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Cruelty To Prisoners

One of the most tragic cases in the courts of the state for a long time was the trial last week of O. M. Pollard and C. F. Deans, former policemen of Angier, for the killing of F. G. Collins, a farmer who lived in that neighborhood, on December 24th.

The testimony appeared to show that the two policemen arrested Collins on a charge of drunkenness and, after they had put him in jail and went out, Collins cursed them, whereupon they went back into the cell and, while Deans held a flashlight, Pollard beat the prisoner about the head a dozen times with a blackjack, causing his death three days later.

Not only is it sad to see a man killed, but when it is done by an officer of the law, whose business it is to see that the law is observed, then it clearly shows that some men are not capable of performing their duties. It seems that they cannot learn that every offender must be adjudged guilty before he can be punished and that only a court of justice has the power to find guilt. No officer can wear enough brass buttons to give him the right to beat up a prisoner, especially with bludgeons that may kill. In this case, it would seem that the officers were doing some fighting on their own account, and with a foe who was not able to defend himself.

There is hardly anything more offensive than to see an officer handle his prisoners with cruelty.

Conservation of Natural Resources

The conservation of our natural resources is a subject of no little concern, but it is really not so vital as what the wasting of our natural resources will mean.

The country that has poor land has poor people, and any nation that slaughters its timber and permits its soil to waste away is always poor. It is quite as important to live next year as it is this, and the farmer who permits the soil to wash away is cheating his own posterity.

A clear example of the need of conservation can be plainly seen in the case of Palestine. That country has been almost obliterated by many wars. Invaders have overrun and destroyed practically every tree and the seed thereof, until now it is a bleak, barren country. In many places the soil is unprotected from the heavy winter rains, and much of the value of the country has been washed into the sea. Palestine now has no trees except the few olives that have been planted, and perhaps a few ornamental shade and fruit trees. But for the slaughter of her trees that country would doubtless be far more prosperous.

Now is the time for our own country to perpetuate her forests. The land that grows a tree is much richer than the same land would be without the tree. If the barren spots found on most of our farms were planted to some kind of timber trees, the value of the farms would increase very rapidly.

An example of properly handling our woodland can be seen just across the Roanoke River, on highway No. 17, where the National Handle Company is cutting out trees of very little lumber value, selling them for fuel, and planting ash trees in their stead, which reproduce quickly and make very valuable timber trees.

Truth and Error

Men need to learn the difference between truth and error. When we do, we will make fewer mistakes and be decidedly better able to take care of our interests. It is now only a few years since most North Carolinians hated Frank McNinch worse than they did a seven-headed devil and worshipped Al Smith. But, likely most good men, when they find the right, they are quite willing to do it. So now men have learned that the "Sidewalks of New York" was a fraud and are ashamed of the Brown Derby. Now they know that Al Smith would have destroyed the principles of Democracy which they so much loved and erroneously thought they were serving. Had Smith won, we would have been set back for more than a quarter of a century, and it would have taken that long to outgrow the stench, slime and disgrace that such an administration would have given us. And now we find McNinch honestly pulling in the traces of democracy.

These things are now all past, and should be forgotten, except as a steady reminder to always seek the right side of things before we grab them.

Good and Bad Marriages

Two preachers were recently overheard discussing good and bad marriages. One remarked that when people used to wed in the good old-fashioned way, and all the folks and friends came out to rejoice with the contracting parties, his experience was that there were fewer divorces then than we now have. The other preacher said he did not think that these new-fangled "bootleg" marriages, hatched up without mature thought, were as safe in producing joy and lasting happiness as the old kind, and that the apparent marriage inspiration so often produced by paints, clothes and silk hose was nearly always unsafe.

Those two preachers were certainly dealing with an important and weighty subject.

The marriage altar, which opens the floodgates to the wide sea of married life, is far too important to be approached lightly and needs to be given much thought. Marriage should never be entered into unless all parties are willing to go 50-50 in all the joys and sorrows it may bring. And since painted-up articles are sometimes deceiving, it is unwise to make a life-long contract at the first glimpse.

It is truly appalling to see the large number of divorces being granted. We need to think earnestly before we leap too far.

No Speculation for Bankers

Forbidding Federal Reserve member banks from dealing in speculative paper is a safe move. If we had had such a regulation in 1929, not many banks would have gone under.

Speculation has two sides, an up-side and a down-side. The up-side looks good, but the down-side feels bad, and most of the men or institutions that jump into the speculative pool generally lose some and often lose all. Bankers should not be permitted to speculate.

Defiant Drivers

News and Observer.

The revocation of automobile licenses in this state for dangerous or drunken driving continues under the stimulus of a national determination to cut down the daily death and accident toll.

