

**POLITICS AND RASCALITY; TOO.**

Well, well, as the days go by wonders never cease. Hastily scanning the pages of the daily press for the past few days, we realize more and more, in every way, that politicians are growing worse and worse. A few instances during the past few months have revealed the fact that officers of the law in North Carolina, including one sheriff and a few deputies were actually selling and transporting illegally made liquor. There came the Watt's scandal and all of its surrounding evil and bad influence. Almost enough to turn the innards of a culture. We had begun to believe that the climax had been reached.

Howsoever, now comes our good friend Maxwell and ups and tells us folks of North Carolina that the old state is short about five million dollars in the coin of the realm. Governor Morrison comes back in a heated, passionate speech before a joint session of the state senate and the house of representatives, telling the folks that Mr. Maxwell is holding a bad hand, betting against odds, and that there is plenty of "Jack" to the credit of the state treasurer. In fact, he intimates that there is some two million dollars ahead at this time with several phases if tax requirements yet to be heard from. The legislature is now out with a committee to see who is right, to say the least.

Funny thing that one set of people, all of one household comparatively, should endeavor to stir up all this stink at this crucial time. There is only one explanation of the matter, and that is that day by day, in every way, more and more people are becoming loyal citizens to the country and government and recognize honesty and integrity in politics and the affairs of state, and despite the "spoils" they are determined that the affairs of state, county or municipality should be governed in a manner that it would rival a personal supervision of the biggest individual business concern anywhere. It is the right thing, too.

All this lobbying, dictating and bullying law - makers is out of reason and should not be tolerated in a big state like North Carolina. It all leads to investigations, charges and counter charges at the time, cost and embarrassment of the ordinary tax payer.

It is now probable that this state will be redistricted judicially, thereby enabling seven more men to become judges and seven more men to become solicitors.

Where will these men come from? The rank and file, of course. What method will the governor of North Carolina employ to select these solicitors and judges? There comes the embarrassment to him. He is forced to accept the solicitation of party leaders of the locality from which the men are to be chosen and often times it so happens that a man is selected that may have already been repudiated at the polls, to fill an extremely important position.

If the legislature should enact into law the proposed changes in the judicial phase of the state, thereby creating new districts, it should not fail to provide a means of selecting the men who are to fill the offices by a popular vote of the people. It is too big a task for the governor and it is an injustice to require him to do it.

Folks, let's have a real democratic form of government.

**THE BAD HABIT OF STEALING.**

False representation, lying, cheating and wrong living are all embodied in the habit of stealing. There are many forms of stealing, as well as there are in any other mode of sinning.

First and foremost in the category of stealing, and one in which it is invariably believed that there is no harm, is the use of an article for which one has not paid, the property of another who has paid for it, and which is used without the consent of the owner—many times with the knowledge but without the consent. Among these are the newspapers. Hundreds of people every day read the product of a man who has labored hard to produce it and never think of paying one cent to support it. Yet they will stand in the public places and on the highways, in many cases, and demean the man who is printing it, thereby adding to the theft, lying and false representation, as well as cheating.

This, of course, is to be considered collectively. There are many people who enjoy the benefits of a good newspaper with no thought of depriving the publisher of any revenue whatsoever, but there are in Chatham a few who would cut the throat of the business, yet they are the first each week to grasp the opportunity to get the paper and learn "what is going on."

Another great habit of stealing that is considered lightly, is committed on the telephone. There are hundreds of people in North Carolina, some in Chatham and quite a few in this town who do not consider a telephone of any consequence. In fact some of them deem the little instrument in the house a nuisance. Yet they will use the little talker more during a twenty-four hours than the man who pays the monthly rental to the man who has his capital in-

vested, who braves the weather and experiences all the hardships of a laborer, to maintain a service of great value. The telephone is a valuable invention; it is one of the most indispensable instruments in existence and one should not hesitate to pay for the use of it in the time of need.

It is true that both the newspaper and the telephone may be "luxuries" that can be economized upon, but in times of emergency there is not much propriety in sacrificing self-respect and honesty in the use of them.

Another thief is one who will wantonly, willingly and intentionally take your time to promote selfish interest and further purposes for aggrandisement under cover. There are hundreds of people that will utilize one under guise for personal interest, thereby stealing that most valuable asset—your time.

Then there is the man who will deliberately take away and destroy a proposition of public benefit, one that would serve and benefit many people, just from a selfish or partisan point of view. Simply because a proposition does not meet with your personal approbation, is no excuse to kill or destroy it, especially one that could operate to the advantage of many hundreds of people—it is downright stealing to do it.

A good resolution to follow through 1923 would be to "pay as you go, if you can't pay don't go." We want readers to our papers. We need them all the time, and we are accumulating them fast during the past few weeks—people who are willing to pay for their reading. We want as many to read our papers as can, and as we have announced before, if you are not able to pay for it, let us know and we will give you a copy each week to read. Then, too, if you want to vent your spleen because of some personal or political prejudice against the editor of this paper and declare "that you will not help support a rascal," then for goodness sake don't steal the product of his labor.

Be brave, be honest, be true.

