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**An Illuminating Contrast**

We recently observed on the front page of a certain newspaper some very interesting matter. Even the headlines themselves proved of interest, and went as follows:

First article: "Town Team Wins From —," 6-inch news item.

Second article: "County Teams Enter Turney," 4 1-2 inch news item.

Third article: "Local Basketball Teams Win Two Out of Three," 4-inch news item.

Total, three articles, 14 1-2 inches.

On the same page we found this headline: "Many Students Here Flunk on Mid-Term Exams." The articles places the percentage of failures at 30 per cent, and the item covers 7 inches—less than half the space of the sports.

The cost of the schools of that county is \$54,149.38, or \$20.13 per pupil. If the same ratio of 30 per cent failures continues, it will mean that the cost of the "repeaters" to that county will be \$16,244.91 per year.

We are not able to state the cause of this large percentage of failures, yet we venture to say that it is a 10to-1 safe guess to charge much of it to the diversion of the mind from work to play. And to further say that the school that did such wonderful basketball playing did a lot of poor working, and although it is the best-equipped school in the county, so far as teachers and other advantages are concerned, its ratio of failures is greater than the county average.

The modern games do not only take up the valuable time of the play; it is even worse on the gaping, cheering throng on the sidelines than it is on the player himself.

We are overemphasizing play and dodging work too much in our schools. We do not wonder at the number of failures. They will increase, if we keep up our present pace.

**No Legalized Liquor**

We are wondering if our legislature will have the effrontery to legalize liquor in the face of a vote that produced a majority of more than two to one against liquor.

We can hardly conceive of a legislative body yielding to the wishes of such a small minority and in the very face of such an overwhelming majority.

The pressure for legal liquor is being made by a few people who would like to make money by legalizing this business.

There is not a reason in the world why liquor should not be outlawed, and we do not believe our legislators will undertake to sell virtue, truth, peace, prosperity and happiness for a few paltry dollars in tax money.

Liquor is not entitled to legislative respectability.

**Reynolds Has a Good Year**

We observe from the papers that the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company had a very good year in 1934, much better than the year before.

It will be remembered that this company never did pay labor the price set out in the blanket code. Perhaps if it had paid labor a little more, its dividends would have been a little less.

In some manner, Mr. Clay Williams, a former high officer in the Reynolds company, has been made chairman of the NRA board; and yet it is generally known that Mr. Williams is opposed to any price-fixing other than that by his and similar companies, which will lead to lower wages for labor and bigger dividends to his stockholders.

**Constitutional Devaluations**

The Supreme Court seems to be somewhat divided on the question of the devaluation of gold as being constitutional.

The question of the gold-holders devaluating the worth of houses, lands, crops, and products of every kind, and the value of labor, was never raised.

We submit that if it is unconstitutional for the government to reduce the value of a gold dollar, then it ought to be unconstitutional for the gold holder to drop the price of a day's labor from \$1 to 50 cents.

If the courts hold the devaluation of the dollar in gold is unconstitutional, then the same courts should hold that all bonds of every type issued on a basis of inflated prices should be cut in the same proportion.

Congress should also order a very large expansion of the currency, which is one of the greatest needs of the country's financial system.

**Against Best Interests**

Big prices paid labor on relief employment projects in agricultural sections is operating against the community's best interests, and probably more to the man who gets it than to any other person. We note that a number of people who own land are on these public jobs, drawing 30 cents an hour and suffering themselves to neglect their farm interests while they depend on floating on the easy stream of good pay and very little work, much of which is useless and for selfish interests.

These fellows who have farm land should be cut off of the public-works payrolls. Provision has been made to make them loans, to help them plant, cultivate and harvest, and they should be forced to it.

When we take into consideration the fact that 90 per cent of the people on the employment relief rolls in rural sections are the most undesirable people in the whole county, we feel that the hard and fast rules of the government are wrong in paying big wages which only make common men common.

Martin County has had too much prosperity during the past year for a single man to be out of work. And that class of people who can get work at no other place than government relief projects is either too hard to suit or too lazy and sorry to appeal to its neighbors. Exception is made for the occasional cripple around town.

Again, the farmer cannot pay the wage that the government pays.

Another thing that needs to be considered is the great amount of oil and gasoline used by the legions of circuit-riding bosses who do not know what work is when they see it. It is costing entirely too much to do the bossing, and there are too many bosses who do not even know how to supervise the planting of a garden.

**Unpleasant Duties**

Newspapers, like others, have some unpleasant duties to perform, if they are to do their full duty and give all the legitimate news that the public demands and is entitled to.

Many things that are printed hurt somebody. The mother dislikes to see the name of her wayward son or wild daughter in glaring headlines. It brings tears and sobs to most mothers.

Now, the question is: What is the best thing to do about it? Must the newspaper smother the news and protect the criminal, or should mothers and fathers do a little more teaching the things that will have more to do towards keeping their children's names out of court proceedings than any other thing?

Parents need to teach that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and is worth more than much pleasure.

If a man wants to keep his name out of court records on a charge of drunkenness, then he can do it by keeping sober. If he doesn't want to be charged with robbery, then don't rob.

If you find that your boy or girl is hanging around the dens of sin and crime, then fall in line with the law and get the aid of all good people, the newspaper included, and help to break it up. Then the name of your son or daughter will not be found in the scandal news.

We do not like to print news if it is bad, yet it is the duty of every newspaper to print the facts. Think of how anxious you are for the news, it matters not how bad it is, just so it does not touch your folks. Do good and gain the respect of men and the approval of God.

