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September and School Time

With September at the top of the calendar we are reminded of the school season again, when the thoughts of the people turn from swimming holes to school clothes, school lunches, and books. We will begin to hear of the parent-teacher activities, how they will meet and talk about what is the best thing to do for the children. This is a work that every father and mother, as well as teacher in every school, should give an hour or two each month.

We often hear the question, "What is going to become of the children?" The answer is easy—take care of them, but in a different way than that in which we have been doing. We must give them more personal attention. There has never been a time when more was done for children than is now being done; yet there is much failure in actual achievement. We are not giving too many opportunities to our children, but we are giving them entirely too many privileges. We are permitting them to build the roads they are to travel and to roam them at will. They are running unbridled while father and mothers are digging hard and deep to pay taxes, buy clothing and books for their schooling.

The thing to do for the children is to take care of them. Most parents have had far less school experience than their children now have, which enables the children to out-figure and rule them. Rather than the parents ruling the child, the child is ruling the parents. Of course, there may be a few wise old ducks who will flutter around and say that they rule their children, and they may, but we know when we say the children rule too often there is enough truth in the statement to stand the acid test.

Now, it will be an easy thing to take care of the children if every father, mother, guardian, and teacher will sand shoulder to shoulder and all do the proper thing.

The teacher can not take proper care of the children, the parents can't take proper care of them; but when the home and the school combine the job can be done well.

One of the disgraces of the day is the neglect of the child, even in the midst of millions of golden opportunities.

Let Martin County take the lead in taking care of her children by having 100 per cent cooperation between teacher and parent. We will have children who are less liable to become parasitical liabilities if we will take better care of them, both at home and at school.

Library or Swimming Pool?

Since that swimming pool has hibernated to winter quarters, wouldn't it be a fine thing if, while it sleeps, it should hatch out a nice town library next spring?

There are several ways in which the thing might be done. One would be for 25 good men and 25 good women of Williamston to form a library commission and put \$100 apiece in a suitable building on Main Street. With a good building provided, books could be easily procured. Then spend the same amount for a librarian that a swimming pool keeper would cost, and we would have a good library.

Buying Companies Take Note

A survey of tobacco conditions in this section shows that despite increased acreage at planting time, the losses in the harvest more than offset the first estimated increase, and the crop as a whole probably will not reach the total of the 1927 crop. After so many reports of a bumper crop, the buying companies would do well to take note of the true conditions. There is no overproduction this year, and there is no reason why the growers should not receive a living price for their crop.—Greenville Reflector.

The Town Is the Center

The modern town is not only the trading center of the community, but it is the social, educational, and religious center as well. Just how far this town will advance or go back in the scale of a town's growth depends altogether upon the people of that particular city or town. Each town is a community center. If the people of the center of things are alive to the possibilities of the community it will advance; if not, there is nothing under the sun that will keep that town

alike. Another and more progressive town will spring up and with the more rapid methods of today's travel almost any distance is made short in comparison with that of the yesterday. There is greater need of civic pride and civic effort today than ever before. No town, however well entrenched, is immune to the constant reaching out of other cities and towns after the trade and the progressive spirit and element. It is in keeping with the modern idea to be ever vigilant. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning. Not for even a moment allow an opportunity that will advance the welfare of your home town to escape you. "If it's a good thing, we have it," can not be beaten as a community slogan. This applies to the merchandising and the civic appeals of the town as well. The town that draws and secures the trade of all the people of the community is assured of success.—Oxford Public Ledger.

Keep Strings Out of Tobacco

The tobacco-buying interests are warning farmers against leaving strings in their tobacco when tying it for market. The presence of these things in the heads of bundles works a hardship on the factories in the working of the tobacco, hence the companies will not knowingly buy such tobacco or will not pay as much for it as they would if it were free from foreign substances and ready to be handled without repicking. Surely the request of the buying companies is a reasonable one, and no doubt the farmers will readily cooperate.—Greenville Reflector.

