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A Crazy World

IN capitalist America the theory is that we pay a man what he is worth—that is, in proportion to the value of his work. Theoretically, if he works hard, he is rewarded accordingly; if he is lazy, he must suffer the consequences.

So the labor unions came along and demanded a minimum wage for all bricklayers, carpenters, etc.; that minimum has become so high that it also is the maximum, and the result, as a rule, is that all bricklayers, carpenters, etc., are paid the same—regardless of the quantity or quality of their work.

That practice is now so common that it has been adopted by our federal and state governments; for our federal civil servants and even our North Carolina state teachers are paid neither for the quantity nor—God save the mark!—the quality of their work, but on a basis of grade.

In communist Russia the theory is that everybody works for everybody else and nobody owns anything and everything that anybody has is divided equally among everybody. But ever since 1935 communist Russia has been paying its workers in proportion to what they produce.

Thus we have the spectacle of a communist Russia being more capitalistic in its dealings with its workers than a capitalist America.

And in Socialist Britain the theory (if carried to its ultimate) is that everything belongs to everybody, and that it is the function of the state and industry to serve the worker—not for the worker to serve the state and industry.

And in order to obtain the results it seeks, the British socialist government has adopted a modification of the communist Russian modification of the original capitalist American rewards-and-punishments plans—which America has largely discarded!

No Wonder!

The whole nation is becoming disturbed by the increase in sex crimes, especially the alarming increase in such offenses as rape, perversion, and crimes against children.

What to do about it? We must have more and stricter laws, says one group. Stricter law enforcement and more police protection is the answer, says another.

All of which is a complicated and rather hopeless approach to a problem, when the solution is obvious and fairly simple.

The truth is that we are reaping the harvest of what we have been sowing for decades. The radio, the movies, and publications—ranging from some of the comics through newspapers and magazines to books—have consistently emphasized sex out of all proportion.

And too often it is pictured not for what it is, and for what it ought openly and frankly to be recognized as—a normal, natural urge that is powerful, but subject to discipline like any other appetite.

And society—that means you and me and the other fellow—is to blame for permitting and con-

doning and encouraging this false and distorted picture.

We have placed strict legal and conventional restraints around the gratification of a strong urge. Then we have deliberately and consistently and insistently inflamed that urge. It is any wonder we have had an eruption?

The Lights Come On Again

Once again the gay Christmas lights burn along Franklin's uptown Main street.

Christmas, of course, is a thing of the spirit; all the lights and bright wrappings and gifts in the world would not make Christmas without that indefinable spirit that magically touches men's hearts at this season of the year.

Bouquets are due the Nantahala Power and Light company, which provides the electric current, and the Western Carolina Telephone company, which strung the lights this year.

The labor of stringing was done by volunteers last year, and members of the Lions club had offered to help with the work last Saturday.

These lights have been in use for 10 or 15 years, except for an additional 200 feet bought by the town last year; meanwhile, Franklin has grown. We could well use some additional lights.

Those are suggestions for next year; it's a project Franklin's merchants might well undertake. Franklin's merchants undoubtedly would undertake it if they had an organization for the job.

P. S. For this and similar projects of special interest to the merchants, maybe what we need is a merchants association.

Deficit Spending

Many serious students of finance are worried about the government's deficit spending. It is serious, because "deficit spending" is just a fancy way of saying "spending what you haven't got."

A lot more of us, however, aren't such serious students, and we are worried about something else. We would like to, and feel we need to, and often try to, engage in deficit spending ourselves—but we never can get away with it!

When we draw all we have out of the bank, then spend all we have in our pockets, that's all there is; there just ain't any more. What do you do then? Come on, Uncle Sam, be a good fellow, let us in on the secret!

Technical training enables a man to get somewhere. A liberal education enables him to decide where he wants to go.

Letters

THANKS FROM PRISON CAMP

To the Members of the First Baptist Church of Franklin: In behalf of the men of the Prison Camp at Franklin I wish to extend thanks and appreciation for a humane act; or I should rather say, a Christian act, although to me they both have the same meaning.

Your visit to this camp to hold religious services last Sunday not only lifted our morale, but made us feel that although we have sinned, there still are those out there who look upon us with compassion, and are willing not only to pray for us, but also with us. It is a wonderful feeling, and brings a warm spot into the heart, which makes one want to get up and shout, "Thank you, my Lord, for the good people around us!"

