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Parole Racket

There seems to be some mystery about the practice followed by prisoners in their efforts to buy themselves out of prison. And it looks as if the trouble may come from unethical lawyers posing before their "drummed up" clients as powers in politics with influence over the high authorities who handle parole and pardon issues. Recent developments brought to light in what was correctly or incorrectly termed a "parole racket" in this State, indicate that some lawyers may have an agency to canvass for them and collect such money as the prisoner may have or may be able to raise. The usual procedure in obtaining a pardon is followed to a greater or lesser extent, and the attorney gets his fee whether the prisoner gets his freedom or not.

All unethical cases need to be investigated, and proper punishment should be administered where needed.

This alleged "parole racket" is similar to the practice followed in the smaller political units where certain rings hang around jails and work for some particular lawyer who splits fees. The practice is not believed very general in its scope for only a few lawyers will stoop to such tactics to get clients. And lawyers, following unethical practices, seldom make tasty politicians.

Soil Erosion Costly to Farmer

The farmer's greatest loss is the washing away of his top soil; especially is this true in the hilly sections of the State, where in some places the farmer loses as much as one inch of his best land annually.

Nothing so impoverishes a farmer as the loss of his soil. Whenever a rain comes and fills the streams with mud washed from the fields not only the best land on adjoining farms, but high-priced fertilizers used on those farms are also washed away. The rivers of our State that come down from the mountains bear evidence that some farmer has lost a part of his wealth.

No agricultural country can prosper when every rain carries large quantities of the farmer's land away. That part of the soil that is washed out of the field into ditches and down the swamp and on into the creeks and rivers is the most valuable on the farm. Every farmer needs to take a course in prevention of soil erosion.

A Commendable Step

The authorities should be commended for their action in requiring regular inspection of Williamston's milk supply since milk is an easy carrier of a number of contagious diseases, some of which are very dangerous. Not only the people who buy milk, but those who produce it want to know that it is safe for common use.

All cows need to be tuberculin tested and kept free from disease. Dairy employees and others handling milk containers around the dairy should hold certificates showing they are in good health and without contagious disease.

The ordinance requiring regular inspection of the town's milk supply is an important step in assuring safer health conditions here, and will no doubt increase the use of milk locally.

No Excuse for Labor Strikes

There is no valid excuse for any labor strike in these days when every intelligent man knows the government is doing everything possible to make a proper and equitable adjustment between capital and labor.

To some extent a strike at this time either presents a spirit of dishonesty or displays ignorance. The action seems to show that man is an animal that you can't always depend upon to do the right thing at the right time.

What this country needs is for every man, high and low, to get on the right level of living, and then the capital-labor clash will end, and business will be safe.

Determining Tobacco Prices

The tobacco farmer will have the opportunity during the next few weeks to help fix the price of his tobacco this fall. The suckering, worming and proper curing mark the difference between good and poor quality tobacco, and in the final analysis the quality of the leaf is the base of the price.

With a reduced acreage, farmers are in better position to take proper care of their tobacco than in former years when they had over-crowded barns and little time to give their crop proper attention. In past years we have had too much burned tobacco and too much green tobacco and other losses caused by careless or hasty handling. Now that we have a prospect of good prices, we need to do our best to produce a crop that will bring the most money.

Don't Condemn Long Yet

It looks as if Huey P. Long, the Louisiana Senator, may be just as near right as many of his opponents are, even though they do curse him. From the general view of things, Louisiana is a pretty rotten state when it comes to politics. If Huey is as bad as his enemies say he is, he would not be able to continue to stand up. Don't condemn him yet.

That "Devil's Grip"

There is a disease going the rounds of the country called the "Devil's Grip". Doctors and others say it is a new disease. We had thought, however, that the country had been in the Devil's grip for some time.

A slight infestation of boll weevil has been reported in Richmond County farms with a few farmers dusting with calcium arsenate.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
 North Carolina, Martin County.
 In Superior Court, Before the Clerk.
 Nellie Jones, Admrx. Et Al vs Matie Speller, Et Als
 Sarah Anthony, one of the defendants in the above-named proceedings will take notice:

That the above action is one to sell real estate of Lizzie Williams Booze to make assets to pay the debts of the estate and that the said Sarah Anthony, a non-resident of the state, is a party defendant.

That the said Sarah Anthony is required to appear and answer et demurr to the petition filed in my office on July 29, 1934, or within thirty days thereafter, or judgment will be given as prayed in the said petition.

This the 29th day of June, 1934.
 SADIE W. PEEL,
 Clerk Superior Court,
 Martin County.
 H. L. Swain, Atty for Defendant.

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 8th day of February, 1930, by L. J. Davenport and wife, Cassie M. Davenport, to the undersigned Trustee and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book C-3, at page 193, 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 at the request of the holder of same, the undersigned Trustee

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will on Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1934, 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: It being all of lots No. One and Two (1) and (2) in Block K in the Town of Oak City in map of the Town of Oak City, N. C. This the 14th day of July, 1934.
 DR. E. E. PITTMAN, Trustee.
 Elbert S. Peel, Attorney,
 Williamston, N. C.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Joe H. Wynne and wife, Alice Wynne, on the 18th day of May, 1923, and recorded in book O-2, page 465, we will on Saturday, the 28th day of July, 1934, 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:

All that certain tract, piece, or parcel of land containing 67 acres, more or less, situate, lying, and being on what is known as the Ward road about 7 1-2 miles south of the town of Williamston, Bear Grass Township, Martin County, North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of Joseph Johnson on the N., the land of Riddick Mizell on the E., the land of Aaron Mizell on the south, and the lands of John Cratt on the W.

