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And now we have to tell them that the old song began: "Go tell Aunt Patsy, Go tell Aunt Patsy, Go Tell Aunt Patsy, The Old Gray Goose is dead."

Register of Deeds Poe heard a man say the other day that he didn't see how he could pay his taxes; that even if he had made a good crop it takes about \$200 a year to buy shoes for him and his wife and ten children. Thereupon Mr. Poe remarked that he was paying fifty to seventy-five dollars because of the tariff on shoes and that if the tariff were off he would have the money to pay his county taxes. Just another illustration of how the little fellows are gouged by those who, with or without the aid of the tariff, are so situated that they can charge their own price for their products.

The case against Mr. Melton for the injury of Bettie Clark should serve to bring home to every car driver in the county the importance of observing the law requiring car drivers to stop before they reach a school truck unloading on the road. Mr. Melton, it is understood, slowed up to the point where he thought there was no danger, but just as he put on more speed the girl dashed in front of his car. Fortunately, Bettie was not seriously, or permanently, injured, but that may be accredited to good fortune. Stop dead still till the school truck has unloaded and started and the children are on their guard, and no such accident can occur.

It is gratifying to know that the State of North Carolina will not passively submit to the effort of the Gaston county grand jury to have the courts ignore the wanton killing of Ella May Wiggins. Governor Gardner has ordered Judge McElroy to go to Gastonia and sit as a committing magistrate and to investigate thoroughly the outrage against the dignity of the State and the rights and lives of peaceable citizens. Indictment should be brought against every person who interfered with the progress of that truck load of union people. The death of the harmless woman is wholly attributable to this interference with the constitutional rights of citizens to go and come as they please, and to assemble and express their opinions. Every step in the tragedy from the hailing and turning back of that truck was subversive of constitutional rights. Yet the grand jury finds no cause for indictment, though a harmless woman is rotting in her grave as the result of the evident conspiracy to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights!

Last week we commented upon the ability of Judge Cowper as a lawyer. We had never seen him on the bench. A week of hard work here, with several difficult problems to solve is convincing of a fine judicial temperament. Judge Cowper is a scholar, a great reader of solid works, but he confesses to a disappointment in finding it very difficult to continue his studies as a judge. The writer recalls how little he felt like reading after a hard school day in the years ago, and a judge who sits seven or eight hours on the bench and then perhaps has night work doubtless finds the opportunity for reading much inferior to that he enjoyed as a practicing attorney. But as this is Judge Cowper's first hindrance in such way, he has read enough already to be one of Bacon's full men. We should account him one of the most scholarly and best read men among North Carolina judges. Moreover, he is a man of unusual common sense and judicious sympathy. He has sense enough to know that a fine of \$25 such times as these is a punishment equivalent in better times to a much larger fine.

## PUBLIC SENTIMENT CONTROLS COURT ACTION IN GASTON AND MECKLENBURG

It is manifest that public sentiment, which is strongly anti-union and anti-communist in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties, has dominated the courts in those counties. This statement is made upon the facts presented in the following brief review of court actions:

Seven men were indicted for conspiracy to murder Chief Aderholt of Gastonia. Conspiracy is most difficult to prove. Yet the jury consulted only 57 minutes before bringing in a verdict of guilty. On the other hand, the Gaston grand jury declined to indict any one for the murder of Ella May Wiggins, a union mill worker, though there were eye-witnesses to the firing of shots by identified men, and when it is manifest that there is as much evidence of conspiracy in a mob's stopping a truck load of union people, heading it back home, following, managing to overturn the truck, and in the confusion firing numerous shots, one of which killed an innocent and harmless woman, as there was brought to light of conspiracy in the Aderholt case.

Public sentiment, in the main, was hostile to the first group of accused. The jury convicted. Public was hostile to the band with which poor Ella May had aligned herself, and the grand jury did not even return an indictment. Under those circumstances, it would be a guess as to whether the merits of either case determined the judicial result. In the former, the result and the merits of the case may have corresponded, but the probability is that it was the existing hostility toward the defendants that determined the issue, even granting the verdict to be the correct one. In the second case, the attitude of the Gaston grand jury has outraged the sense of justice and decency of the fair-minded and clear-thinking citizenry of the State. Hostile public sentiment has begotten a travesty of justice.

It would be interesting, in this connection, to know just what, if any, influence the action of the Gaston grand jury in dismissing the case against the alleged slayers of Ella May Wiggins had on the action of the Chatham county grand jury, which the very day after the publication in the morning papers of the action of the Gaston grand jury, returned the bill against Officer Crutchfield marked "not a true bill."

It is easy for the Farm Board to say "the price of cotton is too low," or "the price of wheat is too low." That isn't news. But let the board manage to list the price and that will be news. Yet the prices of cotton and wheat are all right if other things were not so high, and if the Farm Board finds it difficult to raise the price of farm products, they might recommend that Congress take the tariff off manufactured goods and thus bring about a parity. That or the debenture must come to give the farmers a fair deal. Necessarily, when one class gets more another must get less. The hogs can not eat up the acorns and leave abundance for the squirrels and possums.

Anent Aunt Patsy and the old gray goose she had been saving to make her a feather bed, mighty few feather beds are being made these years. There are lots of feather beds in North Carolina, but the feathers in most of them are from fifty to a hundred years old. It is quite different from the day when feather beds were considered of so much importance that one of the old Petersons of Sampson county would devise in his will the next picking of the geese after his death to a certain daughter. She probably hadn't yet, at the writing of the will, had the usual feather bed completed for her. In those days, and later, parents felt it incumbent upon them to furnish each child with a feather bed.

**Also His Teeth**  
A modern girl is one who can meet the wolf at the door and come out with a fur coat.—Phi Delta Theta.

## YOUNG MAN, WHICH DESCRIPTION FITS YOU

**FIRST**  
He is grateful for favors, always pleasant and stands by his friends. He has a good reputation among the people.  
He has never been accused of stealing or gambling.  
He does not have the name of bootlegger or rogue.  
He pays taxes for our good schools.  
He tries to dress decently, and does not visit girl friends in unbecoming attire.  
He treats his girl friends with the greatest respect, and would have his hand cut off rather than help debase one of them.  
He always helps his father and mother when in need.  
He tries and succeeds in life.

**SECOND**  
He is selfish and ungrateful. His reputation is shady.  
He has the name of taking things which are not his.  
He is thought of as a bootlegger, gambler, carouser, loafer, or dead-beat.  
He does not do his part toward supporting the schools, churches, or other good institutions, by either taxes or voluntary contributions.  
He visits his girl friends badly dressed, thereby showing he has due respect for neither them nor himself.  
He is not only ready to take advantage of any weakness on their part, but also to corrupt them by any means by which he can.  
He does not help his parents when in need.  
He never succeeds but usually grows from bad to worse.

Young men, ponder these things and let your conscience be your guide.  
Respectfully,  
W. M. BARBER.

## A POEM TO MOTHER

Composed and read by Mrs. J. J. Phillips of Spray, daughter of Mrs. R. C. Phillips:  
We are happy dear mother, to visit you today,  
And our tribute of love at your feet we lay.  
You have done your best from day to day,  
To guide our feet in the straight and narrow way.  
You taught us of God, and love and truth,  
You spared not yourself in the days of our youth,  
You gave us your life from day to day,  
And we owe you a debt we can never pay.

Dearest mother, in days long ago,  
You stood alone through the hardships we know;  
Through the winter's cold and the summer's best,  
Through snow bound trails and frost and sleet,  
Striving and laboring, often depressed,  
But dearest mother, you have stood every test.

We appreciate you more since we've older grown,  
And feel some of the heartaches you have known,  
And as we look back we always find Sweet memories of you that gladden our mind.  
Your hair has turned to silver, your steps are not so free  
But in your face there is a beauty that others can not see.

We are proud of you mother; you were ever at our post,  
And mothers like you the world needs most.  
Dearest mother, fond and loving, seeking in prayer both day and night,  
Asking God to guide your sons and daughters aright;  
Like you to us there is no other, and so we say to you today—  
We are glad that you are our mother.

## REASON TO BE WORRIED

The following is a letter to the editor of the Record from E. E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune. An able editorial accompanied it, of which we shall probably make note in the next issue. But this letter is enough to indicate a real reason for the worry Mr. Murphy confesses:

Dear Mr. Peterson:  
I don't think I am an alarmist but I am worried.  
Since 1919 American industrial in-

## More and More Colds Treated Externally

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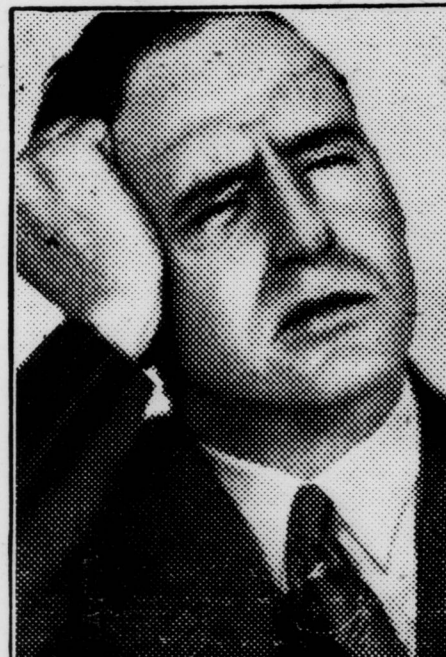
A short time ago the famous Vicks slogan "17 Million Jars Used Yearly," was raised to "21 Million" to keep step with the ever-increasing demand. Again the figures have been outgrown, as there are now "Over 26 Million Jars Used Yearly," in the United States alone.

come has increased from fifty (50) to seventy-six (76) billion dollars—52 per cent. That's fine. Since 1919, agriculture has decreased from fifteen (15) to twelve (12) billion dollars or 20 per cent. That's appalling.  
If this disparity continues, agriculture will finally collapse and this, it seems to me, means eventual industrial disaster.  
President Hoover called a special session of Congress for the purpose of permitting the Republican party to fulfill its campaign pledges; namely, to place agriculture on a parity with industry.

As we see it, the passage of either the present proposed house bill or senate bill would leave agriculture in a worse condition than it is today.

I am sure you will agree that the enclosed editorial deals with a topic which touches you closely. I will appreciate any concrete suggestion you may have that will enable us to reach a solution of the problem.

Respectfully,  
F. E. MURPHY, Publisher.  
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## MARGUERITE TO POLLY

Dear Polly:  
We have so many interesting things to tell you about that we must write you often. We hope you enjoy reading our letters as much as we enjoy writing them.  
We have been studying appreciation for the past week in our department, and Friday we prepared a musical program appropriate for the appreciation lesson. This program included the life of Handel, a musical composer, and selections of his works. Song: Joy to the World. Life of Handel, Edna Snipes.

Picture of the Child, Handel; Catherine Knight. Piano Solo: Sarbane, Jesse Lee Hall. Vocal Solo: Largo, Louise Riddle. Several of Handel's compositions were played on the victrola. We invited the senior class in to enjoy the program with us. Wish so much you could have been here. A friend,  
MARGUERITE WATERS  
Pittsboro, October 28.  
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