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East Carolina Has Paid

Mr. Clay Williams, the self-tyled tax expert, says eastern North Carolina, or that portion east of Raleigh, only pays eighteen per cent. of the State's taxes. Mr. Williams certainly should not talk that way, because the very people of whom he is referring to, have enriched big tobacco companies enough to pay all of the State's taxes. If we have not paid it to tax collectors, we have paid it to dividend collectors and high-salaried manipulators. Mr. Williams should remember that we have paid and are paying all right.

Martin's Bridge and Guilford's Schools

The Greensboro Daily News was rather caustic about our editorial last week, wherein we commended the board of equalization for attempting to standardize the free schools of the State on something like an equal basis. The News actually threw the Roanoke River bridge at us, saying the State built it for us, and that of course Martin County was pleased. Well, we were glad to get the bridge, but our good friend, the Greensboro editor is certainly ignorant of the facts in the bridge case, as he did not know that Martin County paid \$150,000 on the bridge, enough to build every foot of the structure that is in this county and to go a good long way on the Bertie side. For every dollar the State spent on the Roanoke bridge in Martin County we gave them two good dollars. And not only that, but we went further and gave the State nearly a half million dollars in cash to help build Highways Numbers 30 and 125. No; we would not destroy Guilford's fine school system. We hope it will even grow better. However, we make no apology for counseling conservatism. Our free schools have almost gotten to the point that our colleges have—where we measure them by the amount of money they spend instead of by the finished product they turn out.

What Folks Are Going To Do

That popular question, "What are the folks going to do?" is not hard to answer. In fact, it is easy, so far as the most of us is concerned. While a few will commit suicide and get away from the world, the great rank and file of the people are going to do the best they can with what they have, and after all that will not be so hard for all who honestly try. The fellow who is going to be ragged and hungry in our Southland, in most instances, is the fellow who whines and waits for good times to return. We must remember that we have got to make good times, or we will never get it, because it is not seeking us. Let us all hush whining and do the best we can with what we have, and times will not be so bad.

The Dollar Rules

It is really amusing to pass along the road and see the cow, the sow, and the hen all producing wealth from the grass, the roots and insects that nature has provided while one hears their owners complaining of hunger and of cold. The animals and the fowls are seeking things they need; the folks are seeking precious gold. We have accented gold too long already. The crop and livestock production for each two years is worth more than all the gold the world has produced in 400 years. And still gold sits as king of the business throne. It is a deep mystery how a man with a dollar and no food can starve a man to death who has an abundance of food and no dollar. It really looks as much like unbalanced brain as it does unbalanced business.

The Government To the Rescue

The government is again coming to the rescue of the farm and is now lending 8 cents a pound on cotton of middling grade in an effort to aid him to hold the crop for better prices. This aid, of course, is restricted to those farmers who are in actual need, and is not for the speculator. The country still has an opportunity to improve if every person will rally to its support, which now seems to be the trend. When the farmer gets an even deal with other business, then everything will improve.

Remember the Cotton Association

Cotton farmers should remember that the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association is advancing five and one-half cents a pound on middling cotton at this time. The association stores cotton, insures it cheaper than the farmer can, and only charge 4 per cent interest. Remember if the various organizations hold 7,000,000 bales of the present crop of cotton for twelve months and the American people can be taught to make a big reduction in next year's acreage, prices will be much better.

Now is the time to fix the price of the 1932 crop; and, too, we can boost the price of the 1931 crop by holding it off the market, if we will only do it.

Hurrah for the League of Nations!

Hurrah for the League of Nations! It has prevented one big war this month between Japan and China.

You see when all the big fellows from many nations were seated around the peace table and all were perfectly sober, they looked at things in the right light. They said there is nothing good to come out of war between Japan and China and advised the boys of those two countries to stop now before they get hurt. Japan resented the advice, but she could find nothing to complain about except the presence of our American fellow, Japan's representatives declaring he had no business in that group of gentlemen. It is to be guessed he did feel ashamed of his bully country. Japan finally reconsidered and agreed to permit our fellow to play. And of course, Japan felt ashamed of herself, because she knew she had premeditated highway robbery. Now the war is over and Japan is going to remove all her soldiers from Chinese territory just as soon as she can line them up and march them home.

All praises to the League of Nations; it has already saved millions of lives and billions of dollars.

When a Surplus Was a Blessing

We have never been in sympathy with the suggestion of the Federal Farm Board that a part of this year's cotton crop be destroyed, especially in view of the fact that millions of people will not have sufficient clothing to keep them comfortable during the bleak winter months. Neither would we be in sympathy with any plan which would mean destroying any surplus of wheat or other food crops. Rather some plan should be worked out whereby the so-called surplus could be saved for the future.

Under the caption "When a Surplus Was a Blessing," *Farm and Ranch* of recent date expressed itself along this line, as follows:

When the Spaniards entered upon the conquest of Peru in the early part of the sixteenth century, they found great storehouses of grains and other foodstuffs, also of cotton and other fibers from which articles of clothing were made. The Peruvian Inca ordered his people to contribute a certain portion of their crops in years of abundant harvests to the general government to be stored against drouth or other disaster. From this store the aged and afflicted were also to be fed and clothed.

When the Spaniards, traveling north from Mexico, entered that territory now known as New Mexico, they found a highly civilized race of Indians who followed the same practice of preparing for their future needs as did the Peruvians. These Spaniards, in need of food, broke into these storehouses and carried away the food, destroying what they did not consume. As a result, a dry and unproductive year which followed, found the natives unprepared and many of them died of starvation.

