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General Lee's Birthday

War clouds grow heavier day by day over an ancient nation, which is mustering every modern agency of destruction in a blind effort to apparently exterminate itself, as Spain continues in its civil strife while the world hastens to arm itself for a great conflict that appears somewhere in the future to be inevitable.

General Francisco Franco is leading his rebels in an apparently successful effort to overthrow the modified form of democratic government which has existed in the nation for only a few years. His aim, apparently, is to restore the monarchy which was deposed some years ago. But the lowly citizens are feeling the brunt of the catastrophe which has overtaken Spain.

There seems to be little or no abatement of the struggle, the combatants are resorting to every horrible and devilish scheme known to mankind in order to gain a little advantage. And in this case it is not one stranger against another, but brother against brother, father against son, friend against friend.

All this is brought more strikingly into remembrance by the nearing of the birthday of the greatest of all soldiers who fought against his national government, that of General Robert E. Lee, hailed today by descendants of friend and foe alike as having been one of the greatest and squarest men ever to lead his army in a cause that they believed was right.

As the men and women who remember pause a while on January 19 to recall the merits of this great man, many wonder what would be his reflections and reactions and his theories and advice to a nation like war-torn Spain.

Experience probably taught him the absolute folly of people divided and reeking with hatred for their fellow citizens. Though a soldier, he probably would have sent a message to the papers on his birthday deploring such a condition as exists in a country not so far from here.

Lee's devotion to his mother would make him weep at the misery caused by war—the stalwart and valiant sons marching off to the battlefields to return maimed, insane, diseased. His record as a student would probably make his sorrow that such a conflict could put an end to orderly pursuit of education.

His patriotism might urge him to send a word to both Loyalists and Insurgents in Spain as they fight for the causes that they hold dearer than life itself. And his totalitarianism, knowing the effects of whiskey, might cause him to bow his head in shame as he sees it so popularized in his own country.

He told his son, who enlisted as a private in the army under General Stonewall Jackson, to "be obedient to all authority; do your duty in everything, great or small." This advice is just as good for the inexperienced today as it was almost three-quarters of a century ago.

No matter what his enemies thought about him then, none of them would say an idle or condemning word afterward. His life was one of devotion, loyalty, character, and sympathy.

So let all, on Wednesday, January 19, pause to observe the birthday of a man who fought a losing battle, but was a good loser.

Good Sense and Good Business

William S. Knudsen, president of the General Motors Corporation, and as such probably one of the leading exponents of "rugged individualism" in these United States, before a Senate committee last week defended the action of his company in laying off 30,000 men, explaining that it was "better" to work off accumulations of unsold stocks by curtailing production than by adjusting prices downward according to reduced demand.

Mr. Knudsen further stated that it would not be "good business" to use the company's surplus of \$450,000,000 to keep men at work and avoid the lay-off. He is undoubtedly right in his assertions, and few will dispute the fact that it was good sense as well as good business to curtail production to meet demand.

But, just for a moment, suppose Mr. Knudsen was in the position of the average farmer. Suppose every little machine shop, garage, or home mechanic was turning out Chevrolets and Buicks and Pontiacs and what ever else General Motors makes; the "accumulated stocks" were growing higher and higher and the demand was growing less and less; just imagine that all these Chevrolets and Buicks and Pontiacs and so on were being put on the market anyway for whatever they would bring, the buyers paying absolutely no attention to the cost of making these cars, but simply buying them as cheaply as they can from the distressed sellers who are forced to part with them in order to obtain the actual necessities of life for themselves and their families.

And suppose these home mechanics and garages and machine shops were not equipped to do anything else but make Chevrolets and Buicks and Pontiacs; that if they were to shut down the workers in them would simply starve to death, and if they keep on the process of starving is apparently only a little slower.

Where, under these conditions, would Mr. Knud-

sen be? Where would General Motors be? With that \$450,000,000 surplus being used to "arouse the people" by propaganda, they would both doubtless be in Washington, tearing up and down the halls of Congress, begging, pleading, demanding that the government step in and do something to provide some effective means of controlling the production of Chevrolets and Buicks and Pontiacs so that at least the actual costs could be realized.

And then where would Senators Bailey, Glass, Vandenberg, and some of our other opponents of compulsory control take their stand? We wonder.

RAMBLING ABOUT
By THE RAMBLER

The News Gets Around—

On November 26, The Beacon ran an article by Mrs. Wilbur Davenport telling how she made a profit of \$237 on her family garden last year. To show how the news gets around—good news as well as bad—The Rambler picked up a copy of a State magazine last week and ran across the following comment and editorial:

"There's food for thought in the comment about gardens made in a recent issue of the 'Mocksville Enterprise':

"Mrs. Wilbur Davenport of near Plymouth, N. C., made a net profit of \$237.00 on her garden during the year 1937. In addition to the vegetables which Mrs. Davenport sold from her garden she produced an abundance for the family and gave away much fresh truck to her neighbors.

