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Poverty Threatens

The condition of the peanut farmer is deplorable, much worse than it has been at any time in history. Today's market is said to be about three-quarters of a cent per pound, which means home sold under mortgage and for taxes, neither of which is so bad as the thousands of hungry, shoeless mothers and children in the peanut belt.

The peanut has for many years been the backbone of the farmers' standing with the doctor, the tax man, and Santa Claus in this section.

Under present conditions the grower will not even get in sight of the doctor, the tax collector Santa Claus, or a Christmas dinner.

Now is the time for the farmer to take a stand to defend himself—not by force but by sound, sensible thinking and deliberate action. The poverty dragon is at the door and threatens to consume us and our families and close the gates of opportunity and freedom.

Government Pay Cuts

Hoover is drastic, yet probably just, in his attempt to slash government expenses. We do not like to question his motives, yet he may see his boys walking out and is willing to see the incoming Democratic hosts, who are soon to march to the pie counter, suffer a cut in wages.

It is to be hoped that the Democrats will bear it with patience and not go to whining for more offices and higher pay. It so happens that the officeholder has the best salary of any class of people right at the present time.

Perhaps the President's program will meet with a fight, however, as it proposes a cut of \$127,000,000 in soldiers' benefits which is now being paid. Yet why should not the soldier who is at his regular job and still drawing a pension take a cut along with the officer who takes his cut.

Why Farmers Are Slow to Organize

Farmers are slow to organize, yet they should not be too harshly condemned, because every step they take and every move they make they encounter a highly organized business. Hence it is hard for them to cope with organizations that excel them in efficiency. But when the farmer organizes his business as tightly and efficiently as the other fellow does, he will have the most powerful organization in the world.

He will then be able to defend himself against unfair trade and the hand of the oppressor. He will be able to regulate the kind and quantity of food the world eats.

There are large numbers of farmers, which makes it much hard for them to organize than when only a few are concerned. But we have to look with sympathy rather than with censure on their efforts.

Thorough Study Needed

Many counties in North Carolina have organized county institutes of government. A very important thing for any community is government that serves and protects at a cost that is reasonable.

We are bound to have some system of government in all civilized communities, or we will soon go back to savagery.

These county institutes of government are organized for the purpose of studying the fundamentals of government, as well as the science of the proper operation of the same. We frequently neglect our obligations to promote and carry on in the proper way and fall into the error of kicking and "cussing" when things go wrong—a great mistake.

What we need to do is to find out what our local government is costing and just what values we are getting. Then we will know how to regulate salaries and how much service we should get for our money. As in practically everything else, we complain the most about the things of which we know the least.

And What a Difference?

If you are hungry for bread, don't go to Washington, because the police will not let you go within two blocks of the Capitol. If you are thirsty for beer, then go to Washington, where Congress will receive you with open arms.

There is a difference.

A Simpler Life

The quality of our food and the price of our clothes has very little to do with our happiness and usefulness. In fact, if some of our foolish pride could be knocked out of us—until we all would be willing to live more simply and less expensively, we would greatly increase our real happiness.

Just think how it degrades a man to buy rich luxurious food which he is unable to pay for. Then, fine clothes has ruined men and women by the thousands in various ways.

If hard times bring the human family to the point where it is willing to live the simple life, then hard times will be of some value at least. We need more of the simple life, and doubtless it will have to be practiced in a very large measure by most people in the near future.

Trading At Home

Will Rogers is right most of the time. But not when he says stop trading with our neighbors. If we had bought more of our goods from foreign nations at cheap prices rather than from our own tariff-protected home exporters, and paid them from 25 to 40 per cent unfair profit—our money would not now be bunched in a few hands, with the rank and file of the folks starving.

We now have the highest tariffs ever, and more hungry folks without work or any prospect of a job. If we had free trade with the world, it would not hurt the jobless and hungry.

In Or Out?

Transcript and Messenger, Goldsboro.

The old rhyme has been changed in Alabama, so that it ought to run like this—

"Twas Christmas in the prison,

"The convicts were not there—"

For in Alabama, those prisoners in the state penitentiary and prison camps who have maintained good enough behavior are paroled over Christmas to spend some time with their families.

This year the longest parole time ever has been announced, from December 1st to January 15th.

The news report from Alabama says that the parole is very seldom violated.

Wonder if we couldn't try out something like it in North Carolina this year, even if the period be but a week instead of 45 days?

Secretary Hyde's Report

New York Times.

Only a month ago the radio was still eloquent with Republican tributes to the Hawley-Smoot tariff as "the very basis of safety" for the American farmer, his one defense against an adverse world. The annual report of the Department of Agriculture does not lend support to this doctrine. Secretary Hyde points out that "from August, 1929, to August, 1932, prices of all groups of farm commodities, at the farm, declined nearly 60 per cent." During the same period "non-agricultural prices at wholesale declined 24 per cent."

Sad Results of Failure To Start in Ample Time

Hertford County Herald.

The present chaotic peanut market, when all the producing area is distressed at starvation prices, forces the conclusion that growers are largely to be blame (if there is any blame to be attached anywhere) for the condition, because they would not and will not even now take steps to protect themselves against such markets as the present one. To be sure, there is clamor now, and farmers are in meetings almost every day. But they are largely protest meetings against conditions that have already arrived; and one distinguishing characteristic about all of the gatherings is the lack of unity of action in any project advanced or any idea promulgated.

