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A copy of the "Carolinas Magazine" a new publication devoted to the interests of the two Carolinas has reached this office. The magazine is attractive in appearance and matter and if it maintains this standard ought to be both helpful and successful.

We do not know whether one John Hughes Curtis of Norfolk, Va., knew any thing about the kidnapping of the Lindbergh child or not but he is certainly a big enough scoundrel to have done so. The lies he told Lindbergh and the tricks he played upon him, probably for the purpose of getting money stamps him as a villain of the basest sort. It is to be hoped that he will get all that is coming to him when he is tried and he probably will.

FARM POSSIBILITIES GOOD IN CARTERET COUNTY

The files of this newspaper will show that for a good many years past it has been a firm believer in the possibilities of agriculture in our county. The News has not only believed in but has advocated in every way it could a development along this line. It has been a pleasure to do this and to note the great improvement that has taken place in farming in general and particularly in truck growing. A great change for the better has occurred in the past ten years and we believe that greater things yet are in store. There is plenty of good land not yet under cultivation in Carteret county. Eventually most of this land will be tilled and will afford a good livelihood for many people and contribute to the general prosperity. At this time low prices for farm products is the chief obstacle and this condition is probably due to pass away before a great while longer.

POLITICIANS ARE GETTING NERVOUS

When Al Smith started his fight on prohibition in 1928 he hit the cause a hard blow. This is apparent right here in North Carolina just as well as it is in many other states. Leaders of the Democratic party in North Carolina, as well as in most of the southern states, were staunch prohibitionists for many years but they began to weaken in 1928. With the exception of Senator Simmons, Frank McIninch and one or two others, they one and all supported Al Smith for President knowing perfectly that if he were elected that he would undertake to abolish the Volstead act and the eighteenth amendment. A "wet" candidate for President will be nominated this year and they are all going to support him. More than that a good many of them are going to support Bob Reynolds for the Senate.

Most politicians like to get on the popular side of all public questions. When prohibition was popular they talked and voted for prohibition no matter what else they did. Right now prohibition seems to be losing favor. The politicians are anxiously waiting now to see what is going to happen. If prohibition is going to be abolished most of the political boys will hop on the other side. The Virginia Democratic convention last week adopted a resolution declaring for a referendum on prohibition. In Florida a wet candidate defeated Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen for the nomination for Congress. Out in California W. G. McAdoo, former member of President Wilson's cabinet and his son-in-law has come out for a referendum. Anti prohibition sentiment is growing apparently and the dry politicians are getting nervous.

THE VOTERS' RESPONSIBILITY

When people were making money and all business concerns were more or less successful extravagant expenditures by the various governing bodies were not much noticed. The era of hard times which the American nation, as well as the rest of the world, has been experiencing for several years has changed all that. The taxpaying voters are manifesting great interest in the cost of government of all sorts from the national government down through the states, counties, cities and towns.

If the people who pay the taxes had shown as much interest during the past ten or twelve years in public matters as they have for the last two or three years things would not have come to the pass that they have reached. Too many citizens have assumed that getting a part in politics is a waste of time. Some would say that politics "is a dirty sort of business and I do not care to have any thing to do with it." And so because they were too busy or too good to take a hand, they turned the matter of government over quite frequently to incompetent persons and sometimes to dishonest ones.

It is an encouraging sign that the taxpayers seems to be waking up and looking about to see what can be done. They seem to be measur-

ing the candidates for office to see what sort of dimensions they have. It may be that ability and character will be the deciding factors in some of the contests. It is high time that such tests were applied. Some may say that it is a case of locking the door after the steed has been stolen but it is hardly so. We should profit by past mistakes and build for the future.

MORRISON-REYNOLDS CONTEST WILL BE A BATTLE ROYAL

The contest between Senator Morrison and Robert R. Reynolds for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate promises to be one of the hardest fought political battles ever waged in North Carolina. It is likely that considerable money will be expended but even without that important consideration the battle would be a hot one any how. There are certain issues involved in the contest that are very interesting to the voters.

Each of the two candidates has certain advantages and certain disadvantages. It is a case of credits and debits, with the voters sitting in judgment. Reynolds is considerably younger than Morrison, which may be an advantage or the contrary just as you look at it. Morrison has had more experience in politics and government. He was Governor four years and some thought he filled the office very well and others thought he didn't. Mr. Morrison seems to have backing of many of the leaders of his party and their influence will count for a great deal. He is regarded as a prohibitionist, although he said recently that he would do whatever his party wishes to do about that matter, and will have the support of most of the dry element in the Democratic party. And last but not least Morrison is a very rich man, or rather Mrs. Morrison is a very rich woman.

