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Credit Where Credit Is Due

In looking over statements of financial affairs of Washington County, we feel a deep sympathy for those men whose duty it is to provide means to maintain the public institutions that safeguard our people and assure them their rights of property and person in the future.

We too often fail to appreciate the burdens our county commissioners and members of the board of education have to carry. When we consider the fact that Washington County has a county-wide 8-months school term, and is able, in the face of additional costs, to reduce our taxes each year, we must at least give somebody credit for their good business judgment.

We appreciate the fact that taxes are high and hard to pay, but must confess that we are getting service for every tax dollar we spend.

Building Business

The best way for a man to build his business is to boost and push it himself. Everyone likes to follow a good leader and everyone desires success. We all like Ford and Edison and Firestone because they have succeeded, and we like them so well for their success that we use their products every day.

The merchant that sells you the same article at the same prices charged by another will not get your trade long when he is grouchy. When all business people learn that their customers want and need friendship they will find their business better and easier.

No man likes to trade with the merchant that is always crying over "hard times." No farmer likes to sell tobacco to a warehouseman who is always cursing out tobacco companies, no matter how bad they need to be cursed out. The business man should maintain the same gentle spirit and good cheer whether business is good or bad. There is no use bellyaching as it only makes the situation worse.

The Liquor and Game Laws

Many people have cursed the liquor laws, but many more are cursing the hunting and fishing laws. The two laws are wide apart in their purpose. The laws regulating hunting and fishing are for the purpose of protecting game and fish, while the liquor laws are intended to help human beings, and great would be the benefits if all the people had a sufficient depth of conscience to obey them.

Both laws are almost identical in that they deny people the right to do as they please. The laws are passed, of course, with the view of helping all the people.

Two Wrongs Do Not Make a Right

The Beaufort County judge was off the track when he refused to prosecute a negro who stole a few piles of tobacco from a buyer on the Washington tobacco market.

The judge stated as his reason for not prosecuting was that the negro only stole a few piles, while the buyer stole the whole crop.

Such an attitude coming from a court of justice is calculated to do much harm, and will have the effect of licensing thievery. The buyer who lost the tobacco will, of course, have to make good the loss to his company, and naturally he is not responsible for the low price he paid for the tobacco.

When a man goes out demanding righteousness, he himself must of necessity practice honesty. The tobacco company, of course, was only practicing the science of good trading, while the man who stole the tobacco was violating one of our fundamental laws.

The judge was wrong.

The Unemployment Situation

Of all the economic problems facing America today, the unemployment situation stands out as the most serious one. It is far worse than low prices. Prices will swing back, but employment will not; the doors are closed and the jobs are gone forever.

The figures recently given out by the census bureau show that 234,854 people in New York are seeking work and can't find it. In Detroit there are 78,153 without work. Chicago has 154,852 jobless people, and Philadelphia has 73,275. With 541,134 people in just four cities without work, offers a serious problem for the coming winter. The figures not only mean that there are a half million people without work in these cities, but they also indicated that the unemployed have families who are dependent upon them for their daily bread. If these families are of an average size,

it means that more than two and one half million people without any income to face the coming winter in our four largest cities, most of the number living in houses not their own. Many of them have neither kindred or friend to help them. Nearly all these people have never done anything in their lives except walk by a time keeper at the factory gate each morning and did such work as directed by a superintendent through the day, returning to their families at night with just enough to eat and wear and pay house rent Saturday night. That is all they know and there is no other place for them to go.

The Southern farmer may think his path is gloomy, but if he will think of the Northern laborer, he will change his viewpoint and consider himself blessed.

The farmer and those depending upon the farming industry, as is the case in most places in the South, have one good chance and that is to live. Economy will be necessary, no doubt, and our wants will not be met in many cases, but then our lot is much better than the future staring the city unemployed in the face. The unemployed city factory hand has no such opportunity. About the only thing the immediate future holds in store for him is death either by freezing or starvation.

Political bombast, what has it done? This country needs more serious thinking and honest work and less political bunk.

Carteret County's Dilemma

Will Carteret county ever come out or will she finally be dissolved? From an audit of the county books, it would seem to be an even bet either way.

The debts of that county have mounted to the enormous sum of \$3,602,500 with only \$14,000,000 of property to pay. It means that for every thousand dollars worth of property in that county, the public debt on it is \$250, and calls for a tax load of \$1.50 per hundred dollars.

The worst part of it is that from all appearances at least half a million dollars, if not a whole million, were stolen by men in the road construction some where between the engineering department and the auditing department. No more glaring evidence of fraud has been seen in any place, judging from the published figures.

While our county debt seems large, it is only about one fourth as much as that of Carteret's. But the best part of it is that there is no evidence of a single wrong in operating this county.

Too Much About Flying

Are newspapers saying too much about flying? Honestly, we think they are.

Why should so much be said about a thing that is doing the country so little good? It only tends to make the public mind crave something that is impractical and very unprofitable. It seems strange that news to be readable must be sensational. It gives a fair picture of the unbalanced mind, which is only thrown further off by contact with sensationalism.

We seem to be crazed over the things that are out of our reach.

Why should a newspaper headline in black an airplane race when millions over whose heads the planes fly are suffering for food, and yet the same paper carries only a few words about the unfortunates.

Newspapers are partially responsible for calling our thoughts from real issues to sensational things.

Individual Responsibility

There may have been sadder things to happen in our State this week than that which took place in Salisbury, in which four prominent young white people were sent to the State penitentiary for the maximum term, aggregating 44 years, for bank robbery.

Two young men and two young women, one the daughter of a Charlotte merchants, the other a young girl school teacher. We suspect that it would be unfair to say that this young quartet of bank robbers were mean at heart. It would doubtless be more charitable, as well as true, to say that they are the victims of the world war disturbance and were caught in that great whirlpool of false prosperity, the flood of immorality and irresponsibility.

It would be a safe surmise to say that these youngsters were never properly restrained and advised at home and that they had overthrown home government years before they had the gall to enter in a conclave for the purpose of planning a bank robbery.

It is also safe to surmise that this quartet had engaged in many night rides before entering into the little novelty of holding up and robbing a bank.

Every child needs to be taught his individual responsibility.

Care Should Be the Watchword

One of the most important jobs in North Carolina is school truck driving.

The driver is generally a young school boy charged with the loading and unloading of 30 or 40 children every day that range from his own age down to the youngest school child. These children are taken on all along the roadside in the morning and put out in the evening at the gate, or the fork of a path, where automobiles are flying by. The children are pushing and crowding each other, and it is easy for one to fall in front of a passing car, or under the bus wheels, or perhaps fall from the bus before it stops or after it starts.

Our educational system should add a course in traffic safety, and the school bus is the best place to teach it.

Martin County has had two children killed in recent years by school busses. One was killed on the opening day of the Perquimans County school this year.

It is a case where both the driver and the rider need to observe the greatest of care.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

The following property will be sold at the courthouse door for 1929 taxes town of Plymouth, Monday, September 29th, 1930.

Table listing property owners and amounts for 1929 taxes in Plymouth town. Includes names like A. L. Alexander, Mrs. Nellie Beasley, etc.

Table listing property owners and amounts for 1929 taxes in Plymouth town. Includes names like George Smith, Weldon Smith, etc.

A Want Ad Will Solve the Problem

If you need a job or want help, have lost an article or found one, want to exchange an article for another, want to find the whereabouts of a lost relative or friend—whatever perplexing problem may face you, the surest way to solve it is to place a want ad in this newspaper. Past experience proves that they bring results. And the cost is as low as 25c.

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