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STATEMENT

I again enter the newspaper field in Newberry and in doing so I recall a part of my "swan song" of a short five months ago in which I said in effect that the main reason I regretted going out of the business was the realization that Newberry would be left without a newspaper militant in the interest of those unfortunately placed and generally neglected. That I was right goes without saying.

Now that I again have that high privilege and opportunity of service I pledge my best to the end that The Sun shall always be free; say what it thinks and say it in language that even he who runs may read and understand.

I am not unaware of the obstacles besetting a new publication. I have been in the game too long for that. The Sun will start in a modest way with overhead entirely in hand and an eye to possible future business recessions.

Newberry has always had two newspapers; at times three of them and I feel there is a place for The Sun in such a field. If I do not make money I will not be disappointed. Twenty five or thirty years of dodging the sheriff has become a part of my nature and I wouldn't feel natural without being a little shaky in his presence.

The purpose of any newspaper should be to chronicle the news without color, to express itself upon public questions, both local and afield, and to promote the welfare of the section it serves. If I cannot run a newspaper devoted to these principles in the full sense of the words I will follow other pursuits.

I anticipate with a great deal of pleasure the reception I know The Sun will receive in hundreds of Newberry county homes, and the realization that it is being read by all members of the family will always be a reminder of my duty to keep it clean, helpful, sympathetic and edifying.

Drop in on us when you like. We want your ideas, your news and your co-operation. Without them The Sun cannot attain its full raundance.

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CORRECTING THE BRETHREN

From comment in the weekly press concerning the passing of the Daily Herald we note several errors that should be corrected in justice to all.

Editor Smoak of Waterboro states that the publishers of that paper "announced a dollar a year subscription rate for a semi-weekly, and then converting it to a five-day daily at a very low price." As a matter of fact the Herald was never offered by them for a dollar a year at any time and after going daily the county rate was \$4.80 per year, standard for such papers. Editor Smoak has made mistakes before. He ran for

governor once. Just once. Young Doctor Dreher's comment contained the statement that the paper was in the hands of the Armfield's for a "short time." We don't know how the doctor measures time, but nine years trying to appease the creditors of the Herald seemed an awful long spell to us.

A MERE TRIFLE

A recent news dispatch says Governor Johnston advises farmers to hold cotton. We recall another occasion the governor offered some advice and it cost thousands of us 50c more on our tags.

However the governor may be right about the cotton and if he is really sincere all he has to do now is figure out some way for the farmer who already owes more than his cotton will bring, to pay his debts and hold his cotton.

WHY THE SUN?

As a sort of memorial to two great newspaper men of old Newberry we have thought it well to call this publication after the one they began in 1886. Since brevity is the order of the day we have dropped a part of the name but will carry the names of its publishers on the first page. The publishers of The Rising Sun—T. F. Slider and T. F. Greneker were pioneers in Newberry newspapering and ran their paper from 1856 until the call to the colors. These early newspaper men adopted as their slogan: "It Shines For All" and they lived up to the slogan. They were capable newspaper men and good printers, as well as good citizens and we consider it a great privilege to be able to do them this bit of honor after so many years.

WHICH SHALL IT BE

We would not go so far as to tell Union workers that John L. Lewis is a "dangerous man" as he has been called. Frankly we don't know and we doubt if those who so label him know.

However we do not hesitate to say that it is always good policy and a part of wisdom to "hold fast to that which is good," until something better comes along.

We raise this question now to provoke thought for the time is rapidly approaching when either the AF of L or the C I O head will be definitely on his way out. Thoughtful labor men know that nothing is to be gained by the row now going on between the rival unions. Many feel that unless it is soon settled the labor movement will be set back twenty-five years. Here we have a house divided, and badly divided.

The American Federation of labor has a record of which workers may be proud. Workers know something about it; what it has achieved, its aims and program.

The Committee For Industrial Organization is new but headed up by an old union man, extremely popular with his own union, the miners. It lacks a record to prove its case.

The question seems to be whether the workers will string along with the conservative Mr. Green or go over the camp of the aggressive liberal Mr. Lewis.

As we see it the day is not far off when union workers will be called upon to "choose ye this day whom you will follow."

They have had insincere leaders in the past and we hope they will choose wisely in the light experience.