It has almost begun to look like a hopeless case for peanut growers, insofar as it affects their will to organize any sort of marketing organization among themselves. It is as one speaker said in Murfreesboro a week ago, "they have met, they have talked, they have 'cussed' the market and the cleaner, but not once have they ever shown any semblance of confidence in one another nor thrown themselves wholeheartedly into any concerted plan of action to help themselves." Whatever is done now in the distress we find ourselves will not be lasting; the very nature of all proposals we have heard about are for temporary relief from dumping peanuts at the cleaners' doors. There is no action looking to preventing a recurrence of the same thing next year and in future years.

Our sympathy is with any well-intentioned movement to "pull the ox out of the mire" and to snatch the peanut growers from sure disaster. Admitting we are in the throes of threatened ruin and woe with respect to our peanut crop and sympathetically leaning towards any movement that will offer the slightest ray of hope, for the sake of ourselves and the future of the market, why can't a marketing organization be formed that will function every day in the year—an organization of growers, if you please, unattached from other factors in the growing and marketing of peanuts? Why wait until disaster comes and the issue is forced?

It is the grower's problem, and the mandate is his now to lay the foundation for organization that will head off any recurrence of this year's condition in the peanut market.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On Friday morning, October 28th, 1932, from her earthly home in Williamston, North Carolina, Sarah Margaret Manning entered into that perfect rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Therefore, be it resolved: First: That in her death the Ladies' Aid Society and the Missionary Society of the Christian Church at Williamston lost from their ranks a faithful, devout and humble servant of the Master, who for forty years worked untiringly for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

Second: That the community is richer and finer because she gave unselfishly of the treasures of sympathy and love to all people alike.

Third: That the members of the societies who enjoyed the sweetness and light emanating from her very presence, honor her work as the best done in the community and shall miss her wise counsel through the years.

Fourth: That her bereaved husband and children have "the comfort which comes from an unclouded memory of one who lived justly and loved mercy and walked humbly with her God."

Fifth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to The Enterprise for publication, and written on the minutes book of each Society.

Signed: Mrs. A. R. DUNNING, Mrs. T. F. HARRISON, Mrs. R. J. PEELE, Williamston, N. C., November 29th, 1932.

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"Whatsoever a man soweth, That shall he also reap."

With love, affection, and solemnity, we, the men's Bible class of the Baptist Memorial Sunday School, Williamston, N. C., contribute our love, our aid, and our greatest respect to the bereaved family and loved ones of our devoted and loyal classmate and brother, Harry L. Meador, who departed this life Tuesday, November 1, 1932, at the age of 53 years.

As we assembled in our classroom the following Sunday morning we discovered a missing link in our chain, which will leave an aching void this world can never fill, but we gave it up to Him who doeth all things well.

I, the writer, have been blessed with the privilege and opportunity through his aid and assistance of attending the class of which he was such a loyal member for about three years, and I can not recall a single Sunday that I was present that I did not shake his hand.

He was jovial, he was friendly, and always had a word of cheer for those with whom he came in contact; therefore, to meet him was to meet a friend.

He was widely known in the business world as an honest and reliable citizen, and was better known in his church and Sunday school as a loyal and Christian gentleman.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." He sowed friendship; he reaped friends. He sowed affection, he reaped love and honor; he sowed benevolence, he reaped hospitality. And the personal acquaintance that we had with him, we trust that he sowed to the spirit he of the spirit may reap life everlasting.

Of course, we mourn our loss, but it was once appointed for man to die, and after death the judgment, and we are resolved to meet him in that City of God where the golden cup will not be broken, and the missing link be welded in our class chain.

The Men's Bible Class, Baptist Memorial Sunday School. By W. C. Gardner.

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 Edward James and wife, Della L. James, to the undersigned trustee, and dated the 6th day of January, 1931, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book C-3 at page 402, and at the request of the holder of the note of indebtedness thereby secured, default having been made in the payment thereof, I will, on the 15th day of December, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County offer for sale at public auction, for cash, the property described in said deed of trust as follows, to wit:

Bounded on the east by the lands of Cora Hill, on the south by the lands of Eli Gurganus Estate, on the LION BRAND SALT WILL SAVE your meat better. Car unloaded this week. C. O. Moore. It

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 12th day of June, 1929, by W. H. Leggett and wife, Cecelia Leggett, to the undersigned trustee, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book C-3, at page 29, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of same and the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1932, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door in Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at Bob Leggett's southeastern corner on the street in front of Watts Grove, thence along Bob Leggett's line to Leggett's Lane, thence easterly along Leggett's Lane to Harrison Brothers corner, thence along Harrison Brothers line to J. A. Leggett and wife's corner, thence around their line to Latham Throver's line, thence his line and Hattie Throver's line to street first mentioned, thence along said street, to Joe Leggett's corner, thence around his lot back to said street, thence said street to the beginning, containing 2 acres, more or less.

This the 14th day of November, 1932. W. H. COBURN, Trustee.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by D. C. Cowan and wife, dated 30th day of April, 1927, and of record in the Register of Deeds Office in Book Y-2, page 232, to secure note of even date therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said note, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 12th day of December, 1932, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land:

Bounded on the North by W. J. Cowan, on the East and South by Samuel Rogerson, and on the West by John R. Harrison, containing 30 acres, more or less, and being known as the James A. Cowan home place, and being all of the land which he died seized and possessed except about 18 acres.

This 11th day of November, 1932. B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 29th day of September, 1925, by Freddie Harrell and wife, Alice Harrell, to the undersigned trustee and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book Q-2, at page 433, said deed of trust

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How Doctors Treat Colds and Coughs

To break up a cold overnight and relieve the congestion that makes you cough, thousands of physicians are now recommending Calotabs, the newest colored compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bedtime with a glass of sweet milk or water. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you wish—no danger.

Calotabs are sold in 10c and 50c packages at drug stores. (Adv)

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