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Saturday's Responsibility

SATURDAY North Carolina Democrats will nominate a governor. Since Democratic nomination in this state is tantamount to election, Saturday's vote will determine who is to be our governor for the next four years. Thus this second primary takes on added significance; for the situation places on Democratic voters—in this county, and throughout the state—a responsibility not only to their party and to themselves, but to every man, woman, and child in the state.

And a wise choice can be assured only if a large proportion of the Democratic electorate is informed, is honest in its thinking, and VOTES.

It has been said that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". It may as truthfully be said that the penalty of freedom is responsibility. For if you and I are too busy, or too lazy, or too indifferent to participate in our government, by forming intelligent opinions and expressing those opinions at the ballot box, the time is not far distant when we will be denied the right to vote.

FFA Boys Lead The Way

To Bo Setser, Foy Dryman, and Bob Tippet, and to their vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. E. J. Whitmire, congratulations! By capturing top place in the state livestock judging contest at Raleigh, you not only have won honor for yourselves, but have brought credit to your county, and all Macon County is proud of you.

Furthermore—and this probably hasn't occurred to you—you have done something much more important than merely winning prizes and honor. For you have shown what Macon County youth, working in Macon County, can achieve.

You have proved, what shouldn't have needed proving, that we here in Macon County can do things as well as—in fact, better than—people elsewhere in North Carolina. After what you have done, there is no excuse for the rest of us ever to be satisfied with the mediocre or even the second best.

Conservation: A Religion

"Conservation", a word defined by Webster as "act of preserving, guarding or protecting", generally is thought of today in a vague sort of way by most people as one of the purely governmental functions whereby our natural resources are guarded and handed down to future generations.

Conservation, particularly where it applies to those things which are God's handiwork, put here by Him for the use of man, should mean a great deal more to us. It should be a personal way of life—a form of religion.

We, who live in America, today live in the greatest industrial nation in the world, with a very high standard of living. Of this we are proud, and feel that it has been brought about by the sweat, initiative, and courage of generations of Americans. That is, in part, true; but it also is true that in the creation of this great nation's wealth thousands of acres of virgin timber, untold barrels of oil, and millions of acres of rich top soil, all of which were produced not by man, but by a Power greater than he, have been utilized in such a way that they cannot continue to contribute to our support at the same high level.

Conservation must become bigger than a word. It should carry with it a sense of gratitude to this Power which has furnished us the material from which we created the America of today, and a desire not only to preserve this rich heritage, but to develop rather than destroy God's property.

Would not the perpetuation of God's handiwork make a good religion?

Would not both our churches and our nation be stronger today if our ministers—and church members, too—constantly were urging that we build God's soil, not destroy it; that we remember that it was put here for the use of generations of the brotherhood of man; and that what we, as one generation, put into the building of these resources is a contribution to our Creator? We should be told, and told again, that when we take away from God's storehouse for selfish purposes, we are stealing from that Power to which we owe our exist-

tence.

It is entirely possible that the nitrogen nodules pleasing offering to the Lord than a handful of pound on soil-building legumes may be a more silver.

The High Cost Of Being Sick

The Asheville Hospital council is asking Asheville and Buncombe county authorities for a flat fee of \$8.58 per day for hospitalizing indigent patients. The news story announcing the request indicates that this \$8.58 fee per patient is in addition to \$1 per day provided by the state and an additional \$1 from the Duke endowment.

While the cost of hospitalization varies somewhat, those figures call attention to a problem that is nation-wide—the high cost of illness.

Perhaps the public can and should provide an approximate \$10 a day for ward care of each indigent patient. But what about the man who doesn't want charity? Even a brief illness at \$10 a day puts the average man almost hopelessly in debt. It is true that hospital insurance eases the burden by spreading out the payments, but the fact remains that the average man must pay, whether through insurance or in a lump sum, an alarmingly large amount for hospitalization.

Is hospital care too high? The average man is inclined to reply that it is high, inordinately high. The average man, however, is not in position to know whether hospital care can be provided for less.

What the average man can see is that the cost of illness is multiplied many times by the hospitalization of patients who could be treated just as well, or certainly almost as well, at home.

The shortage of doctors and nurses is partially responsible for the difficulty. But that is not the whole story. The medical profession—or, at least, a large share of the profession—was sending people to the hospital unnecessarily before there was a serious shortage, for the simple reason that it is easier for the doctor and the nurse to work in a hospital. Many physicians, especially in the cities, today flatly refuse to make home visits; if the patient is too ill to come to the doctor's office, he must enter a hospital—or treat himself.

