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Easy Justice

We were very much interested in reports last week of the denouncement by Judge Frank Armstrong of our prison parole system which has reached the point that it is no hard matter for a smart lawyer and a wealthy client to work out a program which carries with it very little punishment for even the most serious crime.

One reason for our interest is the fact that Judge Armstrong is a summer resident of Brunswick county, and we have come to know and respect him for his sound thinking and fearless action in matters which affect the judiciary system of our state.

Another reason is that we have noted a trend in reducing the penalties imposed by the courts upon criminals following conviction. This, as Judge Armstrong pointed out for the benefit of the Mecklenburg county grand jury, has made it necessary for a judge to impose in many cases a greater sentence than the crime demands just to be sure that the prisoner would serve a sentence that would fulfill the demands of justice.

We do not subscribe to the theory that all criminals are cast in the same mold and that a harsh and unyielding punishment should be devised for their common treatment. On the other hand, we do not believe that it is the part of wisdom to permit the modern trend in sociology to gnaw away at the very foundations of our courts.

In our scheme of government there are institutions and officials which should command our full measure of respect. Foremost among these are our courts and our judges, and anything which tends to undermine this feeling of confidence is detrimental to our democracy.

Forward Step

Through the action of members of the Board of County Commissioners here Monday it appears that Brunswick soon may come off the list of four North Carolina counties which do not have a Health Department.

For the past few months there has been a steady and growing agitation for the establishment in this county of a Health Department which would be able to work in full and complete cooperation with the North Carolina Board of Health. It had become obvious that the citizens of Brunswick were missing many of the benefits which have come about as a result of the great emphasis which has been placed upon better health by our State and Federal governments; and a group of representative citizens have been working toward the establishment of this cooperating local agency.

This action is a belated result of a public meeting held last summer at Bolivia when a representative of the State Board of Health outlined a proposal under which Brunswick county might establish a full time public health program for little more than the amount then being paid out for health purposes. Investigations revealed that the total amount of sums now being paid was enough to provide the county's share in a cooperative program. With this information before them, and with the provision that the new set-up is to cost no more than has already been appropriated in the current budget for health purposes, the board of county commissioners on Monday gave the "go" sign to the program.

The next move is up to the Brunswick County Board of Health, a body which long since has been inactive, but a body which now is faced with multiple duties and responsibilities as problems relating to a change in the public health service of the county are ironed out.

Many men who are pleasure-bent tonight will end up pleasure-broke tomorrow morning.

Deserve Endorsement

The General Assembly of North Carolina has received two measures dealing with liquor, neither of which can be justly attacked as unfair to either prohibitionists or control advocates.

The first of these was the bill to prohibit advertising. This we have discussed previously and heartily endorsed.

The second is the one-quart law. It is an assault upon the bootleg racket and offers an opportunity for law enforcement officers to get to work. Heretofore, their hands have been tied. Bootleggers, being pretty smart fellows, are not likely to sell in the presence of officers and as long as they are allowed to have one full gallon of tax-paid whiskey, they can continue to laugh at the policeman or sheriff who seeks to interfere with their business, however illegal the business may be.

A possession limitation of one quart per person won't stop bootlegging but it will increase the risks of that "profession" and cut into the profits. Of course the obvious answer is to take the maximum load of passengers and bring back the maximum number of bottles, but it will prove somewhat troublesome to round up a load of people who won't talk.

Up to this point, dries and control advocates should be untied. Prohibitionists should be agreed that one quart is better than one gallon. Control advocates, if they mean what they pretend, should likewise be in accord with the proposal to make it tough for the bootleg racket.

From here on out, there will be a parting of the ways. The prohibitionists, opposed to legal as well as illegal sales, will favor more stringent measures. They will seek a ban on all alcoholic beverages. On the other hand, real advocates of control will continue their contention that it is better to smoke the sales out into the open, that supporting a host of stores along state lines is unprofitable to North Carolina, and that whiskey is just as intoxicating when it comes from a South Carolina or Virginia store as it is from an ABC outlet in this State.

