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Friday, August 30, 1935

Editorial Correspondence

London, S. W. 1., August 12, 1935.

Left Leicester at 10:40 on special train and reached London at 1:40. London has a population of eight million, about 600,000 more than New York City. After lunch at Eccleston Hotel went immediately to Buckingham Palace, where I got a close-up view of both the king and queen, as they passed out of the gates on their way to Scotland and Wales, where the king will spend two months hunting. Walked a short way in Green Park along the Piccadilly Road, then to the palaces where the royal families have lived and reigned for many centuries and where the Prince of Wales now lives. Also saw the birthplace of Queen Victoria and the place of her marriage. Saw the dormer window where Charles I was allowed to meet his wife and children and say good-bye as he was taken from prison to the place of execution on the morning he was put to death. After looking through the old buildings, which have so long been used by royalty, and viewing the queen's gardens, went to the British Museum, where there is too much to see. Many of the exhibits consisted of things which man has used in the past to kill somebody with. Every kind of knife, sword, club, spear and gun, ever devised by man must be there. The savagery of former ages is clearly depicted in the many scenes shown. But our own state museum outclasses its minerals and timbers. It is certainly rich in ancient manuscripts.

Went to bed early, which is the habit in England, and a very good one.

London, S. W. 1., August 13, 1935.

I left London at 9:30 this morning for a country drive with 28 other people for a visit to Windsor Castle, 20 miles away, and several other places of interest. Our route was over the great western Kings' Highway, which is very fine, equally as smooth as our own fine roads. Our first stop was at Eton school, which was founded in 1441, and is famous for the large number of prominent men it has turned out; among them William E. Gladstone, William Pitt, Fox, and many others. It now has 1,157 enrolled with a waiting list of entries up to 1945. The roof now on the building is 500 years old. The seats and desks are as rough as any Martin County boy ever used. The desks and seats are now cut and hacked worse than any I have ever seen at any place. In the old days, when a boys' name was found nicely carved on his desk he was singled out for special favors and honors, which rule has been changed so that now he has to pay in 12 shillings for defacing the furniture. The old seat is now exhibited where boys were made to stoop over for the lash for the various misdemeanors of the time. They could only be struck as many as 7 times at any one sitting, but could be put on the block twice on Saturdays. They were required to be on hand at 6 o'clock each morning and stay until 6 p. m. The seats and appearance of the old rooms are indeed quaint. Most of the rooms are modern and convenient at present. The name of every pupil that has attended the school in 75 years is now carved on the walls, and the names of 1,157 former students who lost their lives in the World War are also posted on the outside walls of the school.

Passing from the Eton School, we were taken to Stoke Page's church, which contains the pews occupied by John Penn's family. William Penn never worshipped there, but attended services at the Quaker meeting house 6 miles away and later founded Pennsylvania in our own country. He was reared about 100 yards from the old church.

Thomas Gray, who wrote an elegy "In a Country Churchyard," was buried here, as many other people of the community have been; among them the daughter of Jay Gould, who married an English baron and left a beautiful estate in the community. One of the windows of the chapel is called the "Bicycle Window." A boy riding a bicycle is shown blowing a horn. The glass bears the date of 1643.

Finally reaching Windsor Castle, we find many things of great interest, among them the tombs or burial places of eight kings. The castle itself is one of the homes of the king and queen and is frequently used on state occasions. The paintings and furnishings of the place constitute a marvel of grandeur. We were permitted to view all the rooms, including the queen's wardrobe, the dining room, etc. There is one hall 185 feet long by 30 feet wide, lined with paintings and draperies. Many of our party climbed to the top of the castle tower for an opportunity to

view the beautiful grounds and to see 12 towns and cities. While we all have to admire such scenes, yet the fact remains that the royal rich have eaten the fat of the land, while the backs of the peasants have bent with the heavy load necessary to sustain such extravagance.

On our return trip along the banks of the Thames we saw thousands of picknickers and had an opportunity to see Magna Carta Island, upon which King John was forced to sign that memorable document which had much to do with the freedom of England's poor today.

