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Refreshing Candor About A Sorry State of Affairs

A high spot in the hearings on election reforms being held by the joint legislative committee on election laws in Raleigh was the admission last week by J. O. Bell, of Tuxedo, Democratic member of the State Board of Elections, that Democrats in the western part of the state needed the absentee ballot in order to prevent some of the counties up there from going Republican.

While the frankness of Mr. Bell was decidedly refreshing, the fact that such conditions are allowed to continue certainly is not. He went on to say that he was in favor of doing away with the absentee ballot in the primary, but "we need some leeway in the west . . . in the general election." In other words, it isn't exactly fair for Democrats to use the absentee ballot against each other but all right for use against Republicans.

Regardless of their political affiliations, fair-thinking people are not going to countenance such one-sided reasoning, and if the Democratic party, which now controls the state, fails to clean up this mess, then it is no longer capable of being entrusted with the business of the state.

One of the Results of Crop-Control Defeat

One of the arguments advanced last fall in favor of the tobacco control plan was that in the event the proposal failed, sections not now growing tobacco would immediately begin doing so. That this was not an idle argument is shown by an editorial entitled "Tobacco Will Pay in Gaston," from the Mount Holly News and reprinted in the Cherryville Eagle, last week, both newspapers being published in Gaston County.

The article cites figures on the results obtained from a 1.3-acre test plot of burley tobacco tried out in that county, and both newspapers are recommending that Gaston farmers begin production of tobacco on a larger scale to supplant part of the acreage given to the failing cotton crop. Although burley will not en-

ter into active competition with the bright leaf produced in this section, there are other regions where our type of tobacco can be produced, and doubtless farm leaders are urging farmers there to begin producing bright leaf.

An interesting feature of the article from Gaston County is the report of the fertilizer cost for the 1.3 acres tried out. The bill for fertilizer was exactly \$11, and mention was made in the editorial that this was about half the usual cost in Eastern Carolina. It was also pointed out that the land used was not the best in that section adapted to tobacco production, yet the grower harvested 840 pounds from the small plot and sold it for an average of 17 cents, making a net profit of \$40. It was said this was the first time this particular farmer had ever tried to grow tobacco and that he and others in his section were planning to put in additional acreage this year.

Maybe the Anti-Compulsory Crop Control Association can get some satisfaction out of its fight to defeat control after reading editorials of this type from other sections. We can't.

Boy Scout Movement To Celebrate Birthday

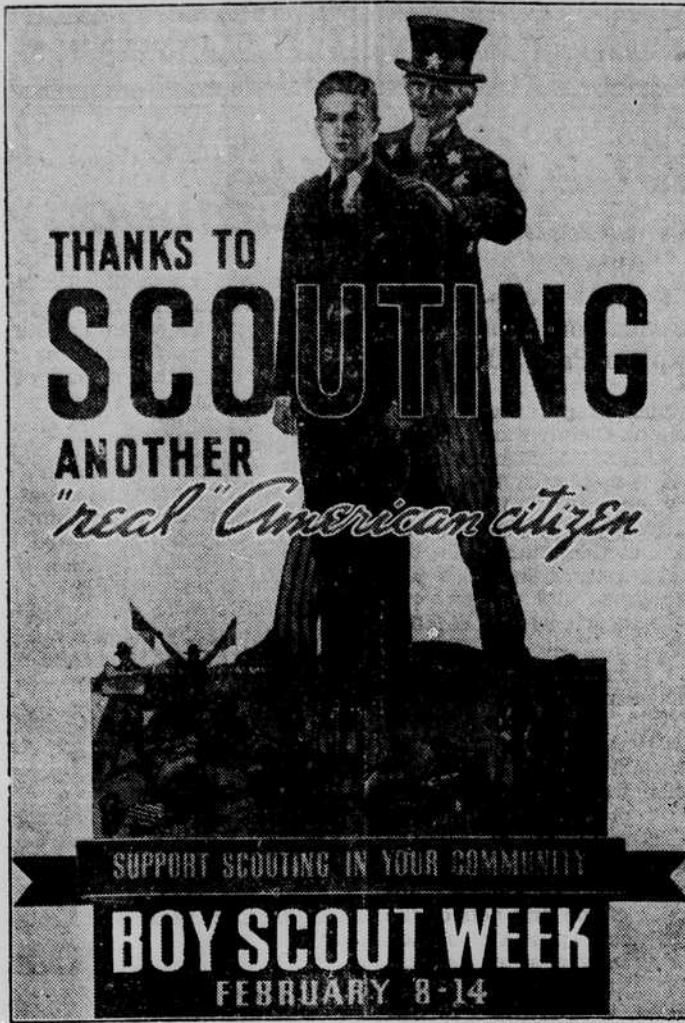
Next week, as many informed folk know already, is Boy Scout Week, celebrating the 29th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, a movement that has already appealed to 8,400,000 American boys and men.

