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### What About The Hoover Period?

E. Hofer and Sons, spokesmen for big business and who apparently know all the solutions to all the problems, offer a "hot" review of the industrial news for the thirties. From way out in Oregon they shout that the thirties will go down in history as the greatest and longest depression in history. After referring to trial and error method advanced by the present national administration, the spokesmen express a longing for the good old days—to be exact, the Hoover days.

And what about the Hoover period? Have they forgotten it? It will be remembered that big business spokesmen and big business itself looked eagerly to Washington in 1933. Those who are having a great deal to say now about the activities of the government and its plans for running the country apparently have forgotten the trying times of the early thirties. They forget that problems have become more perplexed, that while those perplexing problems have sent nation after nation to war, this country holds an even keel. But they still maintain that the New Deal is not the way. Then, what is the right way?

Nothing has ever been more clearly and painfully demonstrated than the fact that the Hoover methods will not work. The Hoover system had every chance in the world to demonstrate its merits. A patient people waited month in and month out, yes, year in and year out for that prosperity around the corner. Big business exercised a power far greater than that allowed or other wise annexed by the President, and yet the top blew off and the bottom fell out. If ever a system was given an opportunity to succeed, it was the Hoover system. Laborers labored for fifty cents a day. Farmers fed the millions from the resources of nature and from hands that never received a reward, expressed or implied. Thousands died for the want of bare necessities of life, while Hoover and big business sat idle in anticipation of around the corner prosperity.

If the administration in Washington could have been free of the great business men who flopped in early 1933, it could have demonstrated its worth. But as fast as business got back on its feet, its leaders began to howl, and with the exception of the few months following his inauguration in 1933, President Roosevelt has had the howlers to listen to while he tried faithfully to unravel the knots that were tied so tightly by the Hoover administration before him. No, the New Deal never had a Chinaman's chance to show its merits once the machine was repaired and private enterprise yelled to cast aside its machinist. If big business had pulled with Roosevelt as it pulled with Hoover, there would be a different story for E. Hofer and Sons to review in their stereotyped and far from enlightening Industrial News Service.

### Passing Around The Criminals

Criticized for turning harlots free to invade other territories, Judge Paul West in the Raleigh City Court declares he does not favor the adoption of women whose character is questionable. They belong to other places, the jurist said.

What Judge West overlooked is the fact that Raleigh may or may not have representatives in other cities who are proving a problem for officers in those places to solve. Surely, if a valuable citizen from some other city wandered into Raleigh and held the possibility of enhancing the material, civic and religious life there, Judge West would do all in his power to claim him as Raleigh's own. Then, let him ac-

knowledge his duty as a guardian of the law, to uphold that law and try to stem the tide of crime that is being shifted between towns and cities.

### Crazy Government

Those far-seeing prophets who have talked about budgets balanced and unbalanced and called the government crazy for feeding the hungry and clothing the naked and trying to help a helpless agriculture, now have something to talk about, really. When a government proposes to leave its needy in the lurch and desert a helpless agriculture just to feed extra millions to the war lords, it is time to talk. The government must be going crazy. And the people must be going crazy, too, for the voices are few and feeble that rise up to point out the folly of such action.

National defense may be necessary, but the expenditure of billions for armaments should be secondary to a prosperous agriculture.

One will find prosperous farmers ready to fight for their country. Those who have received aid in time of need from their government will stand by that government. A down-trodden farmer figures he owes no debt to the government that will cost him his life, and the jobless, neglected and scorned, cannot be expected to offer his all, his life to such a government.

If the task of government narrows down to preparing for war or solving the problem of agriculture and the problem of poverty, it will be well for the government to undertake the solution of those problems in order. War has not been declared, but there are down-trodden farmers and poverty-stricken millions whose pleas have been made all these years.

### Example Of Patience And Tact

Jesus managed to get along successfully with a group of twelve intimates which numbered: a fiery political revolutionist; a dreamy, affectionate mystic; a volatile, explosive enthusiast; a slow-moving, slow-thinking, devoted martyr; a cautious, skeptically-minded hero; a guileless and noble pietist; a thrifty, hardheaded business man; and one misguided genius who proved a traitor, but not until his Master had endeavored to save him on the brink of treason, and failing there, broke Judas' heart by a love that chose for him and for all, the death of the cross.

This troubled world awaits extraordinary human beings in this Christian sense of the term—men and women of extraordinary patience, courtesy, tact, and courage; extraordinary justice, magnanimity and good will—human beings who keep on trying out these virtues, putting them to the test no matter how hard the going or how quixotic they may seem.—Edgar DeWitt Jones in The Detroit News.

### A New Year Prayer

**Goldsboro Transcript and Messenger.**

Here is something the candidates for governor of North Carolina ought to pick up for their platforms. If they don't, the next general assembly ought to attend to it anyhow.

North Carolinians pay over one million dollars a year to have the state inspect and check classification of the gasoline they buy.

Yet the big gasoline companies are racing in the competition with each other to get business by providing better gasoline than the state classifications call for. All that state inspection money is wasted, except possibly for checking on a few small distributors of gasoline of unknown brands.

A million dollars a year is a lot of money. We bet the people would rather spend it themselves than for the state to continue wasting it on needless inspection. And if the state is going to continue taking the money away from the people, it could be put to more valuable uses.

