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## What Would Happen?-Plenty!

What would happen, should every man, woman, and child in this county resolve this New Year to do his or her best, every day in the year, to make Macon County a better place to live?

Reform and improvement, like charity, begin at home. And the first job of each of us, of course, is to make better individual lives; then better homes and family lives; then better communities. That is important; that is fundamental. But it is not enough.

To really do the job, we must think of Macon County as a whole, as a unit. And this county is a unit; for each neighborhood is dependent, in one way or another, on the rest of the county, and the county is dependent, in one way or another, on each neighborhood.

Such an attitude, such an endeavor, put into practice every day, would make 1950 the greatest year in Macon County's history. And it wouldn't cost a cent!

An Enigma

A federal housing agency, at President Truman's behest, has ruled that no public funds may be spent for housing, unless that housing is open to both whites and Negroes. Housing not only must be equal, it must not be separate.

In the South, the sorest need probably is for housing for Negroes, and the City of Charlotte recently submitted a proposal for 400 housing units for Negroes. Surely there is no discrimination against the minority race there. But the project has been rejected. It can be approved, Charlotte authorities have been informed, only if there is no reference to white or Negro occupancy.

For all practical purposes, therefore, the President's policy will mean that no public housing funds will be spent in an entire section of the country. In theory, that may not be some of the very discrimination the President is presumed to be warring against; in practice, it is. Even more to the point, perhaps, it will result, in practice, in discrimination against the very people the President says he is trying to help, the Southern Negro. The question arises, then, was it congress' chief purpose, in passing the housing act, to break down segregation, or to provide housing?

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All of which emphasizes what many persons have felt for a long time—Mr. Truman is an enigma. About three days a week we are inclined to feel he



#### HIDDEN TAXES

Dear Mr. Jones:

I think that if the average citizen, be he farmer or t wn worker, were more familiar with how hidden taxes hit the wage earner all day long, he would be less inclined to think he was getting something for nothing.

A dollar wears very thin in its trip to Washington and back in the form of subsidies, federal aid to schools, crop support, or any other form of iederal help.

The Quaker Oats company published a brochure entited "A Peak at Your Hidden Taxes". It gives a pretty clear picture of how hidden taxes hit the wage earner.

The story as applied to, say, an employe at any Macon County business, might be as follows:

Let's call him Johnson.

Johnson is awakened by the buzz of an alarm clock (price \$6—tax \$1.38). He climbs out of bed (price \$125—tax \$3.75), switches on the light (3 1/3 cents tax on each one dollar of his monthly bill), which lights the bulb (price 20 cents, plus 4 cents federal tax, plus one cent sales tax).

To the music of a radio (price  $30-\tan 3.90$ ), he shaves with an electric razor (price  $18-\tan 4.14$ ) and finishes with some shaving lotion (price  $1.30-\tan 30$  cents) before picking up his watch (price  $40-\tan 1.10$ ) and rushing in to breakfast.

He drops a slice of bread into the toaster (price \$8-tax \$1.04) and puts coffee on the stove. (price \$140-tax \$18.20) before getting his fruit juice from refrigerator (price \$240-tax \$31.20).

Like many, he drives to work in his own car (price \$1,500—federal tax \$105, plus sales tax \$45, plus an annual license fee of \$10, plus a driver's license fee of \$2, p'us tax on each part or accessory of 5 per cent, plus state and federal gas tax of 7 cents a gallon).

At noon, he eats lunch (price 50 cents—state sales tax 2 cents, plus tax already paid on the food in the restaurant). Then he pulls out a pack of cigarettes (price 15 cents—state and federal taxes 11 cents), which he lights with a match (tax  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents a thousand).

As he goes home, he remembers his wife (marriage license \$2) asked him to do some errands. He buys a deck of cards (price 40 cents, tax 14 cents) and a roll of film (price 35 cents—tax 5 cents) to take pictures of their four-months old daughter (birth registration \$1).

