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No Apology Needed

Hon. Zez Vance Norman used the right expression in casting his vote for the support of the six months State supported school bill recently.

When a man does right and knows he has done right, there is no cause for apology, although some of those voting for the measure explained and offered apologies.

Of course Representative Norman made the statement because some of the mollicoddle, mugwump type of legislators were apologizing and explaining because they knew they were doing right in serving the people, but were afraid they were displeasing some interests that are especially friendly to them.

Representative Norman has been given representation on several of the leading house committees, and we are glad that he is state-man enough to refuse to apologize for doing right.

A Serious Situation

Will the farmers of Eastern Carolina mortgage their property, lose their money and kill themselves working this spring and summer in an effort to raise a big tobacco crop this year?

With government reports showing a large surplus on hand and limited purchases practically certain on account of "hard times", with foreign nations demanding less than in previous years, and with buyers of our country advising that prices will be very low unless the crop is small, why should we plant heavily? These warnings should carry weight, but even a stronger one comes from those markets now operating in our State, reports stating that since Christmas prices have dropped. Our four- and five-cent tobacco at the close of the markets before the Christmas holidays are now selling from one to three cents on the Henderson, Oxford and Winston-Salem markets.

Another reason why we should decrease our acreage in North Carolina is that tobacco farmers are flocking to Georgia from all over the country, begging for land to plant tobacco.

It is a serious situation, and judging it from every angle, it now looks as if a big crop of tobacco for Eastern Carolina will mean more debts at the end of 1931 than we now have and that we will have less to pay them with.

Weak Divorce Laws Weaken Morals

The legislature is now about to make the divorce road an easy one to travel by changing the law so that the husband or wife can walk off for three years, without cause and get a divorce. The law now requires five years as a time limit. The proposed change will not apply to cases where there are children.

If the legislature continues to lower the marriage bars, the foolish trial marriage proposal of Judge Ben Lindsley will soon be the law of the land.

Every step taken to limit the bands of matrimony, weakens our moral code. And we need to check up on our morals as much so and even more than on our money.

Forest Fires

With dry weather prevailing during the past several days, fires have burned many acres of timber and woods lands. Some of the fires did very little damage because they were checked soon after their start by landowners. Many of the fires have been started by thoughtless people, people who care little and actually fire the woods out of mischief or carelessness.

Fires sweeping sections of the county last fall destroyed hundreds of thousands of trees, many of them valuable ones. In the surly swamps, the fire burned the surf roots and even the ground from under the trees, toppling them down until in some places they could be counted by the hundreds.

Land owners need to guard against the promiscuous burning of woods. More punishment should be meted out to those who burn for mischief or through carelessness.

Remind Them of Their Promises

Landowners of North Carolina need to guard the Senate. We have fifty senators in Raleigh, most of whom are standing for the people, but there are a few who are too friendly with the big tax dodgers. And then there are a few too weak to stand much temptation.

The voters back home who are about to lose their homes for taxes, will do well to write their senators and thank them for their tax reduction promises of

last fall and spur them on until they produce the offered relief. Tell them to let the luxuries pay a fair share of the taxes and then make up the necessary difference from the fellows who are making big profits above their living.

The Auto Death Toll

America is now killing about half as many people with automobiles each year as it had killed during the World's War, when we lost approximately 70,000 of our young men in 19 months.

The accidental death of a friend or neighbor on a highway does not make much of an impression on us, for by the time the blood dries on the road side, we are reconciled and start riding again. It seems that the hum of the automobile makes people forgetful of many things. The honk of the horn will call young people, especially girls, to the open road, and then the booze drinking, petting, star gazing, day dreaming, back-seat driving, smart alec pranks and racing begin. Therein lies the cause for a large percentage of the 32,500 deaths resulting and the 960,000 persons injured in the 935,250 automobile accidents in this country annually.

At least 89 per cent of the accidents are traceable to the erring driver, and not to some defective part of the car. If every automobile driver would adhere strictly to the traffic laws, the lives of at least 25,000 people would be saved every year and not more than a fourth as many as are ordinarily injured would be hurt.

The driver who fails to look to the right and to the left and ahead when operating a car is a murderer when he causes the death of another person. The tendency is to say it was an unavoidable accident even though the driver violated every traffic law in causing the death of another person.

We have been prone to excuse both the automobile and the driver for their death dealing. It is time to call a halt on the drivers because it is their gross carelessness that causes so many accidents and fatalities.

The Greatest Political Battle

North Carolina is having its greatest political battle. The line is formed with men on one side and money on the other. The issue is not one of politics because the law-making body is almost all on one side.

