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The Anti-Weed Ordinance

That anti-weed ordinance in Williamston has gone on a strike—or perhaps it would be more correct to say that the sidewalks, streets, back lots, and front lots of the town have formed a combination with the fixed purpose of utterly defying the law, and bringing forth a crop of weeds in the face of the open book forbidding it.

The weeds have hushed the Woman's Club, blinded the town authorities, and perhaps we would never have thought of the weeds but for the music and sting of thousands of mosquitoes which they brought forth and commissioned to terrify humanity wherever found.

Poor anti-weed law. Thou hast been neglected, humiliated, openly violated and evaded, and the pesky mosquito adds insult to injury by singing your funeral dirge.

Tobacco Grading

Our government is helping the tobacco growers of Martin County again in tobacco grading. Mr. S. H. Pritchard, of the Department of Agriculture, is on the Williamston market, and is at the service of every farmer in the county. He not only will grade on the warehouse floors, but will go to the packhouse of any farmer, without cost, and assist in the proper grading and classification of tobacco.

The cry so often heard from buyers that tobacco is improperly graded should not trouble the farmer longer, because the standard fixed by the government, based on actual quality and kindred types, may be followed in every packhouse in the county without cost to the farmer, and the government is glad to furnish the service.

Heretofore there has been a conflict between the grower and the buyer as to grades—th buyer always carrying his point and building up big dividends, while the farmer loses his point and has to take a price so slow that it will not cover production cost.

Cause and Effect

Just a few years ago a few big tobacco companies, with the help of a lot of warehousemen, buyers, hostile farmers, merchants, and a few others, killed the cooperative tobacco market. Now the tobacco companies alone have destroyed the outside market. Both have the same effect on both the buyer and the farmer—that is, the buyers' income grows rapidly, while the farmers' income goes lower year by year. But cigarettes, plug tobacco, and snuff—they still stay high and go higher.

A Hopeful Sign

Some of the Eastern Carolina towns are building hitching racks in the back lots for horses. That is a good sign of returning prosperity. It shows that this era of extravagant wanton waste is passing by, and the folks are regaining their senses; and it is also helping to solve the parking problem.

We are still in a stone's throw of prosperity, if we will only slow down and pay as we go, and reduce our back debts just a little.

But we must remember that we can not possibly have everything we want and treat our neighbors square. We will have to be satisfied to leave our automobiles home and come to town on carts and hitch our horses in the back lots—just like the old folks, who built the country, did.

False Tobacco Price Reports

The wide variation of prices of tobacco reported in various markets of the State sounds strange and, unless we are mistaken, is proper grounds for a new law, forbidding publication of false reports of market sales. In the final analysis, such reports cause farmers to lose money. When they get a report that tobacco is 5 cents higher in one town than in some other town, it only causes farmers to flood that market the next day and force the price down. And, of course, tobacco companies are glad that the price is reported high. It gives the public a better impression of them.

No newspaper should publish any statement of prices reported from a doubtful source, and when they persist in such a habit they should be barred from the mails.

An Argument That Can't Be Right

The friends of the railroads say if the farmers will pay them more freight they will be prosperous, and then the farmers will be prosperous.

This is, of course, argument coming from a kindergarten brain, because everybody knows the farmer has already paid all he has had to big folks in the past, and still he is not prosperous.

One of the great troubles with the country today is that the product of the farmer and wage earner has been pilfered until the bottom rail, or foundation, of business has been crushed, and the whole fence has tumbled down. Too much has been taken from the farmers already. They can not stand any more. It is hogwash in the extreme to go to the farmer and ask for more when he is paying too much already. Yet the railroad propagandist is trying to make us believe that the first step toward prosperity is to make them rich.

We admit the railroads are in hard luck, and we are sorry, but they have no right to ask or demand legal prosperity at the hands of the farmers.

The future of the railroad is indefinite, because there has never been any big business in all the world's history that has crumbled so quickly as the railroad business has in the past decade.

Time To Plan for Next Year

A general warning was sounded early in the season, long before the seed were sown, against a big crop of tobacco. Even the big tobacco companies warned against planting a big crop. Warehousemen were frank in advising farmers that prospects for prices were not good.

Newspapers warned against producing a big crop of tobacco, advised less fertilizer, more distance between plants, fewer acres, so that better care could be given the crop. Priming of the lower leaves was not advised, and farmers were persuaded to throw away the tips.

It now turns out that all this advice was good. If the 25 per cent of common tobacco was entirely gone—that is, altogether out of existence, the remaining 75 per cent would sell more than all of it is going to sell for.

It is painful to see a family to go market and watch the products of their labor go for half of the cost of production. Now is the time to figure for next year and to decide to reduce acreage and production.

Save America Too

The "Wall Street Journal" is authority for the statement that during the first week following President Hoover's announcement of a year's moratorium in war debt payments the "value" of securities and commodities listed on exchanges throughout the country advanced \$7,600,000,000.

But, the "Journal" adds, \$7,200,000,000, or more than 90 per cent, of this represented an increase in the price of stocks and bonds.

That is not prosperity. It is just a recurrence of the speculative madness which contributed so materially to the tragic smash on all exchanges in October, 1929.

Every right-thinking American wants our country to be generous in its treatment of other nations. However, the debate concerning what we are doing to aid Europe should not be permitted to distract attention from the terrifying problems which confront us here at home.

