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Passing Up An Opportunity

The North Carolina Education Association dodged a big job and, we believe, a solemn duty in its session last week, when it failed to recognize by any action the serious situation confronting the schools of North Carolina.

We used the word "serious" advisedly and with our eyes opened to the fact that after 108 days of strenuous work and hard fighting by our State Legislature, no provision has so far been made to open a single free school in North Carolina after they close at the end of the present session. And at this time, the wisest of our race do not know just what the outcome will be.

Regardless of what the final result may be, we are all confronted with the fact that a great change must take place in this country, or something serious is bound to happen.

We are now facing the serious situation in which a people who need and want free public schools are not able to pay for them, and those who are able to pay for them, are unwilling to assume the burden and, in fact, would probably be glad to see them go down and let the common herd go without education.

The thing this country needs at this time is some outstanding force, institution, or system to set us on the right road. The home is whipped and unable to do the job. The politicians, as a whole, are hog-tied by money interests and are seldom for the people further than their votes. The teachers of North Carolina might have put the job across.

The plan might have called for some sacrifice for the profession, of course; but sacrifice is the thing necessary to bring our feet to the ground again; and if we are to have schools and colleges—and we must have them—it now looks like we will have to make a small cut on every corner and let the taxpayer-pay all he can.

The teachers and school officers will doubtless have to cut a little if the schools are to live, and unless the schools live the country is gone. Now, when we have all done the best we can, the schools will function well, and the schools will live; but if we fail because we are too poor to pay the taxes and the schools close, the teacher will find his lot harder without a school than he would have if he had lowered his salary during the term of hard times.

The teachers are capable of taking the lead in this matter, and they will perform a great service if they will only do so.

Time to Study The Taxation Question

There has never been anything like it. We mean the tax fight. Perhaps the most unusual feature of the controversy is the argument the sales and luxury tax opponents are putting up.

As an argument they say they are against it because it will not raise a sufficient amount of money to take care of the schools; and in the same breath they argue that it will cost the people more than the ad valorem tax is costing.

If everybody would only tell the truth about these

things, it would be much easier to adjust the differences that arise.

Now is the time for all men to study the tax question, because it is going to be before them the next year and the next, and right on and on as long as we have government. What we need to know is who is paying for our government?

Victims of the 'Time' System

As the season advances, a few farmers are found who are not able to make the grade—that is, they are not able to buy fertilizer and seed and feed themselves, and are at a loss to know what step to take.

It is really a sad thing to see a man stand on the streets who has heretofore been able to find a friend who could assist him in such a crisis, and in a state of wonder and bewilderment as to what step to take.

While we may be moved with pity for such people, we are reminded of how hazardous life is for the man who goes through life eating his food and wearing his clothes before he gets them. How much easier it would be if we would earn our living before we get it rather than trade on "time," anticipating prosperity at the end of the season when we will be able to pay all and have something left, only to be disappointed.

The "time" business nearly always destroys two people—the fellow who gives the credit, and the fellow who gets it.

The Tax on Tobacco

The right thing, as well as one of the most popular things for each State in the Union to do is to levy a substantial tax on all types of manufactured tobacco, according to a uniform scale, and then let the United States lower the Federal tax an equal amount. If this could be done, it would cost nobody any more than it now costs. The burdensome taxes levied by the governments of the various States would be lowered, and the National Government could easily make up its loss by a small increase of tax on incomes.

The tobacco tax paid in North Carolina alone would amount to enough to give the educational fund in each State five millions of dollars, which is a sum of no mean proportions, and would be of sufficient importance to induce Congress to reduce the National levy promptly.

When the local folks throughout the country become aroused to the fact that they have been sending too much of their tax money too far from home they will want to stop that foolishness anyway.

A Good Bill

Senator Hardy introduced a bill last week that, if enacted into law, will do more good than any little bill that has come before the legislature for some time. The bill would provide that all lobbyists be required to register with the secretary of State, stating who they were working for, what price they were getting, and such other information as necessary.

But, like most other good measures, some of the same fellows who are voting as the lobbyists wish, went to their rescue and attempted to destroy the force of the measure by including owners of newspapers and editors, and of course any others who are willing and manly enough to stand for the people and against the lobbyists.

Grounds for Suspicion

There can be no hope for grounds to contest the seat of Senator Bailey by Mr. George Pritchard through an investigation of the election returns at the last election in the face of such a majority as was given Mr. Bailey.

It may be, however, that there is ground for suspicion of fraud in some sections. We hope, however, that none can be found.

We need to have an honest ballot, or democracy will become a farce. Men who are elected by fraudulent ballots are seldom worthy to be trusted. Unless the people stand solidly behind an honest ballot, we need not expect fair tax laws.

It is better for any party to be defeated than to be elected by fraud.

We Can't Always Please

In a recent editorial in The Enterprise, we touched—as we thought, very gently—on the dangers that beset children and young folks when allowed to run wild on the streets and dark lanes of the town and country. Still, it did not please some people.

So far as we are concerned, we have a clear conscience when we know we have given good advice and told the truth.

THE LETTER-BOX

MR. HOLLIDAY WRITES

To the editor: Your article in The Enterprise of the past week, regarding the purchase of poultry in the county, calls for resentment by any decent independent buyer, referring to them as hucksters and buyers undervalue.

Now, I have been a poultry buyer in Martin and five other counties for ten yrs. This has not nor can not be said for me. I have at all times tried to pay legitimate prices for produce bought, having as much feeling for the man who toils as any man.