Such success as the Boy Scout scheme has had is due chiefly, aside from its inherent imaginative appeal for boys, to the fact that thousands of devoted men have given time and money—but chiefly time—quite unselfishly in order that the boys who became Scouts might have the advantage of their counsel and experience. No similar social agency in the history of the world has ever engaged so many men as volunteers and their willingness and desire to be of some use is a tribute to the sort of unselfishness which is a component of the essential American character.

These Scout leaders have not given in vain, for there is ample evidence that the Boy Scouts of America have become among those consistently active in carrying out the service motive in our national life. This has always been amply demonstrated in times of emergency and is likewise to be discovered in ordinary days by many signs. Not the least of them is the fact that many, in fact, most of those becoming Boy Scout leaders in the past several years have previously been Scouts and are seizing upon that way of re-paying the debt due their own Scoutmasters. This is significant evidence that the Scout creed of helpfulness to others is a working doctrine.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST Williamston office, Peele Jly Co., every Fri., 9:30 a. m. to 12 m. Plymouth, office Liverman Drug Co., every Fri., 2 to 5 p. m. Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted At Tarboro Every Saturday

All America Marks 29th Boy Scout Anniversary



THIS poster, showing how "Scouting Carries On American Ideals", theme of Boy Scout Week from Feb. 8 to 14, marks the 29th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America. 39,750 Boy Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Sea Scout Ships now include 1,233,950 boys and men, a membership gain of better than 13% in the past year. Since the beginning of Scouting in America 8,400,000 boys and men have been identified with the Movement.

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Still Some To Go

A youngster from here off at school was continually bragging about Plymouth. Finally a classmate said, "How big is your home town?"

"Oh," replied the future chamber of commerce president, "About the size of New York, but it ain't built up yet."

Out-of-the-Way Place

There's a world of wisdom to be gained by just sitting around a country store and keeping your ears open. Philosophy as expounded by the ancient Greeks may be eminently satisfactory in the abstract, but real

homespun practical hoss-sense dressed in every-day words that all can understand is practically always available if you can just get one of these rustic merchants to talking about things in general. Just the other day we dropped into a small store along the roadside, where we knew the owner, who had just returned from his first trip to New York. It so happened that this was our friend's first trip to any place outside of his own county and, naturally, when he came back most of his neighbors dropped in to hear him tell about the things he saw in the big town.

There was quite a gathering there, and the storekeeper was expounding on this and that when one of his listeners interposed a question: "Tell us, John," he said, "Just what do you think of New York?"

John uncoiled about six feet of arms and legs, adjusted his specs and spat with deadly accuracy into the stove.

"Well," he said, "New York is some town, all right. Cars scootin' like lightnin' over your head, daddurned

long trains a-divin' underground, buildings so blamed high ye can't see the tops of 'em, millions of miles of paved streets, an' automobile chasin' ye all over the street. Yes, sir, it's a big town, all right, but it'll never be a success. It's too far away from everything."

And the Greatest of These

Another pretty good example of farmyard philosophy was furnished this week by a Washington County farmer who was talking with a friend of his about how hard it is to make ends meet. "To tell you the truth," said his friend, "I really don't see how some of you farmers manage to get along these hard times, what with crop failures, low prices, and everything."

"Oh, well," said the farmer, "Last year we all lived on faith, this year we are living on hope, and next year we'll probably be living on charity."

Not So Hot, Then

That the Lord helps those who help themselves is cleverly illustrated by a conversation our old stand-by, Rastus, had recently with his parson.

The parson: "Well, Rastus, that shore is a fine garden you have there."

Rastus: "Yas-suh, Pahson. Parson: "You must thank the Almighty for that."

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Rastus: "Eying the parson thoughtfully, "Pahson, did you eber see dis piece of groun' when de Almighty had it all to Himself?"

Gentle Persuasion

On another occasion Rastus and the parson were talking over the honesty of their neighbors and Rastus proved conclusively that he doesn't believe in taking chances on anything.

"Yo' neighbor is honest, I hope," said the parson.

"Oh, yas-suh, dey is," Rastus replied.

"But why yo' keep dat loaded shotgun near de chicken coop?" the parson inquired.

"Sho," said Rastus, "That's to keep 'em honest."

Bitter Times Ahead

She was working on the daily crossword puzzle. Turning to her hus-

band, she asked: "What is a female sheep?"

"Ewe," he replied.

And that started the unpleasantness that continued until far in the night.

None of His Business

Reflecting on that last crack, the thought occurs that practically all of our troubles are the results of misunderstandings. If we would just take the time to reason things out, this old world would be so much a better place in which to live. Take the postmaster and the lady in the following little yarn, as related by the Carolina Co-operator, for instance; if either had been doing any grade-A reasoning, she probably wouldn't be still thinking he is a nosey old busybody, and he probably wouldn't be thinking she is a vicious old cross-patch who flies off the handle for no reason at all:

The lady approached the postmaster and said: "I've been expecting a package of medicine for a week back, and it hasn't come yet."

"For a week back?" asked the postmaster. "What do you take for it? I have a weak back myself."

"I'm not interested in your back," replied the lady. "What I want is my package of medicine."

"Very well," said the postmaster. "Please fill out this form and state the nature of your complaint."

