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Friendship In the Legislature

Will the legislature rise from the grip of its friends and stand for the people? At the present stage of the game, the only danger in the world confronting tax relief is too much personal friendship.

When a lawyer, representing a wealthy client for years, goes to Raleigh to represent the people, he is in a dilemma. Honesty, duty and individual friendship begin to clash, and all too often the friendship is the strongest. In the present conflict there are only a few of us who are able to resist the pleadings of our close friends. On account of that weakness, it is difficult to get legislation that bears on all people alike. We value the close friendship more than we do the rights of the absent masses. We find around our capitol now pleading for their own welfare corporate interests here and corporate interests there. The dangers of it is that a majority of the legislators might yield to the pleadings and permit the burden of taxation remain where it now rests on those who are least able to bear it.

The power people say don't tax us. The telephone people say don't tax us. The tobacco companies say don't tax us. The merchants say, don't tax us. If these are exempted again, as they have been exempted in the past, the rest of the folks will have become so heavily burdened with tax that they will be worthless as trade assets.

It would be interesting to know how many legislators who feel the binding effect of corporate employment and how many fellows are against the tax on luxuries because their friends sell them.

The voice of the people may yet be drowned in the din of the roar of the interests.

Favoring the Wrong Class

Newspapers fail in their purpose when they follow the crowd; their sole purpose should be to lead.

The trend now is towards pleasing the world even to do so is wrong. It matters not what influence the news may have on society, the papers give it much space. And the most deplorable feature of all is the fact that the worst things we have in the country are given free space while legitimate business has to pay for its advertising. We refer especially to the stock and produce exchanges, institutions that knock Monte Carlo into a cocked hat when it comes to gambling. And yet the markets get a full page of reports free. Next comes the radio trust, a thing entirely in competition with the newspaper and still the papers carry a quarter of page daily to advertise this product and that product and many other programs. Next comes the playing card companies with their bridge games, and there the newspapers have fallen without ceremony.

Free advertising of the produce and stock markets by newspapers has led to the loss of billions of dollars by semi-innocent, ignorant people all over the land. If the newspapers had not given the free reports, the people would not have known there was such a thing as a stock market. The free publicity given radio has caused thousands to spend all they

had and all they could borrow to buy radios, and many of the purchasers are now without bread and meat.

Of course the card games have never increased our knowledge of many worth-while things and most people would be better off without them.

If there is a single reason why newspapers should parade market gamblers' reports, radio programs and card playing rules free of charge while they charge the legitimate merchant for advertising, we fail to see the reason.

County Consolidations

Who can estimate the disturbance that county consolidation will create? And who can tell how much good consolidation of counties will accomplish?

One of the main things on the surface that arouses suspicion is that the big towns are to be the new capitals, regardless of location. Edenton, on the extreme edge of Chowan, would be the capital of Chowan and Perquimans under the proposed consolidation plan. Elizabeth City would be the capital of three counties with nearly all the territory on one side. And Wilson would be the capital of Wilson and Greene counties. While, of course in the case of Beaufort and Hyde, the capital would be at Leechville, a location about in the center of the territory. The settlement there would be just and proper. Of course, that would be a distinct blow to both Swan Quarter and Washington, but as neither county has a courthouse they can jointly build at Leechville.

Consolidation of counties might be a good thing, but it is almost certain that the action will raise a big issue for a big row.

Two Veteran Slaves Talk

Williamston High School pupils heard two slaves, Pompey Daniel Williams, 85, and George Matthews White, describe conditions existing during slavery.

Now that the grandchildren and the great grandchildren of the slaves and the slave owners are tenting on the same old camp ground that their forebears tilled and loved, it was quite fitting that our children should honor these old souls by having them come before them that they might get a new viewpoint, a deeper conception and a straighter look in on the days past than mere history can give.

One thing is commendable and one that all people should know is the fact that no two races in all the world's history with one acting in the capacity of slave and the other as master, and both being placed on equal footing by bloody war, have lived so peacefully together. There can be no other explanation of this than that both the white man and the Negro are God-fearing people and that they get their final conception of truth and justice from Him.

