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### The Better Way

Mussolini has chosen the higher and the better way. He says there are only two roads—one leads to war, the other to peace—and that he has chosen the one that leads toward peace. No man in all of the world's history has ever chosen a better way.

He goes further and says the people must not be disillusioned, the date of the peace conference must not be postponed.

While the world, in a fit of passion, foolishly slayed 10,000,000 men, and wounded three times as many, besides almost bankrupting itself during the past 16 years—which can justly be classed as one of the major crimes recorded in history—yet it was not as foolish, and perhaps no greater crime, than our failure to make peace.

Now that we see such men as Mussolini, Ramsey McDonald, Herbert Hoover, together with the heads of practically every nation on earth advocating peace, that means safety and justice for all. It is a real sign that the heart of the world is growing better.

If we can put on a peace program and follow it for a century it will cut the tax burden for all purposes by two thirds, and will increase the happiness of mankind many fold.

The whole world ought to sing "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

### Revising the School System

Numerous complaints about the loss of teachers in various schools in the State, also on account of the loss of many community schools, are heard. Some of the changes are doubtless not for the best, yet in the most part they will work for the better, and we may expect great improvements in our school work during the coming few years, and at a much lower cost.

The ideal system will be changed into a working organization, and children will be required to work more, teachers will have to carry on a vigilant campaign of work, and parents need to fall in line to help give their children the best possible education. That is the course that will make them honorable, useful, dependable, industrious citizens, rather than the careless, thoughtless, high-flying, undependable, reckless and spendthrift type.

If we do not educate better it will be a matter of only a short time before all of our resources are devoured and our independence gone. We still have the manhood to come back, and through the doors of our public free schools are the only entrances to prosperity; and though the task may be hard and the load heavy, a citizenship with minds trained to make a living and maintain society will survive.

We must have schools and use them as a means to prepare us for work and not for the purpose of trying to dodge work.

### A Serious Problem

What will become of the cheap to medium grades of tobacco is now a frequent question in the tobacco sections. Heretofore, the Export Leaf Tobacco Company has been by far the largest buyer of such grades. Now, since they have announced a policy of less activity, the question is "What will become of these grades?"

Evidently, it means lower price on the types the Export has been buying. The Raleigh druggist, if he can organize his company of farmers and induce them to pool their Export grades and manufacture a brand of their own, giving the poor people a cheaper cigarette, will make good dividends for the farmer.

### A Very, Very, Unusual Case

The *Tarboro Southerner* recently made the statement in reporting a case in which the hearing was set for a later term of the court, "Since the affair, there have been many rumors afloat, but the true statement of all the facts in the case will come out at the mayor's court Monday morning."

Now, in contrast with most trials, we can see a vast difference between them and this case. For when did anybody ever see a true statement of all the facts in any case with two sides to it? The rule is for one side to make it appear a little better, and the other side to make it a little worse than it really is. We would really like to hear this case.

### A Note of Warning

The politicians have at last admitted they don't know who will be the next governor. The puzzling point is that more people are thinking for themselves than in former years, and the value of the specially prepared campaign bulletin has been pressed down by the bears—the common folks—and the bulls—the money folks—can't run it up again.

Even the wisest of our politicians, who have always counted it wisdom not to talk, admit that one candidate, at least, made a mistake by not talking frankly when asked where he stood on certain questions. He only greased himself and slipped through the crowd trying not to scratch anybody.

From that day on his star began to set, until now it only shines dimly.

This is not only a warning of what is going to be required of the American politician in the future, but it is our only hope for the future. When men come before the people to serve them, they will not only be asked what they stand for, but will have to stand up to their principles after they are elected.

One of our chief troubles today comes from the practice of electing men with one profession and another principle.

### Only Hope Is In the Farm

President Hoover does not have to make a special survey of conditions to find that more people will be hungry next winter than last. There is no plainer fact facing the people than that unless millions are fed through some system of charity, whether by private, municipal, county, State or national donation, many will starve to death.

