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An Old Prayer Still Good

An old prayer written more than 100 years ago and to which the author did not even trouble himself to sign, is just as appropriate today as a plea for Divine guidance in living a useful and happy life as it was when fresh from the writer's pen.

There's little to add to the prayers recorded centuries ago, for dealing with a stable force, they are, like the one below, just appropriate today as when written.

Its author unknown, the prayer written as a petition for Divine help in living a healthy, useful and happy life, follows:

Give me a good digestion, Lord, And also something to digest. Give me a healthy body, Lord, With sense enough to keep it as its best. Give me a healthy mind, good Lord, To keep the good and pure in sight, Which seeing sin is not appaled, But finds a way to set it right. Give me a mind that is not bound, That does not whimper, shine or sigh. Don't let me worry over much, About this funny thing called "I". Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke. To get some happiness out of life, And pass it on to other folk.

A Crisis in Crime

Morganton News-Herald

Eighty-eight men were convicted of capital crimes in the courts of North Carolina in the past four years, and 59 were executed, constituting an all-time high for the state.

This is reported by Edwin Gill, parole commissioner, in a summary in which he sees "a crisis in capital punishment." Disposition of 88 cases in the Ehringhaus administration compares with 55 in the Gardner period, and 42 each in the McLean and Morrison administrations.

"The increase in capital felons is no more alarming than the increase in criminal commitments generally," he says. "We see that the sharp increase in capital felonies is matched by a radical increase in general crime commitments."

The general prison population of the State increased 250 per cent as compared to a population increase of only 43 per cent. The State prison in 1910 had a population of 800, as compared with 2,800 in 1930.

An arresting fact is that "the Man on Death Row," a composite of the capital felons, is a product of North Carolina society, for 74 of the 88 were natives of this State.

Let's look at the composite picture of "The Man on Death Row:"

1. A native North Carolinian—"of our own people and the product of our own society." Seventy-four of the 88 were North Carolinians, and all but 2 were Southerners.

2. Usually illiterate. Forty-two per cent could not read or write or had no schooling beyond the third grade. Only one went as high as the second year in college.

3. A poor man. Seventy-one appealed as paupers, leaving 12 who did not appeal at all and only 5 who

gave bond. When tried, 60 were unable to employ counsel.

4. Twenty-eight years old. The youngest was 15 and the oldest was 75 years of age. Two were committed to life imprisonment because they were 15 and 16 years old.

5. In race, usually a Negro. Twenty-nine of the 88 were white, 50 negroes, and only 1 was an Indian. Only 1 of the 88 was foreign-born, a Bulgarian. With the exception of one case, all were men.

There are those who will argue that crime prevention agencies have not functioned effectively and who will present many explanations of the cause, but in its final analysis the responsibility rests with the society that produced the felons. Crime we will have with us always. Police and courts cannot prevent it. Poverty and ignorance underlie this spread of major crimes. The social order must weight these fundamental causes. For every murder there is a victim, and security cannot come for an individual until his fellow citizen is lifted from the slough of circumstance that may bring him to a commission of crime.

From poverty, the economic aspect we may turn to ignorance. The average of the capital felons had only 3.75 years schooling. Says Mr. Gill: "If we are able to get a true picture of the educational status of these men we are compelled to discount liberally even the modest educational claims made here. If we add to the total number of illiterates those going only as far as the third grade, we find a total of 37, or approximately 42.04 per cent of the total capital felons with practically no education."

The Legion and Pensions

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch

In the current issue of the American Legion Weekly the Legion's national commander, Harry W. Colmery, denies that this veterans' organization is driving toward general pensions for those who fought in the World War. It is true, he says, that the Legion is seeking more compensation for widows and orphans of veterans, but "nothing could be farther from the truth" than the suggestion that the Legionnaires are preparing to follow up the bonus drive with a general pension drive. He cannot pledge the Legion as to its future course, he explains. "But I can state plainly and without quibbling what its course will be during my term of office," he declares.

This should afford some encouragement to those who have read the signs of the times as indicating that the veterans are preparing to follow up the bonus payment with fresh demands upon the Federal treasury. There have been introduced in the present Congress several bills—prepared, press reports state, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars—that have all the appearance of forerunners of pension legislation. For one thing they would provide compensation for widows and orphans of veterans whether or not the latter died from war-connected causes. They propose to increase substantially payments to veterans who have 30 percent or more disability. And they make other provisions which would tend to broaden the veterans' compensation program.

Mr. Colmery is entirely right, of course, when he says that the country owes an obligation to its disabled war veterans and to their widows and orphans who may be in need. With the Legion's program to this end the country should be in the fullest sympathy. And it is reassuring that Mr. Colmery guarantees that during his term in office, at least, no general pension drive will be launched by his organization. It is to be hoped that the great body of the Legion, with its admitted influence upon law-making, will support this view of the matter. But the country will watch with anxiety the course of the proposed legislation now before Congress just the same—legislation that is approaching dangerously near the borderline between deserved compensation and wholly undeserved pensions. If Mr. Colmery can prevent the Legion from crossing that borderline he will have rendered a very real service to the country.

Timely Advice

Rocky Mount Herald

Governor Hoey in addressing the Sir Walter Cabinet, which organization is composed of the wives of legislators and state officials, spoke upon the necessity of training people to use their hands. He disclosed that the largest class of people on the relief rolls is not the unlettered and illiterate, but is the so-called educated white-collared class. This, indeed, is a very sad commentary and probably this advice to these ladies of high station was most timely, especially when he brings to light a condition which many of our people do not realize. So often times, the unlettered and illiterate, before receiving any aid, has to stand for hours at the door of the charity office, exposing himself to the gaze and the elements to get a sack of flour and a piece of fat-back; when the remuneration to the other group is sent by check. This, of course, makes the casual observer feel that these millions for relief are going to the poor illiterate, when, in truth and fact, it is going to another group. The mind always works more efficiently when the individual has had some practical training of the use of the hands. The advice of our distinguished Governor is timely.

