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Danger in a Big Crop of Tobacco

Noah preached righteousness to the people during the hundred years he was building the ark. The world did not heed and were drowned.

The farmers of the country are being told that we have a good supply of tobacco on hand and that general conditions are bad all over the tobacco world, which means that a moderate crop will fully supply the demand and at a price but little above cost. If we have a small crop, prices will be good. But, on the other hand, if we have the big crop that is now indicated, there is no hope for prices at a profit. Every farmer should remember that crops that bring no profit will ultimately prove a severe loss.

Good authorities on tobacco conditions advise cutting the cost of production and striving to make good quality tobacco.

Come Down to Earth

Charles Edison, the scion of the late famous Thomas A. Edison, has posted a notice in all of the Edison plants which commands his employees to "Get goin." He urges them all to buy something. There is some fine stuff in the article, yet, on the other hand, a few of the things he suggests can never be enjoyed by those of moderate means. The average income will not permit the indulgence of a number of the pleasures suggested.

It would probably be the best thing for us to get down to our level and stay there, rather than forever be trying to climb too high and falling down.

Reforming Our Educational System

There is a lot of talk about reforming our educational system. It really ought to be done. We are training entirely too many folks for the fields they will never enter.

Our schools of engineering are bringing out too many folks. The jobs are all gone and there are no more in sight. We seem to have plenty of merchants, plenty of lawyers, plenty of newspaper folks, and plenty of automobile mechanics. These are only a few of the professions and trades that are overcrowded, and with no prospect for any increased demand for many years to come.

Then what should we train for, in the public schools? Our greatest need is training in political and social science, two subjects that we know least about and need most. We do not know enough about government to even make good citizens. About all we do know along this line is to be lined up and shot through the voting booth on election days and criticize and condemn the balance of the time.

We really do not know what democracy is in its truest sense, nor do we know how to preserve it up to a respectable standard, which its principle implies.

As to social science, we do not seem to be able to preserve and improve our conditions as rapidly as we might. While we have made some progress worthy of our times in the improvement of health conditions, it is generally conceded that we are making very little advancement in our moral conditions, and many authorities think we are making no forward movement religiously.

It would be well for us to let the schools switch to training in the fundamentals of government, the kind that helps people and causes governments to stand. And the social field is unlimited. Every boy and girl should be taught the proper value of a home, the kind of home to have, and how to build a home (not a house), where peace, love, health, and service abound, and how to avoid disease, hardships, hates, suspicions, jealousies, and discords.

And one of the most important things that needs to be stressed in the schools is the art of making a living for one's self, rather than to prepare to be hirelings and servants for some one else.

We need to find our examples from peoples of the old world, who have preserved themselves for centuries, and are still leading us by adhering to sounder methods of government and more scientific methods of living.

Our schools should be operated on the premise that we are all citizens, and train for citizenship.

Little Hope Here

With China conquered by people without mercy, Germany governed by a tyrant, Italy having its Mussolini, and America under the government of beer, what is the outlook for peace, love, and Christianity? Every one of these governing powers was outlawed by God.

Cheaper Hospital Service

Just a few years ago, the cry was for more hospitals. Everybody said we needed more hospitals. Now the American Medical Society says we have too many, pointing to 200,000 vacant hospital beds.

The reason for these empty beds is hardly the fact that they are not needed—it is because people are unable to pay the cost of hospital service, so they are forced to languish and suffer at home in cheaper beds and take the chance of getting better by the healing power of nature. Only the wealthy or fairly well-to-do can afford hospital service now, except in extreme cases.

Some plan should be worked out whereby more hospital service may be secured at smaller cost.

One Thing Done Well

That was certainly a fine thing Mr. Roosevelt did in sticking his first in the mouts of the big New York banks and choking them off of the little banks of the country.

If he never does another thing during his administration except keep the New York bankers' trust from stifling and choking other businesses, he will go down in history as a statesman.

Under the Beacon Light

By WALTER H. PARAMORE

This issue of the Roanoke Beacon is dedicated to Ernest R. Lewis, who has served this county well as a member of the board of commissioners, and who is well respected, honored, and held in esteem by the people who know him and the vote that he polls at each election, when he does little or no campaigning proves without a doubt the foregoing statements.