Some say let them go to work, which is in many cases, utterly foolish. There are those, however, who might work. But in centers where several millions of people live in huts and hovels, not their own, and with the business which has heretofore supported them gone, they have no place to turn. They can't go to the farms now and produce food, and the only thing they can do is to stay in the little huts they now occupy and beg food and clothing for their children next winter.

What Mr. Hoover needs to do is to assist one-fourth of the population to go from cities to the farms of the nation and let them produce for themselves.

Most of the people will be forced to put aside their extravagance and pride and look for bread. We should lie to the people no longer, but should come square with them and tell them their jobs are gone forever and to get away from the dens of starvation and go where nature will help them produce a living.

### Banner Year for Cover Crops

With seed rye and oats very cheap, this should be our banner year in planting winter cover crops. If every available acre in our county is sown to cover, it will amount to two special investments. First, it will save a third or more of the feed cost for horses, cows, pigs, and fowls during the winter, and it will utilize and hold a large proportion of the fertilizing properties, which leach out and wash away during the winter if not protected.

No farmer in this county should permit his land to remain bare and exposed during the long fall, winter, and spring rains, when the fertility saved and the food value produced are worth many times the cost of seeding.

Winter oats will go through most winters, and rye never dies from cold weather in this territory.

### Empty Promises Mean Nothing

*Laurinburg Exchange.*  
 Mr. Tyre C. Taylor presents the case well, but one has a let-down feeling at the last. He leads the reader up the steps to expectation and when the door is open he does not see much. In short, Mr. Taylor thinks North Carolina should be made more beautiful and attractive. He would have a great symphony orchestra, search out and mark historic spots, develop and promote outdoor sports, give thought to the development of our natural resources, and make a scientific study of the subject of marketing as applied to North Carolina products.

Mr. Taylor has the enthusiasm of youth. His unwillingness to surrender to poverty, to give up in despair in this critical hour of the State's history, is most commendable. Optimism, an indomitable outlook, are indispensable now. We agree with him that North Carolina is not going backward, her people will never be satisfied with a second-rate civilization. But we are practical enough to believe that the time has come for us to cut out the frills, the non-essentials, quit boasting, get down to hard work, dig in, and hold what we've got until times get better. "Ten glorious years of progress and achievement" that Mr. Taylor reviews so vividly were made possible largely by a mortgage on the future earning power of our people. Roads and schools were built with borrowed money and "debt service" is the greatest single burden of the taxpayer today. One thing is certain, we can not have another glorious ten years at such a price.

Another thing. In working its way out of the mire of economic depression North Carolina must have efficient and honest government. And by honest we mean consistency in policy, in thought, and in legislation. There must be an equitable distribution of the tax burden. Empty promises mean nothing. If concessions and sacrifices are to be made, all must share in them.

### Look Out for Hooks

The impression seems to prevail that the big folks are dropping their fight for a Governor, and that they are now fishing for senators and a lieutenant governor, since they are the fellows who pass the tax laws, after all.

Even wise fish are sometimes victims of hidden hooks. This is a time to look for hooks.

## STATE HOLDING FIFTH PLACE IN WOOD PRODUCTS

North Carolina entrenched herself still further as the leader in the manufacture of wooden bedroom and dining room furniture and maintained her position as the fifth State in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden household furniture is rapidly gaining in popularity over metal furniture. The value of wooden household furniture produced in the United States increased from \$572,488,443 in 1927 to \$611,680,810 in 1929, or by 6.8 per cent; while during the same period metal household furniture declined by 24.6 per cent, or from \$40,390,229 to \$30,443,464.

