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A WAY TO PAY TAXES

Stock these Surry streams in fish and they will pay the taxes on our farm lands. That may sound like a bald and exaggerated statement when you first read it, but it is the truth.

One of the cherished memories of the editor of this paper is the time he spent on a little creek near where he was reared. The creek was hardly large enough to run a mill, but it had in its clear water eels, and hornheads and the memory of the sport of catching them was one to last a life time.

But all this can never be done until the thinking farmers of our county realize what a wealth of pleasure and income would be in all this. A public sentiment must be created that will stop thoughtless fellows from destroying the fish in a ruthless way with explosives and unlawful ways of fishing. Think it over.

A NEW POULTRY BUSINESS

There is developing a bran new poultry business near this city that deserves more than passing notice. It is named the Franklin Poultry Farm and is located on the lands of Mr. J. Luther Wood on what is known as the Shade Franklin farm two miles south of this city.

The business is located on a sloping southern exposure and several acres of land will be enclosed for yards during the spring. The business is in its first year and shows everything to be new and yet in an incomplete state.

Mr. Snow has been learning the poultry business for several years in a small way and has had some experience in large poultry yards. He knows enough of the business to make this a success from the very start, and it is already a paying enterprise before a year has passed.

We suggest to all those who are interested that they make it convenient to visit this poultry farm some time and get a look at the development in its first stages. It is by no means complete yet, but enough has been done to show to the new beginner what can be done and how to do it.

OUR NEW CRIMINALS

It is contended by many that much of the crime and lawlessness in this country is caused by the new comers from other countries who have not yet adjusted themselves to their new environment. Most of the arrests made for drunkenness are foreigners. Most of the clamor for a change of our laws as they apply to liquor comes from the foreign element of our population.

Last week in New York, after months of diligent work by a large force of detectives, a band of counterfeiters was located, the leaders arrested and many of their associates in other cities arrested. They were making and circulating \$5 and \$10 bills that were enough like the genuine to fool the public.

The leaders of the counterfeiters were the following:

- Giuseppe Giacalone, Antonio Fai, Glen Rogers, Gene Lucas, Philip Heller, Charles Farnell, Luigi Catalfano, Pannucci Brun, Giuseppe Rosetta.

And it is a bunch of folks that it costs so much to suppress. They are much like a con-

THE CRIME WAVE

Much is being said these days about what is to be done about the crime wave that is on in this country. There is no denying the fact that the nation is pestered with a much larger number of criminals than ever before. It is a new problem for our country. We have not the slightest doubt that we will be able to deal with it when we realize the seriousness of the condition.

There never has been a time since organized society that there was not a large number of defective individuals who were willing to live off the other members of society, if they could. The horse thief and the petty thief have been with us in all ages. Life and limb have never been safe since the beginning of time. There has always existed enough of the criminal class to keep the whole mass of humanity busy inventing locks, burglar alarms and prisons to protect themselves. In the ages past the criminal was often locked in a dungeon and allowed to die a slow death because no way could be found to treat him decently—he would not permit it.

There has never been a way to deal with the criminal class only by way of punishment in some form. The criminal is not amenable to reason and fears nothing but the loss of his liberty. The hope of society now is to go to the expense of keeping enough officers on the job to beat the criminals at their own game. It means additional expense. It means much intelligent effort if the criminal is suppressed. The ease with which the criminal can get away from the scene of his crime, we suspect, is the real cause of so much crime. The automobile has made it possible for a thief to be clear out of the country before his dirty work is known.

There is no doubt about the fact that many men are living what appears to be decent lives for the one and only reason that they fear the law. If they could invent some way to do a dirty job and get by with it they would not hesitate a moment to turn criminal. The automobile has made it possible for many men to conclude that a way has been found to escape the penalty, and hence we have an increased number of criminals and crimes.

Out in one of the western states, Iowa if we recall the facts, so many banks were being robbed that the bankers got laws passed requiring every township in the state to have special deputies whose business it was to be ever ready to hunt down any criminal. When these special officers were once on the job the bank robbers hunted other and safer ground for their dirty work. Illinois refused to make laws that would aid the business men in this way, and now that state has a nation-wide reputation for the number of its criminals.

It will be easy but costly to beat the criminal when we once make up our minds that he must be suppressed.

READY CASH

Say what you please, but nothing in this life comes in better than some ready cash, coin of the realm, when it is badly needed, say when the car is gas or oil to buy for the Sunday visit or the doctor to pay, or some drugs to buy for the sick one.

The trouble with most one-crop farmers like the cotton and tobacco farmer, is that the cash comes in all at a lump when the crop is sold in the fall. There is no ready cash coming in all along during the year. One of the most pleasing features of the city worker is that he gets his pay in cash on Saturday and thus can have the pleasure of paying his bills, and buying what he needs.

