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RAMBLING ABOUT

By THE RAMBLER

WHAT IS NEWS?

There are several nice juicy scandals going the rounds in Plymouth just now . . . and the gossips are talking about at least a dozen other affairs . . . which are none of their business . . . Some of these stories concern natives of Plymouth and others have to do with newcomers. . . . At least two of the persons who have been talked about recently are, in the Rambler's opinion, among the finest people in the community. It seems to be human nature to like gossip . . . Many newspapers make a practice of printing it . . . and they often build up incredibly large circulation that way . . . for people enjoy reading it . . . even though they sometimes pretend to be a bit shocked. But, are the personal affairs and mistakes of unfortunate men and women, or foolish boys and girls, in any sense of the word "news"? . . . The Rambler thinks they are not . . . and the Beacon will avoid as far as possible mentioning anything of this nature or reporting the details of cases in Recorder's court . . .

WHAT ABOUT WALLY?

There are times, however, when it is just as bad for the press to "kill" news of this sort as it is at other times to play it up . . . The entire British press adopted a voluntary censorship when their late king became involved with Mrs. Simpson . . . And so Britain's king was kicked out and her unwritten constitution was changed without the people knowing anything about it until it was all over . . . That is not democracy.

CENSORSHIP IN PLYMOUTH—

This question of censorship is very important, for on the freedom of the press depends the freedom of every citizen . . . The first thing a petty despot attempts to do is put a muzzle on the newspapers and radio. There is altogether too much inclination on the part of some public officials in this country to adopt such practices . . . This week the Rambler attempted to obtain certain information relative to WPA work in the county . . . Asked how many men are now employed on WPA projects . . . He was told that such information can only be given out by somebody-or-other in Raleigh . . . Who has a better right to know what the WPA is doing with the vast sums it has spent than the people who pay taxes and read newspapers?

AND MORE CENSORSHIP—

Having gotten nowhere in attempting to learn the progress of WPA work in the county, the Rambler inquired at another office as to the progress of the Federal Rural Rehabilitation work here . . . But, it appears, all information on this has to be given out from some bureau in Raleigh, also . . . And the Rambler was advised to write there for what he wanted . . . And warned not to leave the bit shot's exact title off his name in addressing the letter . . .

AND STILL MORE

This does not, by any means, complete the list of local examples of censorship . . . Several other persons on the public payroll in Washington County also have an idea that their official acts are none of the public's business . . . On the other hand, most of the men and women in public office here realize that the people have a right to know what they are doing . . . and understand that the press is always ready and eager to work with them on any worthwhile project for the public betterment . . .

THE SCENTS OF PROSPERITY

Plymouth residents are getting reconciled to peculiar smells and pungent odors . . . When the pulp mill began to operate a few days ago, it seemed as though something was dead and rotting. "It doesn't smell half as bad as rotten business," commented Sam Adler . . . And that about summed up the general feeling of the other merchants . . . "Smells like prosperity to me," said Tom Burgess . . .

Man of the Week . . . Eugene F. Still

Former Bank Clerk Is First President Building-Loan



EUGENE F. STILL

Eugene F. Still is president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company because there was a crash in the New York stock market in 1929. Now he employs more than 300 men and turns out 225,000 square feet of plywood a day, or enough to make 3,500 packing cases. Box cars bearing the names of every railroad in the United States come rolling up sooner or later to be loaded on the siding in his mill yard, and the knocked down cases which they carry away are used for packing everything from cotton cloth to coffins and pianos. Mr. Still was born in Senatobia, Mississippi, a little place about the size of Plymouth. He spent two and a half years at the University of Mississippi, then went to work in a bank at Memphis, Tennessee. But being a bank clerk did not appeal very strongly to him, so he tossed up his job and went to work for