His business as a farmer occupies much of his time and so interested is he in his work that he finds little time to waste away. And he is a farmer that diversifies to such an extent that only this year he paid his taxes with money secured from the sale of hogs, despite the low prices that pork is bringing on the market at the present.

Possibly nowhere in this county is there a man who has reached the happy medium of business so that he does not stampede himself into some unwise move as commissioner, but who remains unperturbed amid the hysteria that is causing many to advocate drastic changes despite the fact that an equilibrium must be maintained that will assure efficiency.

Four or five terms as a commissioner has given Mr. Lewis some vital information and experience in the operation of county government. He has served when a split vote was the usual occurrence. He held his head. He has served when harmony reigned. He still holds his head. And for a man to do the right thing in such emergencies shows that he is conscientious.

So this toast to Mr. Lewis—"Lon may you continue your public service so that Washington County can continue to draw from your source of experience much of the wisdom that attends the acts of the board of commissioners and may you continue your improved method of farming so that the young agriculturists may observe your successful methods."

From "down home" trickled a letter into the office of the Beacon giving a correct answer to the egg problem that was submitted some time ago by J. C. Tarkenton. "Down home" to the columnist, is Scotland Neck, where a niece, Miss Evelyn Paramore, sends along another brain tickler. The Beacon is passing it along:

"Last year I asked her to be my wife, and she gave me a decidedly negative reply. So, to get even, I married her mother. Then my father married the girl. When I married the girl's mother, the girl became my daughter; and my father married my daughter, so he became my son. When my father married my daughter, she became my mother. If my father is my son, and my daughter is my mother, who am I?"

"My mother's mother is my wife and must be my grandmother, and, being my grandmother's husband, I must be my own grandfather. And there you are."

This week also brings another puzzle, even better than the jag-saw or crossword variety. A. F. Arnold submits this one. Who can answer it? Try your hand. If you are successful, then pat yourself on the back. If not, you will have company. Here it is, as given to the columnist:

"From 9 take 10; from 1 take 9; from 6 take 9; to leave half a dozen. Now how do you work it?"

This example was a favorite of Prof. Ben Hassell, who used to teach at the old academy in Plymouth that was located, about 38 years ago, where the Methodist church now stands.

Seen while sauntering along Water Street: Louis Phillip Hornthal reads Vanity Fair and the New Yorker and the Roanoke Beacon . . . M. W. Spruill worked on a jig-saw puzzle until midnight Wednesday . . . John Sikes petitioning for a nickel . . . John Darden's office is known as the Water Street courthouse . . . Little Mr. Ed Overton leaving for home with a peck sack full of groceries under each arm . . . Priscilla Lyon followed by a Maltese Cat . . . Dr. L. A. Smith speaking politely to white people . . . Lue Read and negro boys slurring each other . . . Teddy Blount and Edison Davenport in their new hardware store . . . Teachers leaving Bosie's place . . . Lloyd Gilbert smiling.

If you like this little column, write and tell the editor about it. If you don't, write also. Letters will be published if space is available. Put in your letter a good original joke or one you picked up, or anything that you think suitable and if you don't want your name published with your contribution, please advise the editor.

Home and Club News

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

The following clubs will meet next week:

- Tuesday afternoon, Hoke.
- Wednesday afternoon, Roper.
- Thursday afternoon, Chapel Hill.
- Friday afternoon, April 7th, county federation at Plymouth courthouse.
- Saturday morning, curb market.

The emerald, not the diamond, is the most costly precious stone today. Those which are large and darkest colored are the most highly prized—but a flawless one has not yet been found.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Washington County; Superior Court.

D. V. Satterfield vs. L. A. Satterfield. The defendant, L. A. Satterfield will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Washington County for absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony, that a verified complaint in said action has been filed in my office this day and that he is required to answer or demur to said complaint on or before the 15th day of April, 1933, or the relief demanded will be granted.

This 13th day of March, 1933. C. V. W. AUSBON, Clerk Superior Court.