About 6,000,000 American men and women are jobless and hundreds of thousands, and probably millions, of farmers are bankrupt. A boom on Wall Street will not aid them.

Their resources are exhausted and they have little or no credit. Winter is approaching. Where will they turn for relief when the snow begins to fall?

In a speech in Indianapolis several weeks ago President Hoover said that to make America prosperous was the best way to make the world prosperous. Labor applauded that declaration. It was sound then and it is sound now.

Our country is singularly blessed with every resource needed to make its people happy and contented. To a greater extent than any other nation it is in a position to order its own destiny. There is no reason why the prosperity of its people should be dependent upon the decision of some foreign government.

In normal times we consume more than 90 per cent of what we produce and export less than 10 per cent. Our exports have fallen off, perhaps one-half, but not to exceed 5 per cent of our total production. Of course, that decrease in exports has hurt us, but it is not the principal cause of our trouble.

Labor repeats, what it has said a hundred times before, that these hard times, with their long train of frightful evils, are traceable to an appalling decrease in the purchasing power of our own people.

It is a malady which cannot be cured by "forgiving" the debts Europe owes us, and thus giving the big banks a better chance to collect some of the risky loans they have made abroad at extortionate interest rates.

That is not said by way of criticism of the moratorium proposed by President Hoover. That is a generous gesture and if accepted will undoubtedly be of material help to Germany. But at this moment Labor is frankly more concerned about what is happening at home.

Instead of spending their days and nights worrying about how to "put Europe on its feet" our statesmen should be at work on plans to give American workers jobs and to insure American farmers a fair price for the things they produce.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my husband, Joseph M. Edmondson, who died one year ago, September 3rd.

The one dearest to my heart is gone,
The voice I love is stilled;
A place made vacant in my home
Can never more be filled.

In happiness we spent our days;
Much comfort we did find;
It grieves my heart, it is hard to part,
With one so good and kind.

For a long time he was confined,
In pain and anguish still;
Yet patiently he seemed resigned,
To wait his Father's will.

But all his labors now are o'er
And I will hear his voice no more;
His body lies silent in the tomb;
He's gone to heaven, his final home.

I could not wish him back again,
But say, "Dear husband, with God
I'll try to reach that peaceful shore,
Where we will meet to part no more."

Mrs. JOS. M. EDMONDSON.
Hamilton, N. C.

Farmers in Johnston county are growing more food and feed crops than ever before. Reports from supply merchants show a 50-percent decrease in sales of meat and lard and a one-third decrease in hay sold during the first six months of this year.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in an action entitled "Minnie Hardison vs. S. R. Hardison Estate et als," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 23rd day of September, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, the following described land:

A tract of land located in Diamond City, Griffins Township, Martin County, adjoining J. and W. land on three sides, and M. W. Bissell on the other. Containing 25 acres, more or less, and known as the Diamond City land. This 24th day of August, 1931.

B. A. CRITCHER,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust to the undersigned trustee by Henry Edmondson and wife, Maude Edmondson, on the 13th day of Oc-

tober, 1927, and of record in the public registry for Martin County in book X-2, page 533, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain notes of even date and tenor 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, on Saturday, the 12th day of September, 1931, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., expose to public sale for cash the following described property, to wit:

First Tract: Bounded on the north by F. M. Edmondson, on the east by J. R. Etheridge, on the south by J. A. James and on the west by F. M. Edmondson, containing 49 acres, more or less, and being the same land that was deeded to N. B. Wooten by Elbert S. Peel, commissioner, by deed dated November 28th, 1924, and of record in the public registry for Martin County in book 1-2, page 274. Saving and excepting from the operation of this conveyance the following described land, to wit: Beginning at stake in the center of the road in front of the above described land, thence along Abbie Edmondson's line 23 feet a westerly course to the center of the ditch, thence along the ditch its various courses with Abbie Edmondson's line a northerly course 1,722

feet to a stake in the said ditch, thence with Abbie Edmondson's line 16 feet to the center of the road, thence with the road, a southerly course 1,695 feet, its various courses to the point of the beginning, being by estimation 1 acre, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at a stake in the center of the road where the lands of Abbie Edmondson and Lena Wooten join, thence in an easterly course the various courses of the road 691 feet to the run of Maple Swamp, thence with the run of Maple Swamp a southerly course 24 feet to the Lena Wooten line, thence with the Lena Wooten line in a westerly course 678 feet to the road, thence down said road a northerly course 18 feet to the point of beginning and containing by estimation 1 acre, more or less.

The purpose of this conveyance is to convey all of the W. B. Wooten tract of land, except that part lying on Abbie Edmondson's side of the road (which has been heretofore conveyed to F. M. Edmondson and Abbie Edmondson) and also to convey that part of the Abbie Edmondson land lying on the same side of the public road as the W. B. Wooten tract of land in such a manner as to make the public road a dividing line between the lands herein conveyed and the Abbie Edmondson part of lands.

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"I began taking Cardui when in a weakened, run-down condition," writes Mrs. F. S. Perrit, of Wesson, Miss. "I took one bottle, and I seemed to improve so much that I sent for six bottles. After I had taken the six bottles, I seemed entirely well."
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