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This Is My America
 By Lieut. Col. William A. Brewer

THIS IS MY LAND, THIS IS AMERICA. Her waters and her soil have nourished me, her air I have breathed, her trees and her hills have sheltered and inspired me.

I am one with her; her grasses and her minerals are flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone; and the sweet keepflesh of my ancestors has nourished her, and the blood of my ancestors, fighting to keep her free, has watered her broad acres.

I am all hers and she is all mine. Her flag is my flag; in it is not just what I see, but what I am; when I look at her flag I see only bunting and colors; but when I look into her flag I see wonderful things.

I see the breath of her, from the spume rising where rollers of the Atlantic sweep into the rocks of Maine to the Yucca Bells ringing vespers on the hills hanging over San Diego.

I see the height of her, white spires rising through New England elms, and a pueblo throned on a red rock mesa in New Mexico, and the clouded summits of Siesta and of Washington.

I see the depth of her, the carved chasms of the roots of the skyscrapers of Manhattan, and the root cellar under the red shacks on the prairies of Dakota, and the sweating rock a mile down in the Argonaut Mine at Jackson.

I see the blue waters of Pend Oreille, and the brown waters of the Missouri at St. Charles, and the white waters of Yosemite, and the red waters of the Tennessee, and the green waters of the Potomac; and all that they bring to the land, and to the people; and all that they take away.

Waking, I hear the birdsongs in Wisconsin elms, and drifting off to sleep I hear the longtailed chat whistling at the moon above the black depths of Tahoe, and the seagull piping the sun down beyond the Golden Gate.

I see the age of her, too; the Dinosaur tracks in the stone in the prison yard at Carson City, the ferns imbedded in coal in the rich black heart of Pennsylvania, the ring upon ring storying splendor in the red woods in the Trinity Forest; and, more recently, the traces of the Indians at Canandaigua and El Reno; the westward wheel tracks of the 49'ers, and the beacons of the sky-paths of the airliners.

All these I see when I look into the flag, and in it, too, I see the men and women, my kind of men and women; their roots deep in old cultures by which they won their way to the light, and their heads high as they stand up and face the light; and know that it is good.

I see the children, with the sweet soft faces on which no story yet is written; and the old people with their faces on which are written mysteries and heroic poems.

I see the pageant of America's people, led by the lordly and colorful one, but mostly Joe and Mary and Tom and Harry and Beth, the ones the papers don't write about, the ones that never are told about in the Histories, because they just live and work and give their hearts' warmth to keep America alive.

I see the starry few, Abe of Springfield and Tom Jefferson and Teddy and Steve Decatur, the dueling man, and old Andy Jackson, pucker and fresh to the taste as a mountain plum, and Henry Thoreau bringing the word into the confines of Walden Pond.

I see these people and these things as a part of the flag and of the land, as I am a part of the flag and of the land; and I see the land and the flag as part of them, as the flag and land are a part of me.

I see America and I hear America, I hear the music of America.

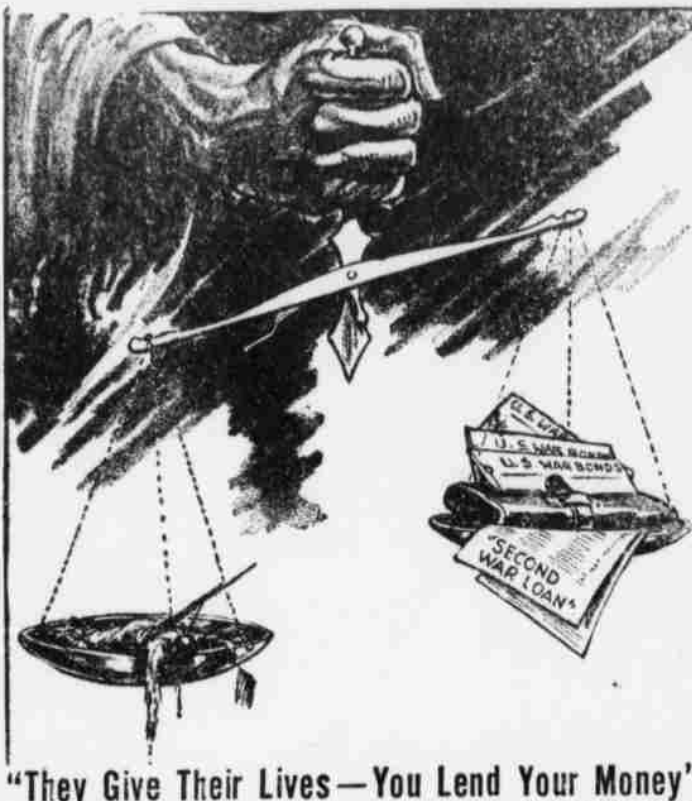
I hear the winds and clouds making a great harp of the heart, and I hear the melody of America played on that harp. The mountains bow and the hills leap at the melody which no words can tell.

