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Public Schools and Sales Tax

The two major issues now in sight for the next North Carolina General Assembly will be public schools and the sales tax. Unfortunately, too many people are going too strong in their opposition to the sales tax. The schools must exist. No greater mistake can be made than to weaken our educational system which is already down to the very lowest notch where it can exist unless we choose to lower our general living standards.

Our public schools can exist without a sales tax, but without a sales tax we will have to have a land tax. So the question is which will you take?

The sales tax hits everybody in proportion to their purchases. The land tax hits the few. Martin County saves about 35 percent through the sales tax system; that is, we are paying only two thirds as much sales tax as we would have to pay if the tax was on land. This saving, of course, comes because we are agricultural in our pursuits and not a manufacturing center.

It is possible to increase our income from taxing foreign stocks and a number of items heretofore and probably now escaping taxation. So a portion of the sales tax needs to come off, and let the loss be made up from sources not now paying a proper proportion of the burdens of the State. But if it continues necessary to have a sales tax to save the schools, then have a sales tax.

Emergency Loans Proven Valuable

The season for filing applications for emergency relief loans closed May 31, the records showing that the amount lent in this county was about 45 percent as large as the amount borrowed in 1933. Out of 400 applications only a dozen were turned down. Martin County's record for retiring its obligations to the Federal government during the past three years has been a very good one, clearly indicating that when a people is helped, it will more readily respond to its obligations.

The government has done no better work along any line and at any time than advancing these loans to help the man without wealth or friends to help himself. There are many farmers living in their own homes today who would have been rooted out long ago but for these small loans which have enabled them to farm and make their own living.

If the government had put the money it spent in the South for C. C. C., the C. W. A. and a few other projects into a fund for placing families on land and helping them to become self-feeders, we would be in very much better condition than we now are.

Thrift Desirable

Sampton Independent.

One of the most important, and yet one of the most difficult things to teach a child is thrift—the habit of saving. Conditions have changed in that particular, like in others, and the tendency of most children is to spend any money that may fall into their hands as quickly as possible. We don't mean that children should not be allowed to have and to spend money, but at the same time they should be impressed with the value of money and the need for saving something for the proverbial "rainy day."

It might be said that opportunities come to everyone, but often the greatest opportunities cannot be grasped because it requires a little ready money to enable one to take advantage of them. This point is emphasized by a well-known financier, who in an article on thrift, says:

"Those who become leaders in the business world found the turning point in their careers when they were able to take advantage of a great opportunity because they had the money at hand. In most cases the sum of money involved was small, but coupled with vision, ambition, clean living and self mastery, these men were able to turn their nest eggs into colossal fortunes."

It is undeniable that the habit of saving comes hard for most people, but having once made a start it is comparatively easy to continue. Nothing inspires the confidence of business men in a young person more readily than the knowledge that he or she is able to save money, even though the amount saved from month to month is not large. Many a young man has been enabled to make a most desirable business connection through a reputation for thrift and having a little ready cash. The art of saving, if it may be called that, is well worth cultivating.

"Everybody Works Here"

"Everybody Works Here" is the title of an article written by our townsman, Charles H. Dickey for the June issue of the *Christian Herald*, in describing the Martha Berry Schools in Georgia.

After reading the article, one is impressed with the title so appropriately chosen for the article, since the school with its farms, workshops, dairies and other industries embracing 30,000 acres of land, had its conception in work, and it has grown from work and now exists on work well done.

It was in 1900 that Martha Berry, a well-reared and highly cultured woman, noticed three ragged, neglected and ignorant children on a Sunday afternoon in the semi-wild mountain country of Georgia, and had compassion on them. Miss Berry struck the right cord in the very first contact—she made friends. Taking the children to an old abandoned building, and sitting on a soap box she told them the story of the creation of the world. They were pleased with the understanding interest and they responded. Upon her invitation the three brought other children who were virtually lost to the world and its glorious opportunities, to the little deserted caving the following Sunday. There Miss Berry found the most fertile soil in all the world—the hearts and minds of those in need. In this soil the noble woman sowed the seed of human kindness born in a soul of love.

