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## THE CONCORD TIMES

### THE LAW IS MEANT FOR ALL.

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### FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

The Winston-Salem Journal says with - provide recreational park facilities for the half-pint-the man who works all week tions are held next June. rank and file of their citizens."

have not given this subject the thought such as these. and attention it demands. We have been alin ter of providing the youngsters with a hibitionist and the officers of the law who ual date. playground never was brought through necessity.

aside for the park and playground and law against all classes alike is not worthy theory that if Congress can get started in The Gastonia Gazette has the following of the name of a court. to say about the matter:

the sheltering shade of the magnificent bers of the Grand Jury, to say whether vote all of their time to the coming camoaks, elms, poplars, and dogwood which the facts shall justify a trial. make Gastonia's new 20-acre park and playgrounds a veritable bower of loveliness. Announcement will be made within the next few days of the date and program for the formal opening of this beauty spot by Chairman Tom Wilkins of the city park committee, Gastonia did a splendid day's work when it acquired this piece of property and as the years go by and money is available for its further equipment and Beautification, the crime, namely, disrespect for law, when citizens will acquire more and more a feeling of thankfulness to the city fathers whose thought for the future brought about its acquisition."

The Journal thinks this is a matter that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. "The cost of this tract to Gastonia has not been made public," says in this country than the evil of which The Journal, "so far as we know, but no Judge Harding complains when he says: matter what it cost it will be worth many 'Some few people want the punishment times over what the city pays for it. for the violation of the prohibition law Without adequate parks a city is a spir- extended as far as the middle class, but itual desert and no city in North Carolina very few care to have the wealthy man is too small or too large not to need at least one park of commensurate and ample proportions." Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, now ed with equal justice against all. Until formerly judge of the Raleigh court, says to have a large element of our population he "never saw a boy so sorry but that who openly and brazenly defy the law." the voungsters.

# Judge W. F. Harding, speaking be-

all of the people.

of us are violating the law on the as- capital two months sooner than usual, sumption that the law was meant for the other fellow.

and spends a dollar on Saturday night You are wrong in the supposition that That is the truth. With few excep- for a drink of liquor. Your criminal public demand for Congressional action tions towns and cities in North Carolina docket is well filled with the names of for the flood sufferers has anything to do made trans-Atlantic flying an easy and ers, union suits and half hose.

up fail to strive to get these just as much as No, the needs of humanity are not en they strive to get the man with the half- tering into the question at all. It is Gastonia is one of the exceptions in the pint, are not worthy of the name of offi- purely political, the Chief Executives and State. There a 20-acre tract has been set cers. The court that doesn't enforce the his advisers probably working on the

"One cannot help thinking of the beau- judge presides and passes upon the law

"I am not passing on whether it is sinful to take a drink of whiskey or to have whiskey in the home. But if it is against the law it is wrong. And it is your duty, gentlemen, to report to this Court any violation of the law, whether you yourselves think it is sinful or not."

The Winston-Salem Journal thinks Judge Harding struck at the fundamental cause of the alarming prevalence of he said: "If it is against the law it is wrong." "Too many individuals," says The Journal, "think they can govern their conduct by what they believe the law ought to be, rather than by what the, law actually is.

"Nothing is more responsible for the lief present unprecedented disrespect for law

NO TIME FOR FLOOD VICTIMS. President Coolidge, it is rather officialfore the Forsyth county grand jury on ly stated, will call Congress together in law but to other laws as well. Too many that he now plans to call the solons to the thing. And for what reason?