I hear America in song and the song is good, the voices of the waters and the winds and the riveting machines and the saws, the voices of the men and women singing, the men singing the good spirits in their hearts after their work, and the women singing to their children while they put them to sleep.

I hear America in song and the song is good; I see America in the light and the light is good. I touch America, the warm, rich soil of America, and the red soil, and the sandy soil, and the loamy soil; and the soil is good.

THIS IS MY AMERICA, and these are my people and these are my heartstrings on which the song is played; they are mine and I am theirs.

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Grand Jury's Report At April Term 1943

North Carolina, County of Hoke, In the Superior Court, April Term, 1943.

To His Honor Leo Carr, Judge presiding.

We beg to submit the following report:

We have examined 9 bills and found 8 true bills and one not a true bill.

The reports of all Justice of the Peace and Mayor of the Town of Raeford were found to be in order.

All reports of Administrators, executors and guardians were found to be in good order or in process of completion with the exception of the Mary J. Baker Estate, in which the executor had not filed receipts for sale of personal property and this executor appeared before the Grand Jury and stated that he would immediately file receipts and file his final report by August term of Court.

A Committee of the Grand Jury visited the N. C. Sanatorium, located at Sanatorium, N. C. in this county. This committee reports that every thing was in good condition and wish to commend the authorities on the splendid job they are doing under difficult conditions.

The County Jail was inspected and found to be in good condition with the exception of mattress covers and the lights. We recommend that removable mattress covers be provided for mattresses and that they be laundered often as necessary to keep them in sanitary condition. Minor repairs are needed on lighting system and we urged that this be completed as soon as possible. Repairs recommended at last term of court have been completed.

The Courthouse was inspected and found to be in good condition with the exception of some of the ventilators in Court Room which need repairing and should be done as soon as possible.

The Town of Raeford Jail was inspected and found to be poorly kept and we recommend that it be thoroughly cleaned and kept in a more sanitary condition.

The County Office Building was inspected and found to be in a fair condition with the exception of the roof, which needs covering as evident of the many leaks that were found. It was noted that additional office space was badly needed for the A. A. A. and the War Board of files and we recommend that addi-

tional space be provided as early as possible. It was also noted that the janitor service was poor and we ask that this condition be improved.

The latest audit of the County was examined and the County Auditor appeared before the Grand Jury and presented a summary of the County finances as of this date which showed that the County finances were in sound condition. We wish to commend the Board of Commissioners for the good management of the county affairs.

We recommend that the abandoned car on the Jail lot and the guns in front of the Army be sold for junk and that the proceeds be turned over to the Red Cross.

Recognizing the acute shortage of manpower in the Nation, and in this county in particular, which is predominantly an agricultural county; and realizing that this is a time for every able bodied man to have a job. We request the full cooperation of the Officials of the Town of Raeford, and the law enforcement officers of the County to see that the Vagrancy Laws of the State are fully complied with and enforced. We further request all loyal citizens of Hoke County who know of any able bodied men who are now loafing or who do not have regular jobs to turn the names of such persons into the Sheriff's Office for proper action.

If His Honor, Leo Carr, Judge Presiding sees fit to give further instructions or recommendations along this line, we the Grand Jury of Hoke County will greatly appreciate it, as well as all other patriotic citizens of the County.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. M. McGougan, Foreman
 W. D. Brown, Clerk.

Ashmont Has Easter Program. Faculty Elected.

The Fourth and Fifth Grades of Ashmont presented a program on **The True Meaning of Easter**, last Friday afternoon in the auditorium. The stage was attractively decorated with baskets of green and white flowers and lighted by white candles. In the center of the stage was a large white cross on which were seven candles. The boys and girls were arranged as cohorts on either side of the stage. The girls wore vestments and the boys wore white shirts and dark trousers.

The program began with a prayer hymn which was followed by the recitation of the seven sayings of Christ on the Cross. A candle on the Cross was lit as each child gave the words of Christ. The rest of the program was made up of appropriate scripture, songs and recitations.

The Ashmont School Board held its regular spring meeting early this week and re-elected its entire faculty for the year 1943-44. The faculty consists of R. A. Smoak, principal, Mrs. Tom McLauchlin, Mrs. Margie Townsend, and Mrs. R. A. Smoak. The School Board is composed of J. B. Womble, chairman, F. L. Eubanks, and W. L. Thornburg.

