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"WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE"

Money can build power and phone lines on the ground, under the ground, or over the ground, but as a poet has so truly said, "Only God can make a tree." Zebulon has, or did have, one beautiful street. And the trees along its length contributed most of its attractiveness. Fine houses and well-kept lawns do much to beautify, but something is lacking if there are no trees.

Several years ago an employee of the power company asked to be allowed to cut a few branches from some beautiful maple trees growing along our sidewalk. He said it would do no damage to the trees. One day my wife called in great excitement asking me to come quickly, that "these men are ruining our trees." I hurried home and found that they had cut a deep V down the center of every tree so they could run the electric wires unobstructed on a low line. I ordered the trees cut, and that was my first experience where utility and art met in conflict.

As we came to work this morning we noticed piles of branches from trees lying on the ground. My wife remarked that she thought it wrong to allow the power company to ruin nice shade trees as they were doing. I argued that the street force was only cutting out the ragged lower limbs. But later in the day I passed that way again, and found that she was correct; great gashes had been cut down the center of nearly every tree. They were ruined. I cannot believe any resident would allow such spoliation. If the town authorities gave permission, I wonder where they got the right to allow the destruction of what has taken years of waiting to produce.

Something ought to be done to protect the most attractive and beautiful things on our streets. This community pays for its light and 'phone service and is under no obligation to give special privileges for any purpose to those furnishing such service. If this is to be the end of years spent to beautify our town, what inducement is there to ever set another tree? I hope that the town board will pass a ruling that no tree within the corporate limits of Zebulon shall be cut or marred except those growing on a man's property without the consent both of the citizen concerned directly and the town commissioners.

WAR IN AMERICA

There are wars and rumors of war. Then there are various kinds of wars. While European powers shoot and kill here in our own country we have Congress in session battling over neutrality. This battle is likely to go on for months. Let no one worry, for it is only a battle of words and is not likely to kill any one.

Then the "embattled farmers" are getting ready for war, in fact it is on. Already we have heard guns from both sides — control and no control — and if the noise means anything, it is going to be a "famous victory" no matter which way it goes. And this paper has about decided to be neutral, yes, truly neutral. When this matter was last before the farmers we expressed our humble opinion and a good farmer friend wanted to know why we were against the farmer. However, a little later when he saw the results, he went us one better in his criticism of control.

With all the attempts at control, it still seems that no one knows how it will ultimately turn out even if he now believes he knows what it's all about.

Anyway, with Congress in session and the problem of tobacco before us, we have something to help keep our minds off the more serious conflict in Europe. And that is something!

ZEBULON'S ELECTION

As little agitation as possible over Zebulon's extension election will be the wisest course for all concerned. While the result seems to be a foregone conclusion, yet we understand that many citizens within the present corporate limits will either vote against the extension or not vote at all. We hope the election will be carried out in such a manner that when it is over, no one will feel that either side took an unfair advantage of the other.

We note in the notice of election that the registrar and both judges are from within the town. A number of citizens have mentioned this fact to us. We understand that the machinery of this election will follow the regular election procedure since the bill passed by the legislature provided no extra machinery for this election. We understand that the town commissioners appointed a Democrat and a Republican as judges, just as the law specifies in general elections. However, this is not a political election. Following the general election method, to carry out the intent of the law, it appears to us that instead of the judges being of different political parties, one should be selected from the outside. We believe this is the intent of the law and that the town commissioners should make this change. Then there will be no reason for a kickback after the election with the claim that the election was illegal. We hope this change will be made for the sake of peace in a situation already filled with considerable bitterness.

ABC VS. BOOTLEGGER

Probably no other town in the state has had so much trouble with the bootlegger and liquor as the town of Wilson. Bootleggers by the score have been arrested, tried and turned loose. They were before the courts again within a fortnight. Being a big tobacco market with many from various eastern Carolina communities gathering there, naturally makes Wilson a fertile place for the dispensing of drink.

Now Judge Dickinson comes out with the statement that the ABC store is a greater curse than the bootlegger. So have we always believed. The bootlegger has no character or standing in the community. He is an outlaw and his business is outlawed. But not so with the seller of ABC goods. He is a respectable citizen, probably a member of the church and in one instance we have heard of a minister of the Gospel dispensing the stuff for the good of his fellowmen and the welfare of his country! State dispensing of this evil makes it appear respectable and it is legal, all of which makes it the more dangerous. It is like labelling the devil a saint and sending him to church to direct the choir or take up the collection.

Yes, we believe the judge was right. The ABC store is worse than the bootlegger.

SOUND AND CENTS

The Charlotte News in a recent issue mentions the fact that just about two to one of the letters to the editor approves of Mr. Roosevelt and his policies of spending. Our own opinion is that their approval is beside the point. When payday comes Mr. Roosevelt is not going to dig into his millions and help pay the mounting billions of today any farther than the law demands. People's opinions no more pay debts than a hen's cackle lays eggs. With most of us it comes to a matter of cents, especially if the money comes our way, we show a little sense.