That evening Johnson reads a story in a magazine about last year's tax returns. Then he gets to thinking (no tax yet) about his withholding tax, and starts to figure (fountain pen  $10-\tan 2.30$ ) how much he will pay next year.

And by this time he is lucky to be sane!

Yours truly,

Franklin, N. C.

E. M. McNISH.

#### THANKS FROM PRISON CAMP

Editor, The Press:

Santa Claus came to the prison camp early on Christmas morning and his load was so heavy that he had to have assistants. As we entered the mess hall for breakfast Sunday, we were greeted by Dr. Edgar Angel, Mr. Armour Cagle, and our superintendant, Mr. Overton.

And the sight that met our eyes brought a warm fee'ing of "good will toward man". It looked like someone had moved one of the grodery stores here from town. The tables were covered with many kinds of cigarettes, cigars, candy, apples, and oranges.

And although I mention it last, it is by no means the least, for us it meant more than anything that money can buy, for the entire room was lit up with that great big smile upon the faces of "Dr. Ed" and his two assistants. And it needed only one look at "Dr. Ed" and Mr. Cagle for a person to see the joy they felt in playing Santa Claus to us. And may I say here, in behalf of all of us at the prison camp, that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, not so much for what was given, but for the spirit it was given in, for to us that happy smile meant more than anything else we could have ever received.

We also wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Zeb Conley and the Rev. C. E. Murray of the Methodist church for the wonderful cake they brought us. Also Christmas carol singers who sang for us Saturday night, and one group from the Franklin Methodist church, and another, led by the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Hull, from the Mount Zion Methodist church.

And last but not least, our own "Pappy" Overton put the finishing touches toward making this memorable day a happy one. He personally saw to it that our Christmas dinner was second to none. And so our menu consisted of turkey, baked ham, cranberry sauce, potato sa'ad, candied yams, garden peas, celery, cocoanut pie, turkey dressing, bread, coffee, and buttermilk that was donated by Mr. A. B. Slagle. And there was no rationing either, for he invited one and all to refill their plates if they wished. The Christmas spirit was there, with those who gave and those who received, and as the Old Year goes out and the New Year comes in, may the Lord bless us all with an understanding of fellowship and love for one another. May the



see the Lord's blessing for it.

Highlands, N. C.

III. Tithing in the New Testament:

In Mal. 3:1-4. We have prophecy that the Lord will come and teach the people how to give righteously and acceptably.

In Matt. 21:23 and 23:23 we have this prophecy fulfilled. Here He teaches that for our giving to be acceptable, we must tithe and keep the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith.

I Cor. 9:13-14 teaches that the work of the church is to be supported in the same manner that the Old Testament worship was supported. That was by tithes and offerings.

I Cor. 16:2 teaches that dur giving is to be proportionate. The only proportion suggested in the Bible is the tithe.

Hebrews 7:1-8. This passage teaches that just as the people paid tithes to Levitical priests, so now they are to pay tithes to Christ as the greater priest. Tithes and offerings are paid to Him through His church.

Now one question: After all that God has done for us, will we be miserly encugh to not want to give even more than is required?

Respectfully yours, PAUL C. NIX, Pastor.

Highlands Baptist Church.

# **Others'** Opinions

#### THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Perhaps it was no accident that President Truman chose Josef Stalin's birthday to make a speech in which he said: "This is an age where faith in one's self, faith in freedom, faith in the kinship of man and God, are more important to our survival than all the mighty armaments of war."

That was the real issue of December 21, 1949, the day when a dictator was 70 and the day when the freely elected leader of a great republic spoke of peace. It is the issue which overrides everything—communism, fascism, democracy, anarchy or any system of government or non-government. It is the issue of the dignity of the individual, the intrinsic and essential worth of the human person. Until that principle is honored everywhere there can be no real peace.—Asheville Citizen.