There is evidence that these early inhabitants of the western hemisphere were endowed with a greater sense of responsibility to themselves and neighbors than we of this boasted twentieth century civilization. In those days a surplus of the necessities of life was a blessing—a gift from the gods. Today, in our mad desire to coin our resources into dollars, it is a curse.

Providence has been kind to the American people this year. If we are to profit by it and enjoy the blessings of abundant crops, we will store as much as possible of our surplus foods, feedstuffs, and fiber against the next poor crop year, which may be in 1932. There is not a citizen in the Southwest old enough to remember back a half dozen years, who has not heard of gatherings of people praying for rain, and who has not listened to appeals from men and women on bended knee for an all-wise Providence to grant them blessings in the form of good crops that they might continue on their way in peace and happiness. Their prayers have been answered, but instead of showing a spirit of thankfulness and singing hymns of praise, suggestions are offered that the people again assemble in their respective communities and pray that their distress be relieved—a condition brought about by the exercise of poor judgment, greed and disregard for the common principles of sound economics.

If the farmers of the Southwest are to profit by their large yields of feedstuffs, foods, and cotton, they will follow the practice of the early Peruvians and store, in one form or another, as much of their surplus as they can find or make room for. They may have need for it not many months hence.

Japan's Attempt to Despoil China

Japan is offended because the United States wants to do something for China. That is no surprise. What Japan wanted was for every nation to stand off and let her gobble up China's best territory and make slaves of all the balance of her people.

Well she should remember that the United States kicked the heel of Spain off the neck of Cuba. And we will not stand by and see any nation murder another with our hands in our pockets. All the nations of the world should resent the deliberate insult and attempt to despoil which Japan is trying to perpetrate on China.

RESOLUTIONS

We, members of Concho Lodge, No. 399, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, with sadness, brotherly love, and fraternal friendship, express our sorrow at the death of our fellow-member, Brother Leman L. Taylor, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well: Be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family and all relatives our heart-felt sympathy and commend for comfort to the God of all Grace, who is too wise to err and too merciful to be unkind: And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the family, and a copy furnished the county paper.

Fraternally submitted,
 H. S. JOHNSON,
 J. W. HINES,
 B. M. WORSLEY,
 Committee.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Elizabeth S. Hyman, to the undersigned trustee, dated April 29, 1918, and duly recorded in the Martin County registry in book O-1, at page 300, and default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured; at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness, the undersigned trustee will, on Tuesday, November 17, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

A one-sixth (1-6) undivided interest in and to the following described lands, lying, being, and situate in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, to wit: One tract of land containing 225 acres, more or less, and being a part of the land formerly belonging to H. Mitchell, and also belonging to the late E. P. Hyman, at the time of his death. Another tract of land containing 115 acres, more or less, being the same tract of land

which was granted to the late E. P. Hyman by the State of North Carolina. The above described tracts adjoin the lands of George James and others. This the 12th day of October, 1931.
 L. W. LEGGETT,
 Trustee.
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 C. H. Leggett, Attorney.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the power in me vested under the terms of that certain deed of trust executed to me as trustee by J. W. Gardner and wife, Stella Gardner, on the 14th day of March, 1925, which is duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Martin County in book Q-2, at page 372, and bearing even date therewith, secured by the said deed of trust, not having been satisfied, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the courthouse door of Martin County at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 9th day of November, 1931, the land described in said deed of trust as follows:

Bounded on the north by the main public road, on the east by the lands of George Gordon, and the heirs of Luther B. Gardner, on the south by the lands of George Gordon, and on the west by the lands of A. F. Stallings and L. D. Gardner, containing 40 acres, more or less, and being the home place of J. W. Gardner.

This the 9th day of October, 1931.
 J. W. MARTIN,
 Trustee.
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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by A. G. Bowden and wife, Susie H. Bowden, to the undersigned trustee, dated June 14, 1924, and duly recorded in the Martin County registry in book T-2, at page 39, and default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured; at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness, the undersigned trustee will, on Tuesday, November 17, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

A one-sixth (1-6) undivided interest in and to the following described lots or parcels of land, lying, being, and situate in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, to wit: A part of the lands formerly belonging

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to H. Mitchell, and being that portion of said land which belonged to the late E. P. Hyman at the time of his death; and also another tract adjoining the above tract containing 115 acres, more or less, which was granted to the late E. P. Hyman by the State of North Carolina, said lands adjoining the lands of George James and others. Being all of the lands owned by the late E. P. Hyman, in Martin County, at the time of his death.

Said interest in said lands having been conveyed to said A. G. Bowden by deed from Sallie H. Leggett, which deed is of record in the Martin County registry in book R-2, at page 261,

reference to which is hereby made for further description and source of title. This the 12th day of October, 1931.
 LEON G. SHIELDS,
 Trustee.
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 C. H. Leggett, Attorney.

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$3,069,483.00
Overdrafts	8.45
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	112,997.95
Other Stocks and Bonds	125,300.00
U. S. and N. C. Bonds	2,514,279.82
Marketable and Municipal Bonds	230,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	1,170,147.11
	\$7,222,216.33

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 400,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	102,947.89
Reserve for Interest and Dividends	13,500.00
Reserve for Elm City Purchase	2,000.00
Deposits	6,503,768.44
	\$7,222,216.33

Total Cash and Marketable Bonds \$3,914,426.93
 Total Deposits \$6,503,768.44

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