Chevrolet Adds Magnesium Operation



Production pouring of magnesium castings in a division of the Chevrolet Grey Iron Foundry in Michigan is now an accomplished fact, adding a considerable new output of these vital aircraft engine parts to America's war production program. Shown above pouring this highly volatile new metal are workers in the Chevrolet plant.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of April, 1940, Elbert McPhaul and wife, Elizabeth Clarke McPhaul, executed and delivered unto Southern Loan and Insurance Company, Trustee for Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, in Book 80, Page 4; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned W. O. McGibony has been duly substituted as the Trustee therein under the provisions thereof by a certain agreement of Substitution of Trustee dated March 11, 1943, and duly recorded in the public registry of Hoke County, in Book 82, Page 375, reference to which is made; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Land Bank of Columbia is now the owner and holder of the notes secured by said deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust as therein provided, and the undersigned Substituted Trustee has been requested by The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Assignee of the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, the owner and holder of said notes to exercise the power of sale contained in said deed of trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by said deed of trust, and said Substitution of Trustee, the undersigned Substituted Trustee will on the 29th day of April, 1943, at the courthouse door of Hoke County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

1. Containing 253 acres, more or less, situated on the Maxton-Antioch Road, about 1 1/2 miles from the town of Antioch, and bounded on the North by H. W. McPhaul and D. S. Liles; on the East by D. Henly McNeill; on the South by H. S. Kirkpatrick; and on the West by J. W. and A. D. McPhaul, and beginning at a stake on a ditchbank, pine pointers, McPhaul's corner, and runs thence N. 41 degrees West 7.90 chains to said Maxton (College) Antioch road; thence South 44 3-4 degrees West 8.30 chains; thence North 59 degrees West 6.60 chains to a ditchbank; thence along said ditchbank South 34 1-2 degrees West 5.80 chains to McCormick's corner; thence North 55 degrees West 19.85 chains by a ditch, McCormick's corner; thence North 36 1-2 degrees East 15.4 chains by a ditch, McCormick's corner to a stake by a pine; thence North 19 1-2 degrees East 6.80 chains to a stake; thence North 71 1-2 degrees East 17.30 chains; thence North 50 1-2 degrees East 12.50 chains to a stake; thence North 30 1-2 degrees East 9.43 chains; thence South 29 1-2 degrees East 72.30 chains to a stake in the line of the original tract; thence South 68 degrees West 9.72 chains to a stake by a ditch; thence South 83 3-4 degrees West 9.65 chains to an iron stake; thence North 84 3-4 degrees West 27.88 chains to McPhaul's corner, a stake in a field; thence North 70 1-2 degrees East 6.20 chains to a stake by a gum and small oak; thence North 6 degrees West 12.35 chains to the beginning, containing 253 acres, more or less, and being the same tract of land quitclaimed by M. B. McNeill and wife, March 10th, 1919, to David Henly McNeill as see Book of Deeds No. 19, at page 339 of Hoke County Registry.

This is excepted from the above description, a tract of 97 acres released by Southern Trust Company, Trustee, in deed from D. H. McNeill et al to Elbert McPhaul, dated Sept. 25th, 1928, and recorded in book 50, page 142, of the Public Registry of Hoke County.

2. All those certain lands containing 97 acres, more or less, situated on the Maxton to Antioch Road, in Antioch Township, Hoke County, N. C., and beginning at a stake in the center of a ditch said stake being South 52 degrees West 204 feet from the tenth corner of the D. Henly McNeill 253 acre tract, and runs down the center of said ditch South 42 degrees 30 minutes East 372 feet; South 56 degrees 30 minutes East 355 feet; South 14 degrees 45 minutes East 110 feet to an 12 inch sweet gum; thence South 31 degrees 15 minutes West 1262 feet to a stake; thence South 51 degrees 45 minutes East 208 feet to a stake in the center of the Maxton-Antioch Road; thence with said road South 37 degrees East 628 feet; thence with said road South 31 degrees 15 minutes West 85 feet to a stake in the second line of said 253 acre tract; thence with said second line South 45 degrees 15 minutes West 460.8 feet; thence North 58 degrees 30 minutes West 439.56 feet to a ditch bank; thence along said ditch bank South 35 degrees West 382.8 feet, McCormick's corner; thence North 54 degrees 30 minutes West 1310.1 feet to a ditch, McCormick's corner; thence North 37 degrees East 1027.62 feet to a stake by a pine; thence North 20 degrees East 448.8 feet to a stake; thence North 71 degrees East 1141.8 feet to a stake; thence North 51 degrees East 621 feet to the beginning, containing 97 acres, more or less, the same being a portion of the 253 acre tract above mentioned.

This property is being sold subject to the 1943 taxes.

A deposit of 10% of any bid not exceeding \$500 and 5% of any bid in excess thereof will be required. If said deposit is not made at the close of the bidding the property will be resold at two o'clock P. M. of the same day.

This the 27th day of March, 1943.
 W. O. MCGIBONY, 43-4t
 Substitute Trustee.
 G. B. ROWLAND, 43-4t
 Agent and Attorney for Substitute Trustee.

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ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Sallie E. Wright, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me, daily verified, on or before the 15th day of April, 1944, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 15th day of April, 1943.
 J. G. Wright, Administrator.

A. D. Gore, Att'y.
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If every man, woman and child in the United States lays aside \$100 the aggregate will be about \$13,000,000,000 of the amount the Treasury must raise in its Second War Loan.