The Spectator

I suppose it is alright to walk up to a man and knock him flat, break his nose, loosen his teeth and take his shirt without any warning, or just cause. That is what Italy did in Ethiopia and that is what Japan did in China.

Japan and Italy knew that no country wished to go to war; Hitler knew that, too, and tore the Treaty of Versailles into bits.

Spain is in a muddle, Italian troops taking part with the revolutionists and Mussolini boasting of it. So where are we? England is building up her navy so that she may protect her rights, her citizens and her trade. Military weakness invites attack.

I think some of my Protestant friends are unduly alarmed over the political strength and activity of both our Catholic and Jewish citizens. I lived ten years in a country of Catholics and I found no signs of government by the Pope. On the contrary, this is the greatest refuge in the world for Catholics because all religions flourish and not one is persecuted. In those Catholic countries where Protestants don't count the Catholic church is in frequent trouble with the government. Look at Italy, Spain and Mexico. A Protestant in those countries is a rarity; Catholics count for ninety per cent, or ninety-five per cent of the population. Catholics there hold about every position from King or President down to High and Exalted Rat Exterminator. Yet the Pope is attacked and the church is despoiled. So we needn't worry about the Catholics; they are just as loyal to our country as we are. The Jews? Few countries there are which do not molest them. This is one. The average Jew loves this country. Let's quit seeing "spooks."

Last year at this time I indicated that those admirers of Spectator who wished to give him a ham or two might leave said hams and other delicacies with the editor of the local paper, to be forwarded to Spectator. Not receiving any hams or other farm delights up to this moment of writing I dare not trust the editors again. One lady sent me two pies, rich custard pies, today because she reads Spectator and overlooks all his idiosyncracies. Such pies are the most exquisite products of the highly specialized culinary art. I wish for the pie-pan of the late Col. James T. Bacon of old Edgefield. How he would have made those pies talk? Especially when contributed by a lady. But they do talk to me. The trouble is that they can't talk to you. I wish one of them could whisper to the Chief editorial expositor of The News & Courier; it would change his whole policy and enduefity his life.

Of course there is pie and pie. I am not myself vulnerable to political pie, or W. P. A. pie, but this poem in food is the sort of pie which would glorify even a hard-boiled editor and make him rejoice and be glad.

An effort will be made to make a trade by which a sop will be given to cotton farmers in return for Southern support of the Wages and Hours bill. In this matter we find politicians meddling with business. So it behooves business men to stand up for the business of the country.

Putting aside the political aspect of this Wage and Hour bill, and it is purely political so far as Congress is concerned. What is there at bottom? We are dealing with a question of interest to all of us. If I am right, such a measure will be harmful. But harmful to whom?

Do you read the financial page of the dailies? Billions of dollars have been squeezed out of values—why? Some politicians will denounce Wall street, but there is a reason and that reason reaches down to you and me. Nobody wants to invest his money where the Government itself and the politicians are in a hue and cry against business. And if men don't invest what becomes of our land, our cotton, our corn? The millionaire may buy Government bonds and step aside, but you and I have something to sell and we want business to go on.

How about the man who works by the day or week or month? A hundred thousand rail road employees have been laid off, I'm told—why? Because the Rail Roads can't pour out money beyond what they take in. Are our working people gaining by a raise? Is our country gaining? Not if thousands of men are laid off.

Now this Black-Connerly bill will work out just so—a lot of people will be laid off because they can't render a service equal to the minimum pay. For the small proportion of our people who will benefit by the Wage and Hour bill all of us will pay the increased prices.

Now do our people see that? Do you believe it? If a thousand men are called on to do the work of seven hundred will not the job cost more? Now if the job costs more shall not we who receive it pay the cost, with the increased labor added? Shall fifty million of us pay more for our groceries, our shoes, our clothing, in order that a few may have a superior wage fixed by law?

What about those concerns which can't pay high wages for short hours? Shall they close up and be-

come an industrial grave yard? And their employees—what will become of them? They will become charity-seekers.

And the farmer will pay his part of all the increased cost and, as usual, he will receive precious little for it.

We farmers are the goats; and we submit to it. Everybody, every class in the United States has either received some kind of special consideration, or has been able to pass on the higher charges. How about you, farmer? Yes, you are paying more for everything you bought for your crop and your living; and you are paying dearly for a little labor. And you are begging somebody to buy your cotton for nine cents.

