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Once again we come to the season of the year that brings joys untold to the hearts of childhood and a new sense of comradeship to the older ones. Nearly two thousand years ago the shepherds watching their sheep on the hills of Palestine heard the angels sing "Peace on earth, good will to men" and wondered at the heavenly chorus. Today we catch faint echoes of that chorus and wonder. Peace on earth and good will to men. And why not? The babe born in the city of David grew to manhood, taught a new concept of God and a new philosophy of life, and died in body, but his spirit has come down through the ages in the hearts of men. And yet with two thousand years of His teachings, Greed and selfishness run rampant over the earth. Peace on earth is an ideal yet to be obtained. But as Tennyson says, "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new," and there are many who see in the new order of things a new concept of living in our America. Let us hope so; for no nation, no people, no community can hope to attain the highest type of civilization, a civilization that takes due regard for the rights of all men, by any other means than the way He gave them. Let us work toward the day when peace on earth and good will to men and among men will be not just an ideal but a reality.

As we look back over the past few months and consider the encouragement given our efforts here by the people of Alleghany, we are truly grateful for the splendid co-operation we have received. And as we look toward a new year we purpose in our hearts to make greater efforts to give you a paper that reflects the life of our people here. We have our limitations and make mistakes, but we look forward to a new year full of hard work and enjoyment among you, and to each of you, our readers, our advertisers, and our correspondents, we wish you the same old wish, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In presenting Uncle Doc's article this week we want it distinctly understood that the thought and wording is Uncle's Doc's and not ours. He has been as close student of men and affairs and makes some pertinent observations. We do not know from what source or sources he has obtained facts to build up the picture described, but we are inclined to feel that he paints the picture too dark. In spite of the fact that a few unprincipled men have betrayed a public trust in the past, there are thousands and thousands of good men serving the public today in a creditable manner, men who cannot be bought or bribed or intimidated. We still have broad-minded, far-seeing men in office directing the destinies of the people without bias or prejudice. It is true these men do not please all the people and are severely criticized and accused of various biased acts, but even the Man of Galilee was crucified for His way of life. And in a great commonwealth like ours, with its divergent interests and opinions, no man, no matter how honest and conscientious, can please all the people and any public act will arouse the critics.

With due respect for Uncle Doc and his opinions and his friendship we feel that now is the time for constructive opinion, time for looking up and working toward the light of a new day. He himself says that you cannot cure punions on your feet by putting petroleum jelly on your head. Neither can we cure the ills of public life by concentrating on the blackness and despair of it, but rather by planning constructive things and working to get the cooperation of the people in making things a reality. Now is the time for optimism and work, not despair and criticism. And as our final contribution to this discussion we should like to leave with you a little verse we learned years ago.

"Love, life, and laugh;
 Look up to God and lend a hand."

article from the State Department of Revenue, relative to the tax income in North Carolina. Last year in Alleghany the 15-cent ad valorem tax, district levies, and current expense for six-months schools cost the taxpayers \$10,563.60. For three months the sales tax yielded in this County slightly over \$300.00 a month. At this rate, the sales tax will yield less than \$1,000 a year in the County, thus affording property owners in the County approximately \$6,000.00 in savings a year. The report for other counties is similar. So it seems that

property owners in the State stand good to save thousands of dollars in taxes this year by reason of a sales tax.

Auto License Should be Reduced

Most of the auto owners of the State no doubt were under the impression that the 1933 Legislature would reduce the price of license tags. It had been generally circulated that such was the case, and few probably gave it any consideration, resting upon the idea that their plates would cost less for 1934.

They were rudely awakened to the fact that such is not the case when they got notice on December 1st to come across with the same amount they paid last year or else they will not be allowed to operate their cars upon the State's expensive highways next year.

Six cents a gallon tax on gasoline is a pretty high tax. Nevertheless, auto owners are using it in great quantity, to the benefit of the State's treasury. It does seem, though, that there should be a limit some where to the taxation upon automobile owners. They seem to be the target for tax levies, and they are hit coming and going, and sometimes standing still.

When the owners of automobiles drive up the gas tanks and pay six cents State tax and another cent and a half Government tax on each gallon of gas, plus a penny on each quart of oil, they should be allowed to drive over the finest highways in the world without further taxation. But each year they are called upon to pay a heavy price for license plates.

We are wondering just how long they will stand for such treatment. It should be remembered that every owner of an automobile is not a millionaire—not by a big sight. And just because a person who has no more of this world's goods than will allow him to live a simple life but persuade himself that he is able to own an automobile—that is no reason why he should be punched and pinched and pin-hooked at every angle by the tax-gatherers and tax-spenders.

