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Is It Progress?

An interesting little folder reached the desk a few days ago talking about things of ninety years ago and of things in 1949. It was entitled "Ninety Years of Progress."

To be sure, there have been marked changes, and the burdens bearing so heavily on man's shoulders have been eased, but there is cause to believe we have not made as much progress as the little booklet would have us believe.

Ninety years ago stage coaches made the run from California to St. Louis in twenty days, the booklet sadly relates, but now oilpowered trains make the trip in fifty hours. To get to a place quickly is important, to be sure, but what we do after we get there is more important. The world has been made into one neighborhood, but instead of being better neighbors we are continually fighting or making preparations to fight. Our speed is killing more now than the worst of epidemics once claimed. And as we use oil to maintain the march of progress, some claim the march is going to lead to an empty oil barrell one of these days.

Ninety years ago the farmer was a slave to the soil, raising just enough through long hours of work to support himself and four other persons. With modern machinery in 1949, the farmer finds time to hunt and fish and raise enough to support himself and seven other persons. But in doing what he is doing in 1949 he is sending billions of precious tons of topsoil into the rivers and other streams of the nation. It has been estimated that it would require a train stretching around the equator nineteen and one-half times to haul back the soil that is washed away each year. Malthus must have foreseen the advent of the "modern" system of agriculture when he said that the population of the world would reach a point where the land could not feed it. With the population count gaining and the land deteriorating rapidly, the Malthusian theory may apply itself before we realize it.

Surely, we are progressing, but isn't it possible that we are burning the very foundation from under our feet in doing it?

There Is Enough Money

The same legislature that says there isn't enough money to adequately finance education, roads, institutions for the mentally ill and a living wage for workers apparently is of the opinion that there is enough money to finance legalized gambling for the lawmakers have acted to place horse racing and dog racing on a plane with the basic things in

Maybe there isn't enough money to care for the mentally ill, to provide adequate educational facilities for youth, pay living wages and finance our liquor and gambling bills. But if our legislature would do its duty and put first things first there would be enough money to pull North Carolina out of the muck and mire.

Currituck wants a gambling bill. Maybe some of its people had rather be annexed to Virginia. If the will of the people in a small political subdivision is to be recognized when it comes to gambling then possibly it would be in order to allow them to vote to join the Old Dominion.

One reason so much money is spent on liquor and gambling is because we hesitate to step forward in the name of better things. If we can afford to throw away so much money on the frivolous things, certainly we. can afford to spend more on the basic things.

Need Revising

Some of the apt sayings accredited to the wise men of the past need revising a bit

Abe Lincoln said, "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong." The revised version could read, "You shall not strengthen the rich by exploiting the poor."

And then Mr. Lincoln is quoted as saving, "You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer." Revised, it could read, "You shall not help the wage payer by paying the laborer less than a living wage."

And again Mr. Lincoln said, "You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn." Revised, it could read, "You cannot get enough to meet a decent standard of living unless you borrow." Mr. Lincoln apparently did not talk with the school teachers, the workers in the sweat shops and other places when he told the common man to go hungry, deny himself medical attention and possibly other necessities, too, when he advised against borrowing.

Inconsistent

While the courts act against gambling by meting out road terms and substantial fines, there's a movement on foot to legalize gambling in Currituck County. Already they are gambling on a big scale and with immunity down in Carteret.

The excuse offered in support of the questionable practice is revenue and lower taxes. One of these days our so-called leaders are going to learn that real progress is never made when seventy-five cents of every dollar is thrown away for questionable things just to get a scant twenty-five cents in rev-

There are many kinds of snakes in North Carolina, many of them are harmless. There are only four poisonous snakes in the south, the rattlesnake, the cotton-mouth moccasin, the copperhead, the fourth and most dangerous one of all is the human snake-in-thegrass.-Exchange.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late Mrs. Nora Wright, deceased, of Martin County, this is to notify North Carolina, Martin County. all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 11th day of March 1950 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 11th day of March. 1949. Mrs. Eula Coburn, Administratrix. m 15-22-29 ap 5-12-19

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court Cleopatra Bunch, vs. George P. Bunch.

The defendant, George P. Bunch, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon over two years continuous separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on the 21st day of April 1949 at his office in Williamston, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action on said date, and unless the defendant answers or demurs to said complaint on the above date, or within twenty days thereafter as provided by the laws of the State of North Carolina, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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husband, Alfreddie Flander, Ollie tice that an action entitled Early, Arthur Chance, Matilda Superior Court Martin County. Mae Early and husband, Jim Ear- as above has been commenced Chance, and Della Anderson will Highsmith.

Frances Teel, Emma Sessoms and Spencer Bailey, J. G. Chance, Lon- acres, more or less, in which the thereafter, and answer or demur Sophronia Burton vs. Eliza Bailey nie Chance, Bryant Chance, Theo defendants have an interest; and to the Petition in said proceeding, and husband, Spencer Bailey, J. Chance, McKinley Chance, Mary the said Eliza Bailey, Spencer or the plaintiff will apply to the G. Chance and wife, Lonnie Chance, Rhoda C. Hart, D. L. Hart, Bailey, J. G. Chance, Lonnie court for the relief demanded in Chance, Bryant Chance and wife, Roosevelt Chance, Thelma Chance, Bryant Chance, Theo said Petition. Theo Chance, McKinley Chance, Chance, Katie Lee Flander, Al- Chance, McKinley Chance, Mary and wife, Mary Chance, Rhoda C. freddie Flander, Ollie Mae Early, Chance, Rhoda C. Hart, D. L. Hart, Hart and husband, D. L. Hart, Jim Early, Arthur Chance, Matil- Roosevelt Chance, Thelma Chance,

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The defendants, Eliza Bailey, tin County, N. C., containing 25 of April, 1949, or within 10 days Roosevelt Chance and wife, Thel- da Chance and Della Anderson, Katie Lee Flander, Alfreddie

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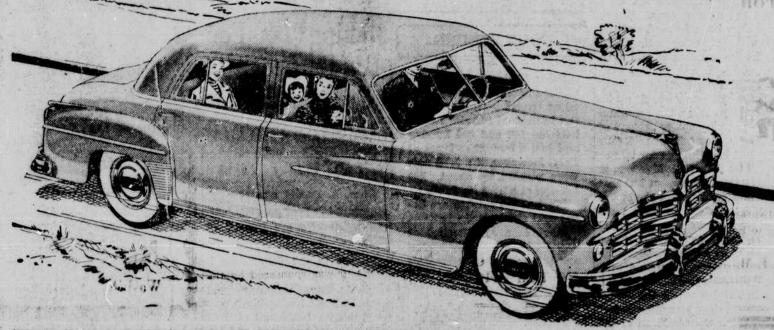
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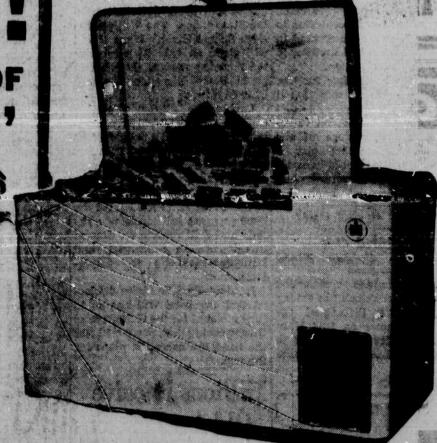
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