#### SIMPLE RADIO TEST

Your auditory appreceptive faculty shou'd enable you to guage the loudness of your radio. But if you are in any doubt about whether you are disturbing your neighbors, and depriving them of the approximate peace and quiet to which they are entitled, there is a simple test you can make.

Walk across the street from your home and see whether you can hear your radio. Then go father away, say a block away. With this simple procedure you can determine the radius of the great circle that your amplifier is volleying sound into.

Most everybody prefers to listen to a program of his own choosing instead of having to listen to one somebody else may have chosen—with the amplifier in high gear.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

#### ON STATES RIGHTS

The old philosopher of the Democratic Party-the party that was-the advisor of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch, gives the perfect answer to the States Rights fiasco: Why do you talk States Rights, when you are always running to Washington for money. The Progress has since the beginning of the movement contended that it could not succeed because it had too little sincerity in it. Leaders in the Dixiecrat party were during their campaign leaning on the Washington pie counter. The real entrusiasm it worked up was, denv it or not it's true based upon the it the Southern citizen to defend the racial caste system which had been dangerously threatened by the political civil rights gesture of the little man in the White House. Mr. Baruch is no defender of Truman-he has denounced him as uncouth and ignorant. He suggests the real platform for an honest States Rights party; no dependence or claims on Washington for anything our own state can do. That is not a popular platform .- Easley (S. C.) Progress.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

NORTH CAROLINA, MACON COUNTY.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in s certain deed of trust from Gerald W. Cornelius and wife, Mildred S. Cornelius, to E. P. Stillwell, Trustee for The Jackson County Bank, dated 2 January, 1946, and recorded in Book 38, at Page 534, of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured, and the holder thereof having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at the Court House door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, 7 January, 1950. at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all those certain tracts or parcels of land, described in and covered by said deed of trust, located in Highlands Township, Macon County, North Carolina described as follows:

> All the lands described in a deed from Rebecca S. Harris to Gerald W. Cornelius, dated December 21, 1945, and recorded in Deed Book N-5, at page 299 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina.

This sale is made subject to all unpaid or delinquent taxes against said property.

This the 5th day of December, 1949. D8—4tc—D29

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY DOLLIE SLATTON WIGGINS

VS CLAUDE WIGGINS

In the Superior Court

The defendant, Claude Wiggins, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, by the plaintiff for an absolute divorce, on the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County within 28 days after 31st day of December, 1949, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief prayed for by the plaintiff in her complaint will be granted. This the 6 day of December

1949. J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE, Clerk Superior Court,

Macon County, North Carolina. E. P. STILLWELL, Trustee, D8-4tc-D31.

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of F-ancesco P. Mirabelli, deceased, late of Dade County, Florida, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, in care of J. H. Stockton, Attorney, Franklin, North Carolina, who is the resident process agent, on or before the 15th day of November, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settle-

is a good and possibly a great man; about three days a week he appears to be a cheap, and a rather small, politician; at least one day out of the average week he gives evidence of being just stupid.

#### **Canada Bans Crime Comics**

We forbid by law the distribution of most physical poisons to children (or even to adults). We prohibit the sale of alcoholics and even cigarettes to children. But while we throw safeguards about children's bodies, we do little about what enters their minds.

There are a lot of mental poisons, too—in the movies, on the radio, in the newspapers and magazines and books, and in the comics. But we exercise virtually no restraint, no discrimination in this field.

In Canada they have decided the time has come to exercise some such restraint. Canada has just forbidden the publication, distribution, or sale of comics that depict crime, real or fictional.

This action of the Canadian parliament may or may not be the right approach to the problem and if it is, it is only a start. But it is worth thinking about.

As the halfway mark in this century nears, there's at least one thing we can be optimistic about. The last half of the twentieth century could hardly be worse than the first, with its two world wars, so maybe it will be better.