The News view of it is that every auto owner in the State should pledge his next legislative representative to vote to reduce the above-mentioned tax.

"QUESTION"

Greensboro News.
 The Daily News, aspiring to be no Horatio Alger, Jr., as if it could, has long since abandoned efforts to explain or try the phenomenal rise of Tyre Taylor from a clientless lawyer fresh from the class room, to positions of major responsibility in partisan and governmental affairs.

It may be that Mr. Taylor was predestined to be a State and national leader, that he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, under the luckiest star of them all, or from the very beginning his chubby fist was tucked away in the hands of a god-father capable of going and taking him political places. In fact, it may be that North Carolina's gift to young Democracy and official Washington actually has it: "it" conveying the idea of initiative, energy, ability or whatever qualities are required to land and stay on the public pay roll, stepping along all the while strictly upon a basis of merit.

Hence there is no inclination to speculate about the factors entering into Mr. Taylor's most recent promotion; from the class room to a Charlotte law office, which at best was not crowded with clients during the comparatively brief time he warmed the big chair therein, to private secretary to the Governor executive counsel with the political recognition of national president of the Young Democrats coming his way in the meantime, to a legal advisorship with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at Washington when State administrations changed and now after not so many months of service on the Washington front, to chief of the R. F. C.'s division of bank examination.

It is for others, if they so desire, to analyze the success of North Carolina's prodigy. During the analyses, however, the Daily News does hope that somebody will tell just what Mr. Taylor, in this age when re-establishment of faith in the financial structure is one of the administration's major aims, knows about bank examining, particularly when he jumps the gun to a supervisory position.

Dr. Willis A. Sutton, Superintendent of Schools, Atlanta, Ga., in outlining a plan of work for the National Congress Committee on study of the Use and Effect of Alcohol and Narcotics, states: "The major objectives of the year's work of this committee is to transfer our attention from the matter of the enforcement of any one particular law to the underlying and basic principles of educating and training our young people to understand the evil effects that come from alcohol and narcotics and to live lives in keeping with this knowledge. This, we believe, will be the solution of all the problems involved in the question of alcohol and narcotics."

"Alcohol and Narcotics" is the subject of a parent-teacher program in the December issue of Child Welfare Magazine. This program will be widely used by Congress parent-teacher associations all over the country. Among subjects suggested for discussion are "Unlawful Acts Due to the Use of Alcohol and Other Narcotics," "Some Effects of Alcohol and Narcotics on the Human System," and "How Shall We Inform Young People in Home and School About the Nature of Liquor and Narcotics and Their Effects on Those Who Use Them?"

Uncle Doc Says

Anyone should know that the horse leech's daughters spoken of in last week's issue of the Times are figurative and used to bring out a moral that all can understand. Now what is a leech? Webster defines it as "a wormlike, blood-sucking animal," but I define it as anything or anybody who lives off the resources of another, let it be blood or money. So the leech boys on Wall Street soon grew up to manhood and went to doing business under the instruction and leadership of Alexander Hamilton. They had the benefit of that master mind to help them to organize, incorporate, and go into business. Since then the family has multiplied exceedingly. They have reached out into every state in the Union, and every city and town of any size, have incorporated and fastened themselves on the whole economic system till they are as thick as our financial body as the scales on leviathan, spoken of in the 41st Chapter of Job. They have as one and in unison driven the life blood from the channels of trade and our whole financial structure until now it looks like the patient cannot survive without a blood transfusion, and where in the name of high heaven is it coming from?

The political doctors tell us to use the ballot. That is a nice, catchy phrase. Let us analyze the medicine bottle and see how it works on the patient to restore him to health. We'll suppose there is an election on and we pick our candidate to represent us in Congress or the Legislature. He's elected; he goes to the capital; he takes his seat and soon discovers that he is in a new atmosphere where there's ease, plenty, and contentment as far as he can see. And why not? There's where the great financial arteries empty. He comes into contact with the henchmen of the house of Leeches and their paid, smooth-tongued lobbyists. They take him into their confidence and they see if they can chloroform him and get his mind hazy and inclined to lose sight or be forgetful of the mandates of the people. If they cannot chloroform him then they throw out their tentacles of feelers and see if he can be bribed. This, of course, does not apply to the Leech's henchmen, already retained, but in the event that the people's representative shows any signs of obeying the mandate of the people and enjoining any such crazy and outworn ideas as the people should pay tax in proportion to their ability to pay. Now the next move to bring him to books is to organize, and it's easy done, the plutocratic, subsidized, plunder-bund press, owned and controlled by the leaders, and they will open one broadside on him and shell him with shot, grape, and canister until he is afraid to open his mouth in defense of his people. They make it so hot for him that he is ashamed to come home and face his people.