And so may I say once again thanks; to the preacher, for an excellent sermon which made quite an impression, and to the ladies for the cakes, which we know they went to a lot of trouble making and which were voted unanimously as second to none.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His light shine upon you and guide your hearts according to His teachings.

Very respectfully, FRED FACTOR.

Others' Opinions

BYRNES ON SOLID GROUND

The Record commends the stand taken by James F. Byrnes, who has held high offices in all three branches of the Federal government, in his plea for reduction of Federal taxes and the public debt.

Addressing the Southern Governors' Conference at Biloxi, Miss., he said: "Today we have unexampled prosperity. If the government cannot live within its income, what will it do should we have a serious recession in business?"

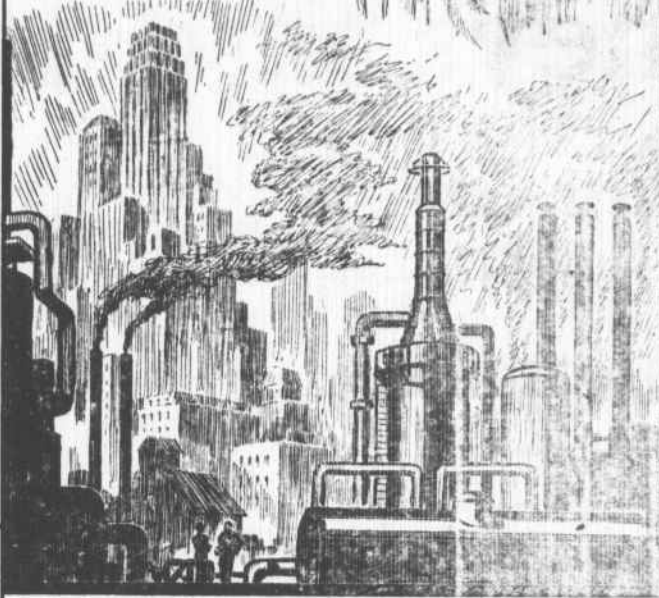
Byrnes was one of the staunchest New Dealers, and, like most followers of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, he backed heavy spending to bring the nation out of the dangerous depression that had developed during the administration of Herbert Hoover.

The South Carolina statesman, and millions of other New Dealers, also backed the large expenditures necessary for the winning of World War Two. But Byrnes, and a multitude of good Democrats, are convinced that there must be a limit to

OUR DEMOCRACY

The DYNAMICS of VOLUNTARY THRIFT

THE THRIFT THAT STEMS FROM INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE AND ENTERPRISE—FROM A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING FOR ONE'S OWN—HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY AS A DYNAMIC FORCE IN BUILDING THE STRONG BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE WHICH IS THE BACKBONE OF THE WORLD TODAY.



THE DYNAMIC FORCE OF VOLUNTARY THRIFT, AS WE PRACTICE IT TODAY, EXTENDS BEYOND ITS IMPACT UPON THE CHARACTER OF OUR PEOPLE TO THE STIMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMY... FOR THE FUNDS WE SET ASIDE IN LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ARE PUT TO WORK IN PRODUCTIVE ENTERPRISE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted by

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE Weaverville, N. C.

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OUT OF THE SADDLE (Answering "Time Steed")

The prancing, year-ribboned time I would ride, And to men of the hour I would fain make my bow, Still, I yield to my King on the timeless made throne And I seek for an ageless old nag I can p'ow.

CORA TALLEY.

Franklin, N. C.

spending and that while we continue to enjoy unprecedente prosperity is the time to start paying the public debt by cutting down on appropriations.—Hickory Record.

VETERANS' REFUNDS

In just a little over a month now, refunds from National Service Life Insurance will start flowing to Roanoke-Chowan veterans of World War II.

Whether by accident or by design (and we prefer to believe the second description) the refunds will be started in the first quarter of the year and probably completed in the second quarter.

This is the "slack" time of the year for business but the over-all combined effect of individual insurance payments will certainly steady our economy during the first six months of the year. In the Roanoke-Chowan there will probably be about \$750,000 in G. I. insurance dividends dispensed.

