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## Whither Have We Drifted?

When we sum up world conditions today, we, to some extent have ground to doubt the solidarity of our civilization. It seems to be built entirely on a basis of selfishness. Nobody seems willing to share equally with his neighbor. No country is quite willing to stand firmly for the good of all, but rather seems to want special favors.

Within ten days the rulers of two powerful nations—France and Japan—have been murdered. The Lindbergh baby has only recently been stolen and murdered. The deed was followed by a million liars and thousands of robbers who either sought notoriety or money in a tragedy which should naturally have wounded the heart of every person.

It all goes to show that our whole social and political system has drifted from its foundation of truth, honesty, peace, and love—upon which it was intended that it should operate—and we have drifted until we are now resting over a crater burning with selfishness, jealousies, and hatred, which produces kidnapping, suicide, murder, arson, rape, moonshining, bootlegging, extortion, infidelity, falsehoods, and every other crime known in history.

We need to shift from the course we have been drifting along for several years and set sail in a different direction. We should, and must, school ourselves to the fact that work—and hard work—is the only thing that will produce lasting prosperity and peace.

Our whole trend has been to let the machine do the job—a policy which has left the individual without a job and in debt for the machine.

## A Doubtful Benefit

We are not so sure that any community is doing the best thing for its own interest by spending thousands in cash and much valuable time in play contests. It gives idle hands and idle tongues much exercise, of course, but when it comes to net benefits, is there really and truly anything gained?

The town or county that goes into league baseball will spend more for pleasure that does not help anybody than it spends to help the poor and needy.

And too much animosity sometimes arises between individuals and communities through such contests. It furnishes opportunities for the gambler, too.

## Confidence Already Lost

Secretary Mills, the big bankers' fiscal agent, says people will lose confidence if the currency is inflated. The honorable secretary seems to have overlooked the fact that the people have already lost confidence, and not only that, but they have lost their property—all because Mr. Mills and his New York banker friends have deflated the money of the country.

Mr. Mills and his gang, consisting of a very few folks in number, want their dollars each to be worth many days of labor and many bushels of wheat and corn. When they can do that, they know they have power and they have confidence—kingly confidence—in their cash. On the other hand, men and women and children are starving because their labor and their products are worth so little.

Mr. Mills should know that the people have lost confidence in the folks who are handling the money system. What we need is a Congress, a President, and a Cabinet that is bigger than the New York banking system.

## A Resolution That Should Pass

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren hit on the right cylinder when he introduced a resolution requiring that the books showing all payments to members of Congress and their clerks, as well as their other expenses, shall be open to public inspection at all times. It should pass.

Nothing hurts more or causes people to lose confidence quicker than secrecy in handling governmental affairs. The people are entitled to know these things. Passage of the resolution will save money because there has been much spent already that was illegal, and those who received it were ashamed to let the public know about it.

## Give Us Half of What Is Promised

If the office seekers do half what they are promising, we are going to have the best government the world has ever known. Some of them are even going so far that they are going to give the wets liquor while keeping the country dry for the prohibitionists. Some of them are going to take all the taxes off and pay the grocery bills of everybody with less than \$12,000.

Now, voters, remember that one of the weakest things about pre-election promises is that they are not, or at least they have not been heretofore, binding contracts. So you had better have the candidates give you their promises in writing, and signed by two or more witnesses. You will need this testimony all along through the coming years because the lines are going to be pulled tighter than ever in both our state and national legislative bodies. They are going to be besieged by regiments of lobbyists to swing them from the promises they are now making to the people to special service of the fellows they are now denouncing.

Keep the record list. They forget.

## Missing—One Disarmament Congress

What has become of that disarmament conference? The profiteers in war equipment and materials seem to have shot it, gassed it, and bombed it to death. Up to now, they have come out a long way ahead of the prayers of the millions who want wars to cease.

The war of disarmament is being waged on the one side by mothers who are nurturing the boys who will have to suffer, bleed, and die, if and when we have war—and by all mankind that loves humanity. On the other side may be found the envious, the greedy, the proud, the profiteers, who want to satisfy their greed by profits from war munitions and equipment. The latter is what may well be called the devil's side, because he wants cruelty and hate to dominate man, and that is what war is.