If all this fails to remove from his mind the old foggy ideas he entertained, then last but not least, they will hold the legislative body in session and starve the people's representative into submission, while the house of Leeches takes care of its henchmen. I find the people spoken of in Isaiah, 56th chapter, 11th verse: "They must be connected with the house of leeches. They are called greedy dogs that never can get enough."

The house of Leeches has no politics. It does business with the majority party. The house of Leeches spoken of is known by a more familiar name as special interests. They do business in the twilight of the day, when it's light enough to see what they are doing and too dark to swear to their identity.

If they could call all Europe theirs, And the riches of Peru, Yes, they are greedy buyers And will take what belongs to you. All that will keep them from giving me a few shot is that I'm too small game for the ammunition.

In Memory of John Wiley Eblevin

On December 16, 1933, a shadow of gloom was cast over the Emlice community, when it was learned that one of its best citizens, John Wiley Eblevin, had passed away. He had been in declining health for several years but still able to attend to his mercantile business until about three weeks ago, he became very ill and gradually grew worse until the end came. Everything was done for him that kind hands and medical

skill could do to relieve his suffering and prolong his life but it seemed that his time had come and earthly power was of no avail. So he passed on to the Glory Land to join his good wife who had preceded him in death several years ago, and other loved ones who had gone on before.

John Wiley Eblevin was born September 12, 1852, and passed away December 16, 1933, age, 81 years, 3 months and 4 days old.

On January 28, 1873 he was married to Miss Nannie Evans. This union was blessed with eight children, five girls and three boys. One daughter, Mrs. Minnie Edwards died several years ago. One son, Glenn, died at the age of 16 years; and one little girl died in infancy. Those living are: Mrs. I. M. Higgins, of Bel Air, Maryland, Mrs. G. A. Holder, of Galax, Va., Mrs. Mack Waggoner, of Emlice, N. C., Walter, and ex-sheriff Vance Eblevin, both of Sparta, N. C.

"Uncle" Wiley, as he was familiarly known, was a model citizen. He was a leader in every activity for the betterment of Civil political or moral conditions of the county. His advice, in various matters, was sought continually and always seemed to be wise and good.

"Uncle" Wiley professed a hope in Christ, and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Baywood, Va. many years ago. Later he moved his membership to Crab Creek, a church he helped build. Like a "tree planted by the waters," he remained a true and steadfast member until death.

About 18 years ago, because of their advanced ages, he and his wife

moved to the home of one of his daughters, Mrs. Mack Waggoner and lived there the remainder of their lives. Every act of kindness and consideration was given them to make their old days as comfortable as possible. While here he became a merchant and enjoyed a good mercantile business.

"Uncle" Wiley was a good, kind-hearted, clever man and always willing to help those in need. His honesty and integrity was never questioned. His word was always considered good as his bond.

"Uncle" Wiley is gone. Death came to him as peaceful sleep. He leaves a vacancy in the home which can never be filled, but his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of his friends and loved ones.

With the passing of Wiley Eblevin the home loses a good, christian father and grandfather; the community and Alleghany county a good model citizen; and Crab Creek church a loyal and faithful member. Besides his relatives he leaves a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted from Crab Creek church December 18, by Elder Vass. Ex-lieutenant governor R. A. Doughton read the of and in a few remarks paid a glowing tribute to the life of the deceased man. The flowers were many and beautiful. Interment was in the nearby cemetery beside that of his wife who had preceded him in death several years ago.

"Uncle" Jeff Eblevin (his only living brother, and who is 86 years old) was unable to attend the funeral. About 18 years ago, because of their advanced ages, he and his wife

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 NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY
 In the Superior Court—Before the Clerk
 J. Cam Fields, plaintiff, vs-
 J. Mack Osborne, defendant.
 Under and by virtue of an execution in attachment directed to the undersigned by the Superior Court of Alleghany County in the above-entitled action, I will, on Monday, Jan. 1st, 1934 at one O'clock P. M. at the court house door at Sparta, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title, and interest of the defendant J. Mack Osborne in the following described real estate, to-wit:
 Being a one seventh undivided interest in what is known as the Jennie Reeves place, lying and being in said county, Prathers Creek Township, adjoining the lands of Eugene Transou, E. L. Williams and others, containing about 156 acres, and fully described by metes and bounds in a deed from D. C. Duncan, Administrator of W. G. Reeves dated Dec. 1st, 1930 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county in Book 40 Page 570 and 571.
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 R. B. McMillan, Sheriff,
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