Our next stop was at Hampton Court, a very expensive place, with pools covered with ducks, geese, and swans. The pools were filled with large goldfish and every walk was lined with flowers. It only costs 1 penny to see the king's grapevine, now covered with luscious-looking grapes, which are said to be of a very fine quality.

We then boarded the bus for the return trip to London, where we could rest. I confess I was tired of walking over the dead bodies of kings, queens and princesses.

London, S. W. 1., August 14, 1935.

Took the sight-seeing bus at 9:30, drove around a number of important streets and at 10:10 crossed old London Bridge over the Thames and the first bridge to span it. There are now many others, and also tunnels under the river. Traffic is heavy and dashing in every direction and on all sides. Saw the home of the man who founded Harvard College in our own country and the old home of George Peabody. Went to the Tower of London, built in part in 1078 by William the Conqueror, and later enlarged. Queen Elizabeth was imprisoned in this tower, as well as many other British nobleman and royalty. We saw all types of instruments anctely used to torture and kill kings, queens and princes. The most desired and the most honorable was the guillotine, and I saw the very block and the print of the axe where many heads had been severed, and the axe was displayed. It meant an easier and quicker death to have the head cut off than to be hung up on hooks or to be thrown on sharp spikes and suffer a lingering torturous death. I also stood on the spot where the gallows were erected for the execution of Queen Anne Boleyn, Queen Catharine Howard, Queen Jane Grey, all because of mean husbands. The story of Lady Jane Grey is one of sadness. She was arrested at the Grey Castle and carried to London and executed after serving as queen for 9 days. She was only 17 years old, and, from all historical accounts, a worthy and lovely young woman of fine character, who was betrayed by a merciless king through cowardice and thwarted love.

We went to the jewel house and saw the queen's crown, decked with sparkling diamonds, and other valuables. Next was St. Paul's Cathedral, where many interesting things are to be seen.

Then to Westminster Abbey, a place of beauty and grandeur. The tombs of many of the famous men of past ages are found here, Sir Isaac Newton, Or. Livingston, and many kings and queens, including Mary Queen of Scots, Edward VIII and his divorced wife, Elizabeth the daughter of Edward, and many others. In the building is the empty tomb of Oliver Cromwell, whose body was taken out during the reign of a later king, who had his head cut off and his body chopped up because he hated Cromwell, the man who stands among the very best friends of English peasantry but a menace to the misrule of kings. He perhaps helped the common people to get justice in government and in the courts as much as did the decree of the Magna Charta. The Westminster building does not compare with our Washington buildings on the outside. It is weatherworn and black, but on the inside it is an exhibition of beauty, especially so in some of its paintings and sculpture. The unknown soldier is buried there and fresh flowers lay on his crypt. The carriage that bore the body of Wellington to its last resting place is one of the most gorgeous vehicles that I have ever seen.

The English people are friendly and kind and they love royalty even better than our Americans love a pedigree of blue blood and want to be descendants of the Mayflower voyagers. The average Briton feels himself just a bit better than other folks. They worship their warriors and every fellow who has distinguished himself in saving the bacon of the British Empire has a monument or a statue. The old kings, thought they may have had many faults and may have slain thousands, are held in high esteem here.

It is evident that England proposes to buy goods from her own colonies as far as possible, which makes American trade dull. And while our American people have so much freedom that it is abused, the American is generally proud of his U. S. A.

W. C. MANNING.

**Different in England**  
*Raleigh Union Herald.*

Uncle Sam is trying to clear up a slum in Washington. One woman who owned property in that slum, stuck our common uncle for \$14,600, and he paid. Immediately eight other holders of property in the same slum gave notice of their intention to contest the matter in the courts—unless they get their price. If they do not get their price there will be much delay; and if they do, the Government will be gyped for so much money that really low-cost housing on the site will be out of the question.

England handles things differently.

In England the authorities, after hearings, declare a given area to be a slum. The moment that declaration is made, all "improvements" on the land lose value, except for salvage. The government wrecks the buildings there. If the salvage sells for more than the cost of wrecking, the owner gets a check; if it sells for less than that cost, he gets a bill for the difference. The lands is then valued for its worth as a site for low-cost housing—no speculating as to future booms.

