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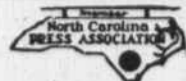
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More Blessed

IF you had to make a choice, which would you rather be—a victim of infantile paralysis who receives help from voluntary contributions, or a well person who donates to the fund being collected to continue the fight against infantile paralysis?

There is but one answer, of course.

And that answer offers yet another instance of how true it is that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Furthermore, there are few donations you and I could make that would do more good or bring us more satisfaction than our contributions to the fund to aid boys and girls crippled by polio.

Weather and Politics

Mark Twain is credited with saying that everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

Beneath the Missouri humorist's wit was a lot of truth; he was slyly hinting that human beings are happiest discussing things they can do nothing about.

If he was right, we here in Western North Carolina should have been extremely happy of late. For we've had not only the steady downpour of rain to discuss, but another interesting subject that we could do quite as little about—the political situation in Georgia.

War Costs

Those inclined to feel that world peace is a mere dream, an impractical sort of thing that really does not directly affect them, need only glance at the figures on federal taxes to see how important peace is, merely from a dollars-and-cents viewpoint.

For most of the tax the average man pays to the United States government—whether it is income tax that he knows about or indirect tax he doesn't realize he is paying—goes for war; wars that have been fought, or wars we are preparing for.

Figures compiled by Editorial Research Reports show that, out of every dollar paid in taxes in 1947, the government will spend:—

34.6 cents for national defense.

17.9 cents for veterans' services.

15 cents for foreign loans and relief, both direct results of the war.

That's a total of 67.5 cents, or more than two-thirds of the tax dollar.

And actually four-fifths is more nearly correct. For 11.6 cents out of every tax dollar will go for interest on the public debt, most of which is a direct or indirect result of war.

Maintenance of peace, therefore, is a practical problem that directly affects the pocketbook of everybody who pays U. S. taxes—and that means almost all of us.

Truth Needs No Defense

The Shelby Star is 100 per cent right in its comments on a bill introduced in the general assembly with reference to what shall be taught about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Writes The Star:

We have nothing but respect for the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. There is plenty of evidence that there was such a document and we don't have to go all the way back to the findings of the committee named by the legislature of 1830-31 to believe in its authenticity. Rep. David Dellinger, our neighbor over in Gaston, will find us on his side, rooting for him all the way, every time he wants to make a speech praising the patriotism and virtue of those first signers.

Nevertheless, we think the bill he has just introduced in the state legislature which would prohibit schoolteachers of the state from teaching that the Mecklenburg declaration is anything but the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, is open to question.

It is open to question because neither a legislature, nor any other governmental unit, ought to tell a teacher what truth is. In fact the teacher ought to be very careful herself or himself, as the case may be, to put exact labels on truth while he or she is teaching.

The teacher ought to present the evidence, all that is pertinent, without fear of where the chips may fall. Those who are being taught should be able to draw their own conclusions. That is the variety of education which really counts for something.

Truth rarely needs a defense. It certainly needs no statute passed to support it. If truth were in need of a crutch, it wouldn't be truth in the first place.

The Mecklenburg declaration has nothing to gain from being trussed up on a law. It may have a great deal to lose.

••• LETTERS •••

LOOKS FORWARD TO PRESS

Dear Sirs:

I am inclosing \$1 to subscribe for The Press for six more months.

I look forward to getting my home paper every week. It really tells a lot of news when you're thousands of miles away. The grand work you're doing in publishing the paper is appreciated by all, especially those from home (Franklin).

MRS. HARRY WOODY

Seattle, Wash.,
January 9, 1947.

ON TO MEXICO!

Editor, The Franklin Press:

The Mexico Club of Franklin High school is most grateful to you for publishing the letter explaining the purpose of the club—a trip to Mexico for the pupils who are studying Spanish in high school this year.

As a result of this letter four townspeople have already contributed to our fund, and beginning next week we would like to publish a list of the people who are so generous as to contribute and who feel that our project is a worth while one.

Donations for our rummage sale have been coming in and we would like to let people know that this is not just any old sale, but a sale of things you would like to own, as one of the posters puts it. All clothing will be cleaned and repaired, toys put in usable condition, and every item marked as to size. We hope to have at least 2,000 articles for sale, on February 3.

The Crisp studio has given us permission to use a portion of their window for display and we hope to have an interesting exhibit of Mexican things. We will begin with a display of books on Mexican art lent to us by the U. S. Office of Education.