It's anybody's guess where this money will go but we feel sure of one thing. The money will be more carefully spent than the mustering out pay received by veterans on discharge. At that time the majority of servicemen were so glad to be back home that they went on buying spree—a tea in excess of their own financial capabilities.

This time, we believe, there will be more calculated spending.

The release of some \$2,800,000 to veterans throughout the country will help our economy.—Hertford County Herald.

STREAM POLLUTION

The problem of waste disposal which inevitably accompanies the growth of industrialization in urban areas has been increasingly troublesome to North Carolina cities. Not restricted to any one state, however, the health hazards involved in stream pollution prompted congressional action last year when legislation was passed authorizing loans by the federal government to state and local agencies for construction of sewage treatment facilities.

A few weeks ago the Charlotte city council made plans to tackle its local pollution problem by employing a Chicago firm to survey the city's waste disposal situation. The survey will include studies not only of current methods of disposal, but also of population trends and possible future concentrations of industry. The city council expects to be guided by recommendations growing out of the survey in drawing an ordinance regulating the handling of industrial wastes that are disposed of in local streams.—Popular Government.

POWER CREATES MARKETS

There is considerably more to bringing electric power to rural homes than merely furnishing light for the homes and power for the few machines. That "more" consists of opening a huge market for the sale of electrical appliances and equipment.

A recent survey, covering 19 states and made by the Edison Electric Institute reveals estimates that the extension of power to farmers has opened an electrical appliance and equipment market of more than \$750,000. The survey included interviews with 2,377 farm electric customers, indicating an average retail market for appliances of \$150 a customer.

Those close to the farm people realized the comfort electricity would bring to the home and the assistance power would bring to the farm. Electrical manufacturers were a little slow to realize the vast potential market. Many of them were opposed in varying degrees to establishment of a rural electrification administration.

By now, with the new market created by power, we wonder how they feel? Or should we?—Hertford County Herald.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

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 James F. Carpenter and wife, Mildred L. Carpenter, dated the 17th day of June, 1948, and recorded in Book No. 49, page 398, 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 foreclosure thereof, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, at 12:00 noon, on Monday, the 12th day of December, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Fla's Township, Macon County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the North margin of the hard surface of Highlands-Dillard Highway No. 103, said stake being situated North 86 deg. 15 min. East 74 1/2 feet from the center of the Rabun Bald Road at its junction with the South edge of the hard surface of the above mentioned Highway No. 106, and said stake also situated South 80 deg. East: 1074 feet from the center of the old Highlands-Dillard Road at its junction with the South edge of the hard surface of the above mentioned Highway No. 106, a corner of a tract of land now owned by Mrs. McGruger, and runs North 11 deg. East, 375 feet to a stake; thence South 79 deg. East 275 feet to a stake; thence South 11 deg. West 375 feet to a stake at the North margin of the hard surface of the above mentioned Highway No. 106; thence, with the said edge of the hard surface of the said Highway No. 106, North 79 deg. West 375 feet to the BEGINNING corner, containing 3.23 acres, more or less.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding unpaid taxes.

This the 10th day of November, 1949.

J. H. STOCKTON, Trustee.

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NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by a deed of trust executed by B. H. Baldwin and wife Frances Baldwin to Gilmer A. Jones, trustee, dated the 30th day of January, 1948, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book No. 42, page 67, said deed of trust having been executed to secure certain indebtedness therein set forth, and default in the payment of said indebtedness having been made, I will on Friday, the 9th day of December, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

All the lands described in a deed from Ben Thwaite and Jessie Thwaite to B. H. Baldwin, said deed bearing date of the 29th day of June, 1945, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book N-5 of Deeds, Page 300. EXCEPT THEREFROM all the lands described in the following deeds:

- 1. Deed from B. H. Baldwin and wife to Mrs. Marie McComb Cook, said deed bearing date of 18th day of July, 1946, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book O-5 of Deeds, page 182.
2. Deed from B. H. Baldwin and wife to Margaret Roberts, said deed bearing date of 11th day of July, 1947, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book R-5 of Deeds, page 538.
3. Deed from Bert H. Baldwin and wife to J. M. Gokay, said deed bearing date of 25th day of July, 1946, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book P-5 of Deeds, page 182.
This the 9th day of November, 1949.

GILMER A. JONES, Trustee.

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Say:

"I saw it advertised in The Press."