But that mere revocation of a license is not always enough is proved by a case that has just administered a shock to officials in Norfolk, Va. In that city a man whose license had been revoked went on calmly driving without it, and in so doing ran down three little children, all of whom were severely injured.

It would be interesting to learn how many of the drivers who have lost their licenses in this State are resuming their dangerous careers without any authority save that of their own sweet will. Some check will have to be put on these defiant or irresponsible persons, for among them may be some whose mentality or nervous constitution is such as to make them candidates for a permanent and everlasting prohibition upon driving.

It is a question whether a driver who is not deterred by a fine, a jail sentence or a license revocation ought not to face a doctor before he confronts a judge for the second or third time.

Either the law is made ridiculous by their defiance, or they must be taught by treatment in an asylum or imprisonment in a jail that the law means what it says.

Is Roosevelt Worth It?

Tampa Tribune.

The *Philadelphia Record*, which is not a partisan but a fair and outspoken newspaper, calls attention to the fact that the national debt, in the last three years of Hoover, increased \$6,236,000,000, and in the first three years of Roosevelt increased \$7,409,000,000—in other words, that Roosevelt has cost the country \$1,173,000,000 more than Hoover. "Is Roosevelt worth it?" asks the *Record*, which proceeds to elucidate:

Many an intelligent American will be shocked when he examines these figures.

He has been hearing so much about "Roosevelt, the spender," "billions for boondoggling," "irresponsible waste of national credit," "burdening the future generations," that a false impression has been carefully built up in his mind.

It is time the American people went off their diet of elephant baloney.

It is time the American people stopped being guinea pigs for Republican press agents.

Roosevelt, "the spender," has increased the national debt a billion more than did Hoover, the economical.

Has it been worth it? Marriner Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, finds that the national income has increased more than 15 billions a year during Roosevelt's administration as compared with Hoover's.

In a period of 30 months the national income has increased 37 1-2 billions over what it would have been had the Hoover level continued.

A horse that pays 37 for 1 is a good horse on any track.

For that billion-dollar smaller debt under Hoover we were getting a one-way trip downhill.

Conditions were never so black as they were after Hoover had rung up his six-billion dollar debt increase.

Business hasn't been as good in five years as it is today after Roosevelt has run up his seven-billion debt increase.

And recall that Hoover's deficits were mounting year by year, while Roosevelt's are decreasing.

The real waster was Hoover. He wasted the nation's manpower in idleness, its banks, its homes, its shops, its business, its income, to "save money." And then didn't save it.

We have not seen a more forceful, convincing statement of the New Deal vs. Old Deal case.

This should afford a fertile subject for future "pot-laches" of the Fliberty League and its favorite orator.

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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the power contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by W. V. and Alice Ormond, on the 10th day of February, 1925, and recorded in book Q-2, page 297, we will, on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., well at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit: Beginning at John Sherrod's corner on Main Street and running along Sherrod's line 35 yards to Roberson line 50 feet to Ormond's line, 35 yards to Main Street, thence a long laid street to the beginning, being houses numbers one and two. This the 28th day of February, 1936.

H. A. BOWEN,
Trustee.

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B. A. CRITCHER, attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain mortgage, executed by Rebecca Hyman to B. A. Critcher, Trustee, which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for the County of Martin, in book C-3, page 84, the following property will be sold at public auction, viz:

A house and lot in the Town of Williamston, N. C., bounded on the south and west by Ed Ormond, on the north by Hyman Street, and on the east by Martin Street, being the same house and lot formerly occupied by Sarah Hyman, containing 1 1-2 acres, more or less.
Second Tract, adjoining George Hyman, a street, the White land, and Margaret Johnson. Given for purchase price.
Place of sale: Courthouse, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.
Time of sale, Monday, March 9th, 1936, 12 o'clock.
Terms of sale: Cash.
February 7, 1936.
B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.
D. G. MATTHEWS,
Mortgagee.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by John Hill and Lula Hill to the undersigned trustee, dated 9th day of January, 1928, of record in the Register of Deeds office, Martin County, to secure a certain note of even date therewith, and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bond, the undersigned trustee will, on the 16th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the court house door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land: Being in Cross Roads Township, Martin County, adjoining Ernest Chance, etc., also beginning at an oak, Herman Coffield and Joe Joyner's corner, thence easterly with the Thompson line 517 yards to a stake, thence southeasterly course with Clark's and Chance's line 451 yards to a pine tree, thence a northwesterly course 792 yards to the beginning. Containing 12 acres, more or less.

This 14th day of February, 1936.