### Giving That Goes On Giving

**Christian Science Monitor.**

Christmas dispatches by the Associated Press tell two very appealing and inspiring stories.

One is about "Old Bill" Dixon, of the little Hocking Valley coal mining village of Monday, Ohio. Mr. Dixon, lean and sinewy after sixty years of mining, passed out Christmas presents of bags of coal dug with his own hands from a shaft in his back yard. He reopened the mine when other workings in the area closed down, and has often put in ten-hour days with his pick rather than take an old-age pension.

The other item tells of the Yuletide hobby of Engineer Joe Gerard who makes a run between Fort Worth, Texas, and Purcell, Oklahoma, on the Santa Fe Railroad. Mr. Gerard could have retired on a pension several years ago, but one reason he stays at the throttle is that he may toss out gaily wrapped and padded packages of toys and candy, which he buys himself, to the children who wave to him during the year along his 200-mile run. Some of them have never seen any other Christmas giving.

These men have given something intangible and enduring to themselves, and a priceless example to others.

# CHURCH NEWS

## METHODIST

Regular services next Sunday morning and evening. The General Missionary Council of the Methodist Church in America is being held this week in Charlotte. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes, is attending and will speak at the Sunday morning service here next Sunday on the subject, "Echoes from a Great Religious Meeting."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Young Peoples Meeting, 6:45 p. m.  
The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject: "The Measuring Line."  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 p. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Life's Depths."  
Junior Philathea Class meets on Monday at 8 p. m. with Mrs. Noah Hardison.  
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Ministering Angels."  
The church board of the Williamston Christian Church elected the following officers for the ensuing year: E. S. Peel, chairman of board; R. W. Bondurant, vice chairman; J. C. Manning, clerk of the church and secretary to the board; N. K. Harrison, treasurer.

## CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

2nd Sunday after Epiphany.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.  
**Holy Trinity Mission, Bear Grass**  
Evening prayer and sermon at 3 p. m. Everyone invited to attend and worship with us.

## Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services will be held at Piney Grove Baptist church Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, has announced.

## BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon-subject: "A Christian's Indebtedness."  
Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon-subject: "Accepting Responsibility."

## PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services will be held at all points. This is the Sunday for preaching throughout the county and there will be services at Roberson's Chapel at 2:30 p. m. and at Robersonville in the Woman's Club at 7:30 p. m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all worship.

## NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of an order of resale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County, and the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by H. D. Cowin and wife, Mary Jane Cowin, on the 1st day of February, 1930, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County, in Book C-3, Page 203, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of

even date and tenor therewith, the undersigned trustee-will, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1940, at 12:00 o'clock M., in front of the courthouse door in the Town of Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction, for cash, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a gum in E. C. and Jas. R. Harrison corner, a Northernly course up Cratt Branch to corner, a gum in Claude Whitehurst line, H. D. Harrison corner, thence a southern course along J. W. Cowin and

Claud Whitehurst line, thence along B. S. Cowin's line to a corner in B. S. Cowin's line, thence a southern course to J. W. Cowin's line, thence an eastwardly course along J. W. Cowin's and Jas. R. Harrison's line to the beginning, containing twenty-seven (27) acres, more or less, being the land we now reside on.

Dated, this the 10th day of January, 1940.

DEWEY LEGGETT,  
Trustee.  
Wheeler Martin, Atty.

# AUCTION SALE!

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin County entered in that certain action therein pending entitled "Martha Piland and others vs. Annie Bellflower and others," the undersigned Commissioners will, on Saturday, the 20th day of January, 1940, at the Home Place of the late W. F. Bellflower, in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina, where the said Mrs. Annie Bellflower now resides, at two-thirty (2:30) o'clock P. M., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described personal property, to-wit:

"One peanut picker, 1 stalk cutter, 1 wagon, 1 cart, 2 wheel plows, 3 cotton plows, 2 turn plows, 2 double turn plows, 2 cotton planters, 1 peanut planter, 1 tractor, 1 disc, 1 section harrow, 1 cart body, 1 double plow, 1 transplanter, 1 corn planter, 1 mower, 1 peanut planter, 1 section harrow, 1 double plow, 1 scoop, 1 cart, 1 wagon, 3 cotton plows, 2 turn plows, 6 rolls of wire, 1 guano sower, 1 pea weeder, 2 wheel plows, 6 tobacco trucks, 8 mules, and 1 horse, together with harness belonging therewith, and all other farming implements belonging to the estate of the late W. F. Bellflower."

This sale is being made pursuant to report and finds of the Referee in this case and for division between the tenants in common, the owners thereof.

Place of Sale—At the late residence of W. F. Bellflower, deceased, in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, North Carolina.

DATE OF SALE: JANUARY 20, 1940.  
TIME OF SALE: Two-Thirty (2:30) o'clock P. M.  
Terms of sale—Cash.  
This the 30th day of December, 1939.

**HUGH G. HORTON**  
**ELBERT S. PEEL**  
COMMISSIONERS.

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**Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.**

Sunday-Monday "Gulliver's Travels" A COLOR CARTOON FEATURE	January 14-15	Thursday-Friday "Dead End Kids, On Dress Parade" JOHN LITEL and DEAD END KIDS	January 18-19
Tuesday-Wednesday "Golden Boy" Barbara Stanwyck and William Holden ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS	January 16-17	Saturday "South of the Border" GENE AUTRY	January 20