The dries will argue that if their children are to surrender to the temptations of strong drink, they don't want it to happen with their consent or vote. And the control forces will answer that the return of the speakeasy is far more dangerous to youth than regulated outlets.

Meanwhile, there should be no argument that the promotion of sales should be forbidden and the amount allowed for each person should be decreased.

Pull For Or Pull Out

On other occasions we have approved the slogan of the Mullins Enterprise: "Pull for Mullins or Pull Out." And at least once, we reminded that Communists were not being deprived of their liberties or their rights when they were asked to answer the simple question: "Are you a Communist?" That question is asked of every voter: "To what party do you belong?"

All this is preliminary to the observation that the University was within its rights in denying the use of Memorial Hall to John Gates, editor of The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper.

If Mr. Gates has propaganda to sell, let him hire a hall in Raleigh or somewhere other than in the institutions of the government he and his tripe would like to overthrow.

Now let's go back to the Mullins slogan. If Gates and the Communists are so enthusiastic over the privilege of living in the "beautiful paradise (?)", of Red totalitarianism, surely Old Joe will receive them under his wing in Moscow or Stalingrad. When and if they seek the sanctuary of their dreams beyond the sea, there will be a sweet parting and on this side of the ocean there shall be no tears.

Don't Forget This

There is some talk that the General Assembly may consider changes in the election laws of the State.

Just in case our legislators get around to such matters, we hope they won't forget the absentee ballot law.

We aren't suggesting that there are any abuses in this vicinity. Apparently there aren't any. But it doesn't make sense to ban the absentee ballot in the primary and keep it in the general election.

Football coaches don't teach their boys not to clip in practice and give the green light in the Saturday afternoon contest.

Shalotte Boys In

(Continued from page one) a barrage of punches in the first round with James Robbins of Shalotte in the welterweight fight, Robbins went to work. A tremendous left jab from Robbins battered Bowen to the canvas after 30 seconds of the second round, and Robbins had won a knockout. Showing good sportsmanship, Robbins helped the dazed Bowen from the ring.

TRAGEDY TAKES

(Continued From Page One) the burning building. The 4-year old daughter was fatally burned. Mrs. Thelma Floyd Prince, the wife, also received serious burns, as did Shirley, another two year old daughter. Both of these are still patients in the Doshier Memorial Hospital. Through some miracle that has not been explained, a younger child of the Prince couple was rescued from the house unhurt. It is thought Mrs. Prince

carried it to safety. The family resided in an uncompleted 4-room home near the coast between Seaside and Gause Landing. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlisle, living near the Prince home heard screams at about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. They found the Prince home burning, Mr. Prince dying and others in the described condition.

BUSY STAKING

(Continued from page one) Road to the Magnolia Dairy and other points. From the Moore farm the main line will proceed up the River Road, supplying Orton Plantation, Pleasant Oaks Plantation and Clarendon Plantation, in addition to the numerous smaller homes.

In an interview Monday Elliott Tripp said that if they had no unusually bad weather or right of way trouble they expected to complete this line and have it working by the middle of February or first of March.

Not Exactly News

Holly trees with red berries were notoriously scarce this past season, and as a matter of fact the only good specimens we have seen thus far were right here in Southport. One is a tree standing on the curb beside the Warren Hood home, the other a tree in the back yard of the Gilbert Barber shop. County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning killed his limit of deer this year. One was felled in a legitimate deer hunt on New Year's day, but the other was victim of a traffic accident when he crossed the road in front of the Denning car on a Sampson county highway last fall.

Leland boys and girls can practically sew up the pre-tournament basketball championship for Brunswick county Thursday night if they are able to sweep another double-header from the two Southport squads. The Leland boys and girls, undefeated thus far in county competition, admit that it is the local lads and lassies that they fear most. Iris Rabon, who plays a good guard for the Southport sextet this season was a member of the Bolivia squad last year.

It is a sad commentary on our tourist facilities when it is necessary for visitors to go out of town to be served so much as a sandwich or a cup of coffee. The one redeeming feature is that the food and the service at Lindsey's is worth the trouble. A visit here Sunday spent considerable time talking of our need for hotel accommodations—a condition about which we are fully conscious, one about which we continue to do absolutely nothing.

