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Turn To The Roads

As much as The Journal-Patriot approves of the highway beautification program launched by the state highway department, the inescapable truth is that convicts might be more profitably employed in improving some of our rural roads. That is our settled conviction and we hope the road policy will be reversed in that respect.

If, after the roads have been put in shape and made passable, there is nothing for the convicts to do, there would be nothing wrong in setting out trees alongside our hard-surfaced highways. It is a laudable movement.

However, we are inclined to the opinion that our rural citizens, living off the main highways, as taxpayers of the state, are entitled to services of the highway department until they are lifted out of the mud. They who have no roads leading to the highways which are satisfactory for travel find it difficult to appreciate a beautification program under conditions which have prevailed.

Congratulations

The Journal-Patriot offers congratulations to the Morganton News-Herald upon the announcement that after the first of April that that splendid publication will be published twice a week instead of weekly.

The News-Herald has been one of the best weekly publications in North Carolina and it is our prediction that it will enjoy equal prestige in the semi-weekly field. Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor, owner and manager of the paper, is one of the outstanding lady publishers in the country and her latest announcement shows that she is not afraid to move boldly forward even during a year of hard times.

With the change to a semi-weekly, the News-Herald will be able to serve the public better than ever before. The news will be released more promptly and a double service will be offered the advertiser.

The News-Herald was one of the few weeklies to maintain a \$2.00 subscription price, proving that readers of the paper appreciated an excellent news service. The fact that there is to be no change in the rate means that Miss Cobb is thinking in terms of service to her subscribers.

Nailing a Falsehood

We admit our inability to understand the persistence of the rumors to the effect that there have been irregularities in the office of the county superintendent of welfare. Despite a public statement from the district supervisor of relief funds declaring that there is no foundation whatever for the whisperings, the rumors continue to be circulated.

This is inexplicable. If Mrs. Foster had been arrested on a charge of irregularities, officers would be required to make some record of the arrest. Furthermore, bond would have been required and somebody would have known something about that. And if a government representative, as was reported, had seen fit to bring charges and cause the arrest, he most assuredly would not have hidden his "light under a bushel" and gone away without disclosing to somebody the facts in the case.

The absurdity of the reports is obvious and yet the circulation of them is not lacking in seriousness. The originator of same, if the identity can be determined, should be prosecuted for libel.

Mrs. Foster is acting wisely in ignoring the whole affair. Yet justice would be served by exhibiting to the public eye the person or persons responsible for the rumors.

Human Nature

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the principal cause of hard times is over-optimism in good times. If that is true, if economic depressions are due to causes inherent in human nature, we confess that we cannot see much hope for that millenium in which there will always be prosperity for everybody. We certainly do not see how it is possible for legislation to correct evils which are sure to recur whenever conditions are ripe for them.

That is not to say that we do not think the Government at Washington and the State government should not do all in their power to make dishonesty unprofitable. We think it would be a salutary thing for the country to put a few big bankers and stock promoters in jail and keep them there as a warning to others. But we haven't much sympathy with the idea that all, or the major part, of our troubles are the result of the machinations of unscrupulous crooks.

On the contrary, we think we got ourselves into trouble by believing that boom times would never end. We mortgaged our homes and our farms when it was easy to borrow on them, because it seemed so easy to get the money to pay off the mortgages when we needed it. And when we say "we" we are speaking of everybody. Big manufacturers and business men were just as simple as the smallest. They built up great plants on bond issues, because they could not see far enough ahead to realize that the market for their product was not going to keep on growing, but would some day slack off.

We do not think the people who indulged in what now seem like wild dreams of increasing profits were dishonest; not most of them, anyway. We think they—all of us—built too much on hope and not enough on prudent common-sense. And, looking back over the history of other depressions, it seems to us that they all happened for the same reason. Human nature cannot avoid undue optimism when things are going well, just as it cannot escape undue fear when things are going badly.

Just now we are still under the rule of unreasoning fear. That is going to delay recovery, until the rays of hope which are beginning to appear on the horizon grow brighter. Then, as we recover from our fear we shall go on again, with increasing hopefulness, to another boom, and that in its turn will collapse and ruin millions who have not tempered their optimism with caution.

That is human nature.

BRUCE BARTON WRITES

"RENDER UNTO CAESAR"

"Teacher, we know that you speak the truth," said the jealous "Pharisees and Herodians," "and that you don't care anything about the authority or office which a man holds. You treat them all alike, and speak your mind bluntly because you get your thoughts direct from God."

"Now, tell us, is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar or not?"

Very clever, gentlemen, very clever, indeed. If Jesus answers that it isn't lawful, you will have the record of his reply in Herod's hands in an hour, and instantly he will be under arrest for propagating rebellion against the Roman power; if he answers that it is lawful, he will lose his popular following. Because the people hate the Romans, and dodge the taxes at every turn . . . very, very clever.

He looked at them with frank contempt, as if to say, "Do you really think I am quite as simple as all that?"

"Somebody lend me a coin," he exclaimed. An eager listener dug into his pocket and produced it. Jesus held it up where all could see.

"Whose picture is that?" he demanded. "Whose name?"

They began to be uneasy. The shrewdest suspected that the path was leading toward the precipice, yet there was no escape. They must answer, "Caesar's," they replied.

"Very good," said he ironically. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Another repulse for the best legal talent in the city . . . another good laugh for the crowd . . . another story to tell in the taverns, in the Temple court, in the market-place . . . wherever the common folks crowded together. . . Says the narrative describing the defeated questioners "they marveled greatly at him." . . . and in another place . . . "and no man after that durst ask him any question." Every objection had been turned back upon the objectors; every trap had sprung upon the fingers of those who set it. No argument was left for them except the final one which is always a confession of failure. They had the brute force on their side. They could not stand against his thinking but they could, and did, nail him on the cross.

Not in time, however. Not until his work was finished. Not until he had trained and equipped a force which would carry on with double power because of the very fact of his death. . . Every year in our country there are thousands of conventions—political, charitable, business. Most of them are a waste. They are conducted on the false assumption that over-selling and exaggeration are potent forces—that the energies of men respond most powerfully to promises of easy victory and soft rewards. The great leaders of the world have known better.

BY THE WAYSIDE

By S. B. F.

March the twenty-fifth! Snowflakes playing hide and seek! King Winter seems reluctant to yield his reign to the fairy Spring; but Spring is undaunted, for in spite of flying snowflakes the gardens are full of early bloom, lending to the landscape a glowing beauty and sense of warmth, even if it is warmth that is sensed only in color.

The robins seemed to be holding a carnival this morning on the daffodil walk at Saint Paul's. There must be more than an hundred blooms bordering that walk. Boxwoods, quiet and dignified in the falling snow had its share of the robin carnival too. The gardens at Boxwoods are very lovely now with the tulips coming into bud, and row after row of daffodils and narcissi in full bloom. Later in the season when the Madonna lilies and the iris come into bloom—but that can bide its time.

If I am not mistaken Wilkesboro's first post office stands on one corner of the lot at Boxwoods. At least it is the only post office that some of the oldest inhabitants of the town can recall, dating back to the 1850's or perhaps much earlier than that, and I have been told that Colonel Calvin J. Cowles was the postmaster. That little unpretentious building is one of the very few old landmarks of the town, and it would be well to preserve the town's old landmarks for the generations yet to be. Fixed up a bit, and made to fit a place of usefulness in the life of the town again to show how the town has developed in the last half or three quarters of a century, if for no other or better reason. Colonel Cowles was something of a mineralogist, or at least he was greatly interested in minerals, and that little old building, I understand, is filled with minerals and things that come under that head. There might be in that little house something of great value to the Scientific world. Who knows?

We can appreciate the feeling of sacredness that enfolds the contents of the little house, and the desire to keep the contents untouched by other hands; but it would not detract from the sacredness of them at all if it were turned into a kind of museum and town library would it? There might be much valuable information hidden in the contents of that little building, and it is just about the size of building that we could stock at present with books and magazines for the beginning of, or as the first stepping-stone toward that much discussed, and very greatly needed town library.

It is in a good location, just off the principal street of the town, and because it is one of our very few landmarks, it is fitting that it be preserved, and brought again into a life of usefulness.

Some twenty-four years ago, our representative, Hon. Charles H. Cowles, introduced into Congress a bill for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for a public building. Out of that has grown our present beautiful Federal building.

What words can tell a greater story of small town progress than comparison of these two buildings? To what better service could it be dedicated than to be the stepping-stone to a public library, and meeting place for our young people? And to the memory of the very modest and retiring man that managed the town's first post office, Colonel Calvin J. Cowles, the father of our Hon. Charles H. Cowles.

LABOR TROUBLE ENDS IN PLANT AT LENOIR

Lenoir, March 27.—Labor troubles at the Kent Coffey Manufacturing company apparently are at an end following the reopening this morning of the furniture plant with approximately 50 employes on hand.

At noon the total swelled to above 100, and officials expect the remainder of the employes to be on duty tomorrow morning.

The state highway patrol force of 12 members, headed by Capt. C. D. Farmer, left Lenoir shortly after noon. Special officers who have been on the company's property since the shut down Friday afternoon have been discharged. There has been no violence and no actual disorder although at times there were upwards of 150 men picketing at the gates.

The employes were dissatisfied with the new cost system being installed in the factory by an engineer but today they questioned him for several hours, discussing each phase of it as pertaining to wage earning, and were satisfied with his explanation. H. C. Lucas is the engineer in charge.

Representative F. H. Coffey, president of the company, left at 1 o'clock for Raleigh as the labor trouble was settled. He explained the system to the employes and after conferring with him and with Mr. Lucas, the workers were satisfied that no wage cut is contemplated.

Chevrolet Company Will Give Away 30 Cars During April

Local Firm To Stage Contest On Gasoline Consumption Soon

Mr. W. E. Colvard, of the C. & C. Chevrolet Company and his entire organization attended a meeting at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem, Monday night, which was held by executives of the Chevrolet Motor Company, from Charlotte. At this meeting the Chevrolet dealers learned of plans which the Chevrolet Motor Company has made to give away a Chevrolet every day during the month of April. As explained by Mr. Colvard all a contestant has to do is take a ride in a Chevrolet and on an entry blank furnished by Chevrolet dealers, write his or her answer to "Why I Like The New Chevrolet."

In addition to this contest which is being staged nationally by the Chevrolet Motor Company Mr. Colvard announced that the C. & C. Chevrolet Company will award a prize of \$5.00 to the person who can drive a Chevrolet (1933) the greatest number of miles on a gallon of gasol. Mr. Colvard has ordered special testing equipment to be used in conducting this contest, and states that he expects to start his contest the early part of April, at which time he will announce the details.

Attending the meeting Monday night in addition to Mr. Colvard were W. D. McMillan, M. B. McNeill and R. R. Church, representatives of the local organization.

Rufus W. Colvard and Coleman Payne represented the W. J. Chevrolet company, of West Jefferson, at the meeting.

BANDIT LOSES LIFE IN FIGHT WITH TRIO

Fayetteville, March 27.—A. W. Brafford, 34, was shot to death here by two officers and a groceryman during a gunbattle early today after he had broken into the grocer's store where the trio lay in wait for possible thieves.

Brafford died a few hours after the shooting and his only words were: "Please don't shoot me any more."

He made the plea as he fell under the gunfire of Chief of Police J. Ross Jones, Deputy Neal Weatherington and Sam Tillinghast, the grocer.

The three were stationed in the store following a series of robberies in this section and guards also had been placed in other establishments in the business section.

Early today Brafford entered the store and flashed a light which fell on Jones. Immediately Brafford fired twice at Jones, who ducked behind a counter. Tillinghast then opened fire in the darkness and Brafford turned to run, firing two more shots.

By this time the firing became general and Brafford stopped at the front door, fired two more shots almost in Jones' face and then fell.

Brafford's body was riddled with buckshot from shotguns the trio were using.

Coroner J. V. McDougan held an inquest and exonerated the trio of blame in the death. Brafford, who was single, will be buried tomorrow.

Mexican Communists Oppose Daniels

Mexico City, March 28.—Posters attacking Josephus Daniels, the new American ambassador to Mexico, appeared on walls in Mexico City today.

The posters were captioned "Out With Daniels" and they called him "the murderer of Aztec" and "Uribe." These men were Mexicans who were killed in the fighting when United States forces landed at Vera Cruz in 1914. At the time Mr. Daniels was secretary of the navy.

The posters were signed "The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico Section of the Communist International." They called upon workers, farmers, students, soldiers and sailors and "all anti-imperialists in general" to rise up and force Mr. Daniels from Mexico.

The overthrow of the present Mexican government for permitting Mr. Daniels to serve as ambassador was urged in the posters.

Picking Jury to Try Minister Muncie, Ind., March 28.—Attempts to select a jury occupied the opening day of the trial in Delaware circuit court here of the Rev. G. Lemuel Conway, suspended pastor of the Madison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, charged with criminal assault on Miss Helen Huffnana, 18-year-old Sunday school teacher.

Used Car Bargains FOR CASH

	Regular Price	CASH PRICE
CHRYSLER ROADSTER	\$295.00	\$ 59.00
CHRYSLER COUPE	300.00	139.00
DODGE TRUCK, Half Ton (SOLD)	175.00	99.00
DODGE TRUCK, Two Ton	275.00	125.00
DODGE PICKUP	285.00	185.00
CHEVROLET TRUCK	125.00	49.00
CHRYSLER SEDAN	175.00	75.00
MODEL A FORD SEDAN	295.00	195.00
CHEVROLET COACH	195.00	95.00
GOOD MODEL T TRUCK	75.00	35.00
DODGE COUPE	150.00	95.00
CHEVROLET COUPE	75.00	35.00
MODEL T SEDAN	40.00	19.00
BATTERIES		\$3.95

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North Wilkesboro, N. C.

The Family DOCTOR

By John Joseph Gains, M. D.

GALL-STONES

If you are past middle age, fat, "lubby" and—sedentary, you are a likely candidate for gall-stones, and especially if constipated and neglectful of diet, bowels and exercise. Then, if you eat too much.

I don't see as many gall-stone cases as I used to—not at all; people are becoming educated.

Not all gall-stones announce themselves by the severe pain of passing through the bile-duct; I once did an autopsy on an 80-year old patient—a woman—who had carried over seventy large stones in the gall-bladder for years, without knowing she had them!

These concretions are caused by long-retained bile in the gall-bladder; they form somewhat like sugar forms in the bottom of the syrup-pitcher that is little used. Prevention means—to keep the bile moving; exercise helps to do this. A plain, nutritious diet, and temperance in eating is another aid. Plenty of green vegetables, the "leafy" sorts are of use in the diet. Lettuce, spinach, dandelion greens, well-prepared cabbage, coleslaw, and such.

I am partial to the coarser breads at least once daily. People have told me sweet milk and eggs "make them bilious." I think they are mistaken; the term "biliousness" is so old it has whiskers—like all pious old frauds, it means always something else.

Best remedy for threat of gall-stones. Phosphate of Soda—I mean, best family remedy; it is harmless. Should be taken every morning before breakfast, enough to keep the bowels moving comfortably. A simple, well-tried remedy is safer in the household than a car-load of exploited "specifics" that spell quackery in big letters.

The surgery of the gall-bladder is another matter. Your family doctor is your best friend . . . ask him.

MORE POWER GIVEN BANK CONSERVATORS

Washington, March 28.—The government today decided to permit partial reopening of closed banks where the conservators in charge believe it can be done with safety.

This step was taken by Secretary Woodin while the banking committee of the senate sent to Attorney General Cummings for a report on all penal laws now in effect pertaining to banks, their officials and employes, and government banking authorities. The information was asked for use in drafting stricter legislation. The committee asked also that Secretary Woodin come before it Thursday to make recommendations on new laws and to discuss general financial conditions.

Intended To Kill Mussolini Rome, March 28.—The police have in custody a man who, they announced today, has confessed he intended to assassinate Premier Mussolini last Monday. The man was arrested as he was loitering in the Plaza de Venezia on which the windows of the premier's offices face. The authorities said he had a gun in his pocket.

Complete Concrete Walk To Hi School At Millers Creek

Work Was Done First of Week; Goes From Highway To Grounds

MILLERS CREEK, March 29.—The concrete walk-way leading from the Boone Trail highway to the Millers Creek high school grounds was completed today. Most of the work was done the first of the week.

The walk-way is an excellent addition to the school, providing, as it does, a safe place for the children to travel in going from the highway to the school grounds and eliminating the necessity of walking in the mud during rainy weather.

Coffey To Attend Scout Meeting at Mountain Park

C. S. Coffey, Scout commissioner of this district, will attend a Scout meeting of leaders in Scout work at Mountain Park today (Thursday). A high official of the Scout organization will be in attendance.

ASHE COUNTY TOWN REPORTS BIG SNOWS

Raleigh, March 26.—Parker, little town in Ashe county, had 34.8 inches of snow last month, the United States weather bureau here reported today.

Shaw Retains Sense of Humor Santa Monica, Calif., March 28.—George Bernard Shaw, Irish dramatist, flew to southern California today and made a dramatic forced landing on the beach north of the movie colony of Malibu, some 15 miles north of his airport destination. "I thought the pilot was going after a fish," the white bearded critic said in commenting upon his feelings when he saw the airplane swooping down upon the ocean's edge.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tull Motor and Welding Company will be moved from the Grissom Auto Service building on C Street to the Cash Filling Station building at the intersection of Cherry Street and Wilkesboro Avenue on April 1.

Tull Motor & Welding Co.
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

TAILORING SALE

JOHN KRAUSE WILL BE AT OUR STORE ON

March 30-31, April 1st
PAYNE Clothing Co.
North Wilkesboro, N. C.