"If a woman can net that amount in eastern, North Carolina it can be done in this county, for we can grow about anything in this county that can be produced in any other county in the state, and in as large a quantity. And now at the beginning of 1938, let more of our women decide to have home gardens. \$237.00 as a net profit on a small vegetable garden would help most any home and working and looking after it would be barrel of fun. Indeed most of the people of this community, even those residing in towns and villages can have a vegetable garden. How about trying it out this year?"

Washington Shows the Way—

That Mocksville editor may be right when he says that "it can be done in this county," but he needn't get the idea that everything that can be done down here can be done up there. For one thing, Mocksville is west of Winston-Salem, and we just naturally have a better climate—for gardens, at any rate—than they do. And it is possible, not to say probable, that we have some better gardeners here than they do up there. Be that as it may, it is very likely that a Davie County farmer or farm woman may sometime, by following the plan outlined by Mrs. Davenport, make a net profit of \$237 on his or her year-round garden, but if so old Washington County is at least due credit for showing the way.

A Thankless Job, At Best—

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, the job of town councilman or town commissioner is one of the most thankless in the category of office holding. If a member of the council happens to please a citizen of the town by his actions, he gets no credit, because the citizen figures he should have had enough sense to do it that way, anyhow; whereas, if the action of the official happens to displease a citizen—and who has ever pleased everybody—right away that citizen proceeds to rear up on his hind legs and announce to all sundry that the whole board is a bunch of nincompoops who ought not to be trusted out alone after dark.

And then when the time for election comes around, try to get one of those who has offered the most criticism to run for the office. As a rule, he knows he wouldn't get but one vote—unless he is married, and even then there is a doubt in his mind, what with all this Australian ballot and such—so he remains quiet until after the election before taking up where he left off.

Human Nature—

There's probably no remedy for this state of affairs. It's just human nature to be ready to criticize everything that is displeasing and forget the things that are pleasing. All the same, the next time your council does something that meets your approval, it won't hurt you to tell 'em so, and it will give them a little better feeling about the whole business—and that's about all they'll ever get out of the job.

The Only Thing To Do—

All of which leads up to a word of commendation for the council's actions in the Lucas matter. There was much to be said in favor of the council's first action in granting a tax abatement for the man's good faith in going through with a bargain that undoubtedly cost him a sizeable sum. And the fact that he did go through with his bargain redounded to the benefit of the people of the town, in that he helped in a large way to secure the location of the pulp mill for Plymouth. The only thing about it, the whole proceeding of the town council in granting the abatement was illegal, and when this was called to the members' attention they took the only course out, which was to rescind the action.

Still Just Rumors—

The rumors of another pulp plant for this section continue . . . to be just rumors. There have been no developments so far that anyone could put a finger on; and although everybody seems to have "heard" something nobody seems to "know" anything. There is some foundation for the rumors, however, and it is possible, if not probable, that something may break along this line within a few weeks. It's a mighty good time for local civic organizations to keep an ear to the ground and be prepared to present Plymouth's claims for consideration at a moment's notice.

AT PLYMOUTH THEATRE THURSDAY-FRIDAY



Freuicr Maren and Carole Lombard in a scene from "Nothing Sacred," an all-Technicolor production, to be seen at the Plymouth Theatre Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14.

Southern Albemarle Directors To Outline Work for Year Soon

Special Meeting Likely Within Few Days; Complete List of Committees

A call meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Albemarle Association is expected to be held some time within the next week or two, according to John W. Darden, vice president for Washington County.

The purpose of the meeting is to make appropriations and outline the work for the coming year, and Mr. Darden is making a note of some matters he thinks pertinent, so they can be discussed fully at this meeting.

President C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, wanted to have the meeting on New Year's day but decided to postpone it until a later date.

Following is a complete list of officers, directors, and committees of the association:

Elected Officers: C. W. Tatem, President, Columbia; Victor Meekins, Executive Secretary, Manteo; Geo. W. Jones, Recording Secretary, Columbia; P. W. Brown, Treasurer, Plymouth; Victor Meekins, Publicity Director, Manteo; W. H. Paramore, Asst. Publicity Director, Plymouth.

Board of Directors
Dare County: M. R. Daniels, Vice-President; J. A. Meekins, Geo. M. Wise, C. L. Midgette, J. I. Willis, J. D. Nelson, Frank Stick, T. R. Midgette and D. B. Fearing.

Hyde County: W. W. Watson, Vice-President; J. A. Polson, P. E. Swindell, O. L. Williams, Mrs. C. R. Lupton, Mrs. H. A. Harris, Mrs. O. S. Howard, Mrs. Ely Gibbs and Amosa Fulcher.