"The enforcement of the prohibition the President and other party leaders will not nearly so hopeful. justice that "North Carolina cities have law," Judge Harding told the jury, "is not have anything like Congress to interbeen deplorably derelict in their duty to more than catching the man with the fere with them when the national conven-

with the matter. The President has in-

"The man who says he is in favor of formed newspaper men that the flood willing to rock along under the old sys- prohibition and has a case of whiskey de- situation has nothing to do with any tem in vogue when there were wide open livered to his residence in the wee small plans he might have for calling Congress spaces in every community and the mat- hours of the night is a mighty poor pro- together two months earlier than the us

"The jury is the court. Of course the the Presidential campaign. What care

the politicians for the needs of the Misstiful lines of Joyce Kilmer's matchless but it is up to the jury to decide the facts issippi flood sufferers? They want to poem on 'Trees,' while he stands under in the case. And it is up to you, mem- get Congress over with so they can de-

Just what is to rehabilitate the flood sufferers no one seems to know. More than 700,000 are homeless. From now until October they will have to be patients of charity, without the definite knowledge that Congress will do anything for them then.

We do not contend that Congress would be in position now to make plans for the definite control of the Mississippi but we do contend that something could be done to make possible a livelihood for perfected and the stations built. these people. That's the big question today. It may take months and possibly years, for Congress to agree on a solu-

must devote all of its time and energies better. to political questions.

#### McADOO'S SPEECHES.

William G. McAdoo presidential candidate but there is no deABOUT TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE.

Monday, stressed this important fact- October. The President has not made and Clarence Chamberlin across the At- more into prominence. We have only that the prohibition law was enacted for definite announcement to this effect but lantic have led to optimistic predictions recently begun to turn our yarns into fin-Senator Smoot, who talked with the Pres- that it will be only a matter of a short ished goods. In gradually passing from We seemingly have forgotten that fact, ident, is rather certain about the matter, time now, before regular air service a producer of coarse and fine yarns to a not only as it applies to the prohibition and the President himself has not denied across the "big pond" will be a regular manufacturer of finished goods we are Christ as their

In this connection it is interesting and industry of other regions. worthwhile to note that the aviators To get rid of Congressional matters so themselves, best in position to know, are

plane, and Orville Wright, America's since 1910.

first flyer, are in disagreement with those accomplished thing.

Mr. Wright said a few days ago that is approximately thirty-seven million dolimportant advances must yet be made lars. This includes a conservative albefore regular commercial service can lowance for several mills that failed to be maintained across the Atlantic, and report on this item.

it would take possibly ten years of re- estimates for mills failing to report on search and preparation to place trans- this item, is approximately fifty million Atlantic flying on a solid foundation for dollars. The value of output for 1925regular service. Col. Lindbergh, howev- 26 was considerably larger than for 1924er, expects trans-Atlantic flying within 25.

ten years. The feats of Lindbergh and Chamberlin proximately fifteen thousand, including are not to be minimized, of course, but estimates for several mills not reporting there is a vast difference between such on this item. Nearly two-thirds of the flights and regular air service over the employees are women, nearly one-third Atlantic. Such service means more men, and two and a half per cent. are than just finding some one with the abil- children between fourteen and 'sixteen ty and daring to pilot such planes. The years of age.

pilots and builders of the planes know this. They know and realize the dang- and sixty hours a week's work. ers pertaining to such a venture. They know the airplane has not yet been perfected to such a degree that regular ser-

vice over the Atlantic can be made without intermediate landing places, and it will take at least five years, and maybe ten, before plans for such places can be

### WATCH CONDITION OF ROADS.

The County Highway Department has publication says: tion for the flood problem but it should been efficient in road building in Cabartake but a few days at the most for rus County. Under its supervision many something to be done for immediate re- improved highways have been construct- discuss 'the slump' in business. Dull But what cares the administration? It proved and conditions generally made of the individual. It is the result of a

> roads. It is just as important if not more more steam is put to the sales force. important, to keep the roads in repair as

the State. "Our textile development, says the News Letter, "is confined largely to the manufacture of spun yarns with The flights of Charles A. Lindbergh weaving and knitting coming more and only repeating the history of the textile

There are one hundred and twenty-nine active knitting mills in North Carolina. Forty-five of these have been established Colonel Lindbergh, who first crossed during the last seven years, and eightythe Atlantic from New York to Paris in cight, or more than two-thirds of them,

The principal products of our knitting who, think the two recent flights have mills are cotton hose, sheets, and draw-