## THE LETTER-BOX

### ANSWERS LETTER OF "JUST A WOMAN"

Editor of the Enterprise:

If it is permissible, in your paper, I should like to answer the letter written on the modern dance by "Just a Woman," of Jamesville, N. C.

Perhaps this very devout and sincere lady believes all she sees and reads and perhaps, I might add, hears. This is strictly a human trait; and she could not be censured for doing this, but I should also like a few words, in rebuttal to present my side of the story.

The "Origin of Dancing" is by no means a history or a true and unbiased account of dancing, written by a French author who inclined himself to the sordid side of life. It is wholly his side of the story—the type of story that would appeal to the licentious—the type of story that would "sell" the best. The author made no mention of the best side of dancing—and there is a good side, for no one in the wilder flights of fancy could say that every one who danced was immoral or inclined to be that way.

Dancing is by no means an invention of the Christian era; it antedates even the farthest recorded document. From the best that can be learned of dancing, it was one of the first forms of expression. It was used quite extensively in Biblical times, and enjoyed much popularity.

I think it very unworthy of the lady of Jamesville to "blame" the modern dance for a share in immorality of the dance. Perhaps the male can be criticized, too, for a share in this, since he wears his clothes fastened so lightly around his adam's apple that a bit of fresh air can not enter, and for the length of both the male and female dress even Saint Mary could make no objections. I think most every male will agree with me in saying that low-back-dresses do not quicken their pulses.

Of course, there are a few women who frequent dances who are shady in reputation, but then the women of good character who go for pure, wholesome enjoyment far outnumber the former. One might as well ban all bathing suits and public beaches as to say they are not as great a menace as the dance hall.

As for the drinking and cursing that goes on at the dance, one might as well resign oneself to it, for the bridge table will produce just as much. The woman who curses at a dance hall will curse in the privacy of her room, and who drinks at the dance hall will drink anywhere else.

Loose morals, my dear lady of Jamesville, can not be laid to the dancing of men and women, nor can it be cured by outlawing dancing. Loose morals are due to the fact that men are men and women are women, and all the mating in this world is not done under cover of the sanctity of marriage vows.

Drinking is no more a sin against God than eating too much chicken on Sunday. The people of the world will drink whisky until they are educated to the fact that it is against their health and not their religion.

I feel sure that the "Lady of Jamesville" has not "stepped out" very much or traveled to any extent, or either she refuses to see things as they are. We of the younger generation feel that our views of life are as good as the views of the past generations, and that we will even turn out a little better than they.

It might interest the reader to know that the writer, under 25 years old, has one child, a charming wife who approves of my statements, and a few years' experience in this little old beautiful world of ours. A few years of experience that has taken him far from the vicinity of Martin County to see some few sights the world has to offer, and I say that dancing is not tearing our morals down, despite all our "Lady from Jamesville" says.

Respectfully yours,  
"A 20th CENTURY THINKER."

## Durham Curb Market Is Having Large Sales

Fifty-six Durham County farmers sold \$271.88 worth of surplus produce on the curb market last Saturday.

## TONSIL AND ADENOID CLINICS

Since there will be no tonsil and adenoid clinics for school children put on by the State Board of Health this year, Dr. C. J. Sawyer, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Windsor, N. C., announces that beginning Monday, April 18th, he will conduct such clinics at the Red Cross Emergency Hospital, Windsor, N. C., and continuing with further notice. Fee, \$15. A certain number of adults taking local anesthetic will be taken care of at the same price during this time if special appointments are made. Arrangements for operations should be made at least two days before clinic days. Number of patients limited to 10 each clinic day. Patients not limited to any one county.