Tyrrell county: W. J. White, Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. W. C. Owens, Mrs. W. S. Carawan, Mrs. Sue Brickhouse, D. M. Pledger, W. S. Sykes, H. S. Swain and Frank Griffin.

Washington county: John W. Darden, Vice-President; P. W. Brown, Rev. Gilbert Davis, Z. V. Norman, Mrs. E. L. Owens, Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. L. E. Harrell, W. W. White and Roy L. Litchfield.

Committee Assignments
RULES: W. M. Darden, Chairman, W. L. Whitley, Z. V. Norman, Plymouth; O. L. Williams, Swan Quarter; J. C. Meekins, Columbia.

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS:

C. Y. Tyson, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Louella Swindell, Swan Quarter; M. A. Mathews, Englehard; Mrs. H. C. Jones, Fairfield, Mrs. D. C. Clayton, Plymouth.

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Loadings Will Be at Old Plymouth Motor Co. Stand, Near N. S. Freight Station

Prices for Tuesday, January 18: Colored Hens . . . 16c lb.

Other Prices in Proportion

Pitt Poultry Company
GREENVILLE, N. C.

Notice of Sale of Property For Delinquent Taxes

Pursuant to instructions issued to me by the City Council of the Town of Plymouth, N. C. the following property will be sold in front of the courthouse in Plymouth, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 7th day of February, 1938, for 1936 taxes due and unpaid, unless said taxes, costs and penalty are paid on or before the 7th day of February, 1938. Fifty cents will be added to defray the costs of advertising each name.

This the 3rd day of January, 1938.
(Signed) P. W. Brown, Tax Collector, Town of Plymouth.