The capital stock of our knitting mills

Col. Lindbergh in discussing flying, said The annual value of output, including

Knitting mill employees number ap-

Ten hours constitutes a day's work

### BUILDING IN THE STATE.

The North Carolina Real Estate and Building Record, published in High Point, directs attention to the fact that the construction boom last year is well sustained in North Carolina. As a mat- Harding told the ju ter of fact, the April figures mark an increase in investment over that placed in drink of liquor. You housing in the same month last year. The

"When business gets a little bit dull, most people are prone to yell, cuss and ed, other important roads have been im- business is more or less a state of mind slackening of sales effort in many in-However, the duties of the department stances. The slump hits 'em, and they the jury to decide the fa do not cease with the building of the awake to the slackening of orders and up to

"However, the month of April, 1927,

written by Dr.

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"Under the broad a Dig my grave and let Glad did I live and gla And I lay me down r This be the verse Here he lies where Home is the sailor, And the hunter.

STRAIGHT TALK FROM Winston-Salem Journal

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In discussing this matter Judge Harris money when he gets into trouble. We year. was quoted as follows in the News and are wigorous in our efforts ofttimes to Observer:

youthful violators of the law. The chanc- wholesale lots. es are that any attractive outlet for the emotions and the physical energies of in the eyes of the law. There should be ment, but such sentiment is vastly in the boys will keep them out of mischief.

"Unfortunately for present-day youth, bootlegging offers a highly alluring escape from the commonplace. There is element of danger about it and the boys like that. There is an element of speed, of racing here and yon in powerful automobiles, and boys thrill to that. There is dustry. According to the recent bienan element of matching wits against the nial report of the State Department of 'authorities, of putting something over, Labor and Printing North Carolina leads and that, also, has its appeal. Put all the nation as the greatest cotton goods which no doubt he thinks will be a big these things together and add the fact manufacturing State. The report points factor in the next presidential campaign. that otherwise good citizens are still out that while there has been a substan- He is an out and out dry and warns the lending a sort of respectability to whis- ital growth in the textile industry during world that he will oppose anybody who these employees 49,792 are men, 30,582 key, making the dealings a combination the last ten years, it was not until two has different views. hof circumstances that act like a magnet to years ago that the State attained first certain types of boys.

"Maybe playgrounds would have saved these boys. Maybe they will save oth- shows further that Massachusetts has not going to change it. The question ers. It is absolutely safe, though, to say more spindles in place than North that anything that will make bootlegging Carolina, nearly twice as many, but and Mr. McAdoo knows it will. He is less attractive as an adventure will con- North Carolina leads Massachusetts in getting himself definitely lined up on the tribute its share to the safety of youth." cotton spindles hours by more than a dry side now.

The question of a playground and park billion spindle hours or about six per for Concord has been brought to the cent. During the last five years the agied thought.

look over suitable locations and then drop setts. the whole question.

that is true then we should exhaust ev- twenty-one are in North Carolina. ery possible means of developing it be- The cotton mills of the state reported fore dropping this question.

and the powerful punished.

justice is meted to them.

THE COTTON MILLS OF TAR-

HEELIA.

North Carolina continues to lead the

rest of the world in the cotton textile in-

"The law was written for all. And the nying the fact that he is out against Govcourts should see to it that it is enforc- ernor Alfred Smith.

The former cabinet member has spokserving on the Superior Court bench but they do so enforce it, we shall continue en several times recently in Southern States and on each occasion he has had something to say about the prohibition something could be done with him," and Judge Harding and The Journal are law and its enforcement. This indicates in this connection he suggests parks and both right. Look over the court records that regardless of his future political amplaygrounds in every city and town as a and you will see the justice of the com- bitions he is going to do everything posmeans of reaching the heart and mind of plaint both make. We are too prone to sible to keep the Empire State Governor sympathize with the man of power or from being the Democratic nominee next

McAdoo's position in this matter catch the man with the half-pint but we sound. He has the law behind him and "He thinks that supervised play will seek all sorts of ways to excuse and free at the same time he has the sympathy of be a factor in reducing the number of the man who buys the contraband in the Southern vote at least. There are States in the East and West that favor There is no difference between the two modification or repeal of the 18th amend-

> no difference in the manner in which minority in the South. People below the Mason and Dixon Line, or at least the majority of them, want the present law retained. They fear modification as the first step toward repeal and for that reason will oppose anybody favorable to modification.

