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Could Have Been Double Mission

The president of a large steel company recently bemoaned the fact that he would like to get back home to see what the steel industry was doing. He explained that he had been "through so many Congressional inquiries that no self-respecting skeleton would hide in my closet on a bet."

The steel magnate did not say anything about it, but he could have been in Washington on a double mission, and if the facts are to be accepted the steel magnate left Washington the richer. While the poor steel magnate was going through so many inquiries, his company acquired a five billion dollar steel business from the government for a fraction of the cost.

But the taxpayers, poor suckers that they are, will be told that that great steel company did the government and the people a great favor by taking the plants off the government's hands, even if the take bordered on multiple grand larceny.

Unsound, Is It?

Spokesmen for the National Association of Manufacturers say the proposed excess profits tax is unsound. That's a kind of tax little folks know little about, but they do know about payroll taxes that are taxing food out of their children's mouths. And they are of the opinion that payroll taxes are just as unsound as excess profits taxes but for some reason, payroll taxes exist and excess profits taxes do not exist.

The association says, in part, "One of the vicious elements in an excess profits tax is that it hampers the growth of new and small business."

Now, that is really a good one. It is one of those rare occasions where that organization ever offered to cry over the welfare of small business. But the old gang will throw up any ole curtain to protect itself from public view.

Close Race

Crime and dependency are running a close race, and both are literally tearing the foundation from under society and our economy.

Since 1935 and during a period when millions of Americans were engaged in fighting for a better world, crime increased thirty-two percent. There has been a 266 percent increase in the number of dependent families despite one of the greatest periods of prosperity the world has ever known. Dependent children, including only those outside the care of the family, have increased 272 percent in number. The number of women sentenced to federal prisons has increased 52 percent.

Fighting communism in Korea admittedly is necessary, but it is about time to start fighting with every known weapon the evils undermining our very lives right here at home.

Pathetic Picture

A wife presented a pathetic picture in the Martin County Court a short time ago as she waited to testify against her husband who allegedly beat her while he was drunk.

Much has been said about the prohibition that did not prohibit, but when such scenes are seen in courts today, one has to admit that "regulation" falls far short when it comes to regulating, that wife beating by drunks demands a continued search to our average problem.

A Long Way To Go

Possibly some youngsters, witnessing the festival parade in the county recently, saw an out-moded privy for the first time in their lives. On display with modern bathroom plumbing, the age-worn and weather-battered

ed Chich Sales model drew comment from Governor Kerr Scott in his speech. He declared that we can't stop until sanitation is advanced from the stone age to a point in keeping with safe health requirements.

While the dual display offered a splendid comparison, there was more behind it than met the eye, sanitary authorities declaring that this county has a long way to go before meeting minimum health standards.

An incomplete survey shows there are thousands of privies that do not measure up to minimum health standards. In a fair county like ours and during a period of great prosperity, it is admittedly a shocking condition that exists. But that's not all. The county sanitarian estimated there are at least 200 farms and tenant houses without any kind of privy, that these conditions exist on individually owned farms.

In addition to being a menace to health, such conditions are a threat to organized society. Persons who allow such conditions to exist are, in most cases, a liability to their community, their county and everyone else.

The Fatality Of Compromise

By Ruth Taylor

We are a nice people. Sometimes we are too nice for our own good. We are so imbued with the idea of fair play, and consideration for the other fellow, that we too often - bend over backwards in being lenient toward shortcomings, if not actual wrong doing.

A current illustration of that is the way we spring to the defense of criminals - with sentimental protests in their behalf. Or our condoning the actions of those who join subversive groups. We say - "They didn't know". Well, if they didn't have any more sense than to join an organization without investigating, then they better see a doctor! We don't join organizations we don't know all about!

But if we want to see the real fatality in compromising with evil - let's look at the record of the past thirty years.

Had Kerensky been backed by the democracies of the world when he attempted to establish a genuine democracy in Russia, we would not have to face the menace of Communism today.

Had we not compromised with Japan over the invasion of Manchuria, China would not have been laid waste, and the forest fire of war might have been averted in the Far East.

Had we not compromised with Hitler when he started to rearm and when he began his persecutions in Germany, and had we not compromised with Mussolini over Ethiopia, there would not have been a World War II - at least not then.

And what might be said regarding compromise in the cases of Finland, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Belgium, Yugo-Slovia, France? Not that we were altogether guilty in these cases - but were we altogether guiltless?

"The Soviet is the Great Experiment"; "Japan needs to expand"; "Hitler is resurrecting Germany"; "After all, the Ethiopians are a savage people", it was said in defense of our actions.

There is scarcely a crisis through which the world has passed in recent years but what one or more of the Democracies might have saved the situation. Is it any wonder that the Communists have developed a contempt for us? They have charged us with cowardice, with going soft, with lack of heroic spirit.

If we are to help save what remains of civilization, there must be no compromise with evil. That this attitude works has been proven in Korea. Let's be fair to all - but let's also be fair to ourselves - to our standards and our beliefs as a Democracy. Let's have done for all time with compromise!