The other aspirant for Senatorial honors, Mr. Reynolds, is about twenty years younger than his opponent. He has the physical strength and the enthusiasm which an older man often does not have. He is a good campaigner and evidently no fool at politics. His victory over Morrison was the biggest surprise of the recent primary. In the next primary he will have the support of the anti-prohibition faction of the Democratic party, which is now quite large. The younger voters seem to favor him over Morrison. Many of the Simmons faction are glad to get a chance to vote against Morrison because of the bitter things he said in 1928 about Senator Simmons.

On the other hand some of the anti-Simmons faction will vote against him too because he favored the appointment of McIninch to a fine Federal job. Reynolds has had a lot to say and will say a lot more about Morrison's ownership of tobacco company and power company stock. The low prices of tobacco, blamed by some folks on the tobacco companies, will hurt Morrison and help Reynolds. And then Bowie one of the other two candidates for the Senate in the late primary, will try to throw his strength to Reynolds. The fact that Reynolds led in the first primary will be an advantage also.

To any one who takes an unbiased view of the situation it is very evident that nobody is going to have any walkover in this Senatorial contest. Both candidates have good backing and each one is a good fighter. Of course the friends of each will make a lot of big claims but the truth seems to be that the results of the primary at this time is very much in doubt.

Press Cleanings

The people of that Washington town that is using wooden money will have to have a lumber yard to do any serious hoarding.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MOMENTARY MADNESS

It's queer a thing that you never hear of anybody who has done a good deed claiming to have been temporarily insane.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

ECONOMY BARGAIN OVERLOOKED

There would be more real economy in abolishing 200 members of Congress than in dismissing 2,000 army officers.—Buffalo News.

NORTH CAROLINA'S LITTLE REVOLUTION

During the week North Carolina has been treated to a surprise, that the folks did not expect in the least. The Great Cameron Morrison, self-made governor, millionaire by marriage, Senator by appointment and proverbial DRY, won second place in a five-cornered race for senate, trailing "Our Bob" Reynolds, ardent WET who publicly announced that his campaign fund was augmented by Society Against Prohibition contributions, by about 12,000 votes, with approximately 200,000 good Democratic votes being cast against the member of Can Cameron.

Is North Carolina becoming waked up to the fact that the Prohibition law is a failure: that it has encouraged graft, enriched thousands of hoodlums and crooked politicians, that the enforcement of the law is a farce, and that the beneficial effects of the educational campaign for true temperance conducted for many years have been almost completely destroyed?

Or, were those 200,000 votes cast against Cameron Morrison because of his advocacy of Frank McIninch and Word H. Wood (both ardent supporters of Herbert Hoover in 1928) because of his wealth and close association with big business, or because he is known as a "machine man"?

Just a little revolutionary attitude for the people of the Good Old North State to take, but we welcome the day when the voters of North Carolina will walk to the polls and vote according to their convictions, and this campaign has shown that they can and will assert their rights if sufficiently prodded.—McDowell News.)

Letters From Our Readers

AS FOR ME GIVE ME AL SMITH OR GIVE ME HOOVER

Editor of The News:

In my opinion according to good common sense and knowing the speech made by Al Smith on May 17 on the issue that now besets the people in this troubled nation. He declared to the people in words of soberness that no one whether he agreed or disagreed could possibly understand. He spoke of war debts, Federal appropriations for public works, soldiers bonus and all important measures of the nation, so that no man could say other than Mr. Smith you sure am the guy for President.

Just five days later, of May 23 came Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt with a system full of speeches, yet not in one column did he touch on a single issue mentioned by Mr. Alfred E. Smith.

The time will be when the Democrats in convention assembled will have it in their power to name the kind of a man that our nation needs so badly just now. Especially now when the people as a whole is so near in dire distress and perplexity. When the time to cry with thunderous voices uttering the words of Patrick Henry when he said "as for me give me Liberty or give me Death." I say give me Al Smith or I'll take Hoover just as sure as you live boys and you nominate Roosevelt, you're only another Hoover which makes two, they both possess in common the same dominating trait. If we shall have Hoover four more years then lets have Herbert nor Roosevelt Hoover. It is only an unquestionable fact that Smith is really the proper man for President of this great nation, because he is a great leader of all the people all the time.

For another generation we will be compelled to tread along under such a burden as now exists if Alfred E. Smith is not elected and, President Hoover gets beaten.

As for me give me Smith or give me Hoover.

JIMMIE GUTHRIE

Harkers Island, June 14.

LETTER FROM MR. McCAIN

Editor of The News:

I have some things to mention this week, first I want to say I read Mr. Yeoman's letter of June the second. He says we are a nation that "has forgotten God" and I feel like he is right. He says we ought to as a people nominate our officers to run this government out of the best God fearing men that we have. Men who will put God ahead of everything if we don't our government is going to keep right down the road to ruin worse than it is. It seems that the county officers are put to it to know what to do.