There are many farm homes now that are so conducted that there is coming in all along that much needed ready cash. We heard fireside gossip just now of how one good wife has sold \$60 worth of eggs during the months of January and February.

Plenty of farmers are selling butter and buttermilk and eggs each week and thus always having the ready cash for the many things it will provide. The essential thing to do to have this ready cash is to get in the habit of looking after little details, like giving the chickens warm water while the wife is preparing breakfast. Chickens, the books say, will not lay without water and they will not drink much cold water. A chicken is a hot blooded animal, if you please, much hotter than a four legged creature, and to take cold water into its system is like pouring water in a hot frying pan. They don't do it. They leave off the cold water and hence leave off the egg laying. Look after the little things if you want the ready cash to come along as it is needed.

W. E. Barnard to Build On Lebanon Street

W. E. Barnard has purchased a lot from W. T. Haynes on the south side of Lebanon Street and will at once begin the construction of a modern residence. He expects to build a two story 8-room house on the lot.

Civil Court at Dobson Next Week

A two weeks term of civil court will convene at Dobson on next Monday. A full calendar has been prepared by the bar association of the county and an effort will be made to materially relieve the docket of the congestion. One of the most important cases to be heard will be that of Miss Lillian Harkrader against W. F. Lawrence, present register of deeds of Surry County. Miss Harkrader has brought suit against Mr. Lawrence for the office, or rather for the salary that she would be entitled to should she be filling the office. It is the contention of Miss Harkrader that she was rightfully elected to the office in 1924, and that by reason of certain irregularities in counting the votes in some of the precincts that she was barred from assuming her duties as register of deeds.

The question has arisen that should Miss Harkrader win her case who would have to pay her for the salary that she would have earned. Mr. Lawrence was inducted into office by the Board of County Commissioners, and every month they have paid him his salary, and since this is the case there are those who are of the opinion that in case Miss Harkrader should be successful in her court action the county would be the one that would have to come across with any amount that was awarded her in her action for the office. Of course the case will go through all the courts before it is finally settled and by that time Mr. Lawrence's term of office will have expired. Already the case has been before the Supreme Court once on a point of law, and now it must be heard before a Superior Court according to the ruling of the Supreme Court at Raleigh.

Inquiries Being Received From Foreign Manufacturers

During the last two or three weeks, several manufacturers have written different citizens in Mount Airy, requesting further information about Mount Airy and our pure Anglo Saxon labor, which is so abundant here in this section of the State. The citizens receiving these inquiries have been careful to correctly inform the people that our labor problems here are unsurpassed in the State, due to the enormous amount of available pure Anglo Saxon labor.

All the manufacturers' inquiring, are very particular to get the information about this section of the State, and especially about our labor problems. With conditions so favorable here in regard to labor, and with the power that will be furnished us after July 1, 1926, by the Southern Public Utilities Corporation, and the free factory locations being given by the Mount Airy Merchants Association and the great advertising scheme that is going to be launched by the Chamber of Commerce, together with other progressive steps that will be taken by the Merchants Association and other organizations of the town, Mount Airy in a very short time will be widely known and will be considered as it is due to be considered, a textile center and a town where business conditions and living conditions are unsurpassed in the State of North Carolina.

Young Man Painfully Injured

Haywood Merritt is recovering from painful injuries he received last Friday afternoon in an accident which came near costing him his life. He was driving a tractor to this city and at a point on the street in the rear of J. G. Harrison's home, in some way he lost his balance on the seat as the tractor bounced over an obstruction in the road, throwing him down under the fast traveling machine. While he escaped being run over by it he was terribly bruised by being ground around under the transmission case as the tractor traveled on down the road. It was a cold afternoon and Mr. Merritt lay there in an unconscious condition for more than a half hour before he was discovered. He was immediately carried to Martin Memorial Hospital where a thorough examination was made which revealed no bones broken but a badly bruised body all over. He is now fast recovering and expects to leave the hospital in a few days.

For Our Far Away Readers

It may be interesting to those of our subscribers who live far away, some in tropical climates, to know that we are yet having real winter weather here in the month of March. The weather all this month has been cold, cold enough to keep the fruit back and stop all kinds of farm work, for the ground has been frozen much of the time. In this climate the winter months usually mean much wet weather. This winter has been an exception to the rule. While it has rained some the roads have been good.

This section is known as a tobacco country. Almost every farm produces more or less of the weed. The tobacco grown here has a reputation for being a very fine quality for chewing. Good and sweet they call it, whatever that may mean. But of late years, since the prices of everything the farmer must buy have advanced, the price of tobacco has been low enough to make many farmers think it does not pay to grow it. This may account for the decided turn that has developed here to keep poultry and dairy cows. Numbers of farmers are slowly developing a dairy business and are shipping cream to factories. The past year has seen two baby chick hatcheries established near this city and numbers of farmers and suburban citizens are going into the poultry business. The lumber dealers about this city say they have sold large quantities of lumber to those who are making their first real effort to keep poultry in a commercial way. Many of these new efforts are along modern lines and the indications are that they are planning to keep several hundred laying hens. The size of the houses they are building would indicate this.