In North Carolina bedroom furniture makes up the largest portion of the total value of all furniture manufactured. In 1929 this item alone amounted to more than half the total value of all household furniture, or \$27,702,092, as compared with \$26,523,852 in 1927. The second most important class of furniture produced in this State is wooden dining room furniture. In 1929 this item was valued at \$13,735,485, which represented a slight decline as compared with the 1927 valuation of \$14,408,118. Living room furniture ranks third in value, amounting to \$9,244,988 in 1929, as compared with \$7,643,494 in 1927. Porch furniture increased in value from \$291,904 in 1927 to \$646,578 in 1929; hall furniture from approximately eleven thousand to about thirty-seven thousand dollars in 1929; and miscellaneous and unclassified items increase from \$377,895 in 1927 to \$612,792 in 1929. In 1929 all wooden household furniture manufactured in North Carolina amounted in value to \$53,414,111, which represented an increase of 4.6 per cent over the \$50,996,065 worth of wooden furniture manufactured for household use in 1927.

Conservation officials pointed out that the value of metal and fibre furniture is not included in the above totals for North Carolina as those figures are not yet available. In 1927, these two items amounted to more than two and a half million dollars. Assuming that the 1929 valuations were as great as those of 1927, and they were perhaps greater, the total value of all kinds of furniture manufactured in the State would approximately fifty-six million dollars. The total aluminum million dollars. The total value in 1927 was \$53,551,220.

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## SHORT COURSE IS NEXT FARM MEET

Approximately 600 young folks from the farms of North Carolina are expected to attend the annual short course for 4-H club members to be held at State College during the coming week, August 3 to 8.

An interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment and instruction of the club delegates by Miss Elizabeth Cornelius and L. R. Harrill, club leaders in charge of this work for the agricultural extension service.

Instruction will be given by faculty members, while home and farm agents will be in charge of the various groups during the week. Registration begins on Monday evening, and the first actual exercises will be held immediately following supper. Tuesday morning, class room work begins, and each day thereafter the delegates will gather for a short assembly in Pullen Hall, attend classes, hold another assembly after luncheon and then after a rest period there will be games, sight seeing tours, demonstrations, and other interesting events.

The evening exercises on the campus will likely be one of the most popular features of the course. At this time short plays and talks by prominent persons will be given. The health pageant and crowning of the king and queen of health has been scheduled for Thursday evening. The famous camp fire exercises will be held Friday evening.

A new idea at the short course this year will be the selection into an honor group of those club members who have rendered distinguished service to their communities or to the State. Those who have attended the national club camps or won high state honors will be eligible, says Mr. Harrill.

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County; in the superior court, Roy Gurganus, Adm., of the Estate of Eli Gurganus, vs. Mrs. Eli Gurganus, Annie Clyde Riordan, Mattie James, Sam Gurganus, Roy Gurganus, Dur-

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The defendants, Annie Clyde Riordan, Mattie James, Sam Gurganus, and Sarah Elizabeth Gurganus, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, to sell the lands of Eli Gurganus, deceased, to pay the debts of the estate and the costs of administration; and the said defendants will take notice that they are required to answer the complaint filed in this action, within 10 days from the 16th day of August, 1931, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 16th day of July, 1931.  
 Jy21 4tw Clerk of Superior Court.

**NOTICE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 North Carolina, Martin County—in the Superior Court before the Clerk. The Dennis Simmons Lumber Company, a Corporation, vs. James A. Robertson, A. L. Manning, C. C. Coltraine, Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dupree, Mr. and Mrs. Vandy Waters, A. F. Manning, Pugh Ward, Romulus Manning, Pugh Ward, Romulus

Lee, H. W. Manning, Mrs. Joe Mayo, M. W. West, et al.

The defendants, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dupree, Mr. and Mrs. Vandy Waters, A. F. Manning, Pugh Ward, Romulus Lee, H. W. Manning, Mrs. Joe Mayo, Matilda Hardy and M. W. West will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to bring the lands of the petitioner within the provisions of Chapter 47 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina; known as the Torrens Act; and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at the Courthouse of said County, in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after date hereof and answer or demur to the Petition in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Petition. This the 3rd day of July, 1931.  
 Jy-74t Clerk of Martin County.  
 R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior

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Marketable municipal bonds	126,000.00
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	\$6,036,499.08

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 400,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	94,332.36
Reserve for Interest and Dividends	13,500.00
Reserve for purchase of Elm City Branch	50,110.93
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