**A Life of Service**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Peel was enlivened on Sunday, January 20, in a celebration in honor of Mr. Peel's seventy-fourth birthday, when six of his seven children and their families assembled to do him honor. Present also were others of his kindred and a few friends of the olden time who stand among the masses of humanity like the older trees in the great forests, giants of the past but now suffering decay from the ravages of time.

Mr. Peel is one of the few citizens of the old school who has not permitted the influence and power of modern fickleness and pleasures to swerve him from the old paths of rectitude and safety. His life has been full of service. As a teacher for more than a third of a century he has doubtless done more for the uplift and advancement of his county than any other man now living. He has served as a surveyor, and knows his county and its people. Yet no service in his life has counted more than his loyalty to his neighbors. He was always ready to give full measure for whatever he received.

He has so lived that when he closes each day's work and draws down his daily balance, he can honestly write beneath it the words of the poet: "One more day's work for Jesus, one less of life for me."

**Higher Income Taxes**

Rocky Mount Telegram.

A move has been started in the General Assembly to double the maximum levies that may be placed on incomes in North Carolina, effectively immediately after the electorate has had an opportunity to pass on this constitutional amendment. Probably, if the amendment gets swift approval in Raleigh, a law to take effect with the affirmative vote on the amendment will be enacted and left in the hands of the Revenue Department, if that be legal. The General Assembly could declare a general election for June, or even earlier than that, since it fixed the date for a vote on the question of liquor control.

Here is a source of revenue that will work the least hardship, a tax based in accordance with the full ability of the taxpayer to meet his obligation. Such an amendment doubtless would get the approval of the voters should it be passed in the General Assembly. However, it should be included in the new constitution soon to be submitted to voters.

**NOTICE**  
 North Carolina, Washington County.  
**Gertrude Harrison vs. Henry D. Harrison**  
 The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the superior court of the above-named county and state, by the plaintiff, for an absolute divorce, and for the maintenance of the child born into the said union, further that a verified complaint is this day filed in my office in said action and that he is required to answer or demur to said complaint on or before the 4th day of March, 1935, or the relief prayed in said complaint will be granted.  
 This 28th day of December, 1934.  
 C. V. W. AUSBON,  
 Clerk of Superior Court.

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
 North Carolina, Washington County, in the Superior Court.  
**Annie E. Worsley, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Walker, vs. Martha Horton, Emma Hill, Martha McNair, Eliza Hart, James Walker, Joseph Boston, Leah Mitchell, William Walker, Ella Walker, Mary Staton, Theodore Walker, Georgiana Holly, Henry Walker, Josephine Sheppard, Willie Bunch, and Mary E. Bunch.**  
**ORDER**  
 To Leah Mitchell, William Walker, Ella Walker, Mary Staton, Theodore Walker, Georgiana Holly, Henry Walker, Josephine Sheppard, Willie Bunch, and Mary E. Bunch, non-resident defendants in the above-entitled action: You are hereby commanded to appear before the clerk of the superior court of Washington County at Plymouth, North Carolina, at the courthouse in Plymouth on the 31st day of January, 1935, to answer or otherwise plead to the petition, which is now on file in said clerk's office, which petition demands the sale of the tract of land in Plymouth Township, Washington County, North Carolina, known as the "James Walker land," to make assets to pay the debts of the Mary Walker estate.

And you will further take notice, that if you fail to answer the petition or otherwise plead thereto the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition. Herein fail not and to this summons take due notice.  
 This 21st day of December, 1934.  
 C. V. W. AUSBON,  
 Clerk of Superior Court.  
 W. M. Darden, attorney.

**MORTGAGE SALE**  
 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust from Fannie B. Bell and husband, P. H. Bell, and Nancy Johnson and husband, J. J. Johnson, to H. E. Beam, trustee, dated April 18, 1930, and recorded in Washington County Registry in book 107, page 19, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at the courthouse door of Washington County in the town of Plymouth, on Saturday, February 2, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described property:

Beginning on the east corner of lot No. 44 on Third Street and running northwardly along said street to the line of the heirs of the late David Harrison, thence eastwardly along the line of the Harrison heirs to the line of Elijah Joyner, thence westwardly along the Elijah Joyner line to the line of R. H. Taylor, thence at right angles and along the line of P. H. Bell to third street, the place of beginning. The said lot being the same of conveyed to P. H. Bell by deed from Nathan Holt and Minnie Holt found in book No. 68, page 183, of Washington County registry.

The terms of sale will be cash, and the purchaser will be required to deposit not less than 10 per cent of the amount of the bid as evidence of good faith and to guarantee against loss pending confirmation. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.  
 This the 1st day of January, 1935.  
 ZENO LYON,  
 Trustee.  
 Carl L. Bailey, Attorney.

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**FAMOUS AVIATOR.** (Right) Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith says: "Once you've had a chance to appreciate the mild, mellow flavor of Camels, no other cigarette seems to suit you. Camels are my 'supercharger'—they give me new energy and 'go.' And they never throw my nerves off key."

**PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR.** (Below) "A Camel gives me a sense of renewed vim," says Charles Adams. "I enjoy this delightful 'lift' often. Camels never interfere with my nerves."

**BANK TELLER.** (Left) "I've noticed that after any strain or when I need cheering up, I get a 'lift' in energy from a Camel," reports Baxter Davidson. "They taste so good. Camels don't disturb my nervous system."

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**H. G. Walker**  
 CRESWELL, N. C.

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