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Advance comfort for New Year is that it cannot be as bad as the last one.—Raleigh Times.

In trying to decide what is the easiest thing in the world to do we have concluded that it is telling the other fellow not to worry.—Pathfinder.

It has been suggested that the price of shaves be reduced, due to the fact that faces are not so long as they were a while back.—Fayetteville Observer.

Among other criticisms, they say Moley's magazine is printed on inferior stock and the current issue doesn't carry an all-American selection.—Des Moines Register.

Relativity was once regarded as the most difficult subject, but that was before folks tried to get the hang of the gold policy.—Ohio State Journal.

Now that the eighteenth amendment has been replaced by the twenty-first, asks a contemporary, which is the eighteenth? All those who can't be bothered worrying about it may keep their seats.—Boston Globe.

Worthy Of Emulation

We note that Judge Rives, of the Greensboro municipal court, has announced his intention to give a jail sentence to every defendant proven guilty of purchasing whiskey with money obtained from working on civil works projects. The hope is expressed here that many other jurists will emulate his example. Civil works money is being spent to improve business, but not the business of the bootlegger.

Judge Rives is to be commended for his stand in this matter and we hereby express our approval.

Appropriate Project

The board of city commissioners will not go any further in giving its approval to the project for the construction of a new section of the Raleigh Highway through the North Wilkesboro section with the city of Greensboro.

At the present time a traveler on Highway 18 must come to the city of North Wilkesboro in order to get to Hillsboro. In view of the mountainous terrain that have been made it seems that a direct connection might be possible if CMA roads are available for the purpose. If the necessary grading and construction is needed, we understand.

Negro Migration

Ashe county is a beautiful one. It is a worthwhile project to have a road when the top of the mountain is reached.

The improvement of the road will give access to the top of the mountain. The road will be a great help to the people who live on the mountainside. The top of the mountain is a view of almost unspoiled nature. When the road is completed, tourists will come to modern tourist land on the level land at the top and the almost beautiful view will become more than a myth to thousands who have heard of it but never took the long and tiresome trip up the mountainside.

It is a worthwhile project and Ashe county is fortunate in getting it approved.

A Safer Banking System

The inauguration of deposit insurance is a happy event both for the public and the banking system of the country.

The guarantee of deposits will, we believe, banish forever the danger of terrific losses through bank failures such as have caused so much suffering in the past. It is the beginning of a new era in the history of banking and provides a security for the depositor just as the banks have always required of those who borrow money from them.

There is no reason in the world why hoarded money should not come out of hiding now. The stocking, mattress and tin can are dangerous banks. There is not only danger of losing the money to some unscrupulous robber, but life is not safe when money is hoarded or thought to be banked in the home.

It is the place to keep money and it should come out into the open. We have the added security of deposit insurance.

A Case Of Justice

Chambers, who was indicted from United States District court is of interest to thousands of those under indictment for violation of the eighteenth amendment and to the public generally.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes held that since the eighteenth amendment no longer exists as the law of the land, his court was without power to sentence these defendants. The government appealed from this decision and the United States Supreme court is to hear arguments in the case January 15.

At the time the alleged violation was committed, the eighteenth amendment was still in force. But between arrest and trial, the American people repudiated the liquor amendment. In this test case, the department of justice is opposing Judge Hayes' decision and in the brief filed last week, the Supreme court is urged "in the light of general authority and sound reason" to "apply statutory rule of construction" and order the lower federal courts to proceed with the trial of all charged with violating the Volstead act before repeal.

A common-sense application of the law would be to clear the docket of all these cases. It would be far more right to free these defendants on charges of violating a law that no longer exists than it is to allow a man to plead the statute of limitation on a debt. Our hope is that more common sense will be used in the courts and less use of technicalities.

Mistakes In Spelling

The attention of state highway authorities or those who paint signs for the highways is called to two rather serious mistakes in spelling which are rather obvious to people who travel between North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro.

On the North Wilkesboro side of the new bridge, we find the name of our city is spelled "NORTH WILKESORO" and near the Midway Service station, the traveler is directed to "FERGERSON" instead of Ferguson.

The mistake in the spelling of the city's name is inexcusable. But it is not our intention to blame anyone for the mistakes; rather, we call attention to the signs with the hope of seeing corrections made.

Borrowed Comment

A PLEASING PROLOGUE
 (Greensboro Daily News)

State Daily News has heretofore expressed its opinion on the subject of jail sentences. It is now expressing its opinion that jail sentences are a necessary part of the punishment for those who violate the law. It is a necessary part of the punishment for those who violate the law. It is a necessary part of the punishment for those who violate the law.

Let A Mangled, But State Pays 'Compensation'

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The North Carolina State Commission today awarded compensation to a dog.

The animal wasn't really dead, for it will go to a Greensboro dog hospital which kept the mangled mongrel under examination for 10 days to see if it had hydrophobia.

Early last September the dog, a street prowler, sank his teeth into the legs of Hugh Davis, 12, who was distributing circulars.

The dog was taken into custody and confined for 10 days to see if it was mad. About the biggest thing the animal had, it turned out, was an appetite and the dog was released.

For upkeep of the canine during the detention, the industrial commission granted a claim of 50 cents a day.

WINS LIBERTY ON SLIP IN THE LAW

Atlanta, Jan. 3.—Bill Schlitz, who entered the federal penitentiary here a year ago to serve 10 years, is going to get out within 10 days because he was convicted of something which isn't against the law.

Schlitz was given the 10 years—and two suspended sentences of 25 years each—for an attempt to rob a mail truck in Charlotte, N. C.

Recently he appealed for a writ of habeas corpus on the contention that the law provides a penalty for robbing a mail truck driver but no penalty for an unsuccessful attempt.