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NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Washington County. Under and by virtue of a power of sale embraced in a deed of trust executed by R. T. Hopkins and Magdolna R. Hopkins, his wife, to H. D. Bateman, trustee, on the 30th day of September, 1931, and recorded in the public registry of Washington County, in book 74, page 555, and default

having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured and the holder of said note having applied to the undersigned trustee to exercise his power of sale contained in said deed of trust, the said H. D. Bateman, trustee, will expose at public sale at the courthouse door of Washington County on the 22nd day of April, 1933, at 12 o'clock noon, to the highest bidder for cash the following tract of land:

One lot in the Town of Creswell on the corner of Main and Sixth Streets, adjoining Mrs. J. L. Hassell and the Baptist parsonage and described in deed from Aydlott Bros. Company to Mrs. M. V. Hopkins October 11, 1909, and registered in book 53, page 235, Washington County Records.

Except, however, a small lot of said land embraced in the above description, conveyed to Gatling, by deed duly recorded in the public registry of Washington County.

The said land will be offered for sale subject to all unpaid taxes levied against said land. The highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit 5 per cent of his bid with the trustee to guarantee compliance with his bid, and upon his failure to comply with said bid his deposit will be forfeited to the said trustee for the benefit of the holder of said note.

This 21st day of March, 1933. H. D. BATEMAN, Trustee.

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By Zeb Vance Norman, Attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE LANDS

North Carolina, Washington County. Whereas, under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Alexander Davenport and L. E. Davenport and wife, Lucy Davenport, dated March 23, 1929, and recorded in book 74, page 504, of the public registry of Washington County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the bonds evidencing said indebtedness, the undersigned trustee did, after due advertisement offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the courthouse door in Washington County on February 7, 1933, the heretofore described lands, where and

when W. T. Phelps appeared and became the last and highest bidder for said lands at the price of \$600.00, which sale was duly reported to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County; and

Whereas, more than ten days elapsed after said sale, and no higher bid was made for said lands, and the undersigned trustee did make a motion before the clerk of the superior court for the confirmation of said sale and did tender to the said W. T. Phelps a deed for said lands upon payment of the purchase price, and

Whereas, the said W. T. Phelps refused to accept the said deed and pay the purchase price and the clerk of the superior court, on the 27th day of February, 1933, found as a fact that there are prior encumbrances on the said property and did thereupon order that the said trustee proceed forthwith to readvertise the property and again offer the same at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the courthouse door in Washington County, and that the said land be sold free and clear of encumbrances and that

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the aforesaid deed of trust and pursuant to the aforesaid order of the clerk of the superior court of Washington County, the undersigned, E. C. Woodley, trustee, will on the 3rd day of April, 1933, at 11 o'clock a. m. at the courthouse door in Washington County offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, tracts in the order of their priority, the trustee pay off the prior encumbrances and premises described in the aforesaid deed of trust as follows, to wit:

"A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Washington County and more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at an oak at corner of T. F. Davenport, Carney S. Phelps and M. J. Furlough; thence running southwardly along T. F. Davenport's line and others to the deep river swamp; thence eastwardly along the said river swamp to H. M. Hair's line; thence northwardly along M. H. Hair's line to a black gum, M. J. Furlough's corner; thence westwardly along M. J. Furlough's line to the beginning, containing 50 acres, more or less.

Said lands will be offered for sale

and the same conveyed to the purchaser free of all prior liens which will be paid in order of priority out of the proceeds of said sale.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required of the successful bidder as evidence of good faith.

This 2nd day of March, 1933. E. S. WOODLEY, Trustee.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court of Washington County, signed and entered in an action entitled "Town of Plymouth vs. W. Mack Pettiford and wife, Ida Pettiford, and J. C. Spruill, holder of Mortgage," appointing and directing the undersigned commissioner to sell the land hereinafter described for the purposes set forth in said decree, the same bearing date of March 18th, 1933, and duly docketed in said superior court, the undersigned commissioner will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 21st day of April, 1933, at the courthouse door of Washington County, at twelve o'clock noon, the following described lot or parcel of land:

Beginning at the north corner of the former Dr. C. C. Jackson's line in Ruberta Pettiford's south line and running thence with said Dr. C. C. Jackson's east line southwardly 50 feet; thence eastwardly 50 feet to a line shown on Sanborn's map of Plymouth, North Carolina, thence northwardly with the said land 50 feet to Ruberta Pettiford's south line; thence westwardly along Ruberta Pettiford's line 50 feet to the beginning, the same being lot No. 130 as shown on the map of the Town of Plymouth, North Carolina.

This 18th day of March, 1933. E. L. OWENS, Commissioner.