DR. VIRGIL H. MEWBORN
 Optometrist
 Next Visits:
 Bethel, at Rives Drug Store, Monday, July 16.
 Robersonville, Robersonville Drug Store, Tuesday, July 17.
 Williamston, N. C., at Peele's Jewelry Store, Wednesday, July 18.
 Plymouth, at Liverman's Drug Store Thursday, July 19.
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Beginning at a sweet gum in Bear Grass Swamp, corner of Joseph Johnson and Riddick Mizell; thence with said swamp S. 9 degrees E. 77 poles and S. 16 degrees E. 78 poles to a black gum; thence with a branch S. 87 degrees W. 40 poles; N. 83 degrees W. 62 poles and N. 80 degrees W. 35 poles to a black gum; thence with the line of John Cratt N. 29 degrees E. 117 poles to a pine; thence N. 48 degrees E. 30 poles to a stake thence N. 54 degrees east 24 poles to the beginning, and being the same land conveyed to the said Joe H. Wynne and wife, Alice Wynne, by

W. A. Crisp and wife, by deed dated December 13, 1918, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in Book T-1, page 591.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Joe H. Wynne and wife, Alice Wynne, 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 23rd day of June, 1934.
 INTERSTATE TRUSTEE CORPORATION,
 jy3 4tw Substituted Trustee.
 Durham, N. C.

Condensed Statement of Condition of Branch Banking & Trust Company
 WILLIAMSTON, N. C.
 At the Close of Business June 30, 1934

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 1,158,446.45
Other Stocks and Bonds	44,706.00
Banking House and Real Estate	448,642.86
Cash and Due from Banks	\$2,878,695.33
United States Bonds	3,410,012.29
Bonds of Federal Land Banks, Home Owners' Loan Corp., and Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.	1,318,875.48
North Carolina Bonds	1,409,652.85
Municipal and other Marketable Bonds	1,267,306.41
Loans Secured by Marketable Collateral With Cash Values in Excess of Loans	791,571.07
	11,076,113.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	400,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided Profits	215,215.36
Reserves	129,166.12
Dividend Payable July 1, 1934	8,000.00
Deposits	11,375,527.26
	\$12,727,908.74

Trust Department Assets Not Included

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 The Branch Banking & Trust Co. is a member of the Temporary Federal Deposit Insurance Fund, and the funds of each depositor are insured up to \$5,000.00 by the Federal deposit Insurance Corporation.

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A Deplorable Situation

When a young man, 18 years old, stands by the side of the road, smoking a cigarette while he waits to bum a ride to a baseball game and admits that he does not work while his mother does, it would seem that the destiny of our nation and tone of our society are in jeopardy.

There are entirely too many people in the world who are not half trying to solve their own problems. While crowded conditions in the big cities might create much unemployment and leave millions no place to turn, the story is different in the wide-open Southland where a man can scratch the dirt a bit and pull out a potato. There is very little excuse for hunger in this county, excepting two classes. The first class includes cripples and those who are diseased. The second class is made up of those who do not possess proper knowledge to layout and plan work that will produce properly the necessities of life. These two classes deserve pity and need to be helped. There are others, however, who are too careless and too lazy to honestly try and solve their own problems. There are too many loafing youngsters who permit their mothers and fathers to work while they parade up and down the country claiming to be looking for work, and then when they are tested they are found to be too lazy to work or too dishonest to trust.

Certainly there are a few good trusty people who have lost out in their line and are on the road honestly seeking opportunities to feed and clothe themselves and their families. Yet, the great majority of loafers is out to dodge work.

We must bring up a generation of young people, especially boys, who are willing to work rather than be allowed around drug stores, pool rooms and to stand on the oad side waiting to go some place he neither knows nor cares where. He only knows he is not going to a place where it takes work to win.

The parents who slave themselves to let boys and girls loaf are not treating their children right. And the young man who rides about the country while a poor, struggling mother slaves herself in tasks of drugery to buy him clothes is doing hardly more than disgracing himself in the eyes of a thinking world.

The Tobacco Marketing Code

The last session of the North Carolina Legislature enacted some laws which in combination with the Warehouse Code, approved by the National Recovery Act, should help the tobacco marketing situation.

The speed of selling on the warehouse floors will be held to or below 360 piles an hour unless the tobacco is graded and then the sales are not to exceed 375 piles an hour.

Another rule of the market that will please farmers is that no tobacco shall be taken from the floor for 15 minutes after the tobacco is sold, giving the growers time to investigate their prices. Heretofore, the farmer could not get to his tobacco after the sale without having his heel strings cut in two by a truck handled by one who apparently tried to remove the purchase within 30 seconds after it was made.

Another reform will be in the weighing. Licensed weighers will handle the job on scales that are tested daily. This will insure the farmer against mistakes and will be the base upon which the warehouse settles with the buying company, rightly throwing the responsibility of any loss from the sales floor to the prize room or the buyer.

Unfair practices in country canvassing will be abolished under the terms of the code which was created to permit only legitimate soliciting.

The new rules will tend to give everyone, from the farmer to the company buyer, a square deal.

War of the Wisecrack

News and Observer.

Without approving the behavior of Uncle Sam's sailormen in Nice, it is possible to appreciate the wisecrack to which French police attribute the opening of hostilities. It will be remembered that the fighting began when celebrating sailors, presented with a big bill for drinks at the Cafe de Paris, replied, "Deduct it from the war debt." In America there will be agreement that the sailors should pay for their fun. But at the same time not everybody will disapprove of the wisecracking suggestion of the wisecracking gob. It was witty. And wit is always dangerous in international relations. Diplomats don't use it and sailors ought not to.