Excuse General Butler

There is yet wisdom in our government, the presence of which was clearly shown when officials in charge, dismissed the charges against General Butler.

Somebody was wise enough to see that the General had not gone so far wrong in his statements and that the humility of a trial would be on Musolini and not on Butler. The great Italian ruler would probably have been held up to the scorn of the world by such a trial. It might be that Italy had something to do with asking for the dismissal of the case. The world is still with General Butler. He, of course, may have talked a little too much out of season, but the folks, as the government did, will excuse him.

Will We Remember?

In case prosperity returns and sufficient funds are made available to support all needed phases of scholastic work in the schools, it is hoped that we have gained enough sound judgment not to go wild on the topic of athletics again, a topic that has gone a long way in breaking down the efficiency of our schools.

Not So Bad After All

Congress is actually doing better than many people imagine it is.

The members stopped quarreling and political fencing one whole day last week. They finally agreed that the drought victims had suffered enough.

Senator Moses should be ashamed that the call-congressmen "wild asses."

Things To Think About

By James D. Taylor

Lack of Faith

I ran across a friend of mine the other day for the first time in several years. I learned that he had fallen down in the estimation of those who once admired him.

Following business difficulties, possibly over which he had no control, he took to drink, hoping I suppose to drown his troubles. But instead it brought on more and now he is a wreck physically, spiritually and financially. His disgrace was not in falling but failing to get up.

Most of us are very courageous when things break just right. But when adversity comes along we so often fall down and cry. God must be ashamed of us at times. Remember the story of the storm? There was a great wind storm and the waves beat into the boat in such that the boat was filling and His disciples asked Jesus whether He cared if they perished. And Jesus "rebuked the wind and said unto the sea Peace, be still." Then the Master took them to task, not because they asked him for help but for their lack of faith.

God expects us to stumble and fall now and then and He wants to take us by the hand and help us to stand squarely on our feet. But He expects us to help.

THE LETTER-BOX

FAVORS SALARY CUTS

Every person mostly is talking reducing taxes. Our representatives in Washington, our legislators in Raleigh and even our county boards. Are we accomplishing anything? It seems though that our governing bodies find and dispose of the minor deficiencies, but more or less overlook the things of major importance. If they are considered at all there is usually a fight on which consumes all of the time and it is either tabled or put off until some more convenient time. I am heartily in favor of Governor Gardner's program by making a cut on all public officials and employees. I feel that if a person is getting as little as \$100.00 a month and is worth it that he should not be cut at all, but the higher ups who are getting salaries from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year should at the least be cut 25 per cent and some fifty per cent. There are some offices that should be done away with entirely, unless more can be accomplished. Let's first wake up at home, then possibly our legislators will give us some relief.

F. S. POWELL.

Parmelee, N. C.
February 3, 1931.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Martin County in an action entitled "B. A. Critcher, Administrator of Andrew C. Jackson, deceased, vs. George Jackson et al," the undersigned Commissioner will, on the 2nd Monday of March, 1931, offer for public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the Courthouse door of Martin County, at 12 o'clock, Noon, the following described tracts of land:

First Tract: Known as the "J. H. Revander Place," and lying on the South side of Williamston and Jamesville County Road, about (1) mile from the Town of Jamesville, N. C., containing 15 acres, more or less, and being the same land and premises deeded to C. A. Askew by J. H. Revander, on the 6th day of February, 1921, and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County in Book E-2.

Second Tract: Being all the undivided interest of the said C. A. Askew in and to that certain tract or parcel of land known as the "Freeman Bailey Home Place," adjoining the first tract and J. H. Bailey; the whole tract contains 50 acres, more or less, this being the three shares of Sylvester

Failey, Gordon Bailey, and wife, and Augustus Bailey and wife, and the said three shares were deeded to C. A. Askew by the parties above named and the said deed is of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County.