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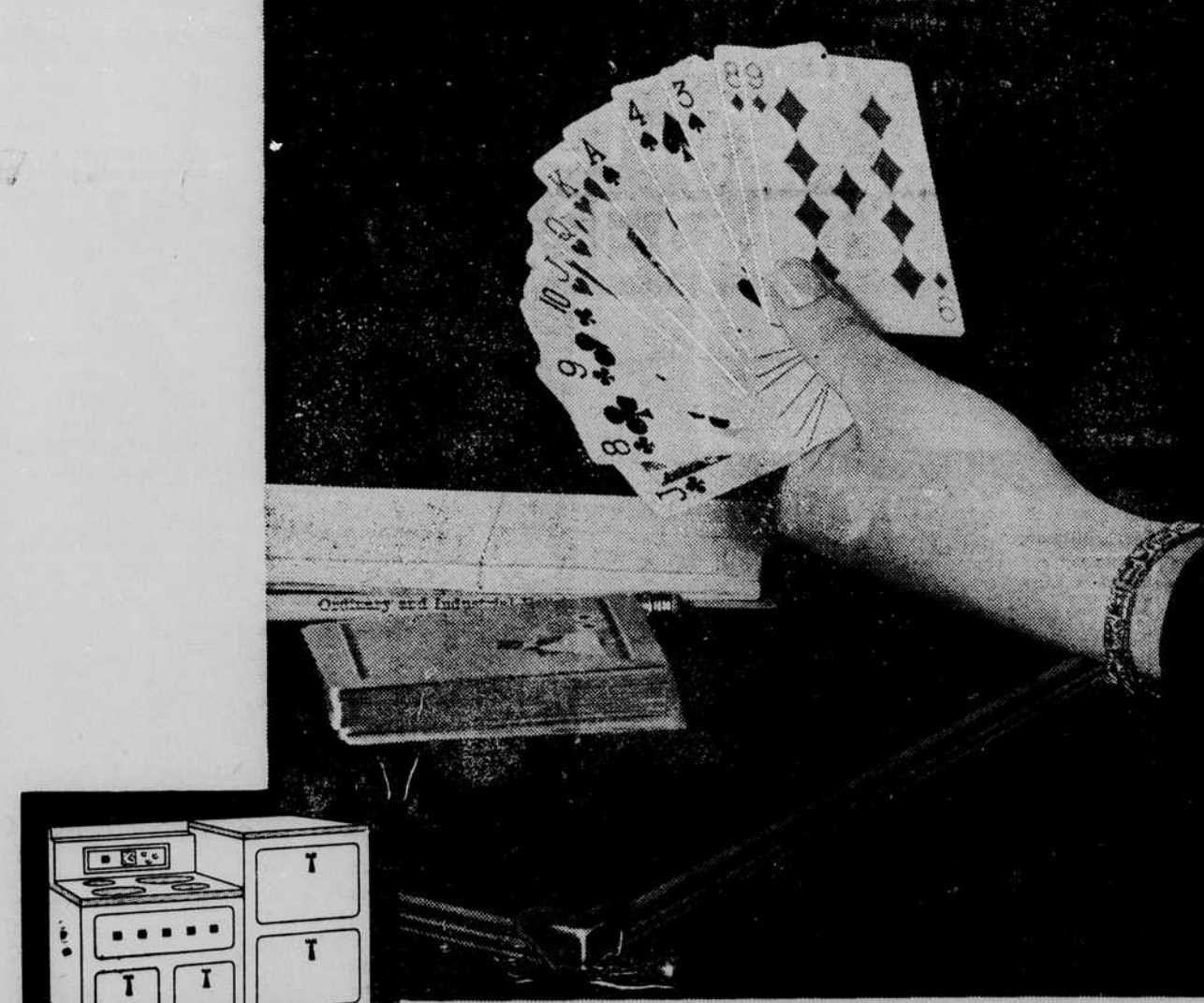
DR. VIRGIL H. MEWBORN

Optometrist

Next Visits:

Bethel, N. C., at Blount Hotel, Monday, April 17, 1933.
Robersonville, N. C., at Falmer's Drug Store, Tuesday, April 18, 1933.
Williamston, N. C., at Peele's Jewelry store, Wednesday, April 19, 1933.
Plymouth, N. C., at O'Henry Drug Store, Thursday, April 20, 1933.
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