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FIRE

Suppose fire should be discovered in some part of Zebulon. What citizen would know just what to do to turn in the alarm? And when it was turned in, how quickly would the community know where the fire was and how soon could the firemen be on the job? In the burning of the old Horton residence Tuesday morning, did any one notice how long it was before the alarm was turned in after the fire was discovered? We are calling the attention of the public to the present unsatisfactory system at the request of a citizen and property owner.

We understand that when fire is discovered a phone call is turned in to the firehouse. This rings a bell that notifies the watchman, if it is at night, or an employee if in daytime, at the Massey lumber plant. Then he asks where the fire is and sends out the alarm. We believe there should be an alarm at the firehouse that required only dialing to set a siren going that could be heard in any part of the town. Then anyone who happened to be near could answer the phone, learn the district in which the fire was and turn in the alarm by district signal. The first general alarm would notify the firemen of the fire and by the time they reached the firehouse they would know the location of the fire. A system that would give the signals of fire might save its cost many times over in one instance and also save some home that otherwise would be burned. The mayor informs us that a more satisfactory alarm is to be installed soon. This is a needed and appreciated service by our town authorities.

CANDIDATE CONCLUSIONS

Although we have not yet decided whom we shall vote for, we have reached some conclusions about the candidates for governor. Here they are: Hoey is a DEMOCRAT. MacDonald has the sixth sense-appeal to the average man. Graham is conservative. MacRae is a candidate for governor. And only one of them is going to be governor.

WE ADVERTISE LIQUOR

Over in Edgecomb county a State Highway Commission road foreman was caught redhanded driving a car while under the influence of liquor. The charge was changed from "drunken driving" to "reckless driving" so that he might keep his license and thus be able to hold on to his job. Since the A B C store advocates claim there is no bootleg liquor sold now this fellow must have bought it from the county. So why should a good sell and a good buy from the powers that be make a bad drunk? Since we try to be loyal citizens and support the government in every way that will bring happiness and prosperity to its citizens, we give this free advertisement of liquor!

BEST SELF-HELP

If the tobacco farmers will get as interested in enlisting the other ten per cent among them who have not agreed to come into the compact as they have shown in seeking state aid, they will have accomplished more of permanent value to themselves than all the governor and the government both combined could do by legislation. Their deliverance must come from within themselves voluntarily and not from without through force exerted on them by statute.

IF THE LEAGUE ONLY HAD . . .

"For lack of a nail the battle was lost"

If the League of Nations had asserted its powers in dealing with the China-Japanese situation there would never have been any war between Italy and Ethiopia. If at its beginning the League had taken a positive stand for justice with the exercise of sanctions there would have been no war between those nations. And finally, if the same apparently impotent League would use the power that is its own, the German crisis would end favorable to peace and the world would learn that there is a power among the nations greater than that of any one's selfish ambition. If the League would only assert itself one time positively and unanimously in supporting the rights of any one nation against another, that would be the greatest peace move in history for the termination of war.

In the late German crisis the League has its last chance. Germany has had its way; the members of the League might just as well go home and look for some other source for world peace. Either Germany has made the League covenant less than a "scrap of paper" or the Powers will sooner or later at the cost of great human sacrifice, bring a bloody peace that will endure only by a constant threat of destruction to life and a tremendous expenditure of money. The world is back today where it was before the world war, only there is more bitterness ranking in the hearts of men and more destructive methods of death to contend for the rights and wrongs of men.

"MY NAME'S JIMMY"

A gentleman was telling us the other day about the "hand outs" the government is so very generously and indiscriminately giving these days after depression. He said he carried a certain man up to Raleigh to the relief headquarters. This particular man lives on a rented farm. He plows a government mule, has a cow that gives about four gallons of milk a day, he has corn in his crib, meat enough to last the summer and a nice flock of chickens.

When he left the welfare office he had two bags of flour, about fifty cans of beef, two pairs of overalls and a stock a smaller garments for his family and a number of other articles. They also had bushels of apples to give away. He was told that that was his March allotment and to come back next month for more. We happen to know this man. He manages to buy his liquor when he wants it and is an able-bodied man. So far as we know there is no reason why he should be on relief except that he is. We know many white and colored people in much needier circumstance than he is who are not.

This instance is only one of the many slipshod way relief agencies have operated all along. At first it was claimed that relief was so urgent that time could not be taken to make an investigation. Stores of government agencies lately taken over by the state and purchased by Tom, Dick and Harry, the making of garments just to give women work, accumulation of various things all over the country for unfinished and often unplanned things are all indicative of the poorest sort of business judgment. Most of this will have to be given away in the name of charity or sold at a tremendous sacrifice. To the already unheard of debt of the nation this will be added till the slavery of the Hebrews to the Egyptian monarch will not be so different from the the taxes which the people of this country will be paying shortly.

Bailey News

The many friends of Mr. J. E. Haskins are pleased to know he is greatly improved.

Mrs. Gladys Bissette Perry is in Moore Herring Hospital and was operated on for appendicitis yesterday. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Agnes Lyles Fulghum is in Carolina General with malaria fever.

We are glad to know that Wil-

liard Lamm has just returned from the Hospital greatly improved after an operation for appendicitis.

Bailey Commencement

Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday May 17. Class Day exercises, Tuesday Graduation exercises, Wednesday evening, May 19 at 8 o'clock. evening, May 20 at 8 o'clock.

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