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Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is by no means to be passed by as a frivolous whim. It is a thousandfold more important to teach people to save themselves from the horrors of fire and how to save their property from destruction by fire than it is to teach them the science of war. It is better to train the school boys and girls how to handle fire safely than it is how to manage navies and armies.

But like everything else, there are lots of people who know enough about everything and therefore think themselves too wise to fool away their time with fire prevention week.

The law requires the public schools in the State to have at least one fire drill each month. Yet many of them have none.

Personal carelessness with matches, kerosene, and gasoline cause more people to be burned than from any other cause. Rotten shingles, faulty flues, worn-out heaters, electric irons, oil stoves, lamps turned too high are a few of the causes of fires that burn houses and people.

It is more important for a girl to be taught how to safely build a fire than how to cook.

If the folks will make the best of fire prevention week, it will save hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property in our own State each year.

Prohibition in Williamston

Williamston's first dry store was made so 70 years ago. There is a page in the diary of the late Elder Cushing B. Hassell, saying "This day I have discontinued the sale of liquor in my store; and while I may suffer a loss in trade because my competitors still continue its sale, I shall not permit it to be handled in my store."

A study of the liquor question in Williamston shows a vast change. Elder Hassell, who was one of the foremost citizens this county ever produced, saw the evil in his day and outlawed it. He was, therefore, a practical prohibitionist.

Since that time the laws permitted the sale of liquor in the bar rooms for about 50 years. But the people caught the same vision that enlightened the mind of Elder Hassell 50 years before and they voted the bar rooms out. Now, it would be hard to find a Williamston man or woman who would welcome the return of the bar room.

The liquor business is now confined to bootleggers. We therefore see the liquor traffic in the hands of the highest type citizens laid down because of the harm it does, and then see it drift into the hands of the lower, and in most instances the lowest, type of citizens. If the handling of liquor dropped from the highest class citizens to the lowest class in 70 years, there must be something wrong with the business.

The sad thing about the liquor business in Williamston is that the same sense of self-respect and decency has not actuated the drinker that has actuated the seller. It is strange why good men will stoop to drink and yet feel that they are better than the seller. Why leading society people will drink the product of a many bootlegger is just a little hard to understand.

The day will come that not only the drunkard but the drinker will be called a fool.

It is a fine thing in a man to have the knowledge and conscience not to drink liquor; and in case he does drink, he can make a great stride upward by quitting. There are many cases in Williamston where liquor has hurt and, so far as we know, none that it has helped, either physically, mentally, or morally.

Let the drinking be like the selling—drop from the higher class to the lower class—then will we come pretty near having prohibition.

A County Library

What is a county library? It is a free lending library, maintained by the county, with books and magazines for everybody in the county.

How is the library supported? The County library is usually supported by a small tax, sometimes by an appropriation from the general funds.

How is it managed? It is managed by experienced librarians, whose knowledge of books is at the service of all who care to use it. Also by a county library board, serving without pay, or directly by the county commissioners.

How is it established? In most States, by the county commissioners, or other governing bodies, in some State by popular vote, as provided by the State law.

How does it work? Headquarters and central library are usually maintained at the county seat, or in some other large town. Branch libraries, which are equipped to meet the needs of readers and students are maintained in all important towns and villages.

How does it distribute books? By mail service on all rural routes, book collections in all rural schools, possibly a book truck, branch libraries on wheels for the smallest communities.

What kind of books? All kinds of books, stories, biographies, plays and magazines, books that help with school or farm work.

The Beauties of Nature

The cold nights this week swing another picture into our minds. Taking the place of the roses of the summer comes the red leaves and brown nuts of autumn. The picture is just as it always has been. Everything that man makes is constantly changing. We are never satisfied with what we do, always tearing down and building up again. Our clothes, our houses, and all that we have has to be changed so often that we find it hard to keep pace with the world.

The architecture and handiwork of God does not have to be changed. Everything in the realm of nature holds its own. The sunset skies are the same now as when we were born. The beauties of the trees in their annual scarlet dresses are just the same as a thousand years ago.

It sometimes seems that we fail to appreciate the beauty and perfection of the things that God has given us, and we are inclined to murmur and complain. If we would spend a little more of our time looking at the rainbow and the beauties which fill the universe about us, doubtless we would have a deeper faith in the Creator and lower our estimate of ourselves.

A Missourian's Tribute to North Carolina

Jewell Mayer, Secretary of Agriculture of the State of Missouri, recently said so many good things about North Carolina that we are passing on a few of his touchings on our history and a suggested creed for our State:

FIRST FOR FREEDOM

As a grandson of North Carolina, I am proud of this land, first for freedom from 1585 until today. Your history is the story of American independence. Your 100 counties, your 31,000,000 acres in 269,000 farms, and your population figures are similar to Missouri. Your State, about 503 miles long and 187 miles wide, is an empire of progress, advancing faster and better than other States in our Union.