And from this beginning has grown one of the greatest human institutions in the entire world—a school for all, offering instruction from the beginner's grade to and including that offered by the A-grade college of the country. Already it has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of people of all classes, and although it has gone on for a third of a century, yet it has just begun to live.

The Martha Berry School supplies just the things that wise people would have their children know and follow, for labor there is not only necessary but it is honorable. Truth is revered; character and morality are the ideals of all, and obedience and punctuality are a part of the Berry Schools.

When we study the wonderful accomplishments of this lone woman, the question, are we ignoring opportunities as we go through life? comes to our minds. We may not be able to move mountains nor convert a wild wilderness into a rose garden; yet, we pass men and women and children every day who have burdened hearts in which we might plant a spark of love and set their whole being to growing towards lives of happiness and usefulness. After all our service to our neighbor is our best service, and the lower the strata of life, the greater is the opportunity for one to accomplish good. When everybody works we will have a happier world.

Father and Son

Goldsboro Transcript and Messenger.

Luke Lea probably didn't think during his high-flying years that he was betraying the duties a father has toward his son.

But the trip Luke Lea, jr., finally took with him into North Carolina state prison is proof that he did.

Because it is natural for a son to obey his father's lead and example, the Transcript and Messenger can have sympathy for the plea of Lea that his son was not primarily at fault and therefore might well be let off from punishment.

The son's sentence is less than that of the father, in itself an indication that the court's view of the evidence found the father the more guilty.

But there was guilt, of son as well as of father. It seems right—and all the more right because of the long delays in bringing the pair to punishment—that the son should receive at least some of the punishment ordered for him.

Let him be punished and penitent.

Then, if the governor and his advisors decide to let the younger man out on parole, our word would, we believe, be approving, rather than disapproving.

Two Kinds of Confidence

Somebody is still working that old worn-out term "Confidence."

There are two kinds of confidence. One kind is being enjoyed by the common-folks—that is confidence that our government will stand by them and not let organized monopoly swindle them out of the fruits of their labor.

The other kind of confidence is that which organized monopoly has in its money and power to manipulate government so that they can have the opportunity to place their foot across the neck of labor and get the cream of their profits.

Personally, we like the first kind of confidence, and what we need is to stand firm behind that kind of government in order that men may feel secure in the knowledge that they will have a fair deal in life.

It has been a long time since the people have felt that their elected officials were giving them safe and sound government. Now that they know the government means to protect the weak as well as the strong, they should not listen to the cry "want of confidence," and we will put out our money and make confidence.

Heads I Win, Tails You Lose

Akoshie Herald.

Says the Rallias News: "All we need now to be sitting jake is 1928 dividends, 1929 wages and 1932 prices." This paragraph's jest has a large element of truth. It applies to countless people. They want high prices on the things they have to sell and low prices on the things they have to buy. They want extravagant expenditures for public improvements, together with low taxes. They want a broad foreign market for American products and restriction of imports to our country.

These contrary things don't go together. You can't eat your cake and have it too.

The good things of this world have to be shared. When people grab for themselves alone, there is a rough scramble for favors in which a lot of folks get hurt.

COUNTY GIRL IS STATE DELEGATE TO 4-H CLUB CAMP

Mary Elizabeth Wildman Named To Attend Meet At Washington City

Mary Elizabeth Wildman, of Parmele, Martin County; Joe Pou, of Elmwood, Iredell County; Beatrice Sherrill, route 3, Statesville, Iredell County; and Fred Bass, of Lucama, Wilson County, have been selected by the agricultural extension service of State College to represent the 4-H club members of North Carolina at the National Club Camp to be held at Washington, D. C., June 14 to 20, L. R. Harrill, state club leader, and Miss Ruth Current, girls' club specialist, announced last week.

Mary Wildman has been a member of the 4-H clubs in this county for seven years, completing projects in clothing for health, food conservation, room improvement, general home making and foods. She was voted the most outstanding club girl at a five-county club encampment held at Neuse Forrest a year or so ago, and has won recognition at the annual state short course. In addition, she is a community leader in club work.