How can you pass on your extra cost? You can't, but all our smart politicians are crying over you—and raising the pay of the other fellows.

The proposal that unlimited acreage be devoted to cotton is fundamentally sound if we mean to recapture the world market. It probably is true that if done in one year it would prove disastrous. Undoubtedly our production curtailment has favored our competitors, but our problem is to hold our own and gradually expand. Our competitors will not cease planting because of our new policy, whatever it may be. Curtailment in 1934 and to date was a big mistake; but if we now enter the field without restriction we may have four cent cotton. I offer that for consideration. If curtailment was a well-meant, but blundering effort it does not mean that unrestricted production is the immediate remedy. We must study conditions, not theories.

Now is a time for calm counsel and informed discussion.

I do not go to see many movies; I can see all the hugging and necking in the streets and on the highways and I don't like to spend good money for sob-stories. But I went to see Zola, truly a great picture, greatly conceived and greatly acted.

When I was a boy the Dreyfus case was the topic of the day. The picture is easily one of the finest presentations ever offered on the screen. In every sense it is a stupendous achievement and will justify grandpa in laying aside his pipe and slippers.

Wyatt Neville Red Cross Head

D. W. A. Neville was elected chairman of the Newberry County chapter of the American Red Cross at the meeting Friday afternoon held in the Chamber of Commerce office. Mr. Neville was formerly vice-chairman and had served as chairman for several months after A. S. Paine, who was elected chairman for 1937, moved from the city.

Dr. Charles L. Trabert was elected vice-chairman for 1938. Miss Theresa Leighthey was re-elected secretary of the chapter and Miss Maggie Thomasson elected treasurer in the place of Henry Cannon, who held that office several years.

"Sincere appreciation" was extended to members of the local Lion's club for conducting the Red Cross roll call the past year. The Lions were requested to lead the membership drive again this year which begins on Armistice Day and concludes Thanksgiving Day.

Various activities of the local chapter's work during the past year were reviewed by Mr. Neville, who pointed out that 1937 had been one of the chapter's most progressive years. Just after the election of officers last term, the chapter was called on to raise funds in aiding sufferers of the tornado at Gainsville, Ga. Later the group raised approximately \$2300 for those affected by the flood disaster along the Mississippi River.

When crops throughout the country were badly damaged by the hail storm this past summer, the Red Cross assisted sufferers by distributing seeds and by other contributions.

Two schools were conducted by the chapter for training in first aid during the year and a good bit of prevention of diseases and accidents in the home and on the farm is credited to work of the Red Cross.

In connection with the local chapter, the county health department distributed materials and supplies, mainly yeast, for undernourished children of Newberry county.

The new chairman expressed appreciation to members of the Red Cross and to many others in the city and county who helped in the splendid work of the past year. He urged co-operation of all citizens of Newberry county in the 1937-38 membership drive which begins November 11.

610 POUNDS COTTON PICKED IN ONE DAY

Laurens, Oct. 10.—Laurens county appears to have a cotton picking champion in the person of Mills Riddle of the Gray Court section. Mr. Riddle is reported to have picked 610 pounds of the staple between sunrise and sunset one day recently, taking 30 minutes out for dinner.

All Charged Plead Guilty

The October session of criminal court ended after a one day session Monday, all the cases having been pled guilty.

Judge G. B. Greene was on the bench. Following are the cases disposed of:

Solomon Basha for violation of the liquor law, 3 months or fine of \$100.

Clayton Wright for violation of liquor law, 3 months or \$100.

George Willard for violation of prohibition law, 6 months and after service of 3 months or payment of \$50, sentence suspended.

Ila Willard, violation of prohibition law, not prosed.

Hampton Sims, Raymond Satawhite, and Corliss Livingston, house breaking and larceny, 6 months each.

For four indictments for forgery, William LaBoon and Lucille were sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary, their term will run concurrently with the sentence now being served.

For obtaining goods by false pretense, Surgeon Hill was given 6 months.

Mac Sims and Benny Ford, house breaking and larceny, 12 months.

Mac Sims and Bennie Ford, house breaking and larceny, sentenced 12 months to run concurrently with above sentence.

Zebe Coleman was sentenced to three months imprisonment for larceny.

From escaping from the chain gang, Simps Gary was given 2 months.

Horace Williams, house breaking and larceny, three years.

Horace Williams, house breaking and larceny, one year.