This 21st day of January, 1931.

B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by F. C. Bennett and wife, Fannie Bennett, to the undersigned Trustee, bearing date of July 9th 1928 and recorded in Book Y-2 at page 483 of the public Registry of Martin County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the terms and stipulations of the same not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of said notes and deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will, on Monday, the 23rd day of February 1931, at twelve (12) o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door of Martin County, Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale, at public auction, the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

First tract: My one-half undivided interest in the following: Beginning at a stake on Haughton St. at the east corner of the lost sold C. A. Harrison & Co., 40 feet from the A. C. L. Railroad; thence 32 feet east along Haughton Street to the old Lloyd corner now M. Stubbs corner; thence southwest along the line of M. Stubbs and Turner Williams to the Hamilton Pants Manufacturing Co. corner; thence North about 32 degrees West along their line to the A. C. L. Railroad Co., thence southeasterly along their line parallel to the first line 40 feet to the corner; thence along their line northeasterly to the first station. This being all of the tract of land forlotten and property, which has not merely called the Farmers Warehouse heretofore been sold to the Hamilton Pants Mfg. Co., and C. A. Harrison and Co. All exceptions for the alley way between the Hamilton Pants Mfg. Co. and Turner Williams are hereby sold. This being the same tract of land with improvements conveyed to the said J. W. Hight by J. G. Stator and wife, Fannie C. Stator, and recorded in book L-1, page 166, of the Public Registry of Martin County, N. C.

Second tract: That certain tract or parcel of land belonging to the estate of J. B. Speller: Beginning on Washington Street in the town of Williamston, N. C., at a stake, thence along

the line of the Marcellus Stubbs lot now occupied by Ed Hardison, almost a straight line to the line of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse; thence along the line of the said Tobacco Warehouse a westerly direction to the line of C. H. Godwin, J. R. Ruffin; thence along said line to the line of S. S. Hadley property, now Sallie Hadley Bunting and bro., Sampson Hadley; thence along their line back to Washington Street and thence along said Washington Street to the beginning and being the identical property owned and occupied by J. B. Speller at the time of his death, reserving and excepting from the operation of this instrument the store house itself and a space on Washington Street from said land 18 feet running between parallel line 70 feet back, it being understood that when the parties of the second part decide which space of one-half of said frontage on Washington Street that they

want, they are to move the store and set it up in good condition on the space reserved for and property of the parties of the first part.

At the time and place of said sale the highest bidder will be required then and there to deposit with the Trustee ten (10) per cent of the amount of said highest bid to show good faith and the sale will not be closed until said deposit is made in cash or its equivalent.

This the 20th day of January 1931.

N. K. HARRISON, Trustee.

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Hugh G. Horton, Attorney.

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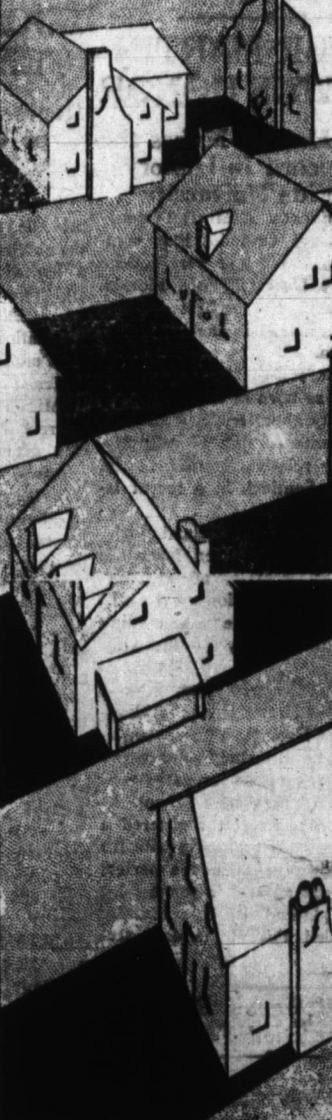
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