Experiment Station Was Created in the Year 1877

The North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station was established through action of the General Assembly in 1877 and is one of the oldest agricultural experiment stations in the country. Its work in soils, fertilizers and crops has been especially outstanding. Dr. R. Y. Winters of the State College staff is director of the station.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the certain deed of trust executed by Willie D. Boston and wife, Isoline Boston, dated 13th day of April, 1929, of record in the Martin County Public Registry in book Y-2, page 591, 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 18th day of February, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tracts of land: First tract: Adjoining the lands of Sanford Cordon on the west, Dennis Simmons Lumber Company on the south, east by Brick Boston and on the north by Affidore Cordon. Containing 27 acres, more or less. Second tract: Bounded on the east by Sanford Cordon, on the north by Eli Gurganus land, on the south by Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., and on the west by Willie Smith land. Containing 34 acres, more or less. Third tract: Bounded by the lands of Mance James, Sarah James, and the Cordon tract of land, and known as a part of the George Brooks land. Containing 9 acres, more or less. Fourth tract: Being all of my undivided interest in a tract of land bounded on the west by Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., on the south by Eli Brooks, and the north by Tom Brooks, and on the east by the Brownie tract of land. Containing 14 acres, more or less. This 18th day of January, 1937. B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND Whereas, on the 19th day of November, 1934, Herbert Bunting, Emma Bunting, T. A. Bunting and Jennie Bunting, executed and delivered unto W. O. McGibony, trustee of Land Bank Commissioner, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Martin County, North Carolina, in book N-3, at page 447; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale thereon contained: Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned trustee will, on the 22nd day of February, 1937, at the courthouse door of Martin County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following real estate: All that tract of land containing sixty-eight and two-tenths (68.2) acres, more or less, in Robersonville Township, Martin County, North Carolina, bounded on the north by the lands of T. A. Bunting; on the east by the William Gray land; on the south by a branch and the lands of Mrs. S. H. Gurganus, and on the west by the lands of T. A. Bunting and the Robersonville road. This tract of land is particularly described according to a plat of the same made by D. Modlin, surveyor, on the 4th day of September, 1934, as follows, to wit: Beginning on the north side of the public road at the point where the branch crosses said road and the corner of Mrs. S. H. Gurganus and runs with the various courses of the branch as follows: North 54 degrees east 306 feet; north 68 degrees 30 minutes east 185 feet; north 43 degrees 15 minutes east 224 feet; north 69 degrees east 123 feet; north 83 degrees east 155 feet; north 81 degrees 15 minutes east 117 feet; south 77 degrees 45 minutes east 132 feet; north 83 degrees 30 minutes east 134 feet; north 60 degrees east 124 feet; north 85 degrees 15 minutes east 181 feet; north 70 degrees 30 minutes east 230 feet; south 80 degrees east 146 feet; south 89 degrees 45 minutes east 191 feet; south 69 degrees 45 minutes east 270 feet; thence along the line of William Gray north 21 degrees east 2170 feet; thence along the line of T. A. Bunting south 60 degrees west 4093 feet to the public road; thence along the

public road south 37 degrees 45 minutes 307 feet to the point of beginning.

Copy of said plat now being on file with the agent of the Land Bank Commissioner, Columbia, South Carolina, and the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. Said property being advertised for sale and sold subject to an outstanding first deed of trust executed by Herbert Bunting, Emma Bunting, T. A. Bunting, and Jennie Bunting, to W. O. McGibony, trustee, for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, recorded in Martin County, North Carolina. This the 20th day of January, 1937. W. O. MCGIBONY, Trustee. B. A. CRITCHER, Agent and Attorney for Trustee.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed and delivered to the undersigned trustee by B. L. Lurch and Raymond Brown on the 1st day of January, 1931, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in book G-3, at page 35, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of said note, and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the owner of the said note, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1937, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit: A certain tract of land in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. B. Bell, D. W. Downs, Mack Rogers, Ann Burnett and others, containing 86 acres, more or less, and being the identical tract of land purchased from Alfred Edmondson about 18 years ago, the deed for which is duly registered in the public registry of Martin County. This the 12th day of January, 1937. K. D. MORGAN, Trustee. Elbert S. Peel, Attorney.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by William Herman Everett on the 1st day of December, 1935, and recorded in book M-3, page 493, we will, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1937, at 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: All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, containing 123 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Hamilton and Oak City road about one-half mile east of the town of Oak City, Goose Nest Township, Martin County, N. C., having such shape, metes, courses, and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a map made by J. R. Mobley, surveyor, on the 16th day of May, 1923, and adjoining the lands of J. T. Daniel on the north and west; the lands of L. T. Chesson on the east, and the lands of N. M. Worsley on the south, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Hamilton and Oak City Road, corner of N. M. Worsley and J. T. Daniel; thence with the line of J. T. Daniel stake; and N. 5 1/4° E. 118 1-4 poles to a stake; thence with the line of J. T. Daniel south 87 1-2° E. 134 1-8 poles to a stake in Conoho Creek; thence with said creek south 54° east 54 1-3 poles to a gum in said creek; thence with a ditch south 62° west 37 1-2 poles south 28 degrees west 22 3-8 poles south 52° west 25 1-2 poles south 35° west 10 1-2 poles

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paid taxes. This sale is made by reason of the failure of William Herman Everett 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 2nd day of January, 1937. INTERSTATE TRUSTEE CORPORATION, Trustee.

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