**CAN CHATHAM AFFORD TO IDLE**

A bill has been introduced in the legislature whereby that part of Chatham, lying below Muncure, is to be annexed to Lee county, provided that the citizens of that section are in favor of it. Lee county people propose to build a bridge over Deep river in order to accord the citizens of that section an outlet to Sanford.

Let's see, how much territory would Chatham lose if this project is carried out? From what we can learn it would take all that section south of the Seaboard railroad and east of Cape Fear river, extending as far as Merry Oaks on the north, the Harnett county line on the south and Wake county on the east. This would include the Buckhorn power plant, the Norfolk Southern railroad, the Seaboard and the more than a million dollar steam plant now being erected near Brickhaven, by the Carolina Light & Power Co., and the villages of Corinth, Brickhaven, Truth, and covering several square miles besides several hundred population.

Can Chatham afford to lose this valuable strip of territory and these splendid people, not to mention the taxable values in that section? We think not.

What can be done to prevent it? The remedy is simple. Folks in that section have appeared at Pittsboro on bended knee for long months, asking for an outlet—at least a road that could be traveled by private conveyance, and when patience ceased to be a virtue, the suggestion was made that they would go to Lee county. This was considered a childish threat. Now is the accepted time to act.

Business men in Sanford have told the editor of this paper that they did not care to take our territory, but if the officials would meet them 50-50 on a bridge over Deep river that it would not be entertained neither by the county or the people themselves.

The residents of that section proposed to be annexed to Lee county, are not anxious to leave us, but they want to be considered a part of Chatham if they remain with us.

No time for delay. Now is the time to act.

**DOINGS AT MOUNT GILEAD.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 1, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Flossie Burnett and children are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin.

Misses Annie and Vallie Hatley visited Miss Leona Neal Wednesday.

Mr. Bobbie Griffin, of Durham, visited his brothers, Messrs J. W. and W. E. Griffin last week.

Miss Estelle Burnett visited her cousin little Miss Pauline Griffin, a few days last week.

Misses Gertrude Hatley and Josephine Neal visited Mrs. Lessie and Miss Dixie Hackney a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Cole have recovered from the flu.

Miss Jeanerette Ward has also recovered from flu.

The members of the W. M. S., of Mt. Gilead Baptist church are making a bed quilt for the Thomasville Orphanage.

Misses Lillie Johnson, Gertrude Hatley, Josephine Neal and Mrs. Lessie Hackney spent Thursday with Mrs. Clarence Hackney.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Griffin spent Friday with Mrs. Flossie Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin visited their daughter, Mrs. Lena Hatley last week.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James Jones, deceased, late of Chatham county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 7th day of February, 1924, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

This, the 7th day of Feb. 1923.  
S. D. JONES,  
V. R. JOHNSON, Administrator.  
Attorney. Mch15-R-c.

**BUILD A HOME NOW!**

**DOINGS OVER AT CORINTH.**

Corinth, Feb. 5.—The box party at Corinth school house last Saturday night was a success. Fourteen very attractive and well filled boxes were auctioned off to the highest bidder, and brought the neat sum of \$34.00. Mr. J. D. McIver was auctioneer and he did a good job. He sang two solos, danced a jig, bawled out the bachelors and bald-headed men, and sold boxes just like he was selling some unfortunate household goods at a sheriff's sale. The box of candy for the most popular girl went to Miss Lida Mims, with Miss Matthews as a close second. In all the party netted the school about \$45.00. Games followed the supper and there again Mr. Joe did his part for he played "Hiram and Miranda" like a youngster.

Miss Mary Bland spent the week-end with Misses Morris and Johnson.

Mrs. M. I. Ellis, of Siler City, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harrington.

Miss Elma Buchanan, of Jonesboro, spent a few days last week with Miss Carrie Lee Cross.

Miss Tula Mims, of Merry Oaks, spent Sunday with Miss Carrie Lee Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ashworth, of Fuquay Springs, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Buchanan.

Arvard Ausley returned to school at Loyes Grove after a three weeks encounter at home with flu.

Mr. Batchelor, of Raleigh, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mrs. J. H. Cotton at Truth. We were looking for him over at Corinth Saturday night, but he must have had car trouble or was otherwise detained. Anyway he missed a good time for batchelors were in the lime light that night.

B. Rosser and a bunch of revenue men from Raleigh, made a raid last week and brought in a still along with Arthur and Arthur Stephens. The boys were taken before commissioner Kelly near Jonesboro and bound over to the federal court.

The colony at the new steam plant is growing and taking on a more permanent aspect, and we would like to call attention to the fact that there are people up there who are welcome in any community and are a distinct addition to our community. Let's meet them, welcome them and assure them of our personal interest in their welfare while they are in our midst.

**GUM SPRINGS SCHOOL NEWS.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Feb. 5.—Most all children are back in school and all those who have been victims of the flu are about well.

Pupils present every day during the past month were:

Second grade—Leon Henderson, Christine Perry, and Elizabeth Luterloh.

Third grade—Katherine Durham.

Fourth grade—Lucile Perry, Arthur Reid Perry.

Fifth grade—Grady Henderson.

Sixth grade—Hazel Perry.

Seventh grade—Alma Perry.