John Williams, house breaking and larceny, 6 months.

Lee Gary, house breaking and larceny, confined to state reformatory.

TAX NOTICE

The tax books will be opened for the collection of 1937 taxes on and after October 4, 1937.

The following is the general levy for all except special purposes:

Mills	State	5
Ordinary County	11 1/2	
Bonds and Notes	7	
Interest on Bonds and Notes	8 1/2	
Roads and Bridges	2	
Hospital	1/4	
Con. School	3	
County School	4 1/2	
County Board Education	1/2	
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The following are the authorized special levies for the various school districts of the county:

No.	District	Mills
1	Newberry	17
2	Mt. Bethel-Germany	4
3	Maybinton	2
4	Long Lane	8
5	McCullough	5
6	Cromer	0
8	Reagin	8
9	Deadfall	8
10	Utopia	8
11	Hartford	0
12	Johnstone	5
13	Stony Hill	5
14	Prosperity	15
15	O'Neall	8
16	Fairview	4
19	Midway	4
21	Central	4
22	St. Phillips	8
23	Rutherford	4
24	Broad River	4
25	New Hope-Zion	4
26	Pomaria	12
27	Red Knoll	6
28	Helena	4
29	Mt. Pleasant	8
30	Little Mountain	12 1/2
31	Wheeland	3
32	Union	4
33	Jolly Street	8
34	St. Pauls	0
35	Peak	4
37	Mudlic	6
38	Vaughnville	6
39	Chappells	6
40	Old Town	8
41	Dominick	8
42	Reederville	15 1/2
43	Bush River	10 1/2
44	Smyrna	10 1/2
45	Trinity	8
46	Burton	8
47	Tranwood	10 1/2
48	Jalapa	8
49	Kinards	2
50	Tabernacle	8
51	Trilby	4
52	Whitmire	12
53	Mollohon	4
54	Betheden	8
55	Fork	8
57	Belfast	6
58	Silverstreet	12
59	Pressley	4
60	St. Johns	4

The following discount will be allowed on payment of taxes: Thru Oct. 20, one and one-half per cent; thru November, one per cent.

On and after January 1, 1938, the penalties prescribed by law will be imposed on unpaid taxes.

Those who had their dogs vaccinated for rabies during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, by one authorized by law, and expect to be exempted from dog tax will please bring their certificates of vaccination when appearing to pay taxes.

You are requested to call for your taxes by school districts in which property is located. The Treasurer is not responsible for unpaid taxes not called for by districts.

J. C. BROOKS,
Treasurer Newberry County.

for colored youths until 21 years old. For pointing a shotgun, Jim Thomas was fined \$25 or 30 days.

Calvin Heller charged with assault and battery with intent to kill was sentenced 6 months or upon service of three months, sentence suspended.

Charged with house breaking and larceny, Benny Johnson received 6 months.

H. L. Dominick, violation of liquor law, one year or \$150 fine. Fine paid.

C. E. Hancock, violation of liquor law, 6 months. Sentence suspended.

Eugene Werts, violation of liquor law, 6 months or upon service of 3 months or payment of \$50, balance of term suspended.

John Mills, violation of liquor law, 6 months. Sentence suspended.

David Werts, violation of liquor law, 6 months. Upon service of 3 months or payment of \$50, sentence suspended.

Bennie Hope, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill was given 3 months or a fine of \$50.

Wilton Goggans was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Jeff Rutherford, violation of liquor law, 6 months. Sentence suspended upon the service of three months or payment of \$50.

Estelle Robertson, violation of liquor law, 6 months or \$250. Sentence suspended until again convicted.

Laymen Plan For New Club

A meeting of laymen of all churches in the city was held Sunday afternoon at the Central Methodist church in the interest of organizing a Business Men's Evangelistic club in the city. Approximately 100 attended.

Fifteen men from the Columbia Evangelistic club, who spoke to men's classes at various churches Sunday morning, conducted the afternoon meeting.

A decision was made to start a club in Newberry similar to those in many other cities and nominating committee was appointed. The committee composed of C. B. Spinks, chairman; Ned Purcell, O. B. Cannon, R. G. Wallace, and Holland L. Slight met Monday evening.

Another mass meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) at the Central Methodist church at 7:30. At this time officers will be elected, plans made for meetings, and general business discussed.

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