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TODAY'S THOUGHT

Human learning, with the blessing of God upon it, introduces us to divine wisdom, and while we study the works of nature, the God of nature will manifest Himself to us. — Bishop Horne

TODAY'S COMMENTS

Now that the voters have made their choice known, the new city administration can move ahead on the tasks that lie before them with assurance that the majority is back of them. Congratulations to each of the winners.

The draft is blowing a chill wind toward many of the boys and girls who are graduating this month and next from high school. Some of the boys may find themselves fashioning ploughshares into guns in an effort to restore peace to this controversy-filled world.

Osby Daniel, Jr., has continued to win in the school-boy speaking contest sponsored by North Carolina Banker's Association, emerging as victor in a district contest in Raleigh. The Stem schoolboy has prepared a fine oration, delivers it convincingly and is sure to provide keen competition for other district winners with whom he will compete for state honors.

A REAL LUXURY

Someone once said that smoking in bed is a luxury which should be pursued only by people who can afford to build new homes ever so often.

It could also be added that it is a good practice for those who are eager to see what the next world is like as soon as possible. It has been the cause not only of thousands of home fires, but of disasters in hotels which have resulted in a ghastly toll of death and injury.

Moreover, this source of fire is typical of the fact that the great majority of fires are completely unnecessary. Certainly, the chain smoker can put out his final cigarette before he turns in for the night. And even the most indolent householder can make his home safe from fire in many other ways without overstraining his muscles.

It doesn't take much effort to see that flammable junk is properly disposed of, rather than being stored in basements and closets where it is a constant invitation to fire. It's no great task to periodically check up on exposed electric cords and replace those which are frayed. And it's easy to call the repair shop and have someone who knows his business make a routine inspection of furnaces and other heating appliances before they are subjected to the heavy cold-weather load.

If these things alone are done, the risk of fire in most homes will be tremendously reduced. And the other major causes of fire are equally simple to detect and correct. No one can do it for you. It's your job—just as it's your life and your property that's at stake.

THE GOVERNMENT CAN HELP

The nation has been given a series of top-flight stories lately — including the Fulbright investigation of shennanigans in the RFC, the Kefauver investigation of big-time gambling with its resulting municipal corruption, the sentencing to death of two Americans who acted as A-bomb informants for the Russians, and the dismissal of General MacArthur and his dramatic return home to defend his position and policies. Such events as these naturally dominate the headlines. But, regardless of the big stories, the American people and their government must keep on dealing with the everyday problems of living in today's complex and difficult world.

Among these problems, inflation still holds a top place. Some people think the present controls are doing as well as can be expected, some think them almost a

complete flop. But just about everyone must now realize that prices are not going to return to long-ago levels, that the probabilities are that they will continue to rise, and that the great American dollar isn't what she used to be.

Today's dollar, according to a U. S. News and World Report account, has lost two-thirds of its worth since 1900 and is still slipping. It has lost six cents of its value in the last year alone. To quote the magazine directly, "There is more money in relation to the volume of goods than there ever was. That is what is making money less valuable."

We have all felt the effects of this personally. The Wall Street Journal recently ran a series of feature stories, dealing with the current financial experiences of actual families in widely varying income brackets. The articles went into full detail as to how much money came in and how it was spent—food, rents and mortgages, clothing, recreation, etc. The incomes ranged from around \$50 a week for an industrial worker to \$35,000 a year for an executive. In every case, the families were finding the sledding tough. None was saving anything to speak of, some were drawing on past savings, some were slipping deeper into debt. Their incomes had gone up over recent years—but higher living costs and heavier taxes more than offset their gain.

The U. S. News article pointed to the hard fact that it is next to impossible to establish a sizeable estate now—living costs and income taxes, and finally death taxes are responsible for that. And money, even as it buys less, will bring in less return when it is invested. In 1900, and accumulation of \$25,000 would return \$1,500 when safely invested, and that \$1,500 would go a long way. Today, a safely invested estate of \$25,000 brings in only about \$750 a year, and the \$750 buys little.

These are facts. As for prospective cures, it would take a thick book to adequately outline them. But the facts alone indicate why more and more people are taking a real interest in inflation and urging that something effective be done about it. When it comes to that, the great bulk of economists are convinced that one important step lies in drastic changes in the spending, credit and taxing policies of the central government.

THE TOWN PUMP

Boy's Department

There is nothing like a boy... Tommy, 8, rolled into the yard and hopped from his bike. "Excited" is a mild word for his situation. "Daddy," he exclaimed, "I've bought me a tadpole that has legs. Robert is to bring it tonight." Shortly after the family was seated at the table for supper, the door bell sounded. Tommy was about to dash away from the table until his mother laid a restraining hand on his shoulder. "Daddy will go to the door," she said. "Robert was there, and wanted Tommy, of course." To get along to the point, Robert Powell and his business partner, Harry Williams, had come to deliver his purchases to Tommy. The bargaining began. It ended with the sale of a dozen tadpoles—tadpoles with legs, mind you, not just tadpoles with tails—for thirteen cents and four well-used comic books. Tommy insisted that he had not paid cash. "No," he said, "I didn't pay cash. I paid thirteen pennies." Harry and Robert headed into the sunset, bucket in hand, to replenish their stock of tadpoles; Tommy into the back yard to watch his grow.