D. R. EVERETT,
Trustee.
Recorded in Book P-2, page 289.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain mortgage, executed by Jane Rice to B. A. Critcher, Trustee, which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for the County of Martin in book H-3 page 227, the following property will be sold at public auction, viz:

Lot No. 1. Being Lot No. 16 in the Moore Field, adjoining Amy Purvis on the west, fronting N. St. 78.8 and running back to two parallel lines \$41 45' East to the depth of 130 feet.

Lot No. 2. Beginning 73 feet from Broad Street on a street at corner of lot No. 1 in Black B. in the Moore Field Plat, thence easterly along the lines of Lots No. 1 and 2 about 130 feet to Lo. No. 4, thence southerly along lot No. 4 to Jane Rice corner, thence a long laid street to the beginning.

Lot No. 3. Beginning at the corner of Pine and North Street in the Williamston Land and Imp. Co. Moore Field running N. 42 E. 72.8 to Augustus Purvis corner thence a long his line S 41 3-4 E 130 ft. thence S 42 W 72.8 feet to Pine Street, thence N 41 3-4 W. along Pine Street to the beginning and being Lot No. 19.

Place of sale: Courthouse, Williamston, N. C.

Time of sale: Monday, March 9, 1936, 12 o'clock.
Terms of sale: Cash.
February 7, 1936.

D. G. MATTHEWS,
Mortgagee.

B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

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PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust as executed on October 17, 1932, by A. F. Harrison and wife, Lillian A. Harrison, to T. W. Sterrett, trustee, as of record in book G-3 page 527 of Martin County registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness as provided in said trust and other provisions of said trust being breached and the holder of said indebtedness having declared the said indebtedness due and payable and requested the undersigned to make sale, the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash before the court house door of Martin County, Williamston, N. C., on Wednesday, March 18, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described lands, to wit:

Beginning at the mouth of Bates branch where it enters into the run of Tranters Creek about 50 yards below Roberson bridge, thence ex-

tending down the main run of said creek S- 3 deg. W- 30.48 poles; thence S 23 1-2 deg. W 15 poles, S 37 deg. 5 min. W- 19.48 poles, S- 46 deg. 20 min. W- 15 poles, S- 54 3-4 deg. W- 22.16 poles; S- 49 deg. W- 20.2 poles, S- 69 1-4 deg. W- 16.64 poles, S- 57 1-4 deg. W- 20.4 poles, S- 7 1-2 deg. W- 17 poles, S- 18.72 poles, S- 5 deg. E- 12.68 poles, S- 41 deg. E- 13.6 poles down the run of Tranters Creek to a large cypress, known as the Old County line corner; now Everetts corner; thence S- 59 deg. E- 72.28 poles along the old county line, now Henry Everett's line; thence S- 57 1-2 deg. east 64 poles to a stake, Stanley Hollis corner; thence N- 44 deg. 10.8 poles to the mouth of an old ditch, thence up said old ditch north 43 1-4 deg. east 30.68 poles, north 42 1-2 deg. E- 11.68 poles; N- 33 1-4 deg. East 6 poles, N- 40 1-2 deg. E- 6 poles; N1 41 3-4 deg. E- 23.4 poles up a lane to a curve; thence N- 62 deg. E- 19.2 poles to

the Robersonville and Washington road (creek road) thence up said road N- 33 3-4 deg. W- 17 poles to a curve; thence N- 3 1-2 deg. W- 57.48 poles up said road to the beginning corner of a tract on the east side of said road; thence S- 68 3-4 deg. E- 25 7-10 poles up a ditch to a corner of the fence, N- 17 deg. 10 min. east 34.2 poles along the fence and continued on down a ditch the center of the canal in Bates branch; thence down the canal in said branch N- 53 3-8 deg. W- 2.68 poles, N- 48 deg. 40 min. W- 3 poles, N- 74 1-2 deg. W- 8 poles, N- 81 1-4 deg. W- 3 1-3 poles,

N- 58 3-4 deg. W- 5.8 poles, N- 76 deg. W- 20 poles to the road at a bridge, N- 55 deg. W- 27.3 poles, N- 38 deg. W- 16 poles, N- 23 1-4 deg. W- 13.5 poles, N- 31 3-4 deg. W- 7 poles, N- 59 3-4 deg. W- 11.4 poles, N- 66 1-4 deg. W- 16.48 poles, N- 92 deg. W- 14.52 poles to a light-wood knot and gum in Margaret Andrews corner; thence N- 53 1-4 deg. W- 5.4 poles to the beginning and containing 187 acres, more or less.

This February 14, 1936.
T. W. STERRETT,
Trustee.
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W. A. Darden, Att'y.

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