If you're going to be a hypocrite, you'd better keep company with the old folks. For adults can be fooled, but children are quick to see through anything that isn't genuine. Lord's Prayer become a living reality so that all evil may be banished from this earth.

And so, in closing, may I utter this prayer in behalf of all of us here:

Oh Lord, forgive us sinners; we ask for nothing else for ourselves. But bless those who have tried to follow in Thy footsteps. Give us the power to resist temptation so that we may be the givers, not the receivers. Bless all who have remembered us, so that they may continue to spread good will and cheer where it is needed. Make this coming year a happy one for them all. Amen.

FRED FACTOR.

Prison Camp, Franklin, N. C.

#### MORE ABOUT TITHING

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago the Rev. T. C. McCall raised the question of whether tithing was taught by Jesus and his disciples. I offer the following in reply:

God works by plans. He had a plan when He made the universe. He had a plan when He made man. He had a plan for the salvation of man and a plan for the work of His church. Also He has a plan for the financing of the great program of work that He gave His church to do.

God gives only one plan of church finance in the Bible, and that is by the tithes and offerings of His people. The tithe is the tenth, and an offering is over and above this. This plan holds in the New Testament as well as in the Old Testament.

Let us review God's plan as recorded in the Bible:

I. Tithing Before the Law of Moses:

In Gen. 14:20. We have the record that Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, four hundred years before the law.

In Gen. 28:20. Jacob promised the Lord he would tithe. II. Tithing Under the Law:

Leviticus 27:30. "The tithe is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." If it was holy unto God, then it is still holy unto Him If belonged to God then, it belongs to Him now.

Numbers 18: 24, 26, 28. These verses teach that the tithe was to be the means of supporting the priests and the worship. The priests were also required to tithe.

Those who failed to tithe were condemned by the Lord as guilty of sin. Amos 4:4, Mal. 3:8-9.

Mal. 8:10-12. The people are challenged to try tithing and

# GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Editor Thomas J. Lassiter of The Smithfield Herald published the leading editorial of one of his recent issues on the subject, "The Great Achievement of the Baptists." The first two paragraphs in the editorial give the facts in the case:

"One suspects that the First Baptist Church of Smithfield set some kind of a national record Sunday morning when a passing of the offering plate resulted in cash contributions totaling more than \$20,000.

"It was a special offering, of course—for the Baptist building fund. But even so, the size of the gifts represented a remarkable collective achievement. The \$20,000 offering came on the heels of seven years of heavy giving for a new building. Since the old Baptist building was destroyed by fire in 1942, the church had raised for its building fund a total of \$115,000. This figure now moves to \$135,000 plus. And while the church still needs considerably more money for completion of the project, it is over the hump and there no longer seems to be any doubt about the Baptists reaching their goal from this point on."

The editorial pays high tribute to the young pastor, James C. Cammack, who for the past four years has led the church faithfully and heroically in the face of difficulties imposed by the necessity of using a crowded temporary building for Sunday school and church services. This has been much more than a financial achievement. It has been a fine demonstration of the high spirit and morale of a church of 661 members, many of whom are nonresident. We salute the church on its high achievement, and congratulate the members on their faithful and generous giving.—Biblical Recorder.

An association of men who will not quarrel with one another is a thing which never yet exited, from the greatest confederacy of nations down to a town meeting or a vestry. —Thomas Jefferson.

It's great to be great, but it's greater to be human.

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This November 15, 1949. ANTHONY MIRABELLI, N23—6tp—D29 Executor.

#### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of William D. Reece, 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 19 day of November, 1950 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 19 day of November, 1947. KATE REECE BRADLEY, Executrix.

N23-6tp-D29

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE Having qualified as adminisistratrix of Margaret Lorene Dil's Menirich, 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 20 day of December, 1950, or this notice will be plead in ban of their recovery. All person indebted to said estate wi please make immediate settle ment.

This 20 day of December, 1949. EXIE DILLS, Administratrix.

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Say: "I saw it advertised in The Press."