

TODAY and TOMORROW - by FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

HISTORY . . . understanding
People who do not know the history of the past are inclined to think of the world of the present as a pretty hard place to live in, and to despair of the future of the human race.

The chief value of history is to make people understand that most of the romantic talk about "the good old times" is pure bunk.

The worst tenement houses of the city slums, which such great efforts are being made to eradicate, are palatial mansions by comparison with the houses that even the upper classes lived in in the "good old days" when Henry VIII was king of England.

HOUSING . . . 200 years ago
I have been lately looking into the history of housing, in Europe and America. From the movies and romantic historical novels it is easy to get the impression that our ancestors all lived in beautiful "Colonial" houses or magnificent castles and manor houses.

In England, until the rediscovery of the process of making brick, there were no chimneys in the houses of ordinary people.

The houses which the early American colonists built for themselves were of much the same order, or else of "shakes," rough boards split out of logs, since they had no sawmills.

RELIEF . . . progress
In the "good old times" of Henry VIII's reign laws were enacted forbidding the poor to beg, and providing for the collection of a poor fund by each parish priest.

Any person who violated the law against begging was whipped. If he was caught begging a second time he had his right ear cut off.

NEW CROSS WORD
"Physician: 'I've just discovered a new disease.'
Patient: 'Call it 'Pfxlzid'."
Physician: "Why?"
Patient: "Because it just fits into a crossword puzzle that I'm composing."

VOTES . . . disqualifications
The idea that every citizen is entitled to a direct vote in the election of public officials is a very new one indeed.

In most states until very recently paupers or others supported out of the public funds had no vote. In New Jersey and Rhode Island that is still true.

SALE OF LAND FOR COUNTY TAXES, 1937
As directed by law and in compliance with the same, I as Tax Collector of Surry county, will on Monday, December 5, 1938 in default of the taxes mentioned below, upon several lots and parcels of land, wherein the same is due, expose to sale at public auction at the courthouse door in Dobson, State of North Carolina, sale beginning at 11 a.m. to the person or persons, who with ready money pay the taxes together with the penalty provided by law, and the costs.



HOLLYWOOD, Calif. . . Paulette Goddard and Charlie Chaplin, whose marriage has often been rumored but never established, are shown here attending the premiere of Sonja Henie's Hollywood Ice Revue of 1939.



SELLERSVILLE, Pa. . . Frances Erb Souder, 13, formerly of Souderton (Pa.), who is the bride of Robert Souder, 21-year-old WPA worker. Frances and her husband face possible annulment of their marriage.

DRINKING . . . warnings
One effect of the repeal of prohibition has been the efforts of brewers and distillers, on an unprecedented scale, to induce people to drink. Another effect has been the great revival of the temperance movement, and the efforts of some of the boards charged with administering the liquor laws to keep people from making fools of themselves by excessive drinking.

ELKIN TOWNSHIP
David Adams, Mitchell's River, 29 acres \$11.40
Isaac Adams, Mitchell's River, 10 acres \$5.45
W. P. Adams, Mitchell's River, 6 acres \$6.10
Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bk., D. W. Cockerham, 130 acres \$20.06

ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP
Amburn, Luther, 69 acres \$3.52
Atkins, S. W., 40 acres \$5.63
Bates, Johnnie W., 33 acres \$11.17
Bland, R. R., 27 acres \$4.75

MARSH TOWNSHIP
O. C. Anthony, Southard Land, 143 acres \$13.45
H. H. Bledsoe, Fish River, 10 acres \$8.78
Watson Bray (Heirs), Pleasant Pr., 2 acres \$0.37

COLORED
Dobson, Lizzie, 4 acres \$0.70
Caesar, Lewis, 10 acres \$2.90
Dobson, Molly, 12 acres \$2.54

Mrs. Amelia Alexander, Salisbury, N. C., S. Fork, 75 acres \$4.02
Mrs. F. A. Bates, Rusk, N. C., Snow Creek, 125 acres \$24.08
Lonnie Bates, No. 8028, Richmond, Va., 50 acres \$7.08

Mrs. J. W. Brookshire, State Road, 8 acres \$28.28
Ed Brown, Mtn. Park, Mill Crk., 14 acres \$6.92
R. L. Brown, Elkin, N. C., 7 acres \$8.64
A. O. Bryan, Elkin, N. C., 10 acres \$0.88

Mrs. J. A. Jenkins, Fish River, 37 acres \$9.07
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