One Way To Solve It

Ben Fairless, U. S. Steel Corporation president says "low prices of steel is reason for shortage of product today."

The fact that steel costs the ultimate user a pretty penny is beside the point. Mr. Fairless says, "If we were willing to charge as much as consumers would be willing to pay for our products, much of this apparent shortage would disappear."

Instead of being satisfied with record profits and working to expand production to meet the needs, the great industrialist would eliminate the shortage of his product by pricing countless users out of the market.

There's one thing about what Mr. Fairless said that is worthy of note—he admits, indirectly, to be sure, that there is a steel shortage. When Henry J. Kaiser and others talked about steel plants, the steel gang cried to high heaven, thundering out that there was no steel shortage.

Not Certain

It is not known how high and how fast guided missiles now in the making will go, leaving the taxpayer uncertain as to whether the missiles are being streamlined to keep up with the missiles.

Special Service In Local Church

A very beautiful G. A. Coronation-R. A. Recognition Service was held last Sunday night in the Memorial Baptist Church here. Sixteen boys and girls received recognition for accomplishments in their missionary work during the past year. Those receiving recognition were Gene Copeland, Billy Dudley, Elton Rawls, Benny Taylor, and Bobby Thompson as Pages; Ann Darden, Roberts Harrison, Winifred Taylor, Nancy Wynne as Maidens; Sue Eubanks, Jane Peele, Betsy Riddick, and Janice Savage as Ladies-in-Waiting; Frankie Everett and Patricia Harrison as Princesses; and Betty Lou Dudley and Betty Hellen Mobley as Queens with Scepters. Scepter bearers for the Queens with Scepters were Stewart Simms, Jr. and Ben Courtney, Jr.

Flower girls for the service were Joan Gray Copeland, Molly Maynard, Anne Savage, Carolyn Simmons, Gail Taylor, and Judy Warren. Heralds for the service were Carolyn Bullock and Jo Ann McLawhorn and Jean Mobley furnished the organ music. Miss Emily Wagner, educational director, lead the service. The ushers were Charles Lee Edwards, Douglas Jones, Tommy Parker, and Mickey Stalls.

The leaders of the Girls Auxiliary are Mrs. Jessup Harrison, Mrs. H. P. Mobley, and Mrs. H. F. McKnight. Mr. Wendell Peel leads the Royal Ambassadors. All the girls receiving recognition

wore white evening dresses. The Church was decorated with two baskets of summer flowers, candles, and palms.

After the service a reception was given in the Annex for the G. A. and R. A. members and their parents. Beautiful summer flowers and candles were used for decorations. Mrs. Jessup Harrison presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. H. F. McKnight served the cakes.

NOTE OF THANKS

I am indeed grateful to all those who were so kind and helpful during my sudden illness last week. I greatly appreciate the flowers and visits during my stay in the hospital.

W. J. Hodges.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Whereas the undersigned, trustee in a certain deed of trust, executed by Henry B. Peel and wife, Alpha E. Peel and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Martin County in Book E-3 page 108, foreclosed and offered for sale the lands hereinafter described; and whereas within the time allowed by law an advanced bid was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court and an order issued directing the trustee to sell said land upon an opening bid of \$4,565.00.

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the order of the Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County, and the power of sale contained in said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale upon said opening bid at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Williamston, N. C., at 12 o'clock Noon on Monday, October 30th 1950, the

following described property located in Griffin's Township, Martin County, North Carolina described as follows:
Bounded on the North by Smithwick's Creek; on the East by Della Hardison; bounded on the South by Della Hardison land and the lands of Buck Roberson; bounded on West by the lands of Jordan Peel and the heirs at law of Melton Peel, containing 80 acres more or less and being the same tract of land conveyed to Henry B. Peel by James T. Peel and lying on both sides of the road from Hardison's Mill to Smithwick's Creek Church, said deed being of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book YY page 394.

The highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit 10% of the bid in cash.
This 9th day of October, 1950.
S. Oscar Peel, Trustee.
oc 10-17-24

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL REPORT OF BOARD OF VIEWERS

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court Before the Clerk
In Re: Establishment of Martin County Drainage District No. 1
That in obedience to an Order of the Superior Court of Martin County made this 5th day of October, 1950, notice is hereby given that the Board of Viewers have this day filed with the said Court their Final Report in form that is complete and in compliance with Chapter 156 of the General Statutes of North Carolina,

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subchapter 3. That the said Court has examined the said Report and found it to be in due form and in accordance with law, and it is, therefore accepted. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 156-73 of said Statutes that a Final Hearing upon the said Report will be held in the court room of the County Court House in Williamston at three P. M. on the 27th day of October, 1950. The said Report is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, said County, and is open to inspection by landowners and other persons interested in the District. At said hearing those desiring to file objections or exceptions to the said Report will be heard.
This the 5th day of October, 1950.
L. BRUCE WYNNE,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
Clarence W. Griffin,
F. M. Wooten, Jr., Attorneys
oc 10-17-24