SEEN and HEARD

NOT PERMANENT

Three-year-old Buck Harris was wanting to see Miss Courtney Allen's glasses case, and she feared his hands were dirty. Buck insisted they were clean, that he had washed them, and showed one as evidence. "Let's see the other one," said Courtney. Buck started to extend it, then saw with surprise that it was considerably grimy. "O-o-o-oh!", he said in dismay, "all the wash has come off."

HORNY-TOED SON OF TOIL

Robert Phillips tells this one: Monday a certain citizen came into the barber shop where Phillips cuts hair and shaves. The visitor was telling his listeners about a toe nail he had two or more inches long. He said he had gone to a doctor, but was told there was nothing he could do about it. Phillips said he could remove that nail, so sent out and borrowed a hack saw. Well, we saw the nail. It was at least an inch long and perhaps a half inch thick. Half of it or more was left on the foot. It seems that was a job for a butcher, but the barber did it satisfactorily.

Colored Column

The Mothers' Club held its annual birthday and picnic last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie High of Malaby's X Roads, near Knightdale. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. High, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. High, Mr. and Mrs. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Parks, Mrs. Christ Taylor. Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie High and children, Mrs. Harold Taylor, Miss Lorine Emmerson and her sister.

The program committee turned the program over to the president, Mrs. A. A. Perry. Everybody enjoyed it. Mrs. Taylor represented the T. M. F. Club. Mr. Lock represented the civic; Mrs. High represented Wakefield, Mrs. J. A. Gresham represented Zebulon among the great things said.

Miss Allen was the guest of Mrs. Lock; also she is one of the teachers at the school this year and, being introduced by Mrs. Lock, she asked the cooperation of all the clubs, and she would do her best.

At all times and at all clubs the teachers are welcome and you will find all the churches making you welcome and hoping to see you there.

Church News

Next Sunday is regular preaching day at the First Baptist Church at eleven o'clock. At 1:30 there will be a rally for the benefit of the church, which we are trying to rebuild. There will be plenty good singing and speaking. We have secured some of them to speak at 2:30. Be on time. Get your good seat.

The sick list—Mr. V. P. Perry was outdoors Monday and walked to the street; Miss Lona Goodson is improving; also Mrs. Patten can walk up town but is not doing any work.

Mr. Jeshie Ellis died in Pennsylvania last Friday and was brought home. The funeral was in charge of Rev. Morrissey and Rev. Durham. Rev. Morrissey was his pastor. Interment was in the family cemetery at the Wakefield church.

The St. John quartet will sing for us in the rally Sunday and special seats for the white people will

be reserved.

Miss Bonnie Ree Vick of Nashville has returned to Zebulon to resume high school work. She is president of her class.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Odessie Todd is improving.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed by Henry Ferrell and wife, Rosa Ferrell, to J. R. Fowler, same being recorded in Book 310, Page 348, Wake County Registry, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured therein, and at the request of the holder of the notes secured by said Mortgage Deed, the undersigned mortgagee will on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1939,

between the hours of twelve o'clock, noon, and one o'clock, P. M., offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at the Courthouse door in Raleigh, North Carolina, the following described real property:

Beginning at a stake in the center of the new road, J. W. W. Holden's corner; thence with his line south 5 deg. W. 87 poles to a stake in J. W. W. Holden's corner, in W. H. Holden's line; thence with his line North 85 degrees east 49 1-2 poles to a stake, W. H. Holden's corner, in M. L. Fowler's line, and in path with Fowler's line; thence with path nearly north 2 degrees east 84 poles to a stake in the center of the new road; thence with the new road 46 poles to the beginning, containing twenty-two acres, more or less.

This the 23rd day of September (1939.

J. R. FOWLER, Mortgagee.
A. R. House, Attorney.
307 Lawyers Building
Raleigh, N. C.
Sept. 29-Oct. 20.

WAR NEWS

Conflicting reports by radio and by special correspondents make it hard to estimate the truth of any news from the war. Warsaw is definitely said to have capitulated after terrific bombardment and desperate attempts at defense.

Germany and Russia are rumored to have some dispute over the division of captured territory.

Another rumor says that Germany will make peace overtures to England and France, now that Poland is subjugated.

The Balkan states may be drawn into the fighting despite their wish to remain neutral.

France is concentrating her attack on German fortifications on the western front.

All governments involved have imposed heavy taxes in addition to those already in effect in order that expenses of the war may be met. Citizens are under restrictions as to spending.

On the seas there is sinking of ships by mines and submarines, with losses not yet even estimated.

GOOD FISHING

Durward Clark of Lyons, Ga., went to the lake fishing with his reel and rod and caught a 5 pound trout. Just as he started to pull the fish out the line came untied from the bait, so he jumped in the lake and caught the fish with his hands.

Say, Mr. Ben, can you beat that?

MRS. BADGER CLARK.

"Some neighborhood must lead the way out of that suicidal swirl. Why not yours? Why not start Federal Economy County Committee Number One?"