking that the Legislature pass a bill abolishing the office of Treasurer of Surry County at the end of the present incumbent's term, which will be in December, 1928, and establish in his stead an officer who shall be known as County Auditor and Purchasing Agent.

At times there has been a feeble effort to abolish the office of Treasurer but so far it has not been able to get past the political hopper. For the past few years the county has spent considerable money on paying auditors to reconcile the accounts of the various governing bodies of the county, and at no time has any one been able to learn to any degree of accuracy just what the true financial condition of the county was.

To eliminate all this confusion Mr. Byerly, and the other members of the Board, have asked that a bill be passed by the Legislature abolishing the Treasurer's office and naming a County Auditor. This new officer would not be elected by the people but the three governing boards of the county, to-wit: the County Commissioners, the Highway Commission and the Board of Education, would meet in a joint session and select a man suitable for the position disregarding all political questions, and having regard only for the fitness of the applicant.

It would be the duty of the new official to keep the books of all the boards of the county in such a way as the public would know every day what the condition of the county was. As Mr. Byerly expressed it Monday: He said, "I can open up my books in the bank any night I want to and they will tell me just how everything stands, and its nothing but business that the \$340,000 tax money collected from the people in this county should be handled in the same way.

Another move made by the Commissioners Monday was that of requiring the county officials to give bonds in reputable bonding companies. In the past the county has accepted personal bonds but Mr. Byerly states that good business demands that the county must get away from the old custom and that all officials will be required to give bonds with regular bonding companies. Many of the counties handle this matter in that way. For years the City of Mount Airy has not accepted personal bonds from its officials.

Not This Geo. Shelton

Geo. L. Shelton, who lives west of this city, and delivers milk to a large number of Mount Airy residents is being bothered very much these days about being questioned concerning his trial in the Recorder's court. Last week the Recorder's court column carried an account of George's trial, but it develops that it was another George and not our milk man. While our George L. states that he does not want to make any pretensions of being a saint yet he has enough burdens to bear without having the other fellow's troubles put off on him.

Not This Geo. Shelton

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Byerly and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sargent leave Sunday for Florida to spend several weeks.

Page 53 Drugs Page 48 Prescriptions Carefully Compounded Agents—Whitman's Candy, Eastman Kodaks, Van Lindley's Flowers We appreciate your trade W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. The Nyal Quality Store

Beginning of Empire in Great Northwest Large basin the Columbia river is the history of our country. It was the key that unlocked the great Northwest and added three states to the Union—the only portion of the United States acquired by right of discovery, possession and settlement, says the Nation's Business.

FEED FOR SALE—Boiled bean hay. See or write McGee Bros., Mount Airy, route 3. 2-13p

CONTRACT To move house, sealed bids solicited. Anyone equipped to move large two story frame house the Lemmerman residence 411 N. Main street about forty feet. Make bid on same giving bond for complete and perfect moving of house, any and all bids confidential. Address or see Mrs. Margaret Whitley, P. O. Box 415, or 411 N. Main St. Mount Airy, N. C. 1tp

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs D Tanned single comb white leghorns \$2.00 per 15.

DRESSMAKING—We are now prepared to do dressmaking and fine hand embroidery, smocking, etc. Phone 58 or visit us in rear Kittrell's Store. 1tp

ARE you tired of buying a broom every 30 or 40 days? If so, go to A. G. Bowman & Son and get a Pool broom. There are four sizes of house brooms, and all made from high grade straw, also have store and warehouse or garage brooms. These brooms are made by L. A. Pool of this city. Can supply these brooms to merchants at wholesale prices. Give them a trial if you want a good broom at a low price.

FOR SALE—Heavy size one-horse Geo. E. Nissen wagon, nearly new. B. E. Edwards, City. 2-13p.

BOYS AND GIRLS—We are now prepared to teach twelve different courses in this school. Our new catalogue is now off the press. It will be mailed to you upon request. Write us for it. Draughon's Business College, Winston-Salem, N. C. 2-28-c

ENDS this week, only a few days left of Simmons Clothing Co. Jan. Sale. Mighty fine values, shirts, suits and overcoats and hats, 1-4 off Nothing Charged. Simmons Clothing Co.

EGGS from my special mating; pure D Tanned single comb white leghorns, these birds average from 29 to 24 eggs each month during Nov., Dec. and January by the trapnest. \$3.00 per 15 straight. Louis S. Burton 2-27c

FOR SALE—A seven room house with large lot on Franklin street. Price \$6,500. Write Mrs. U. L. Robinson, Sanford, N. C., or see W. W. Christian at Bank of Mount Airy. tfe

FOR RENT OR SALE—One five room house on Haymore street just been repainted inside and outside and two new rooms added with Lavatory and Sewerage, electric lights in each room. Rent reasonable, or sell on easy terms. Also two office rooms with steel ceiling over store. S. M. Hale. 1-8-c

CORD WOOD for sale—See W. W. Burke, City. tfe

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