



The Roundup

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When you live with a story for several weeks in the process of writing, much of it is clear to the writer that may be a little hazy to the reader. I have had several of my readers complain that, in the solution of The Crime In The Cupola, they did not quite follow how Dr. Wescott knew Miss Chalmers was the murderer. Now, that in my mind was quite clear, but in the writing I left out much that I had in my notes to conserve space, and left the solution to the information in this paragraph of the story. I quote from the story: "On my first night (says Dr. Wescott) here in Edenville, I had occasion to observe most of you now present. I am a very good reader of personality and character and now, in the revealing light of what I then observed, I am prepared to give you the killer of Mark Sylvester and the person who now has the stolen money." That paragraph was supposed to convey to the reader, after Miss Chalmers confessed, that Dr. Wescott had, at Aunt Martha's

party, observed the triangular situation that existed between Miss Chalmers, Mark Sylvester and his wife. Later, when Mark Sylvester's body was discovered in the cupola, Dr. Wescott, acting on a hunch that this triangular situation had a bearing on the case, had the police search Miss Chalmers' apartment. There they found the murder weapon and the money. All of this was in my notes and I realize now, this information should have been introduced in the solution. I can only offer my apologies for careless writing, and hope I have made the solution clear and not further muddled up the waters.

PHIL OSOPHER SAYS — It should be illegal to pay blackmail, or to pay ransom in a kidnapping.

The recent Supreme Court ruling that prayer in public schools is unconstitutional might have grave repercussions. It could be the beginning of the end, the first step down the

long road where finally this nation sheds God and the concepts of religion altogether. The separation of Church and State is basically sound, but you can't separate the United States and God. On that rock this nation was founded and has grown great and strong. And if we begin now to chip away at that rock, bit by bit, we will have nothing left but sand. And you can't build a nation on sand any more than you can build a house. If history has taught us anything, it has told us that the downfall of nations begins with the loosening of moral controls. Rome is the classic example of that. She was once powerful and strong and the ruler of the then known world. But today she is but a memory and a heap of tumbled ruins. Today, prayer in our public schools is unconstitutional — what about tomorrow? If we begin this sort of thing in our schools and with our children, we will have no tomorrow.

Applications Taken To Plow Fire Lines In Eastern Section

Purpose Is To Provide Better Fire Protections For Valuable Woodlands

The District Seven office of the N. C. Division of Forestry located in Elizabeth City, has announced that it is taking applications for presuppression fire line plowing in Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. The requests for this service must be made on application forms which are available from the County Forest Ranger in each of the above mentioned counties. Approval of the application must be made by the County Forest Ranger before work is started.

Commitments will not be

made for less than five miles of plowing in any one community or for more than fifty miles for any individual or company. Tracts or areas will not be plowed or blocked in less than 160-acre blocks.

Plowing will be available for bonafide forest fire control purposes. Requests for plowing for drainage, woods, roads, hunting access trails, property lines, etc., will be rejected unless such purposes can actually be combined with an actual forest fire control need.

The purpose of the fire line plowing program is to provide landowners with better forest fire protection for their valuable woodlands. Pine plantations will be given special consideration.

Plowing will be restricted to those months of the year when forest fire conditions are favorable. The equipment will be withdrawn for fire control work during fire seasons. County Forest Rangers or the Elizabeth City office should be contacted for charging rates or additional information.

TRY A HERALD CLASSIFIED

Zeb B. Smith Dies At Home Friday

Zeb B. Smith, 84, died Friday morning at 12:30 o'clock at his home on East Carteret Street after an illness of five weeks. A native of Chowan County, he was a son of Minton Smith and Mary Ann Miller and a retired farmer.

Surviving are a son, Wilburn Smith of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Andrew Parrish of Edenton; a brother, O. C. Smith of Tyner; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Spruill of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Carrie McClenny of Suffolk; eight grandchildren and

eight great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church. A funeral service was held at Macedonia Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Gordon Shaw officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Not His Turn
A colored preacher at the close of his sermon discovered one of his deacons asleep. He said: "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Brown will lead."

"Lead," said Deacon Brown suddenly awakening. "I just dealt."

Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise.

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