## SALE OF VALUABLE FARM

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by B. F. Shelton and wife, Annie L. Shelton, on the 22nd day of May, 1929, and recorded in book 3, page 213-14, we will, on Saturday, the 28th day of June, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit:

land lying and being in Cross Roads Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, containing one hundred sixteen and 7-100 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by Moore and James land, on the south by Cypress Swamp and Joyner land, on the east by Don Powell land, and on the west by Parker and Hilliard land. And more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron stob on edge of Highway No. 125; corner of Don Powell land; thence south 4 west 28 chns. along Don Powell land; thence a westward course along Joyner land and Cypress Swamp; north 81 degrees 30' west 8.24 chns. to a stake; thence north 79 degrees west 8.22 chns. to a stake; thence north 81 degrees west 3.25 chns. to a stake; thence north 79 degrees 30' west 3.15 chns. to a stake; thence north 69 degrees 30' west 3.60 chns. to a stake; thence north 75 degrees west 3.45 chns. to a stake; thence north 89 degrees west 4 chns. to a stake, corner of Joyner, Parker and Hilliard Lands; thence a northward course north 90 degrees east 33.50 chns. along Parker and Hilliard land to a stake on Highway No. 125; thence south 71 degrees east 35.60 chns. along Highway No. 125 to the beginning.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of B. F. Shelton and wife, Annie L. Shelton, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 12th day of May, 1932.

C. H. DIXON,  
Receiver for First National Bank of Durham, Trustee. my24 4tw

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by L. A. Clark and wife, Essie Woolard Clark; J. T. Barnhill and wife, Telitha Barnhill; and V. G. Taylor and wife, Dorothy Taylor, to W. C. Braswell, trustee, on the fourth day of December, 1930, which deed of trust is duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County in Book G-3, at page 8, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned trustee will, on Thursday, June 23, 1932, at noon, offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at the courthouse door in Williamston, those certain lots of land lying and being situated in Martin County, in the town of Everetts, more particularly described as follows:

"First Parcel: On Main Street, beginning at P. T. Everett's corner, running back to a ditch 213 feet; thence down the said ditch 20 1-2 feet; thence back to the said street on J. T. Barnhill's line 213 feet; thence south along said street 20 1-2 feet to the corner of P. T. Everett's line at the beginning, a stake; being the same land conveyed to above-named parties this day by S. H. Clark and inherited by him from the late W. H. Clark. For a more complete description reference is directed to deed book D-2, page 339, and deed book D-2, page 540, of the Martin County Registry.

Second Parcel: Beginning at a stake, the corner of the W. H. Clark heirs, running west with said line to a ditch,

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The above described parcels or lots of land comprise the "lot" upon which is situated the brick building now occupied by the Champion Motor Company, Everetts, N. C.

This 20th day of May, 1932.  
W. C. BRASWELL,  
Trustee.  
Harry M. Brown, attorney.

## 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 R. P. Powers and wife to the undersigned trustee, bearing date

the 20th day of November, 1917, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book O-1, at page 166, said trust deed having been given for the purpose of securing the notes of even date therewith, and default having been made in the payment of said notes, and the terms and stipulations in said trust deed not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door of Martin County at Williamston, North Carolina, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of the late S. L. Wallace and beginning at an oak on the main Jamesville and Plymouth road and also on the old Jamesville and Washington railroad and running in a northerly direction 70 yards, thence easterly and parallel to said county road 32 rods, thence southerly and parallel to the first line 20 yards to said main road to the beginning, containing one-half acre, and being the old Twelve place.

This the 21st day of May, 1932.  
JOHN D. LILLEY,  
Trustee.



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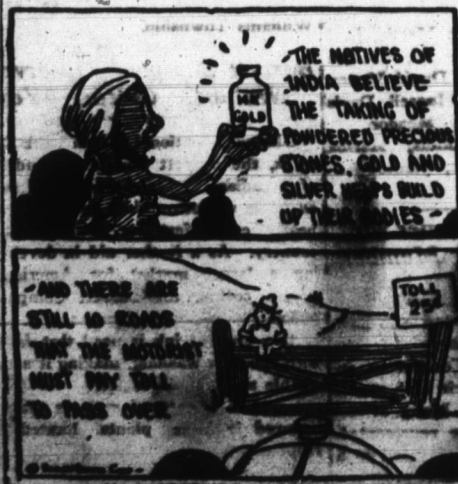
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