Of course, I pay some less for small lots where we have to drive a lot to find them, than I would for large lots ready at one point.

Now then in regards to car buying will say that I stand ready to cooperate with and will buy any offerings in my Co. at any time at top prices.

Your mention of what a good farmer of Griffins should say was either idle or void of facts, for I have dealt with practically all of them and regard them among my very best friends. Your reference to the me as I was the only one buying the same day the car was loading that I know off, as to paying 17c when the car was paying 18c, I did not know that until I was near loaded & it was a representative farmer from Griffins that came over and sold me 2 large coops, saying that 17c brought him as much money as 18c would have at the car, these are his words, not my own. Will you find room in the Enterprise to print this just as it is.

Respr W. H. HOLLIDAY, Robersonville, N. C., 4-27-31.

The terms of sale are as follows: KKK at page 256. One-fifth cash and the remainder payable in seven equal annual installments, with interest at 6 per cent per annum. All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the clerk of said superior court, and no bid will be accepted or reported unless its maker shall deposit with said clerk at the

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close of the bidding the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) Dollars, as a forfeit and guaranty of compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted.

Notice is now given that said lands will be resold at the same place and upon the same terms at 2 o'clock P. M. of the same day unless said deposit is sooner made.

Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker.

This the 6th day of April, 1931.
B. A. CRITCHER,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the powers contained in two several Deeds of Trust executed to Mary M. Jones and Sarah M. Mitchum by Simon P. Moore on the 14th day of January, 1922, and on the 31st day of December 1921, respectively, to the undersigned Trustee, which Trust Deeds are of record in the public registry of Martin county in Book U 1 at page 257 and Book U 1 at page 248 respectively, default having been made in the payments under each Deed of Trust, and at the direction of the holder thereof, the undersigned Trustee, will on the 25th day of May 1931 at 12

o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door, Williamston, North Carolina, expose to sale the following described property:

First tract: Bounded on the North by old J. B. Coffield land, on West by Reuben Jones, on South by Simon P. Moore, and on West by John Purvis, being same land conveyed to Simon P. Moore by Virginia Moore, recorded in Martin County Registry in Book T-1, 478.

Second tract: Being that same tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife, Sarah A., to York Moore, of record in Martin County

Registry in Book EE, page 634, to which reference is made for full description, containing 22 acres, more or less.

Third tract: Being that tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife to York Moore, of record in said Registry in Book EE, page 635, to which reference is made for full description, containing 54 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale cash. This the 24th day of April 1931.
B. DUKE CRITCHER, Trustee.
Jos. W. Bailey, Att'y.

F. STANLEY WHITAKER, M. D.

Dr. Warren's Former Office—Williamston, N. C.

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The Stockholders of the Martin County Building & Loan Association

The annual meeting of stockholders heretofore called for Friday, May 1st, at the office of the Secretary at 10:00 A. M., has been postponed to meet at the same hour and place on Friday, May 8th, 1931.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by N. L. Cherry and wife, Annie Gray Cherry, on the 31st day of December, 1927, and of record in the public registry for Martin County in book Y-2, at page 368, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain notes of even date therewith and default having been made in the payment of the said notes and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of the said notes, the undersigned trustee will expose to public sale on Wednesday, May 27th, 1931, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door in the Town of Williamston, N. C., the following described real estate, to wit: Bounded on the north by the Poplar Chapel Road, on the east by the lands of G. H. Mizelle, on the west by the lands of J. L. Hardison and G. F. Coridon, containing 55 acres, more or less, and being all of the T. H. Davis tract of land except about two acres deeded to Sons Holliday by the Farmers and Merchants Bank. This the 27th day of April, 1931.
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ELBERT S. PEEL, Trustee.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF LAND

State of North Carolina, County of Martin, The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. Sherrod, Et Al, Defendants. Pursuant to a judgment in above entitled civil action on the 6th day of April, 1931, in the Superior Court of said County by the Clerk, I will, on the 11th day of May, 1931, at 12 o'clock m., at the county courthouse door in said county sell at public auction to the highest bidder thereof the following described lands, situated in said county and state in Hamilton Township, comprising 227 acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land containing two hundred twenty-seven and two-tenths (227.2) acres, more or less, situate, lying, and being on the Williamston and Hamilton River Road about three (3) miles south from the town of Hamilton, in Hamilton Township, County of Martin, State of North Carolina, having such shape, metes, courses, and distances as will more fully appear by reference to plat thereof, made by A. M. Atkinson, April 16th, 1919, and being bounded on the north by Roanoke River; on the west by a canal and the lands formerly belonging to W. L. Sherrod; on the south by the Williamston and Hamilton River Road, and the lands of J. H. Sherrod, and on the east by the lands of J. P. Boyle. This being a part of the same tract of land heretofore conveyed to J. H. Sherrod by John M. Sherrod by deed dated August 27th, 1902, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County in book

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Isaac Gay and wife, Judie Gay, on the 10th day of January, 1928, and of record in the public registry for Martin County in book Y-2, at page 376, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, and default having been made in the payment of the said note and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of the said note, the undersigned trustee will expose to public sale on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to wit: Being that piece of land purchased from Andrew Wynn, deed filed for registration March 9th, 1918, and bounded as follows: Bounded on the north by Henry Edmondson, on the east by J. R. Etheridge and P. L. Lynch, on the south by F. M. Edmondson, and on the west by F. M. Edmondson, containing 40 acres, more or less, and being the place I now live on. This the 4th day of April, 1931.
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H. S. EVERETT, Trustee.
Elbert S. Peel, Attorney.