I see where they are doing away with two of our county agents. I want to say as for as Mrs. Ann Mason is concerned she is a very nice lady but I want to say that they done wrong when they started to having a demonstration agent at first. The county has been getting worse ever since. But I feel like they have made a big mistake by doing away with Mr. Overstreet. I also see where some of the people of Newport want the commissioners to retain Mr. Long to teach agriculture in Newport. Mr. Long is a very nice man but I feel like that Overstreet is worth more to the county than both of the others are. Now if they will put Mr. Long principal of Newport School we will have a better school. That is what I think about it but I hear lots of the tax payers say we don't need any of them so they will have to suit themselves not me.

Now I want to say a little about the primary election. W. H. Pridgen came out well. Now my friends let's elect him in November. In the next primary let's all throw our strength to Mr. R. Hugh Hill, make him our next sheriff. We will have a hard fight against Mr. Chadwick the way it looks now and lets send Mr. Stanley Woodland to the Legislature in November. Don't let Mr. Hamilton go this time.

Now my readers I heard a very nice man say he would take the sheriff's place for \$1250 a year and fees any time and it was a Democrat that said it. Now if the commissioners want to lessen county expenses lets cut salaries on all officers that are drawing over \$1500 a year. We farmers don't make that much including our wives and children. Time we pay our guano and hauling bill and we have to feed our team and furnish our farm implements and throw that all in.

Yours truly,

E. L. McCAIN.

Newport, June 13.

THE WET AND THE DRY

Editor of The News:

We hear so much talk these days concerning the wet and the dry that it makes the true manhood and womanhood of this our Christian America sick. One man says he wants the wet because the Bible is wet. I don't know what church you belong to and don't care but do know that you are ignorant concerning the Book. Let's

see you don't know and don't want to take the Book as your guide and rule in life but you want to be wet and stuff your craw with that old corn

Now as a guide, was it the wets or the drys that was saved when the old world was lost?—you will have to say—give me the dry. Let me in the ark so that I may land on Mt. Aarat with dry feet and walk upon that beautiful isle with dry feet.

New voter I am writing in wisdom and it is up to you, as for my house we will not stand by any man for office that we know to be wet and will oppose his election until the last vote goes in the box and this includes from President to constable. Now voters let's see who it was that was saved at the Red Sea, the wets or the drys. Moses and his people Israel or old Pharaoh and his gang. Read the Book and you will find you wet birds what do you expect prohibition to do for you when you are as wet as a drowned rat. What have you been doing to help the enforcement of this law? The law enforcement is strictly in the hand of the law abiding citizens. Did you think when you put the first lock on your door that this would kill all the thieves? No bud you are wrong. Some thief will break that lock go in and steal just as thieves are daily and nightly doing with the prohibition law.

Now some coon might say because I am a rum runner and daily violate the prohibition law that I am a thief. Wish I had a better name for you but can't find it.

Now in conclusion let me appeal to the young womanhood. Don't you ever marry a drunkard thinking to reform him. I have known lots of such cases and nine times out of ten it was the girl that got reformed, not the drunkard. He lives a drunkard's life, dies a drunkard's death and goes to a drunkard's grave, wakes up in a drunkard's hill while you are left on earth with four or five starving children to battle with while he is in Hell like old DIVERS begging for just a little corn juice, just enough to wet his fingers that he might cool his mouth. Now you have the wet side. There is not any water in Hell, there is only two things the worm that dieth not and the fire that burns forever. If you are running for any office whatsoever and wet and want the prohibition law repealed I am not with you. I am one hundred per cent against the traffic of whiskey in any form whatsoever.

Now bud be a man, come out of water you have been wet so long you are full of barnacles. Clean up put on some dry clothes and you will feel better. One more and we will stop

for this time. What are we officers of the law doing? Gone to sleep on the job and I believe that many of us are drinking from the same jug. We arrest a man for selling the stuff fine him one dollar and cost and give him five years to pay that and it is never paid. I think I shall cut out this fine business in my township and use the whipping post and appoint the mothers to do the whipping.

EUGENE YEOMANS.

Harkers Island, June 14.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill of North River, June 9th a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dunn of North River June 10th, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Willis of Harkers Island, June 15th, a girl.

BALL BROTHERS HAVE FINE HILLS OF IRISH POTATOES

Two of the finest hills of Irish potatoes raised this year insofar as the News has learned was recently dug by J. Raymond and George Ball of Harlowe. The two hills contained ten primes, eight of which were of extraordinary proportions. Has any one else raised more to the hill or larger potatoes than these ???

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