Joe Pou has specialized in dairy calf club work but also has conducted projects with cotton and poultry. His records show a profit of \$256.50 in money, plus a nice herd of purebred Jerseys in the making. His calves have won blue ribbons at the various county and state fairs, and he introduced an improved strain of cotton into his community. He is recognized as a leader in 4-H club work.

Beatrice Sherrill has completed projects in room improvement, foods, clothing, health, sewing and canning. She has won a number of prizes for her work and has been a community leader in both club and religious affairs in her community. Her leadership abilities have won for her statewide recognition.

Fred Bass has specialized in the pig club project, making a net profit of \$163.05 from his work. He has taken an active part in leadership affairs in his local club; represented his county in judging contests and attended two state short courses.

Miss Wildman and Mr. Bass will have their expenses paid to Washington by the Agricultural and Development Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Cantaloupes, Cucumbers, Etc. Do Not Mix in Field

Cantaloupes, cucumbers, squash and other crops of like nature may be planted side by side in the same field without danger of mixing. The only crop that will mix is the pumpkin and that will mix only with the summer squash, which is really a true pumpkin. Different varieties of these crops, however, will cross and, if seed is to be saved for future plantings, it is best to grow only one variety in any one field.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of William J. Griffin, deceased, late of Martin County, all persons are hereby notified to present any claims they may have against said estate, for payment, to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of May, 1935, or this notice will be

pleaded in bar of recovery on same. All persons indebted to the estate will please come forward and make prompt payment of same.

This 5th day of May, 1934.
LESTER J. GRIFFIN,
Administrator.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust dated 17th day of January, 1928, by W. F. Thomas and wife, Susan V. Thomas, of record in the Martin County Public Registry in book Y-2, page 417, to secure bonds of even date therewith, and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bonds, the undersigned trustee will, on the 25th day of June, 1934, 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:

A tract of land inherited from Laura S. Martin, deceased, and being the same land deeded to said Laura S. Martin by Marion Burroughs and wife, Emma Burroughs, deeded dated November 13th, 1895, which is of record in the register of deeds office of Martin County in book No. WW, at page 224.

The purchaser at the sale will be required to make a deposit of 15 percent of the bid.

This 25th day of May, 1934.
B. A. CRITCHER,
Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of and pursuant to decree of the superior court of Martin County entered in the case of Atlantic Joint Land Bank of Raleigh vs. Vannie B. Coward and others, the undersigned commissioner will, on Tuesday, July 3, 1934, at noon, offer for sale at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the courthouse door of Martin County the following described property, to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, containing 77 1-2 acres, more or less, on the road leading from Hobgood to Oak City, about three miles south of Oak City, having such shapes, metes, courses, and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plot thereof made by J. R. Mobley, surveyor, on the 11th day of November, 1922, and adjoining the lands of Wade Mizell on the north, the lands of Thomas Griffin and Orange Fields on the south, and the lands of D. Davis on the west, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a pine in the Hobgood and Oak City road, corner of D. Davis thence with said road south 33 1-2 degrees east, 10 poles; south 29 1-2 degrees east 32 1-2 poles, and south 33 3-4 degrees east 44 poles to a light-wood stump; thence south 71 1-2 degrees east 53 poles to corner of Thos. Griffin; thence with Griffin's line north 118 poles; thence north 50 degrees east 51 poles; thence north 6 degrees east 12 poles; thence north 23 degrees west 20 poles; thence north 67 degrees west 39 poles; thence south 47 degrees west 142 poles to the beginning, containing 77 1-2 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Vannie B. Lynch by Wesley Lynch et als, by deed dated August 26, 1903, and of record in book KKK, page 170.

The purchaser at said sale will be required to deposit 10 per cent of the amount of his bid as a guarantee and forfeit pending confirmation of sale by the court.

This June 2, 1934.
JNO. C. RODMAN, Jr.,
Commissioner.

DR. VIRGIL H. MEWBORN
Optometrist

Next Visits:
Bethel, at Rives Drug Store, Monday, June 18.
Robersonville, Robersonville Drug Store, Tuesday, June 19.
Williamston, N. C., at Peele's Jewelry Store, Wednesday, June 20.
Plymouth, at Liverman's Drug Store Thursday, June 21.
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