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They Were Downtrodden

"The common people were herded and handled as they were hogs. Poverty and suffering were general among the multitudinous poorer classes. Working conditions were horrible, as a rule, and the lower elements occupied a position hardly better than that of an American dog."

The above facts constituted a report offered by a Martin County man following a tour of Spain a short time before the war broke out.

Spain's civil war is ended, but in that conflagration numerous lessons can be learned by other peoples.

The report of conditions in Spain by the Martin County man carries a plainer explanation for the cause of Spain's war than the various claims that it was merely a clash between communists and nationalists with religion entering in as a side issue. The people of Spain were downtrodden. They were ready to fight regardless of issues or principles. Power-mad leaders may have fanned the war spirit, but conditions in Spain and the fate of the downtrodden furnished the cannibal spirit that swept over that country and left wreck and ruin in its path.

America was not at the cross roads in the early thirties, but unrest and anxiety appeared more prominent in the faces of the people as each day passed. Women and children and able-bodied men walked the highways bare-footed. Stories of starvation and deaths from exposure were not uncommon occurrences. It is reasonable to believe that a foundation for just such a debacle as that just ended in Spain was being laid in this country back yonder. It may be un-American to mention such a horrible possibility, but more than a promise that prosperity is just around the corner will be required to satisfy a hungry people when food and raiment abound in plenty.

No one knows, but it is not beyond the sphere of reason to believe and sincerely so, that the administration entering the White House in 1933 headed off just such a dark period as Spain has just witnessed. It is also reasonable to believe that every dollar, every penny spent for this or that has proved of untold value in the continuance of peace and order in this country. There are the unemployed today, to be sure, and there may be unfavorable conditions surrounding the material and social advancement of our people, but there is no far-flung feeling of unrest today. They do not expect the impossible in economic security; they merely

expect recognition and consideration at the hands of government, their government. Much can be learned from Spain.

Not Thinking

While the value of the soil conservation program is being well demonstrated in the payment of benefit checks these days, farmers are rushing plans to increase their tobacco acreage and turn away from the program.

The terms of the soil program are being explained in a series of meetings in the county. The payments that can be expected next year are not exceedingly large, to be sure, but they are certain while there is one big gamble when the farmer jumps head over heels in an excessive tobacco acreage with nothing but a far-removed hope that he'll get big prices on the markets next fall.

Reports state that Martin County farmers are anticipating a 25 per cent increase in their tobacco acreage. If they are successful in their plans, it will mean that a million holes will be shot into the soil conservation program as far as benefits go. There'll be no checks coming in next March to gap the marketing seasons.

A look into the facts and figures proves that the farmers of this county are not giving the matter serious thought if they attempt a 25 per cent increase in their tobacco acreage. The increase will represent in the neighborhood of 3,000 additional acres. Figured at \$100 an acre, the increase will gross the farmers around \$300,000. Arbitrarily accepting \$50 as the acre production cost, the farmers will get \$150,000 but marketing costs and added risks are to be considered before the \$150,000 can be recognized as net profit. This year, Martin County farmers are receiving in excess of \$150,000 in soil conservation payments, gaining a cash income equal to and possibly exceeding the profits to be had from an increased acreage and improving their land at the same time.

Our farmers, if the reports are true, will desert the program this season, forego the benefit payments and grow a world of tobacco to glut the markets next fall. The whispering campaign claiming that plants are scarce in George and South Carolina has been declared unfounded, and just now the indications are that the farmer has something to gain and nothing to lose by adhering to some extent if not strictly to the soil conservation program this season.

Near the Breaking Point

Governor Clyde Hoey made a far-reaching statement a few days ago when he told the school people that they would have to look around in their own back yards for funds to finance the further advancement of education, that the State had reached a stopping point.

Probably the State has reached breaking point, and a further advancement of North Carolina's educational system is impossible. But it was disheartening to the people to hear their governor tell them to turn homeward for any more funds after the State has usurped the tax-grabbing power and extended it to the furthest corners of the great commonwealth to make itself felt up and down poverty row in the form of sales tax, license tax, privilege tax, intangible tax.

Dependent upon a lone land-tax base which is burdened with debt and the demands of local government, the people have been instructed to return home and apply more pressure to that source of revenue if there is to be any advancement in education.

The time is not far-distant when the people will wake up and learn that they can get more for their money if the State relinquished some of its taxing rights to them.

"Good humour may be said to be one of the very best articles of dress one can wear in society."—Thackeray.

BELK-TYLER'S

EASTER SPECIALS

Spring Gloves



Smart spring styles in black, japonica, navy and white. In an attractive assortment of kid and silk combinations.

48c - 98c

RAYON SLIPS

Excellent quality rayon slips in both tailored and lace trimmed. Colors white and Tearose. All sizes in stock.

48c

Ladies' Panties

A large stock of excellent quality rayon panties in lace trimmed, elastic leg and briefs. Color Tearose. Get your spring supply NOW.

25c

MEN'S SPRING SHIRTS

A new shipment just received. 80-square fast color prints and woven madras shirts in an attractive array of spring patterns. Buy your shirts for Easter NOW!