A by-product of this practice is the over-crowding of hospitals. And for that the medical profession—with individual exceptions, of course—has nobody to blame but the medical profession. Yet doctors who have consistently hospitalized any and all patients too ill to walk today urge the public to do something about the lack of hospital beds for those patients who really need them.

The cost of illness, for the average man, must be reduced. And, unless the medical profession does something about it, the medical profession again will have nobody to blame but itself—for socialized medicine.

POETRY CORNER

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THE JUNE VISITOR

(Month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

How can I reach the high handle
Of the door You are rapping upon?
Your raps are now growing fainter.
I fear You will soon be gone.

How can I reach the high handle
Of the door You would enter through.
To come to my unworthy chamber,
Bearing the radiance anew?

How can I reach the high handle?
I implore you do not depart.
I will open the door somehow,
You must enter most Sacred Heart.

—CORA TALLEY.

Franklin, N. C.

MOUNTAIN MAGIC

Dark green swirls of water, edged
By fairy bits of foam;
Pointed pines of pixie-land
Weird as any gnome.

Little stars of heaven twinkle
Bright as elfin eyes—
Magic are the trees and hills,
Magic are the skies.

—BESS HINSON HINES.

Highlands, N. C. and California.
(From "Singing of the Heart")

Others' Opinions

VICE-PRESIDENTS IMPORTANT

Since 50 per cent of those who served in the White House during the past quarter-century were vice-presidents who inherited the office, both Democrats and Republicans alike are beginning to realize that the nomination of the vice-presidential candidates this year will be unusually important.

—Eldon (Iowa) Forum.

'PORK BARREL'

Talking about the old system of "pork barrel" legislation congress has outdone itself. Something like three-quarters of a billion dollars for flood-control and navigation improvements have been voted to improve every little stream that has as much as three inches of running water. There is hardly a man in the senate that hasn't had pressure brought upon him to cut funds for expenditures, but when it comes to grinding their own axes, the pork barrel system of getting votes proves a powerful whallop. And John Taxpayer foots the bill.
Bessett (Va.) Journal.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of T. C. Childers, 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 15 day of May, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 15 day of May, 1948.

J. R. CHILDERS,
Administrator

M20-6tc-J24

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and not later than 2 p. m. July 12, 1948 and opened immediately thereafter for all the merchantable live and dead timber designated for cutting on an area embracing about 2000 acres within the Jones and Coweeta Creeks Unit, Little Tennessee River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 1500 cords (128 cubic feet) of chestnut extractwood, more or less. No bid of less than 60 cents per cord will be considered. \$200 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina.
J10-2tc-J24

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and not later than 2 p. m. July 12, 1948 and opened immediately thereafter for all the merchantable live and dead timber designated for cutting on an area embracing about 1000 acres within the Mulberry Creek Unit, Little Tennessee River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 1000 cords (128 cubic feet) of chestnut extractwood, more or less. No bid of less than 60 cents per cord will be considered. \$200 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina.
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National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. July 12, 1948 and opened immediately thereafter for all the merchantable live and dead timber designated for cutting on an area embracing about 400 acres within the Cloer Cove Unit, Little Tennessee River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 1500 cords (128 cubic feet) of chestnut extractwood, more or less. No bid of less than 60 cents per cord will be considered. \$300 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina.
J10-2tc-J24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
JOSEPH W. KAHN

vs
INEZ MEASE KAHN

The defendant, Inez Mease Kahn, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce for the plaintiff,

Joseph W. Kahn.

Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on the 16th day of July, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 15 day of June, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court

J17-4tc-JJ-Jly8

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Samuel Jasper Corn, 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 24 day of May, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 24 day of May, 1948.

LENA CORN,

Administratrix

M27-6tp-Jly1

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of OLLIE JACOBS BENNETT, 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 27 day of May, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 27 day of May, 1948.

D. M. BENNETT,

Executor

J3-6tp-Jly10

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

JOHN H. C. PERRY, Plaintiff

vs.

WILLIAM R. DEAR and wife,
GRETA T. DEAR, Defendants

William R. Dear, one of the defendants above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County in which the plaintiff claims the sum of \$2,300.00 based on contract, which contract has been breached by the defendants;

Said defendant, William R. Dear, will also take notice that he is required to appear in the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County on or before the 4th day of August, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

Said defendant will further take notice that in said action a warrant of attachment against the property of said defendants has been issued and the following property attached:

All the land described in the deed from George W. Maret and wife, Jessie G. Maret, to William K. Dear and wife, Greta T. Dear, dated 24 October, 1938, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book B-5, page 475. Reference is hereby made to said deed and record for a more certain description.

And that said warrant of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in said County.

This the 14th day of June, 1948.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,

Clerk Superior Court,

Macon County,

North Carolina.

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