"Well," said the frate woman, "If you really must know, it's gas on my stomach."

The Real Stuff

A couple of youngsters walked up to a man on the street and the older boy said, "Mister, if you'll give us a nickel my little brother here will imitate a hen."

"What will he do?" asked the man. "Cackle?"

"Naw," replied the boy in deep disgust. "He wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a worm."

That's That

We've gotta stop sometime, so this is probably the end—and the wrong end, at that.

The young lady went in to see her dad at the office: "Father, I've got my heart set on a Rolls-Royce."

"Father," "Well, that's probably the only part of your anatomy that will ever set on one."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND Whereas, on the 11th day of July, 1934, Sadie F. Alexander and A. L. Alexander executed and delivered un-

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to W. O. McGibony, Trustee for Land Bank Commissioner, a certain deed to trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washington County, North Carolina, in Book 107, at page 501; and

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained:

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned Trustee will on the 9th day of February, 1939, at the court house door of Washington County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

All those certain tracts of land containing in the aggregate One Hundred and Eighty Two hundredths (102.82) acres, more or less, known as that part of the Hilliard Farm owned by Sadie F. Alexander and formerly owned by A. L. Alexander in Plymouth Township, Washington County located on the public road known as the Garrett Road, 3 miles Southeast of the Town of Plymouth which is on the waters of Roanoke River.

Tract No. 1: Bounded on the North by the said Garrett public road, on the East by the Edna Latham Land, on the South by the Laura Johnson land and on the West by the A. C. Garrett land.

Tract No. 2: Bounded on the North by said Garrett Public Road, on the East by P. W. Brinkley's land, on the South by Laura Johnson's land, and on the West by P. W. Brinkley land.

The property is more fully described by metes and bounds in the deeds of trust above mentioned, to which reference is made.

This property is being sold subject to an outstanding deed of trust by Sadie F. Alexander and A. L. Alexander to The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, recorded in Book 107, Page 499, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washington County, North Carolina.

This the 9th day of January, 1939. W. O. MCGIBONY, Trustee

Z. V. Norman, Agent and Attorney for Trustee. 113 4t

NOTICE

Superior Court, North Carolina Washington County.

D. L. Wilson vs. H. E. Wilson

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Washington County the purpose of which is to obtain divorce from the bonds of matrimony; that a verified complaint has been filed in the action and that he is required to be and appear at my office, on or before the 20th, day of March 1939 to answer or demur to said complaint or the relief prayed therein will be granted.

This 23rd day January 1939. C. V. W. AUSBON, Clerk Superior Court

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Condensed Statement of Condition of Branch Banking & Trust Company

"THE SAFE EXECUTOR"

Plymouth, N. C.

At the Close of Business December 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource and Amount. Includes Cash and due from banks, Obligations of the United States, Federal Land Bank Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability and Amount. Includes Capital Stock - Common, Capital Stock - Preferred, Surplus, etc.



SOUND BANKING AND TRUST SERVICE FOR EASTERN CAROLINA

PAYMENT Of Your Debts

Or Satisfactory Arrangements

WILL REMOVE YOUR NAME from THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION BLACK LIST

As has been pointed out in previous advertisements, all persons owing delinquent accounts which they are making no effort to pay, are being placed on a Black List, a copy of which is provided each member of the Merchants Association Credit Bureau. Members report delinquent accounts each month for inclusion upon this list.

If your name has been turned in and appears on the black list, you have been notified. However, it is not the purpose of the Credit Bureau to list you there permanently if you will pay your accounts or make a determined effort to do so. Once you have paid your accounts, or have made arrangements to do so on a basis satisfactory to those you owe, your name will be removed from this list. A revised list is issued monthly.

You owe it to yourself to keep your credit good. Make an effort today to place your name in good standing. You will find your creditors eager and willing to cooperate if you will make a sincere effort.

Credit Bureau

PLYMOUTH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

PLYMOUTH, N. C.

To All Owners of Automobiles And Users Of Gasoline in WASHINGTON COUNTY

STOP!

Write Your State Representatives

TODAY!

"Why Rob Peter To Pay Paul?"

If you are opposed to the North Carolina Legislature taking \$7,000,000 from the Road Tax for other purposes, WRITE OR WIRE your State Senator and Representative TODAY to vote against the proposed bill!

North Carolina needs \$40,000,000 to put its highways in good shape. Why not use the tax collected from automobiles for road purposes only?

There are still 50,000 miles of dirt roads in North Carolina! Practically every mile of this is used EVERY DAY BY YOUR SCHOOL BUSES, YOUR MAIL CARRIER, YOUR DOCTOR, and YOUR FARMERS—(that is, when these dirt roads are passable). There are half a million farmers in North Carolina living on dirt roads! There is a great and crying need for a "Farm - To - Market" Program in North Carolina.

Owners of automobiles and users of gasoline are urged to petition their Legislators in Raleigh to vote for the bill FORBIDDING ROAD TAXES TO BE SPENT FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT GOOD ROADS!