WHY "FIRST FOR FREEDOM"

When I say that North Carolina is first for freedom, the chronicles of history prove the facts. North Carolina really started the actual movement of the American Revolution in 1771, wrote the first Declaration of Independence at Mecklenburg in 1775, and was the first State to instruct its delegates to vote for governmental independence.

North Carolina troops were the primary cause of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, the crowning step in bringing into being the United States of America.

Indeed, I am proud of being a North Carolinian, although four generations removed, a blood relative of the State that requires the holder of any public office to acknowledge the existence of Almighty God. NORTH CAROLINA GAVE "CORN, TOBACCO, AND POTATOES TO THE WORLD"

TOES TO THE WORLD

As a farm owner and as an agricultural servant, it is a pleasure to remind the public that North Carolina gave to the world three of its mightiest crops—corn, tobacco, and potatoes, which were taken back to England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584 from this area. These products were unknown to civilization, although evidently they had grown in the Carolinas from the beginning of time, the land perfectly adapted to producing these three money crops of agriculture.

A CREED FOR NORTH CAROLINA

On both sides of my family tree of descendent of North Carolinians, it would delight me heartily to say something that would live beyond this occasion, in behalf of the land of my fathers. In these days of many churches, may I dare to publicly propose a State "Creed" that all North Carolinians could consistently endorse? As a Missourian, allow me to propose the following as "North Carolina's Creed":

I believe in North Carolina—in the green and golden glory of our forests, our hills, and our valleys—in the versatile variety of our soils—in the beauty of our country life—in our highland areas as the nation's playground—in our 100 counties constituting a kingly combination of admirable agriculture, delightful dairying, happy horticulture and profitable poultry production, while our cities are known around the world for their industries and commerce.

I believe in North Carolina—in our language, in our institutions, in our people—in our measures of manly merit and womanly worth—in our pioneer history and present citizenship—in our godly love for law and justice—in our dutiful devotion to education and religion—in our unflinching patriotism during both peace time and war time, always furnishing more than our share of the State, national, and world leaders in the crises of civilization.

I believe in North Carolina—in our sterling standards of Christian character—in our proud principles of honor in public and private life—in our diversity of resources—in our State-made products—in our progressive present and our forging future—"The Old North State," "The Tar Heel State," "The Third Among the Forty-eight"—North Carolina!

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in the proceedings entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. W. H. Hatch," the undersigned will, on the 5th day of November, 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 described land:

A tract of land located in Robertsonville Township, Martin County, adjoining the lands of W. A. and J. G. Everett and containing 10 acres of woodland, and same land set out in tax certificate dated June 6, 1927, and known as the W. H. Hatch tract of land.

This 26th day of September, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. H. W. Mizelle, et al," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 5th day of November, 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 described land:

Located in Jamesville Township, Martin County, containing seven acres, more or less, and being a part of the late W. C. Mizelle land, and the part allotted to H. W. Mizelle in the division of the W. C. Mizelle land, a description of which is in the clerk's office in land division book, to which reference may be had for a full description, said land adjoining W. D. Mizelle and others.

This 24th day of September, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment in the superior court in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Ed Rogers," I will, on the 8th day of November, 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 described real estate:

Same being a house and lot in the town of Williamston, N. C., adjoining Main Street, the railroad, Carrie G. Godard, et al, and being the same land set out and described in tax certificate of sale dated June 7, 1928.

This the 1st day of October, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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der, for cash, the following described real estate:

Same being a house and lot in the town of Williamston, N. C., adjoining Main Street, the railroad, Carrie G. Godard, et al, and being the same land set out and described in tax certificate of sale dated June 7, 1928.

This the 1st day of October, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in a proceeding entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Bettie Reeves," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 5th day of November, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

Same being a house and lot in the town of Parmele, N. C., adjoining the lands of Bob Ridley, William Nelson, et al, and being the same land owned by defendant, Bettie Reeves, and being same land set out in tax certificate of sale, dated July 5, 1926.

This the 26th day of September, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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Below is listed the attorneys who are our legal representatives—see any of them if you need funds

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J. C. Smith, Robertsonville, N. C.

Joseph W. Bailey, Williamston, N. C.

ATLANTIC JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF RALEIGH

RALEIGH, N. C.

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2 Per Cent Discount Allowed on All Taxes Paid in October

At the regular meeting of the Town Commissioners October 1st, it was decided to allow a discount of 2 per cent on all town taxes paid during the month of October.

Local taxpayers are urged to take advantage of this discount, as it means quite a substantial saving on a debt that can not be avoided. No extension of this special discount will be made. Only those who pay during this month will get the benefit of this 2 per cent saving.

W. B. DANIEL

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