You might also be interested to know that the Council of Inter-American Affairs, the U. S. Office of Education, the National Education Association, the Pan-American Union, and others are interested in our proposed trip and helping us to arrange it.

We will not go as just tourists and see only what can be seen from a sight-seeing bus, but under the auspices of educational and inter-American organizations who will see that we get a real view of Mexican life, the people and the country.

We are writing to several U. S. concerns who advertise in Mexico and are in hopes that one of them can use us in some advertising capacity and thus help to pay our expenses.

We also hope to take many pictures which we will display in Franklin on our return. We will also write an article about our trip and if we succeed in getting it published, we will invest the income from it in trips for future groups from the Franklin High school.

Several people have told us that they thought all this talk about a trip to Mexico was just a wild dream. It is not. If we are not able to raise enough money for the trip this year, we will start a fund that can be used by a later class, but we are doing everything in our power to raise enough so we can go this year.

THE MEXICO CLUB

of Franklin High School,
Mrs. Clinton G. Johnson,

Sponsor.

Franklin, N. C.

January 16, 1947.

• Others' Opinions •

THE MAN MEETS THE CALL

Nearly every time "the chips have been down," the United States has come up with a leadership that sometimes seemed to materialize out of nowhere. We had a Washington in our Revolution, a Jackson when the first industrial economic pains hit us, a Lincoln for the Civil War, a Roosevelt to end our Great Depression and win World War II.

We're fortunate now to have a George Marshall.

—Philadelphia Record.

DON'T WING THE CAPITOL

The suggestion that the State Capitol at Raleigh should have a couple of wings added to it is one which should be permanently squelched and squashed.

There are plenty of government buildings in North Carolina which could be added to or subtracted from indefinitely without disturbing our equanimity, but the Capitol is not one of them. The Capitol was not made to be altered because it was designed and built right in the beginning. Experts say that it is one of the few perfect examples of Doric architecture in America, "the best building of an era of architecture that held to the best lines." To wing it would be to ruin a structure of which the State has been justifiably proud for a century and which will be preserved intact for centuries more if we show half as much sense as our forefathers had.

—Greensboro Daily News.

GIFT TO RICH

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.—Matthew 25:29.

For the last several sessions the General Assembly has studiously avoided any reduction in the sales tax paid by the poor man, but has been nibbling away at taxes directed against those best able to pay. In 1943, gifts were made to the moving picture theaters and the soft drink bottlers, and in 1946 a gift was passed out to the insurance companies.

Now the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission propose to take two more nibbles (at \$400,000 a nibble) by reducing the franchise tax on ordinary corporations from \$1.75 to \$1.50 on each \$1,000 of capital and by reducing the already very low taxes on intangible property, with the most important classification, that of bonds, notes, mortgages and other evidence of indebtedness cut in half.

These two sections of the 1947 Budget Revenue Bill should be defeated. There is no excuse for reducing other taxes while there remains on the statute books the "temporary" general sales tax passed in 1933 to "meet an emergency" with the solemn pledge that it would be repealed as soon as the "emergency" had passed.

If any taxes are to be reduced in preference to the sales tax, the intangible tax is the last one which should be selected. The Budget Commission solemnly states in its report that the present rate of 50 cents on each \$100 is higher than taxes on real estate "in some cases." That is true, but it is arguing the exception as the rule. What are the facts? In rural Wake County, for example, there is a very low property rate due to the revenue from ABC stores. That rate is 65 cents, and some property is assessed so far below its value as to justify the statement. But in Raleigh, even with the ABC revenue, the real estate tax is \$2.17 on each \$1,000, and everybody, including members of the Budget Commission, know that the bulk of intangibles are owned in the towns and cities. It is impossible to justify as matter of equity the present 50-cent rate, to say nothing of the proposed 25-cent rate.

—News and Observer.

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—Thomas Carlyle.

The aim, if reached or not, makes great the life.

—Robert Browning.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. W. Blaine, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 10th day of January, 1947.