We heard Guy Lombardo introduce "Where You Go" on his new Mutual half-hour two Saturday's ago and we'll string along with his prediction that this is a tune you'll be hearing a lot from now on. If you haven't read "The Southport Story" in the current issue of Better Health Magazine, then you should get a copy. The illustrations, featuring the Moore family from Greatgrandpa Will Davis redheaded Jimmie, are especially good.

We don't recall that we ever saw a pretty January day than Sunday, and a trip to Well Beach and Long Beach revealed that a lot of folks were getting a preview of Spring, out-of-season swimmers were in evidence, there were a few barefoot beachcombers. This June in January stuff may make for reading if another cold spell shows up about Thursday!

Several species of plant are known as "ant cows". They carry them about and protect them, consuming a secreted fluid which they yield.

GROCERIES

There are always groceries and other household needs to provide. We carry a good line of standard products, priced at a reasonable mark-up.

R. GALLOWAY

General Merchandise SUPPLY, N. C.

Calendar Of Civil Cases For Trial At The January, 1949, Mixed Term SUPERIOR COURT Brunswick County, North Carolina

Monday, January 24, 1949

Table with 2 columns: Case No. and Cases. Includes cases like 2346—Long vs. Long, 2340—Piner vs. Piner, 2328—Harrelson vs. Harrelson, 2323—Smith vs. Smith, 2161—Reaves vs. Reaves, 2124—Beck vs. Beck.

Thursday, January 27, 1949

Table with 2 columns: Case No. and Cases. Includes cases like 2342—Hewett vs. Causey, 2297—Clemmons vs. Wacamaw Bank & Trust Co., J. B. Hewett vs. Frink & Herring.

MOTIONS

Thursday, January 27, 1949

Table with 2 columns: Case No. and Motions. Includes cases like 2313—Andrews vs. Millers, et al., 2335—Biggs vs. Miller, et al., 2288—Lewis vs. Lewis, Brunswick County vs. J. A. Hewett, Sr., et al., Brunswick Co. vs. John A. Hewett, Jr., et al., Brunswick County vs. Jackson Hewett, et al., Brunswick County vs. L. J. Bryant, et al.

NOTE:—The Names appearing directly under each case in smaller type are the Attorneys. The name on the left is the Plaintiff's Attorney, and the name on the right is the Defense Attorney.

S. T. Bennett, CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

SCHEDULE W. B. & B. BUS LINE Southport, N. C.

EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948 WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

Table with 2 columns: LEAVES SOUTHPORT and LEAVES WILMINGTON. Lists departure times from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only. **—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

Table with 2 columns: LEAVES SOUTHPORT and LEAVES WILMINGTON. Lists departure times from 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

provide a source of food oils. The wartime expansion was encouraged by the government after Far Eastern sources of vegetable oils were cut off. The 1949 crop will be supported at 90 per cent of the parity price of peanuts as of July 15, 1949. Price support aid will be limited to producers complying with their planting allotments. Penalties of one-half of the support price will be assessed against marketing in excess of established quotas. A similar control program was announced for this year's crop, but it was suspended before the planting season because the demand outlook proved.

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1949 Tax Listing NOTICE

LIST YOUR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

All property owners and tax payers are required by law to return to the List Takers for Taxation for the year 1949, all the Real Estate, Personal Property, Etc., which they own on the first day of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years must list for Poll Tax during the same time, except those exempt by law for physical disability.

All persons to whom the foregoing applies who fail to list their Real and Personal Property, and/or Poll Tax will be guilty of a Misdemeanor and subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

LOCAL LIST TAKERS WILL POST NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS IN PUBLIC PLACES—WATCH FOR SAME!!

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Tax Office at Southport on March 14, 1949. Any complaint about valuation should be taken before the Board at that time.

PLEASE LIST YOUR PROPERTY WITH THE LIST TAKER IN YOUR HOME PRECINCT

W. P. Jorgensen TAX SUPERVISOR