A Dirty Fight All the Way Through

Is alcohol going to change American citizenship and American ideals? If we carefully listen in on the main line, we are forced to admit there is danger. We find families dividing, neighborhoods dividing, churches dividing.

Unfortunately, it is not a fair fight, because alcohol has slipped its slimy coils around national politics. Some folks say one candidate is about as wet as the other. Yet everybody has to admit that many wet Republicans are flocking to the Democrats while many dry Democrats are tumbling to Hoover.

It is considered a very unfortunate thing that a moral issue should be forced in as a political question and work such havos as it is now doing, and apparently it bids fair to do worse.

The hatred that will be engendered by this campaign will last churches, neighborhoods, families, and States for fifty years. The very fact that so many base falsehoods are being broadcast to prejudice folks who are ignorant of the true facts is a disgrace to twentieth century civilization.

When you pass one man who is exalting Hoover and defaming Al Smith and then pass on only to find the next man exalting Al Smith and defaming Hoover, it is conclusive evidence that there is something meaner than ordinary politics operating in this campaign.

The personal lives of both Smith and Hoover will bear the closest scrutiny; both came up from obscurity, and if Smith is elected the Hooverites will forget their allegations against him; and if Hoover is elected, of course, the Smith folks will find that most of the things they have said about him were untrue.

The most unfortunate feature in the whole campaign is the church fight. Astute politicians in many instances are trying to discredit the church, and often the church is lowering itself by fighting in an un-Christian way. Nobody seems to be willing in this campaign to wage a fair fight. Somebody is lying on the Ku Klux Klan by circulating inflammable matter against them. Somebody is spreading falsehoods against the Knights of Columbus by published statements, most of which has been proven false. Catholic is arrayed against Protestant and Protestant against Catholic. It would seem that Christianity—present-day Christianity—has lost much of its charity.

How this must please ex-king Alcohol, to see the home, the State, the nation, the church, fighting against themselves in an effort to conquer for their creed.

As long as we are willing to indulge in spreading the bad news about our religious, social, and political neighbors and leave off all the good about them, they will seem bad; but if we will take the other side and find the best in them, they will not seem so bad.

Alcohol, the lurking demon that has destroyed so many good men in the past is responsible for the whole trouble. The demon has been at least partly caged. Now he has reared up like the poisonous serpent when the summer heat comes. He has uncoiled and hidden his seven heads and ten horns in our political campaign, hoping to be again legally wrapped in a royal robe and set at the right hand of our American government, rather than to have to sneak around as an outlaw hidden in the bosom of bootleggers.

What the country needs is a clean-cut political campaign on the national issues, and then have a clean-cut fight out in the open on the liquor question.

What a Library Does for a Town

1. Completes its educational equipment, carrying on and giving permanent value to the work of the schools.
2. Gives the children of all classes a chance to know and love the best in literature. Without a public library such a chance is limited to the very few.
3. Minimizes the sale and reading of vicious literature in the community, thus promoting mental and moral health.
4. Effects a saving in money to every reader in the community. Through the library every reader in the town can secure, at a given cost from 100 to 1,000 times the material for reading or study that he could secure by acting individually.
5. Adds to the material value of property. Real estate agents in the suburbs of large cities never fail to advertise the presence of a library, if there be one, as giving added value to the lots or houses they have for sale.

Singer Sewing Machine Shop, 115 E. Main St., and am prepared to do dressmaking, altering, hemstitching, and piecing. All work guaranteed. Mrs. W. H. Ward. a14 8tpd