Already much work has been done and there are several citizens who are now producing eggs and making weekly shipments to distant markets in no small lots. Those about the country who are catering to the demand for eggs from fine stock for breeding purposes are finding ready sale for all they can deliver. Everything now points to the development of a poultry interest here that will make this section one of the large poultry producing parts of the country.

W. F. Carter Appointed Emergency Judge

Attorney W. F. Carter of this city has received a commission from Gov. McLean to serve as an emergency judge of the Superior Courts of the state. Mr. Carter has already been designated to hold a two weeks' civil term at Smithfield, Johnson County, beginning March 29th.

The honor conferred upon Mr. Carter by the Governor of our state is a most deserving one, as he has practiced in the courts of this state for more than 35 years and is recognized as one of the most learned lawyers of this section.

Power Company Pushing Work

The Southern Power Company has practically completed the survey of the power line from Winston-Salem to this city and a force of hands is now engaged in unloading materials that are being shipped to the different stations along the route. A steel tower line will be built to Pinnacle where the line will divide and one will go up the Yadkin river to Elkin and another come to this city, Pinnacle becoming the dividing point for the two branches. After leaving Pinnacle the lines will be of wooden pole construction. It is said that the wires from Winston-Salem will bring the current to this city under a voltage of 44,000, thus assuring this city electric current both in abundance and in regularity of the flow.

Regular Bus Schedule to Statesville

The Granite City Bus Co., of this city, has purchased the lease on the line from this city to Statesville and beginning Monday will place in service a new 7-passenger Studebaker Sedan. The car will leave Statesville at 9 A. M. arriving in this city about noon, and leave here at 1 P. M. for the return trip to Statesville. Bernie Phillips will be the driver.

Presbyterians Hear Visiting Speakers

Interesting services were held in the Presbyterian Church in this city and also at the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening by C. M. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, the Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Lexington and J. B. Spillman of Charlotte, each man speaking at both churches during the evening. The subject was "Stewardship" and the services were preparatory for the every member campaign. Refreshments were served by the ladies of each church.

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New Auto Concern For Mount Airy The Rierson-Joyce Co., Inc., is a new concern that has recently been organized in this city and will conduct a garage on Moore Street, where they will be the distributors of Dodge cars and Graham trucks. This concern succeeds Norfleet-Baggs who have maintained a Dodge agency in this city for several months under the successful management of J. R. Jones. In effecting the new organization Mr. Jones goes back to Winston-Salem where he will be with the Dodge agency in that city. The Rierson-Joyce Co., is composed of S. C. Rierson and W. D. Joyce, both of Winston-Salem. They are hustling young men and have been engaged in the automobile business prior to their coming to Mount Airy.

day of November, 1928, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, N. C., in book 65, page 276, I will, under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in me by said deed of trust, and at the request of the Centai Que Trust, and for the purpose of discharging the debts secured by said deed of trust, proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, in front of Hale's Department Store, in the town of Mount Airy, Surry County, N. C., on Saturday, April 10th, 1926, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described lands, to-wit: Beginning at an iron stake North-east corner of well lot, runs S. 65 deg. W. 25 deg. to a rock S. 30 deg. E. 24 lbs. to an iron stake; thence S. 65 deg. W. 2 1/4 chs. to a Spanish oak, thence S. 52 deg. E. 6.60 chs. to a stake in public road; thence with said road N. 33 deg. W. 2 1/4 chs. to a stake in said road, George Bruner's corner; thence East 3.02 chs. to a white oak, thence North 3.32 chs. to a rock, then thence N. 302 chs. to a rock; thence N. 1 3/4 deg. E. 16.08 chs. to a stake; thence W. 3 deg. variation 1.72 chs. to a stake in public road; thence with said road as it meanders S. 33 deg. W. 3 chs.; thence S. 10 deg. W. 3 chs.; thence S. 3 1/2 chs.; thence S. 9 deg. W. 5 chs. to a stake in said public road, thence N. 65 deg. W. 4 chs. to a stake, thence S. 15 deg. W. 5 1/4 chs.; thence East 4 deg. variation 7.60 chs. to the public road; thence with said road South 23 deg. 1 1/2 chs. to the beginning, containing 10.36 acres, more or less. This the 8th day of March, 1926. C. E. Hutchens, Trustee, H. O. Woltz, Attorney.

NOTICE Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Rubin Cloud, dec'd. this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me on or before the 2nd day of March, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This March 9th, 1926. T. W. Davis, Adm.

Notice of Trustee's Sale Default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain deed of trust to me as Trustee for C. W. Marion, on the 30th

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