97c

MEN'S SPRING HATS

Attractive new shapes and colors in genuine fur felt hats. A full Spring line to select from. Dress up—with a new felt hat for Easter.

\$1.98

EASTER SUITS



Hard finished worsteds, snappy tweeds, and attractive covers in both single and double-breasted. Both plain and sport backs in stock. All the new spring patterns. Make your selection NOW for Easter.

\$12.95

\$14.95

MEN'S Socks 10c

BOYS'

Easter Suits

Hard finished worsteds in both single and double-breasted. Good spring patterns. A real buy for Easter.

\$4.98

Tom Sawyer WASH SUITS

New Styles—Fast Color—All Sizes.

1.48 - 1.98

MEN'S

Dress Oxfords

Attractive dress oxfords in white, white and brown, and white and green combinations. Don't forget your sport shoes for Easter. They are the best buys in town.

1.98 - 2.98

SMART Easter Frocks

Lovely sheer spring frocks that are truly the Talk of the Town. Fascinating styles in a beautiful assortment of new spring colors. All of the new materials to select from. Make your EASTER complete with an Easter dress from our large stock.

\$1.98 \$5.95

\$2.98 \$7.95

\$4.98 \$9.95

Toppers

And

Mannish Suits

All the new materials and styles to select from. Complete your spring outfit with a new Topper or Mannish Suit from our stock.

\$1.98 \$9.95



EASTER HATS

Alluring shapes—Fascinating colors—Delightfully different straws and felts. Join the EASTER PARADE with a new Easter Bonnet.

98c \$1.98

SPRING BAGS

Patents, Camelsuedes, and calfs, in a gay collection of Spring shades. See them today.

98c \$1.98

Washable FRENCH CREPES

Bright new spring patterns in beautiful quality, washable French Crepe. It has just arrived. Get yours now before it is picked over.

39c

Novelty SPUN-RAYONS

Attractive novelty weaves in beautiful quality Spun-Rayons. All the lovely new pastel shades to select from. A real give-away at this price. Get yours NOW!

29c

Children's Easter Frocks



Lovely silks and dainty sheer cottons and prints for the kiddies Easter. We have dresses you have been waiting for. The girls will be crazy about the attractive styles. Make their Easter complete with a new dress.

98c \$1.98

"MOON-GLO" HOSE for EASTER



Lovely sheer ringless hose. They are silk from top to toe. All the new spring shades to select from. Sizes 8 1-2 to 10 1-2. It's the greatest hose VALUE in town. Be sure to get your Easter Supply NOW!

48c

Spring Sheers

Lawns, Organdies, Batiste and Dimities — In a gay assortment of spring patterns. Get several spring dresses at a real saving.

10c

LADIES' Rayon Hose

A large stock just received. Ladies' rayon hose in all the new spring shades. Buy all you want at this price.

10c

80-Square Prints

Lovely spring patterns in 80-square fast color prints. A new shipment just received. Be sure to make your selection NOW from our large stock.

15c

Sale! Ladies' HANDKERCHIEFS

A Red Hot Special. While they last, Ladies' white lawn handkerchiefs, at a real give away price.

1c Each

5 To Each Customer

SMART SHOES for EASTER

Smart new styles in pumps, straps and ties — in white, brown and white, Japonica, Navy and Patent. We have just the style to match your new Easter outfit. Come in and be fitted today by our expert shoe men.

\$1.98

\$2.95



SANITARY REGULATIONS

The warm weather is approaching and every one should cooperate to keep their premises as sanitary as possible.

The Board of Health Regulations require that all garbage must be placed in covered containers and not thrown out on the premises.

The Town Truck, beginning April first, will collect garbage three times a week.

Every one must comply with this sanitary requirement.

J. L. HASSELL

MAYOR.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by J. A. Getsinger and wife to H. D. Bateman, Trustee on the 20th day of June, 1928, and of record in Martin County in Book X-2, page 633, and default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured and application having been made to the undersigned Trustee for a sale of the property hereinafter described.

Now, Therefore, the undersigned Trustee will expose at public sale at the J. A. Getsinger home and farm, at Dardens, on the 28th day of April, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described articles of personal property:

- All farming implements and mules used to cultivate crops on the said Getsinger farm for the year 1928, as follows:
 - 1 dark red mare mule, 12 years, 1100 pounds, Matt.
 - 1 dark red mare mule, 12 years, 1100 pounds, Ida.
 - 1 John Deere stalk cutter, 18 years.
 - 1 John Deere disc harrow, 6 years.
 - 4 Chattanooga 2-H turning plows, 10 years.
 - 3 A Champion 1-H turning plows, 10 years.
 - 2 Section harrows, 19-12 years.
 - 1 Bemis Tobacco Transplanter, 15 years.
 - 2 Cole corn planters, 8-12 years.
 - 4 Climax cotton plows, 5-6 years.
 - 1 John Deere hay rake, 15 years.
 - 1 Little Giant Bean Harvester, 6 years.
 - 2 Tobacco trucks, 4-10 years.
 - 1 Blacksmith wagon, 12 years.
 - 2 Farm carts, 10 years.
- This the 27th day of March, 1939.
H. D. BATEMAN, Trustee.
Z. V. Norman, Atty. m26-41