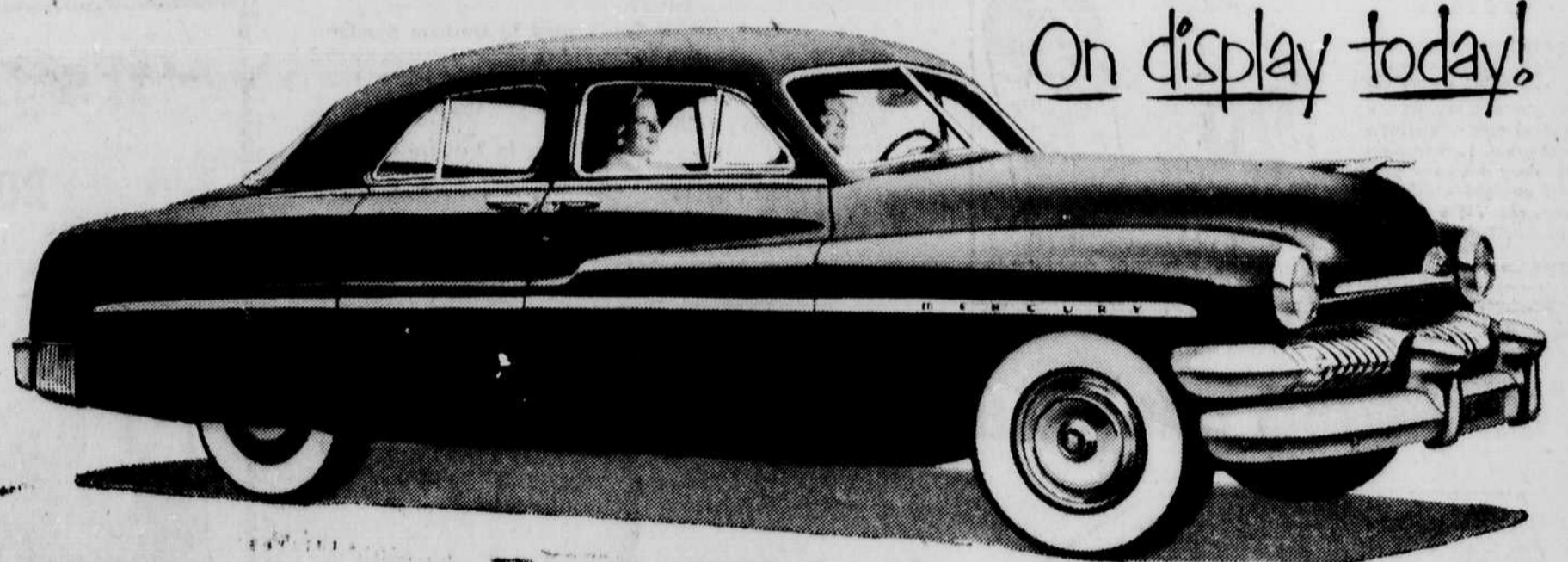
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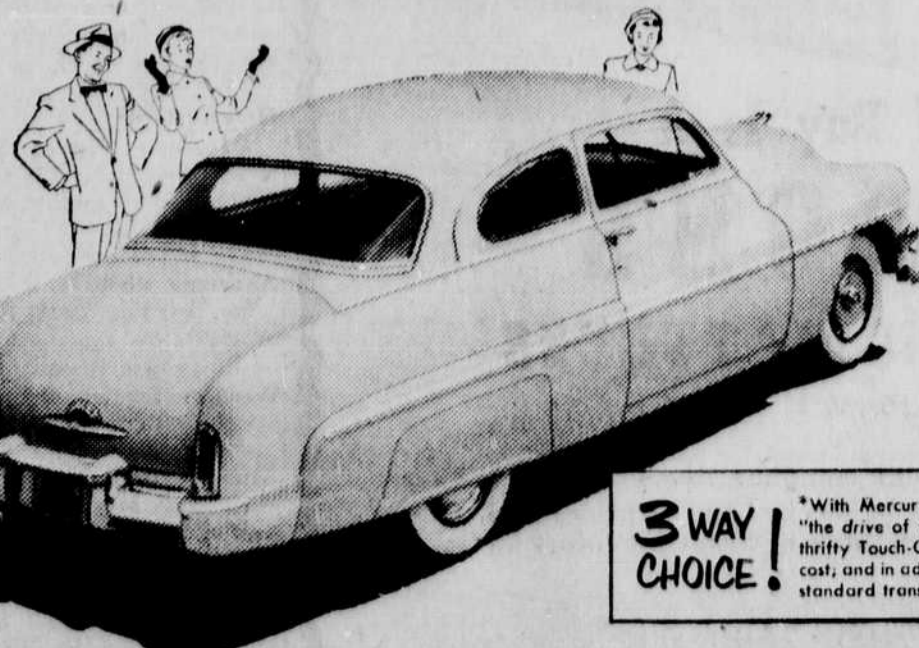
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