The question is shall the laws be shaped so they shall bear equally upon all whether they be rich or poor or shall they be so shaped that a dollar is safer than a soul.

It is now conceded that in times past, cash money or general favoritism blinded the eyes legislators to such an extent that they failed to see the poor man in the ditch. Now, however, the very blood of poverty is crying against such discrimination, and our law-makers hear and see. The cries have also gone up to the temples of wealth, frightening their owners. Now is the time to fight, a time when the kings of wealth are staring at the handwriting on the wall. The people must keep up the fight. Call on your representative, your senator and your governor and urge them to stand firm and ring true for the people.

Now is the time to shift the tax burden so it will bear equally on all people according to their ability to bear it.

Deserting Their People

It now looks as if a few Eastern senators are going to face political divorce proceedings, charged by their home folks.

The charge will be adultery and corporate wealth will be the correspondent in the case.

It is deplorable when one deserts his friends and their interests and tries to point out to them why their ideas are unsound and uphold the ideas of the rich fellow as just and right.

To criticise is one of the worst things we can do when to do so is unjust, but it is one of the greatest necessities when public officials desert the people who trust them, and when one fails the trust of the people he should never be trusted again.

Share Burden or Get Out

A few timid folks are saying don't tax the rich folks, for if you do they will leave the State. We certainly don't want them to go, but if they are not willing to help bear the burden of supporting the State, what good are they to our State.

The strange idea that some folks have that if they hire a man to do their work and make a good profit on his labor all the favor went to the hiring, that he owes them his sincere thanks and they owe him nothing, and that they owe him nothing, is very false in principle. There is not a single big business in our State that was not built on the combined labor of many wage earners, who, in many instances, made more clear profits for their employer each day than they received in wages.

While we don't want anybody to leave the State, we are frank in saying that we like the folks who are too poor to leave and who have nothing to tax. If the masses are to become poorer that the classes might become more rich, it won't hurt the State if those who don't want to pay their part of the State those who don't want to help support the State

Improve the Election Laws

While the legislature is in session, it should take enough time to make a few improvements in our election laws, especially as they pertain to the absentee ballot section. Fraud is too easily practiced under the present regulations.

Things To Think About

By James D. Taylor

The Home Provider

I was a visitor in the home of a farmer sometime ago, or a 'family provider' to describe him more accurately. He told me that years ago, following in the footsteps of his father, he raised nothing but money crops, buying food for his family and feed for his live stock. He soon found himself not only heavily in debt with his small farm mortgaged but met with difficulty in obtaining further credit. A family without food, his live stock almost gone and no feed for the rest. He had reached the cross roads of his life, not knowing which one to take. Possibly all would lead him the wrong way.

He was floored. Just as well lay there. He had heard the count of nine. His thoughts turned to his child just learning to walk. It fell down time after time but got right up again. Then he knew that the bell had rung before the count of nine and he still had a chance to win the fight, but he would use a different punch this time. He did and years ago he completely knocked out his opponent-adversity, the result of poor management.

He proudly took me over his place. He was now making his own living, raising his own vegetables, providing his own milk and butter, filling his smokehouse with meat from hogs he raised. Plenty of chicken and eggs from his yard and producing sufficient feed stuff for his live stock.

He is a home provider first. His money crops come second. He said it is surprising how little money is required when one's living is made right at home. Also how much more money will buy than credit. He does not raise a big money crop but what he does is good and usually brings a good price. He is able to put a large part of the money in the bank. His son is almost grown now and soon will be ready for college. He is prepared to send him.

He pointed out the various buildings on his place, newly painted, and said that he and his son did the job and paid for most of the paint with tash from the sale of eggs, butter and chickens that they did not need.

As I left him I could not help wondering whether we would hear so much about overproduction and farmer's relief if all farmers had been following his system.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

The undersigned having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Leslie T. Davenport, deceased, late of Washington County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of said deceased to present same to the undersigned for payment on or before the 7th day of January, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to estate of said deceased will please make immediate payment. This 7th day of January, 1931. ISSLER M. DAVENPORT, f-13 Administratrix.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a power of sale embraced in a certain deed of trust executed on the 30th day of November, 1929, by W. F. Freeman and wife to Z. V. Norman, Trustee, and recorded in Book 102 page 403, Washington County, and default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured, and application having been made to the said trustee for a sale of the land therein described, the undersigned trustee will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of Washington county, on the 14th day of February, 1931, at 12 o'clock, noon, the following described land and personal property:

Beginning on the Folly Road at Bateman's and Freeman's corner, and running southwardly along said Bateman's and Freeman's line by a walnut tree to the Folly canal, thence eastwardly with said canal 150 yards to the old Freeman and Bateman line, thence northwardly to the first station, containing 14 acres, more or less. Also the following personal property: Cotton gin, engines and all other equipment accessory to said cotton gin and engines located on the H. L. Freeman farm on the Folly road in said county. The said personal property is subject to a first mortgage in favor of the Farmers Supply Co., of Washington, N. C. Z. V. NORMAN, f-13 Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by T. L. Satterthwaite to the undersigned trustee, dated the 29th day of January, 1930, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washington County, North Carolina, in book 91, page 462, to which reference is hereby made, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, upon demand of the holder of the indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Washington County, at 12 o'clock Noon, on Monday, the 16th day

of February, 1931, that certain property described in said instrument as follows:

1. Beginning at the corner of C. H. Francis (formerly) line on Jefferson Street, then with Francis line 200 feet more or less to Mrs. Harrison's line; thence, southerly with her line 50 feet; thence, westerly 200 or more feet to said street; thence, northerly along said street to the said Francis corner, the beginning, it being the same lot or parcel of land conveyed to the said T. L. Satterthwaite by deed from Mollie Harrison, dated December 9th, 1914, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washington County, North Carolina, in book 61, page 534, to which reference is hereby made and the same made a part hereof for purposes of description.

2. Beginning at J. A. Willoughby's (formerly) northwest corner on Fort William Street running thence 236 feet along said street to Jefferson Street; thence, with Jefferson street 75 feet to J. H. Leggett's corner; with his line easterly 236 feet to J. A. Willoughby's line; thence, northerly with his line 75 feet to the beginning, it being the same lot or parcel land conveyed to the said T. L. Satterthwaite by deed from Clarence Latham, Trustee, dated February 27th 1905, and recorded in said Register's Office in book 100, page 198, to which reference is hereby made and same made a part hereof for purposes of further description.

The bidder at such sale will be required to deposit as much as 10 per cent of the amount bid as a guaranty of good faith pending confirmation and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

This the 15th day of January, 1931. W. L. WHITLEY, f-13 Trustee.

Administrators Notice WASHINGTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A. of the estate of Dr. W. H. Ward, deceased, late of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the first day of January, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of said decedent will please make immediate settlement. This the 31st day of December, 1930. BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. ADMINISTRATOR C. T. A. ESTATE OF DR. W. H. WARD, DECEASED. f-13

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Washington County -In the Superior Court. Effie Gurkin vs. Herman H. Gurkin The above named defendant, Herman H. Gurkin, will take notice herefrom that an action was commenced against him in the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina, on the 29th day of November 1930, by Effie Gurkin, and that complaint was filed in said action and summons issued for the defendant at the time of the institution of the action. That the action is for a divorce a vinculo from the defendant. That he is required to appear before the clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina, at his office in Plym-

outh, N. C. within thirty days from the 17th day of February 1931 and answer or demur to the said complaint on file with said Clerk, or the relief demanded in said complaint will be granted.

This the 17th day of January 1931. C. V. W. AUSBON, f-13 Clerk Superior Court of Washington County.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Washington County Pursuant to the authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by J. E. Craddock and wife Molyse and T. C. Craddock, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Book 102, Page 438, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the owner of said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee

will on the 9th day of February, 1931, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Court-house door in Plymouth, Washington County, sell to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the Grantors in and to a two-fifths undivided interest in that tract of land situate in Lees Mill Township, Washington County, and bounded as follows:

"On the North by Highway No. 99, on the East by the lands of T. M. Craddock and the Back Woods Road, on the South by the lands of E. J. Spruill and on the West by the lands of A. D. Snell, Hester Cahoon and J. C. Tarkenton, containing 170 acres more or less, and being the lands of Sarah A. Craddock, deceased." This 5th day of January, 1931. W. S. SPRUILL, f-6 Trustee. Martin & Sawyer, Att'ys.

Condensed Statement of Condition of The Branch Banking & Trust Company PLYMOUTH, N. C. At the Close of Business, December 31, 1930. 'THE SAFE EXECUTOR' ASSETS: Loans and discounts \$2,545,156.04; Banking houses, furniture and fix. 103,870.82; U. S. and N. C. Bonds 1,384,935.98; Other marketable stocks and bonds 111,858.89; Cash and due from banks 1,280,813.26; Total \$5,426,634.99. LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$250,000.00; Surplus 250,000.00; Undivided profits 195,241.41; Dividend payable Jan. 2, 1931 7,500.00; Deposits 4,723,893.58; Total \$5,426,634.99. TOTAL CASH AND BONDS \$2,777,608.13; Total Deposits 4,723,893.58; 50 Percent of Deposits Is In Cash and Bonds.

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