White		
Mrs. S. R. Bateman, 1 lot Jefferson street	19.60	
J. W. Beasley, Estate, 1 lot Washington street	20.00	
Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, 1 lot Main street, balance	48.00	
D. O. Brinkley, Estate, Corner Main & Jefferson streets, balance	119.90	
J. O. Everett, 1 lot Main Street	36.70	
Paul Faust, 1 lot Fort Williams Street	17.90	
W. R. Hampton, 2 lots Water Street, 1 lot Main Street, 1 lot Madison Street, balance	95.69	
R. G. Hardison, 1 lot Washington Street	33.80	
Mrs. G. W. Harney, 1 lot Main Street, 1 lot Third Street	94.00	
Mrs. Annie Hooker, 1 lot Washington Street	40.00	
Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 1 lot Wilson Street	16.50	
E. R. Jackson, 1 lot Washington Street, 2 lots Main Street, West, 1 lot East Water street	94.90	
Mrs. R. W. Johnston, 1 lot Main Street	39.40	
Mrs. Margaret Leggett, 1 lot Washington Street	16.00	
Mrs. S. Lucas, 1 lot Third Street	24.00	
O. H. Lyon (guardian), 1 lot Madison Street	5.20	
Van B. Marlin, 1 lot Washington Street	19.20	
W. T. Nurney, Estate, 1 lot Jefferson Street	50.80	
P. O. Price, 1 lot corner Fort Williams	20.95	
J. J. Rodgers, 1 lot Third Street	22.25	
I. T. Sawyer, 1 lot West Fourth Street	2.00	
Slade and Rhodes, (Plymouth Storage)	49.00	
J. H. Smi h. Sr., 1 lot Third Street	40.00	
Annie & Mae Spruill, 1 lot Washington Street	36.00	
Kathleen Spruill, property Water Street	48.40	
Mrs. Jennie Spruill, Estate, East Water and Washington Streets	31.75	
W. E. Waters, 1 lot Madison Street	19.20	
John T. Williams, West Fourth Street	19.20	
Colored		
Julia Ann Allen, 1 lot Meadow Street	5.60	
Fannie Armstead, 1 lot Wilson Street	8.00	
Thomas G. Axum, 1 lot Water Street	12.60	
Dean Ballard, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	4.80	
Hannah Ballard, 1 lot Madison Street	3.80	
Maggie Barns, 1 lot Fourth Street	6.40	
Daniel Bateman, Estate, 1 lot Wilson Street	32.00	
John Bell, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	9.60	
Bell and Johnson, 1 lot Fourth Street	23.90	
P. H. Bell, 1 lot Littlecourt & Third Streets	4.80	
Rosa Bell, 1 lot Third Street	5.60	
Thomas Bembry, heirs, 1 lot Fourth Street	4.00	
Rebecca H. Boone, 1 lot Madison Street, balance	10.00	
Matilda Boyd, 1 lot Wilson Street	4.80	
Wesley Cherry, 1 lot Fourth Street	3.45	
Mary Clark, 1 lot Fourth Street	11.20	
David C. Cobb, 1 lot Fourth Street	13.69	
John Cooper, 1 lot Madison Street	4.80	
William and Dempsey Cooper, 1 lot Wilson Street	8.20	
Theodore Cooper, 1 lot Wilson Street	2.00	
William M. Dempsey, heirs, 1 lot Wilson Street	16.00	
Annie Downing, 1 lot Fourth Street	24.30	
W. H. Ellis, Corner, Water & Madison Streets	4.80	
Adison Everett, Estate, 1 lot Main Street	40.00	
Marcellus Everett, 1 lot West Main Street	2.40	
Roxanna Everett, 1 lot Main Street	9.60	
Everett & Taylor, 1 lot West Water Street	1.20	
Victoria Felton, 1 lot Wilson Street	4.00	
Lucereta Gardner, 1 lot Madison Street	2.00	
Charlie Garrett, 1 lot Fourth Street	9.25	
Lewis Garrett, 1 lot East, Third Street	12.00	
Mamie Garrett, 1 lot Wilson Street	11.71	
Martha Gee, 1 lot Main Street	3.20	
Gastonia Hall, 1 lot Main Street	3.20	
Susan Hall, 1 lot Adams Street	6.00	
Millie Halsey, 1 lot Water Street	5.62	
Irving Harrell, 1 lot Water Street	5.60	
Joseph J. Harris, 1 lot Fourth Street	5.60	
Abraham Harrison, 1 lot Adams Street	6.40	
David Harrison Heirs, 1 lot East Third Street	9.60	
Louis Hart, 1 lot Brinkley Avenue	2.40	
Mamie Hassell, 1 lot Fourth Street	16.00	
C. D. Heath, 1 lot Water, 1 lot Main, 1 lot Water	22.10	
Henry Hines, 1 lot Main Street	16.45	
Edith & Elijah James, 1 lot Wilson Street	11.60	
John S. James, 1 lot Monroe Street	13.65	
Josephine James & George Smith, 1 lot Wilson Street	13.65	
Mary James, heirs, 1 lot Water Street	11.71	
Cane Jennett, 1 lot Seventh Street	3.30	
Zion Jennett, Sr., 1 lot Fourth Street	8.00	
Emma Jenkins, 1 lot Fourth Street	9.60	
Willie J. Johnson, 2 lots Water & Main Streets	11.20	
W. M. Johnson, 1 lot Main Street	6.40	
W. E. Johnson, 1 lot Water Street	11.71	
Elizabeth Jones, Estate, 1 lot Water Street	3.20	
James Joyner, 1 lot Water Street, balance	3.20	
Lucy Joyner, 1 lot Fourth Street	4.00	
Annie King, 1 lot Madison Street	20.80	
Ernest Linton, 1 lot Main Street	11.45	
Mary E. Lavery, Estate, 1 lot Monroe St.	12.80	
Will Arhur McRae, 1 lot Wilson Street	1.20	
Isaac Mitchell Estate, 1 lot Water Street	5.60	
J. D. Moore, Estate, 1 lot Adams, 2 lots Madison, 1 lot Elmora Court, 4 lots Little Court, 2 lots Freeman's Court	89.60	
Lucy Moore, heirs, 1 lot Main Street	3.00	
Sam Moore, 1 lot Wilson Street	9.60	
Axie Norman, Estate, 1 lot Monroe Street	3.20	
C. M. Owens, 1 lot Third Street, 1 lot Madison Street	25.60	
Carrie Patrick, 1 lot Wilson Street, balance	9.20	
Anna Pettiford, 1 lot Main Street	5.00	
Henry Pettiford, Estate, 1 lot Wilson Street	10.00	
Rev. Mack Pettiford, West Main Street	10.00	
Roberta Pettiford, 1 lot Water Street	8.00	
Rubins Pettiford, estate, 1 lot Water, 1 lot Wilson, 2 lots Main, 2 lots Fourth, 2 lots Water	82.40	
Frank Ransom, 1 lot Madison Street, balance	8.50	
Joe Rhodes, heirs, 1 lot Madison Street	4.00	
George Smith, 2 lots Wilson Street	9.60	
Nancy Simons, Heirs, 1 lot Freeman Court	4.80	
Washington & Simon, Heirs, 1 lot McClee Street, 1 lot A. C. L.	5.70	
Ethel Smith, 1 lot Main Street	4.00	
Fannie Smith, 1 lot Freeman Court	8.80	
Josephine Smith, 1 lot Water Street	4.80	
Elizabeth Smithwick, Estate, 1 lot Wilson Street, balance	2.60	
Senora Smithwick, 1 lot West Main Street	9.60	
Ada Stuart, 1 lot Wilson Street	4.80	
Agustus Towle, 1 lot Third Street	4.80	
A. L. Towle, Norman lot, Wilson lot, 1 store	25.65	
Cornelius White, 1 lot Little Court	4.80	
Arthur Wiggins, 1 lot Fort Williams Street	9.85	
Cornelia Wynn, 1 lot Little Court	2.40	