NOTICE
Having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of Burwell Green, deceased, late of Goose Nest Township, Martin County, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment to the undersigned on or before the 2nd of July, 1929 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to come forward and make immediate payment of the same.
This July 2, 1928.
SAMUEL OUTLAW,
7-6-6t Executor.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County, in superior court.
D. G. Matthews vs. W. H. Hatch, and
The defendants will take notice that an addition as defendant in the above action as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County for the purpose of foreclosing a tax certificate of sale covering 10 acres of woods land in Robersonville Township, adjoining the lands of W. A. and J. G. Everett, and which was listed in the name of W. H. Hatch plaintiff of plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in the complaint.
Notice is hereby given to all other persons claiming any interest in the land and the said defendant will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of superior court in Martin County, in his office in Williamston within 30 days after service of summons and answer the subject matter in this action to appear and defend their claim. And all persons in any way claiming any interest in said matter in any manner are required to appear within the time above set out and set up their claim in said action upon pain of being forever barred and foreclosed of the same.
This the 13th day of August, 1928.
K. J. PELL,
a14 4tw Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of a judgment in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Jasper Harrell, et al," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 12th day of September, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following tract of land:
Beginning at a stake at the corner of A. D. Peterson's and the Combs place; thence along the line of the Combs land, 760 yards to the corner of Freddie Harrell estate; thence along the line of Freddie Harrell land in an easterly course 760 yards to a stake; thence in a southeasterly course 760 yards to the Steven Brown land now owned by Colin Green; thence a southwest course 760 yards to the corner of A. D. Peterson and the Combs place, the beginning. Containing 37 1-2 acres, more or less.
This the 10th day of August, 1928.
B. A. CRITCHER,
a14 4tw Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Martin County, in the superior court.
Dr. U. S. Hassell vs. Ben Bazemore
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, September 17, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door of

Martin County sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Ben Bazemore, the defendant, has in the following real estate, to wit:
First tract: Beginning at J. D. Hardison's corner; thence a westerly course to an oak; a corner near the Griffin road; thence an easterly course along Griffin road to James Gardner's corner, a pine; thence a southeasterly

course along Gardner's line to J. D. Hardison's corner; thence, with said Hardison's line a southerly course to the beginning. Containing fifty-one acres.
Second tract: Beginning in Mulberry Branch, an ash, W. P. Powell's corner, to the mouth of Grape-Vine Ditch, thence along Grape-Vine Ditch to the fence; thence easterly along said ditch to W. P. Powell's avenue; thence a-

long said avenue to the old Chapel road; thence up said road to a black gum; L. C. Hardison's corner; thence along a line of marked trees to an ash in the run of Mulberry Branch, L. C. Hardison's corner; thence up the run of said branch to the beginning. Containing 25 acres, more or less.
This the 8th day of August, 1928.
A. L. ROEBUCK,
a14 4tw Sheriff Martin County.

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNITY BANKING SERVICE

We consider that this bank is a semi-public institution, established and maintained to render efficient and helpful banking service to people of this community.

In conducting the operations of this financial institution we recognize certain obligations and consider it our duty to inform Every resident of the complete service which we are here to render.

It is our constant aim to extend the most practical and efficient service to our patrons and to furnish every modern banking facility for your use and benefit.

Farmers and Merchants Bank
 WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

John P. Rupp President
Arthur J. ... Cashier

FALL OPENING

The romance of a new season! Our buyers have just returned from New York, where they spent some time in selecting new fall merchandise. Nothing was overlooked, every piece of merchandise was carefully selected, and we know we were very fortunate in getting the best. We invite you to visit our store and inspect the things that are new and smart, beautiful fabrics, rich in colors, distinctive new silhouettes. This week we formally displayed the loveliest of the new. You should see them now, as they are going fast.

New Fall Dresses \$9.95
 Beautifully designed dresses, smartly developed in velvets, flat crepes and transparent velvets—all perfectly tailored and flouting new belts, buttons, pleatings, and tucks.

MEN'S FALL SUITS
 The Talk of the Town
 Here's to men who like to be "first with the latest" in correct clothes. We now have on display in our show windows "the talk of the town." Look at those double-breasted, reversible vests—enough said

COLLEGE SWEATERS
 We now have the largest selections of sweaters in town. Highland shaker knit, plenty crew necks. We also furnish the monograms if desired.
 \$5.50 — \$7.50 — \$8.50

\$12.50 \$19.75
 \$22.50 \$25.00
 And Up

J. K. HOYT
 WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA