

A Sensible Attitude

Speaking as manager of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, Cale K. Burgess says: "We are not anticipating any fight upon beer. I do not say that we will not oppose the beer law, but I do not think we will."
 That is a sensible attitude. The dries won a handsome victory. They swept the state and no doubt was left as the prevailing sentiment in North Carolina. But a narrow-minded policy would not help the cause in which such great confidence was expressed on November 7.
 The political astuteness of which Mr. Burgess gave evidence in the recent campaign is apparent in his statement about beer. Extreme action by zealots of the victorious cause might produce a reversal of sentiment. The sensible attitude as expressed by Mr. Burgess will strengthen the dry forces.

"Congratulations"

We accept with gratefulness the following expression from the Elkin Tribune, published at Elkin:
 "We congratulate our neighbor, North Wilkesboro, in securing appropriation for its new postoffice to cost \$50,600. Like Elkin, our neighbor up the river has been in need of better postal accommodations for many years. The citizens of North Wilkesboro, measured by their patronage alone, deserve better equipment than the present appropriation provides, if future progress and growth is to be taken into consideration. They have been fighting for a long, long time for recognition, and we are glad that Washington has heard them at last.
 "Secretary Ickes, public works administrator, in announcing this and other appropriations, states that the government's policy is to provide modest, practical postoffices, instead of monumental edifices, and without sacrificing space or working conditions, the new type of structures will be fashioned to fit into their surroundings and provide government workers the facilities required to give good postal service.
 "It might be said in passing that if this policy had been followed in the past in connection with the postal buildings in some of the larger centers, as well as smaller places with political pull, there would have been better chance that enough would have been saved to portion out to communities deserving more than they have had.
 "Maybe North Wilkesboro will have occasion to congratulate Elkin in due season. She now has a beautiful new bridge and is about to have a postoffice worthy of the name; Elkin has a beautiful bridge, but isn't bragging about the place where it gets its mail."

The Duke Endowment

The benefit of the Duke Endowment during the eight years of its existence can only be estimated in dollars and cents. There is no way of checking the number of lives it has saved, the suffering it has alleviated and the total value to public health and happiness.
 The eighth annual report of the hospital section of the endowment shows that \$6,106,804.95 was contributed to the support of 127 hospitals in the Carolinas.
 Of this amount, \$4,127,627.95 was for the care of free patients in 123 hospitals and \$1,978,177 was appropriated to 48 different construction, equipment and purchase projects.
 The contribution for free bed days directly aided 309,795, or 49 per cent, of the 631,026 patients treated during the eight years; amounted to 28 per cent of the cost of the hospitals of free service; provided the equivalent of the total cost of free service for 400 patients daily since the Duke Endowment was established and paid, at the actual average cost of \$57.73 per patient, the full cost of treating 41,450 patients.
 Hospitals assisted with the care of free patients in 1932 numbered 100, of which 93 were general hospitals and seven more special hospitals. Of these institutions, 69 are located in North Carolina and 31 in South Carolina. This was four more hospitals than were assisted the previous year.
 Many hospitals, like many orphanages, would have been forced to close or seriously curtail their work during these lean years had it not been for the Duke millions. They have been spent in a work whose benefits cannot be judged by humans. And they will continue through the years in this magnificent endeavor for humanity.

Wants More Patrolmen

The following letter was received by the editor from Mr. John L. Tinsley, of Taylorsville, Route 1:
 "I am just wanting to know whether we are to get any more highway patrolmen. Since liquor has been turned loose in other states, we will have a lot more drunken drivers on the roads and we will need more patrolmen.
 "Coming from North Wilkesboro a few days ago, a car passed us or rather forced us off the road, causing our car to wreck. While I was not hurt much, Mr. George Anderson, who was riding with me, sustained a severe injury to his arm. The men in the coupe had a Virginia license, but we were not able to get the number or get them to stop.
 "I believe a few more patrolmen are needed and I think it is the duty of good citizens to ask for this protection."
 Many citizens will testify to experiences similar to that of Mr. Tinsley. A road hog is bad enough, but a road hog with liquor in him is an animal that is hard to do anything with or about.
 As Mr. Tinsley points out, with legalized liquor in nearby states and with bootleg liquor of our own to handle, the drunken driver will offer a problem. To our mind, the drunken motorist will be one of our chief concerns in the future just as he has been in the past. Perhaps additional patrolmen would help. Anyway the drunken and reckless driver offers a problem for which some solution must be found.

Offering Suggestion

The suggestion made by Frank Stockbridge in his column, "Today and Tomorrow," that the government might advantageously spend a portion of the money allotted to the recovery program in acquainting the public with policies through paid advertising in the newspapers is one that should receive the thoughtful consideration of administration advisers.
 The newspapers without a cent in return have borne the brunt of the recovery drive. They have gladly carried news of the various developments. And they have given the news in the most detailed manner possible. That is the function of the newspaper.
 By adopting the suggestion of Mr. Stockbridge, the administration could, however, explain in a co-ordinated manner the whole program and at the same time help an industry that is entitled to the assistance of the government if past services furnish a criterion for judgment.

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 It is worth knowing. Not all of it, of course. There are long chapters of genealogy which are no more edifying than pages of the telephone directory. But when you have passed over such passages and everything else that for popular reading is tiresome or useless, what have you left? These four great treasures:
 1. A bird's eye view of the development of civilization. The story begins with the origin of the earth and for the first eleven chapters it deals with the human race as a unit. Coming down to the time when races were grouped and nations arose, it traces the development of a particular people, the Hebrews, their beginnings as nomadic shepherds, their conquest and settlement of a home, and their emergence into national life; their rise to splendor under Kings David and Solomon; their overthrow and captivity, and the re-establishment of their national cult or worship, though with very limited authority in the matter of government, a century later. The recital brings us finally into definite touch with the civilizations of Greece and Rome. Certainly no one can claim to know history who has not read and understood it.
 2. Some of the greatest literature of all ages. Here, to mention only a few, are the greatest of all poems, one of the greatest dramas, one of the finest love-stories, and a collection of proverbs which in varying phraseology have entered into the common-sense philosophy of nearly every modern nation.
 3. The best of all text-books in human nature. For in the Bible we have profound thought beautifully expressed; we have the nature of boys and girls, of men and women, more accurately charted than in the work of any modern novelist or playwright.
 4. Finally, we have the story of the most successful life ever lived on this planet, a life that changed the course of human thought and that still is able, after more than nineteen hundred years, to transform individuals, communities and nations. Surely it is worth while to know the high spots, at least, of a book that contains all this. Let us start at the beginning with the title page of the common version.
 Read Journal-Patriot ads.

Lions Are Guests At Theatre Party

Jack Brame Is Winner of Question and Answer Contest Prize
 A delightful meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club was held at Hotel Wilkes Thursday evening. Dr. H. B. Smith, club president, presided.
 Two vocal solos, "Trees" and "Shortening Bread" were rendered beautifully by Mrs. C. S. Sink-Miss Tim Crawford was the accompanist.
 The program for the evening was in charge of W. J. Allen and Dr. J. H. McNeill. A delightful feature of the evening was a question and answer contest in which those unable to answer at least one of the three questions asked sat down. Jack Brame was winner of the prize.
 However, the surprise of the evening was the invitation of Program Sponsor W. J. Allen to be his guests at the Orpheum Theatre at the picture following the club meeting. Mr. Allen is the popular manager of the theatre and all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the picture.

Day's Income Is Orphans' Request

I. G. Greer Sends Out an Appeal For Support of 28 Orphans' Homes
 Every citizen of North Carolina who is receiving an income from any source is being asked as heretofore to contribute the earnings of one day to one of the 28 orphan's homes in the state on the occasion of Thanksgiving Day.
 An appeal for support of these institutions has been sent out by I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home at Thomasville, who is president of the North Carolina Orphans' Association.
 The needs of the needy and helpless children were never greater than today, the appeal states. Reminded of this fact, a large number of people will gladly give the requested amount, the association president believes.
 Each citizen is asked to make the contribution to the orphanage of his choice.

NO MORE SEED LOANS BUT SOMETHING BETTER

Under the new laws governing the work of the Farm Credit administration, new machinery is being set up for the handling of seed and fertilizer loans beginning with the 1934 season. North Carolina farmers will handle their own credit needs with the aid of the Production Credit corporation affiliated with the Land Bank at Columbia.
 The new plan provides for farmers to secure adequate and permanent credit for producing crops, breeding, raising and fattening livestock and for the production of poultry and all livestock products.
 The Production Credit corporation has a capital stock of \$7,500,000 and will organize, provide the initial credit for and supervise the operation of local production credit associations in all communities where the need exists.
 "It will be the duty of these associations to make loans directly to farmer-borrowers and the associations will, in turn, discount the farmers' notes directly with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia," says A. F. Lever, in charge of public relations for the bank. "If ten or more farmers manifest an interest in forming an association, the Columbia corporation will send a representative to the community to help arrange the matter. County farm agents will also help."
 These associations are not to be set up to provide an easy way for farmers to get into debt but to help him get out and stay out of debt, Mr. Lever explains. He says that anyone desiring definite information about how to organize one of the associations should talk over the matter with his farm agent or write directly to the corporation at Columbia, South Carolina.
 It is the belief of extension authorities at State College that this new plan will be found more satisfactory in the long run than the old seed loans of the past.

Two Men Escape Death By Leaping From Log Truck

Goldsboro, Nov. 25.—Gilbert Lambert and a Mr. Underhill, of the Stevens Mill section, this county, escaped death this afternoon by leaping from their loaded log truck just before it hurtled backward down the hill onto the bridge, crashing through the bridge railing and plunging to the rocks 18 feet below, landing upside down. They had crossed the bridge and had nearly reached the top of the steep hill just beyond when the truck failed to make the grade and started backward. The truck was badly crushed.
 From a southern state comes the sad tale of an NRA enthusiast who took on an extra wife and received a summons instead of a Blue Eagle.

Eye Clinic Is Great Success

Needed Glasses Are Being Provided Number of Unfortunate Children
 The eye clinic which is conducted again this year by the North Wilkesboro Lions club has proven a boon to a number of school children who are in need of glasses and are unable to purchase them.
 A careful investigation of the need is made by the welfare department or the county health department before the glasses are allowed. In this way, only the meritorious cases are selected and the Lions have been able to supply the glasses in every case recommended this year.
 One happy result has recently come to the attention of the Lions. One young lady whose eyesight was crossed had that defect practically corrected by the glasses supplied this year and Dr. J. S. Deans, local optometrist, believes the glasses which are being furnished this year will permanently restore her eyes to normal.

Week Of Prayer Observed By W.M.S. of Union Church

"Week of Prayer" was observed by Union Methodist church auxiliary, beginning Thursday night, Nov. 9th, at Mrs. Earl Baker's with Mrs. Dewey Turner leader. The program was built around the needs of Paine College for colored people in Alabama. Sunday night, a second program was given at the church on Stephenson Memorial Hospital in China, Mrs. Oscar Elliott, leader, giving interesting facts

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