Two Plantations Swallowed

From the Department of Bible of Presbyterian Junior College comes this story on the Christian Viewpoint: Yesterday a friend who is an automobile dealer told me about a man who paid for a truck with a value-full of fifty cent pieces. "I used to drink," he said, "but I decided I could not afford it. So every time I wanted a drink I'd put fifty cents aside." He is better off than a man about whom I heard who asked his doctor to examine his throat. "I inherited two plantations, Doctor, and both of them have gone down my throat in drinks."

Interested in Music?

Summer days, quick trips to the beach or the mountains; vacation and fast driving—they are just ahead. One of the insurance companies has sought to encourage singing on the part of drivers on summer trips. By the speed you elect, you determine the proper song selection. At 45 miles per hour: "Highways Are Happy Ways." At 55 miles per hour: "I'm A Stranger Here. Heaven Is My Home." At 65 miles per hour: "Nearer My God to Thee." At 75 miles per hour: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." At 85 miles per hour: "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

To Cure The Colic

This morning, while shuffling papers, poetry, hold-over sheets with information for future use, notes to be written into news stories and the like, trying to find the typewriter which we knew must be on the desk, we came across a gem. This particular gem had been copied from some old copy of the Ledger brought to the office and put aside to await opportunity to publish it. It was a communication to the Public Ledger, signed by G. W. Allen, and read as follows: To cure the colic—Take four onions and beat them in a spice mortar until you have them well-bruised; then add a pint of whiskey, and strain the whole through a piece of linen. Put it into a bottle for convenience, and give it to a horse. It will relieve him in 20 minutes. When a horse has the colic, it may be readily seen from his swelling. If you think the above paragraph worthy of a place in your valuable work, you will gratify me by giving them an invention." Well, sir, if that concoction ever cured the colic, it ought to cure your car when it skips. If you haven't a horse, try it on your car—and then take it to a repair shop! Anyway, we found the typewriter, so why worry about colic?

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Granville County. In the Superior Court Before the Clerk In Re: Estate of Roy C. Coley (Sr.) —Roy C. Coley, Jr., Petitioner Roy C. Coley (Sr.), his spouse, if any, Mrs. Barbara C. Laliberte, the daughter of Roy C. Coley (Sr.), her husband, William Laliberte, Katherine Coley, wife of Roy C. Coley, Jr., and any other heirs or next of kin of Roy C. Coley (Sr.), known or unknown, in esse or not in esse, will take notice that a special proceeding, entitled as above, wherein Roy C. Coley, Jr., is petitioner has been commenced before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina, said proceeding being for the purpose of having Mrs. Grace C. Churchill, of Durham, N. C., appointed as Administratrix of the estate of the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.), for reasons alleged in the petition in said special proceeding to the effect that about twenty years ago the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.) abandoned his family, then consisting of his wife and two children, Roy C. Coley, Jr., and Mrs. Barbara C. Laliberte; that the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.) has not returned to nor resided within the State of North Carolina since he departed from said State about twenty more years ago; and that the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.) has been missing for a period of more than seven years, and in fact for a period of about twenty years, and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be located or his place of residence, if living, be ascertained; and that the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.) has property and property rights within the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina, and property and property rights in Durham County, North Carolina, which may be and are affected by his absence, and which need protection and administration, and that the said Mrs. Grace C. Churchill is a fit and suitable person to be appointed and to qualify as Administratrix of the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.), and that she should be so appointed; and that the said Roy C. Coley (Sr.), his spouse, if any, Mrs. Barbara C. Laliberte, the daughter of Roy C. Coley (Sr.), her husband, William Laliberte, Katherine Coley, wife of Roy C. Coley, Jr., and any other heirs or next of kin of Roy C. Coley (Sr.), known or unknown, in esse or not in esse, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, in the Granville County Courthouse, in Oxford, North Carolina, on the 30th day of May, 1951, or within twenty days after the 30th day of May, 1951, and answer or demur to the petition in said special proceeding, or the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition. Witness my hand, this 26th day of April, 1951. A. W. GRAHAM, JR., Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina. 4t M 18 15-22

RE-SALE OF LAND Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain order of re-sale signed by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County on the 8th day of May, 1951, in that certain matter entitled "In the Matter of the Dred of Trust from J. E. Hobgood, unmarried, to Edward F. Taylor, Trustee," dated January 10, 1950, of record in Book 339, page 19, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Granville County, the undersigned trustee will on SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1951, at 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON, offer for re-sale to the highest bidder by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door of Granville County, the following described property: A certain tract of land lying and being in Granville County aforesaid and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake on Rectory Street in the Town of Oxford, N. C., at a point 175 feet from the S. E. corner of the Episcopal Rectory lot at a brick wall between said lot and the lot now owned by B. G. Brummitt, and running thence at right angles with said Rectory Street to the lot of the American Tobacco Company lot, 200 feet more or less; thence along the line of said Tobacco Company lot 75 feet to the lot formerly owned by Jackson & Jackson, now L. Montague; thence along said line 200 feet, more or less, to Rectory Street near the ditch that crosses the street; thence along said street 75 feet to the point of beginning; said lot being a part of the lot of land conveyed to Bessie Shaw by J. M. Curran and wife, by deed dated August 5, 1896, and recorded in Book 50, page 200, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville County. Said lot hereby conveyed being 75 feet along the eastern side of same and is the lot conveyed to A. P. Hobgood by H. M. Shaw and wife, by deed dated August 1st, 1914, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville County in Book 70, page 257, which said lot was inherited from A. P. Hobgood by the said J. E. Hobgood as sole heir-at-law. This May 9, 1951. EDWARD F. TAYLOR, Trustee 2t M 15 22

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