That is why England is making such progress in building, which most students say has been the mainstay in lifting that country out of the depression.

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by W. M. Jones to the undersigned trustee on January 8th, 1930, of record in book C-3 at page 166, of the Martin County Public Registry, default having been made in the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, September 7th, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale for cash the following described property, to wit:  
Bounded on the north by the lands of Joe Nicholson, on the east by Eli Ray, on the south by F. C. Bennett, and on the west by the lands of Sylvester Coffield's heirs, containing 30 acres, more or less, and being part of the Frank Burroughs lands.  
This the 5th day of August, 1935.  
R. L. COBURN,  
Trustee.

**NOTICE**  
North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court.  
**Addie Jones vs. Hughie Jones**  
The defendant, Hughie Jones, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of the county of Martin, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court in said county at the courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 16th day of October, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This 16th day of August, 1935.  
L. B. WYNN,  
Clerk Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina.

**SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY**  
Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by L. A. Clark and wife, Essie Clark, on the 19th day of November, 1924, and recorded in Book T-2, page 289, we will, on Saturday, the 14th day of September, 1935, 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 or parcel of land lying and being in Poplar Point Township, Martin County and State of N. C., containing 119 acres, more or less, and bounded on the N. by Everett Branch, on the E. by lands of Jim Barnhill, on the S. by the Wild Cat Road and the lands of Jim Barnhill, and on the W. by the land of J. L. Wynn, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake in Everett Branch,

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the corner of J. L. Wynn and the land herein conveyed, thence S. 4 1-2 W. 123 poles, S. 20 3-4 W. 6 poles, S. 43 1-2 W. 109 poles, S. 35 1-2 E. 35 poles, N. 46 E. 206 poles, N. 12 E. 135 poles, thence N. 44 W. 6 poles, S. 72 W. 70 poles, S. 88 W. 50 poles to the beginning.  
This land is sold subject to all unpaid taxes.  
This sale is made by reason of the failure of L. A. Clark and wife, Essie Clark, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.  
A deposit of 10 per cent will required from the purchaser at the sale.  
This the 8th day of August, 1935.  
INTERSTATE TRUSTEE CORPORATION,  
Substituted Trustee.  
Durham, N. C. a23 4tw

**SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY**  
Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Jesse A. Leggett and wife, Katie Leggett, on the 19th day of March, 1925, and recorded in Book X-2, page 15, we will, on Saturday, the 14th day of September, 1935, 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:  
Adjoining the lands of L. T. Mills and Jas. A. Everett on the N. T.; the lands of L. T. Mills on the E.; the lands of J. A. Leggett on the S.; R. L. Taylor and G. R. L. Roebuck on the W. and NW., and more particularly described as follows: Beginning in a branch, formerly a pine, corner of the lands of L. T. Mills and J. A. Leggett; thence with said branch and the line of J. A. Leggett S. 80° 45' W. 17.80 chs.; W. 10 chs. and N. 71° W. 15 chs. to the line of R. L. Taylor in said branch; thence with the line of said Taylor N. 21° 45' E. 22.10 chs. to an iron axle; thence with the line of said Taylor N. 46° 30' W. 14.80 chs. to the Taylor N. 46° 30' W. line; thence with said Roebuck and the line of Jas. A.

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Everett N. 50° 16.40 chs. to a dead pine in the line of L. T. Mills; thence with the line of said Mills S. 46° 30' E. 18.50 chs.; S. 43° 45' W. 5.15 chs. to a pine stump; thence still with the line of L. T. Mills S. 41° 30' E. 16.50 chs. to an agreed corner; thence with a branch 18.50 chs. to the beginning, containing 103 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to said Jesse A. Leggett by V. R. Taylor and wife, Hattie Taylor, by deed dated 16th day of Feb., 1921, and recorded in Martin County Public Registry in book E-2, page 77.

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This land is sold subject to all unpaid taxes.  
This sale is made by reason of the failure of Jesse A. Leggett and wife, Katie Leggett, 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 8th day of August, 1935.  
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