Arlen Williamson,
Administrator.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Gerald W. Cornelius and his wife, Mildred S. Cornelius, dated the 28th day of September, 1946, and recorded in Book No. 39 of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, at page 145, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having requested that same be foreclosed, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the times and places hereinafter mentioned, the real and personal property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same being in Highlands Township, Macon County, North Carolina, described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY:

The land described in the deed from Rebecca Harris to Gerald W. Cornelius, dated 14 November, 1945, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book N-5, page 299.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Delta Disc Sander and accessories, No. 422576.
Delta belt sander and accessories.
Delta 12" lathe and accessories, No. 385935.
Delta 10" lathe and accessories.
Assortment of hand tools.
Delta Drill - Grinding attachment, No. B66Y893311.
Delta 14" Band Saw and accessories, No. 404020.
Delta Wood turning tools.
Stanley bench planes.
Delta Rip Saw and accessories, No. 309225.
Delta scroll saw and accessories, No. 379614.
Delta Drill Press and accessories, No. 321467.
Delta Jointer and accessories, No. 314210.
Delta Plane Bit Grinder.
Delta Moulding Cutters.
Stanley Router No. C5387A.
Delta Tool Grinder.
DeWalt Saw and attachments, No. 43730.
Parks Planer 12" x 4".
Binks Spray Outfit.
Shop Fan (Exhaust)
Dado heads.
Bench clamps and vises.
Construction Tools.
Shop lights, switches and other equipment.
Cut-off Saw, No. 2077455.
Sanding Machine belt.
Surveying Level and Transit.
Miscellaneous items of merchandise, such as lamps, etc.
One 1946 model 1½ ton Ford Truck, Motor No. 699-T-819858.

The real property above described will be offered for sale and sold at the courthouse door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 1st day of February, 1947.

The personal property above described will be offered for sale and sold at what is known as the Prefab Shop on Pine Street, in the Town of Highlands, Macon County, North Carolina, at 1:00 o'clock P. M. on the 1st day of February, 1947.

This the 1st day of January, 1947.

J. H. STOCKTON,
Trustee

J9-4tc-J30

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of Chester C. Harris, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of December, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 30th day of December, 1946.

ALTA RAMSEY HARRIS,
Executrix.

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With the Churches

BAPTIST

First Church, Franklin
The Rev. Charles E. Parker,
Pastor

Sunday:

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
6:30 p. m.—Training union.
7:30 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

EPISCOPAL

St. Agnes Church, Franklin
The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan,
Pastor

Sunday:

10 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—First Sunday, Holy communion.

Third Sunday,

Morning prayer.
8 p. m.—Second and fourth Sundays, evening prayer.

METHODIST

Franklin Church
The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt,
Pastor

Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
6:30 p. m.—Senior Youth fellowship.

7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

Franklin Circuit

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor

Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:

11 a. m.—Bethel church.

3 p. m.—Salem church.

7:30 p. m.—Clark's chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Snow Hill church.

3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.

7:30 p. m.—Iotia church.

Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.

3 p. m.—Salem.

7:30 p. m.—Bethel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Iotia.

3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.

7:30 p. m.—Snow Hill.

West Macon Circuit

The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor

Preaching services as follows:

First Sunday:

2 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.

11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.

2 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.

Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN

Franklin Church
The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, pastor.

Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.

11 a. m.—Worship.

CATHOLIC

Franklin
(At John Wasilik's Residence—
Rogers Hill)

The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher,
Pastor

Second Sunday:

8:00 a. m.—Mass.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

Sloan's Chapel

Sunday:

2 p. m.—Sunday school on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays.

2 p. m.—Preaching on the fourth Sunday.

3 p. m.—Preaching on the first, second, and third Sundays.

Tuesday:

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Friendship (Angel) Tabernacle

Sunday:

2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.

Second Sunday:

3:30 p. m.—Preaching service, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Olive Hill

Sunday:

2 p. m. Sunday school, E. A. Roper, superintendent.

NEGRO

St. Cyprian's Episcopal
The Rev. James T. Kennedy,
Pastor

Sunday:

11 a. m.—Third Sunday, Holy communion.

2 p. m.—First and second Sundays, evening prayer.

3 p. m.—Church school.

Friday:

5 p. m.—Litany.

Franklin Methodist Circuit

(A. M. E. Zion)

The Rev. John G. Williams
Pastor

Preaching services as follows:

First and third Sundays:

11 a. m.—Green Street church.

2:30 p. m.—Covee church.

8 p. m.—Green Street church.

ATTENTION!

LOYAL ORDER

OF MOOSE

WILL MEET EACH

THURSDAY NIGHT

At 7:30

Lake V. Shope, Sec.