Ninth grade—Blanche Cheek.

There will be a box party given at the school house on Wednesday night, February 14. Everybody is invited to come and all have a good time. There will be a guessing and voting contest and other amusement features.

Miss Mary Ellington spent last Wednesday night with Miss Annie Luterloh.

Misses Lois Perry and Blanche Cheek and Mr. Eli Cheek spent the week-end in Alamance county with Mr. Cheek's daughter, Mrs. Woody.

Mrs. S. J. Henderson is visiting her son, Walter Henderson.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. Paul Farrell's little son has diphtheria, Mrs. Doran Dark has pneumonia.

Miss Janie Clegg spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luterloh.

Miss Lizzie Clegg has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Henderson.

PEGGIE.

**NEWS FROM ASBURY.**

Sanford, Rt. 4, Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson moved into their new house Saturday.

Mr. Ray Stedman spent last Sunday in Greensboro visiting relatives.

Miss Laura Johnson returned to Raleigh last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams attended the funeral of Mrs. William's mother, Mrs. Lasater, last Sunday at New Elam church.

Miss Margaret Johnson spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Melvin Knight and Mr. Brantley Myers spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Colon Pattishall and Miss Mary B. Williams motored over to Cummock last Sunday.

Miss Margaret Goldston was a recent visitor in the home of Mrs. C. F. Johnson.

Mr. Dick Stedman motored to Sanford last week.

Miss Athaline Williams is learning to drive a coupe.

Mrs. Ada Williams as a caller at Mrs. C. Dowdy's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams have moved to themselves and are keeping house.

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**FROM KIMBOLTON SECTION.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Feb. 5.—All the flu patients are much improved and the attendance at Battle school is a great deal better.

Miss Lutie P. White, primary teacher at Battle and Miss Ressie Johnson spent the week-end with Miss White's parents on Siler City Rt. 2.

We are glad to report Mrs. W. H. Ferguson much improved, after a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson spent last Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. E. S. Burke.

Miss Bertha Clark and Lewis Carroll, students of Bonlee high school, spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Campbell have moved back to the neighborhood from Raleigh, where Mr. Campbell has been a student at A. & E. They will receive a welcome back here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Clark, E. J. Clark and Miss Edith Clark were at Siler City Saturday.

George Johnson, of Alamance, has been on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Johnson.

There will be preaching at Emmaus Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. R. R. Gordon, of Pittsboro, will preach.

JANE.

**NEWS FROM ROUND TOP.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 3, Feb. 5.—Julian McIver is sick with the flu, but is improving.

E. M. Lemons and family are all on the sick list.

Miss Maggie Ellis has green pepper in her garden, large enough to eat.

J. K. Crissman and family are on the sick list.

Cooper Harris also has the flu.

Miss Maggie Ellis spent Thursday night with Mrs. F. P. Gilmore.

Tommie Murdock is able to be out again after wrestling with the flu.

Mrs. W. H. Ward spent Wednesday night with her daughter, Mrs. F. P. Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberson is improving from the effects of flu.

A. B. Roberson and family are getting over the flu.

Those who made perfect attendance at the school during the third term are as follows:

Second grade—Hazel Crissman.

Third grade—Ruby Young, Clinton Crissman.

Fifth grade—Lessie Young.

Seventh grade—Eugene Roberson.

Those who were perfect in spelling were Myrtle and Beatrice Young, Eugene, Oran and Knox Roberson, Tim Griffin, Eva Lemons, Lena Crissman and Ruby Young.

**NEWS FROM EBENEZER.**

New Hill, Rt. 2, Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Medlin spent the week-end with relatives in Johnson county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones and children are callers at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Eubanks.

Nellie Fowler spent Friday night with little Katie Johnson.

There was a derailment on the Norfolk Southern Saturday. The wreck-force cleared the tracks about 11 o'clock that night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Alford, of Nightdale, are visiting around this neighborhood.

Mr. James Ward returned to his home in Wendell Saturday, on account of sickness.

Mr. Tom Strickland motored out to the Merry Oaks section Saturday night.

Fish are seldom found in water more than forty fathoms deep.

**NEWS FROM BETHEL SECTION.**

Pittsboro, Rt. 1, Feb. 5.—We were sorry to hear of the death of our friend and kinsman, Theodore Clark, which occurred at a hospital in Durham on Jan 29th.

Mr. Quince Eubanks and family spent last week-end with his brother, near Bynum.

A couple of Wake county young men are frequent visitors between Robinson and Stinking Creeks. It seems their car was determined to stay longer if they could not.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stone, of Fearington, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boone, of Pittsboro, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cope-land and daughters, Ila and Mary Frances, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hackney, of near Bynum, have been on a short visit to Mrs. J. A. Thomas.

Dock Speagle has been on a short business trip to Greensboro.

**LOOK AT YOUR LABEL**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

This is to certify that the undersigned has qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the estate of Thomas Beal, deceased. All persons holding claims against the said estate will present them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of February, 1924, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.

This, the 3rd day of Feb. 1923.  
T. B. BEAL,  
W. P. HORTON, Executor.  
Attorney. Mch 15-R-p

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