Federal attorneys consulted with Washington and found he was correct. They were advised it was useless to fight the case.

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 - To assistant cashier50
- 7. Asking for calendar 5.00
- 8. Asking president for an appointment HANGING

Speaking of the ban on dancing and bridge and Guilford College, Edward V. Mitchell, sports editor of the Greensboro Daily News, offers a puzzle in his comment on the privilege of playing rook. Says Mr. Mitchell:

"It's the 'rook' card feature of the campaign of the Guilford Purify squad which strikes this column as being funny. Here's the proposition. There are four suits in a deck of cards, hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades. Rook decks have four sets also, at least they did when we played the game a year or two back. However, the rook suits run in colors, red, yellow, green and black. They run from one to 15. The usual deck of cards contains 13 of each suit, starting with the ace and going through the 10. Then there is the jack, queen and king. Guilford students can stay within the law of the college by stripping the rook deck of the 14 and 15, making No. 11 the jack, No. 12 the queen and No. 13 the king. Just what is the difference in looking at hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades and bidding, and using numbers for the same purpose is just another one for the books. It appears the Purify squad is being rook'd by the students."

It's downright funny. The man who killed some folks into believing that it is less of a Christian and more moral to rob than to bid. "Set-back" of five hundred dollars to be given a medal. He's a born leader and his convincing "filibuster" ought to make him a great salesman. And we're not advocating any of the games. It occurs to us that much of the time spent in playing cards might be used profitably in reading a good book or doing something more worthwhile.

H. E. Bonknight hands us a calendar for the month of November, 1933, and directs our attention to two dates on it, Saturday and Sunday, both given as the 28th day of the month. Even the best mistakes. Perhaps, Mr. Bonknight gave us this for our consolation.

MAV ELLINOR LAZENBY, States, N. C. January 2, 1934.

NON-SUIT IS ENTERED IN LICENSE TAG CASE

High Point, Jan. 5.—Attorneys for W. L. York and the other two owners and taxpayers who had Judge Lewis Teague restrain highway patrolmen from prosecuting tagless motorists in Morris county, B. A. Woodell's court, said at the outset of a hearing in Judge Teague's court today that their ends had been met when a non pros was taken in all cases in Magistrate Woodell's court and that they no longer desired to prosecute their restraining order. They admitted the victory and took a non-suit.

The attorney for the restrained magistrate, B. A. Woodell, was not so easily satisfied. He wanted to know what basis the petitioners had for making a charge of collusion between the magistrate and the state highway patrol.

W. L. York, the principal petitioner, was put on the witness stand and said that it was his information that several persons were fined \$10 and costs in Woodell's court and that it was explained that the costs included arrest and witness fees.

Prior to the beginning of this hearing Judge Teague dismissed indictments against 22 motorists, charged with having improper licenses, when it was shown to the satisfaction of the court that they have since obtained their auto licenses.

Strawberries Ripe

Hammond, La., Jan. 5.—Ripe strawberries, matured by warm weather of the last few weeks, were brought here today by John Bodi, farmer in the Albany community.

Wants To Keep Robert L. Doughton In Congress

Editor Journal-Patriot: While the people of the ninth congressional district are busy with stock-taking, crop-reduction, prices and codes, a danger threatens them in the loss of their representative in congress.

For months the propaganda has been subtly afloat in the press that Mr. Doughton was to be promoted in some way or other fitting his talents. The fact is that Mr. Doughton now holds perhaps the most important public office outside the White House in being chairman of the ways and means committee. The ninth district has made this possible by keeping him elected every two years since 1911.

It seems incredible that the ninth district will now remain quiet while influences outside the district and outside the state are trying to railroad him out of their grasp. To those who followed Mr. Doughton's fight against a general sales tax in the winter of 1930-31—the methods that would remove him from the great place he has won are understandable. The story is too long for this letter and it has not appeared in the press with as much emphasis as it deserves. It would repay a search of the Congressional Records of that date for the sheer drama of the quiet but impregnable stand Mr. Doughton took against the tax. But for this stand it would have passed even both houses of congress. Even Garner and Rainey were a-jitter with the threats that had been made of an unparalleled panic that would result unless this measure became law. It never happened.

Most people who advocate a sales tax do it on the ground of necessity to "balance the budget," a phrase that seems to answer all questions. Few people will admit that they believe in a sales tax as a matter of right. Garner and Rainey disclaimed friendship for the tax, while thundering for its passage. Mr. Doughton never admitted the necessity. He is undoubtedly right. Advocacy for the sales tax originates among those whose income is not exhausted by their living expenses, and whose surplus they would protect from taxation. It is a method of taking taxes from larger incomes and playing them on smaller ones. The smallest amount of reflection will make this clear.

Are the voters of the ninth district going to let these outside influences shove their representative in congress? Only the voters can say. Put yourself in Mr. Doughton's place. He has the toll and expense of a campaign in a close district every two years. Unless the voters show appreciation by electing him again at this time, an advisory government job might tempt him, though I do not believe it would. In any case, who can the district find a better man to represent it? To maintain him in congress as long as he will consent to go will be a distinction for the district that sends him.

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The final selection "Where We'll Never Grow Old" was sung by the congregation. Dismissed by Rev. A. J. Parsons.

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The fifth Sunday singing was held at Baptist Home church December 31, at 10 a. m., with the following churches and choirs represented: Baptist Home, Haymeadow, Bethel, Boiling Springs, Nightingale Quartet and Bethel Quartet.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Parsons. At 1 o'clock the congregation reassembled and singing continued.

At 1:30 an interesting talk was made by Mr. L. Bumgarner, chairman of the Wilkes county singers. Selections were sung by each choir.

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