Heads Local Plant Because of Stock Crash in 1929

office manager, at the age of 30 had become one of the leading figures in the civic life of the community. In 1934 and '35 he served on the Plymouth school board as chairman, and when the Lions Club was organized here recently he was elected its first president. Now that the Building and Loan Association sponsored by the Lions Club is about to begin operation in Plymouth, he is faced with another task of organization like that which he had in taking over the mill and

starting a Lions Club. For he is its first president. Two months ago Eugene F. Still, Jr., was born, so now there are many times when business affairs and civic duties have to take second place. Mr. and Mrs. Still were married in Arkansas nearly nine years ago and this is their first child so that Eugene, Jr., is much more interesting and important right now than any mill, any club, or any building and loan association.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE
 North Carolina, Washington County, C. M. Davenport, et al, vs. T. H. Davenport, et al
 Pursuant to a judgment entered in the above entitled action, by His Honor, J. Paul Frizzelle, Judge Presiding at the April, 1937, term of the Superior Court, Washington County, the undersigned will, on the 1st day (Monday) November, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor the following described land, situate in said county and state in Lees Mill Township, and bounded and described as follows:
 Beginning at a sweet gum in the center of Long Branch, J. W. Blount's corner, thence up the center of Long Branch, thence south 32 1-2 west 23 poles to a pine stump; thence south 54 degrees west 9 poles to E. F. Blount's road leading to his house, thence south 68 west 40 poles to a pine, south 79 west 30 poles along a marked line agreed upon by Bailey Swain and E. F. Blount to three trees, gums, and a black bay, thence south 43 east 136 poles along a line of marked trees to the run of Baker Swamp to a gum and ash corner, it being the dividing line between Jacqueline Davenport and Pinna Swain, thence eastwardly down the run of the swamp to J. W. Blount's line, thence south 43 west 165 poles to the beginning, containing 76 acres, more or less.
 The terms of sale are cash, and the successful bidder will be required to deposit with the commissioners 10 per cent of his bid as earnest money. Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker. All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the court.
 Dated and posted this the 1st day of October, 1937.
 W. M. DARDEN,
 E. L. OWENS,
 Commissioners.

"Landon Calls F. D. R. Failure as Leader," states a headline in one of the Norfolk dailies. About all needed to round out that page was a statement by Bill Terry that the New York Yankees are the same kind of failure as a baseball team.

Emile Zola—The Man and the Portrayal

There is a picture coming to Plymouth Sunday and Monday which the New York Times calls "the finest historical film ever made." The Life of Emile Zola has made a remarkable impression upon everyone who has seen it, perhaps because of the great historical accuracy with which the film presents the extraordinary life of one of the outstanding Frenchmen of modern times. Emile Zola's bitterly realistic novels not only slashed through the hypocracies of current French literature and founded a new school of realistic fiction, but worked profound changes in the Republic as well. Zola attacked abuses in the army, among the rich, and the debasement of the peasantry. His written attacks brought relief to downtrodden miners, helped stamp out low bistros where the quality of liquor sold was little better than poison; revealed the plight of street women victimized by the police and exploited by vice lords. The sheer brutality of his writing evoked furious controversies. Press and pulpit condemned him. Powerful forces attempted to suppress his work. But Zola was unquenchable—a foe of whatever he believed to be injustice or sham. He became the most feared man in France—so feared that he was dubbed "The Shark." It was said of him, "When he sneezes, Paris turns over in her sleep." Once in a world-famous newspaper article, "J'Accuse"—probably one of the most terrible denunciations ever published in any language—Zola attacked the army and government for allowing the conviction of Captain Alfred Dreyfuss, of the French General Staff, who was accused of betraying military secrets. Amid a storm of abuse unprecedented in the history of France, Zola was brought to trial on a charge of criminal libel. He was convicted, but not beaten. He fled to England and continued to fight for the man he believed to be innocent. Finally came victory—Dreyfuss's exoneration and restoration to rank—and Zola was able to return to France. "The Life of Emile Zola" is more than the story of one man's life. It is the story of human valor which admits no defeat, the battle for justice which knows no armistice.

A FAIR QUESTION—

"Why is it that our law has a man arrested for getting drunk . . . After selling him the liquor to drink?" asks J. H. Gaylord, sr., of Roper . . . "It reminds me of a father giving his little boy money to buy firecrackers, and then forbidding him to fire one" . . . Any readers who have similar questions they wish to ask or if any feel they would like to answer Mr. Gaylord, the Rambler hopes they will write him in care of The Beacon . . .

PEANUT BAGS For Sale

We have a full supply of good second-hand bags on hand. Come at once and get your needs.
 —See—
J. H. Smith
 PLYMOUTH, N. C.

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See the new 1937 G-E Range with the exclusive **TRIPL-OVEN**—actually 3-ovens-in-one. Saves you time, saves you money.

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Attention Farmers

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If you have not listed and wish to plant cucumbers in 1938, we urge that you see us at once.

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