Mr. McAdoo has said nothing in his speeches about his future hopes and plans but just the same he has made clear his position about the prohibition question,

shouldn't come up, we repeat, but it will

Concord police officers are endeavoring front again and we offer the above infor- gregate spindle hours per year for Massa- now to make effective a one-hour parking mation for the benefit of those who want chusetts has decreased more than four law in the business district. Co-operato give to this question careful and stud- billion, while North' Carolina increased tion on the part of the public would make her aggregate spindle hours by three and the question an easy one but such co-op-Several times in the past the matter of a half billion. The aggregate spindle eration is not to be expected without bol a playground has been brought up infor- hours for North Carolina is now approxi- stering from the police department. Chief mally in Concord but somehow that is all mately twenty billion per year, against Talbirt should see that one officer at we have done. We discuss the matter, less than nineteen billion for Massachu- least, spends all of his time checking up on cars parked in the one-hour zone, and

Gaston county leads the state in spin- that persons who violate the law get po-We should follow up the action of the dles in place the eighty-eight mills having lice recognition. That's the only way Concord Kiwanis Club by deeds and not 1,116,760 spindles. Of the seventy-three make the law effective. The public will talk. We understand that an 8-acre tract counties in the United States with more park anywhere'so long as the police alhas been made available for a park. If than one hundred thousand spindles low it. If this law is to be effective the police will have to make it so.

> The gasoline tax hits the motorist, who in turn 83,528 employees, with about two dozen hits the pedestriah.-I'lorence (Ala.) Herald.

is to build them.

In fact, it is a useless expenditure of money to construct modern highways \$580,653 in ten leading North Carolina and then leave them to the ravages of the cities. The following table gives the exelements. The State Highway department spends more time on maintenance

than on construction and the county de-

partment should adopt a similar policy Many of the roads in the county need epair work. Practically all of the dirt roads need scraping and there has been sufficient rainfall in recent weeks to make this possible. Some of the roads built within the past three or four years have been allowed to become rough through lack of attention. They are washing, badly and show plainly neglect.

Road forces in Cabarrus should be suf ficient in size to maintain the highways. If necessary the roads should be divided into districts such as is done by the State department, and the supervisor of each

district should be held responsible for his road. That seems the easier plan but if not acceptable to local conditions some. other effective plan should be adopted.

The old stage road from Concord to tention at once. Another is the Gold Hill road, while there are a number of conshowing that they have not been worked in many weeks if not months.

are women, and 3,144 are children be- year. Naturally the State's expenses increase from Prohibition should not be a question tween the ages of fourteen and sixteen. year to year because the State's business enlarges place in the manufacture of cotton goods. in the next campaign. The law says we Nearly sixty per cent. of all cotton mill The report of the State department shall have prohibition and the people are employees are adult men. The number penitentiary; and of course more money is of employees between the ages of four- quired to run them. teen and sixteen is decreasing.

Making due allowance for the mills

the capital stock of the four hundred and and thirty-five million dollars.

Sixty-one mills failed to report the val- in the equalization fund. Some counties have been e of output. Making due allowance for the cotton mills of the state for 1926 was which was considerably more than the total value of all crops produced in the

### KNITTING INDUSTRY IN STATE!

The University News Letter informs us that the knitting industry is second

shows a decided building increase over the month of April, 1926. To be exact, violations of the law, whether

act figures: April 1926 April 1927 Asheville \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,355,593 \$1,200,109 lieve the law ought to be m 534,850 316,200 Charlotte \_\_ \_\_\_\_

281,453 Durham -- ----289,633 Gastonia -- -----41,835 154,525 Greensboro \_\_\_\_\_ 293,931 436,212 High Point \_\_ \_\_\_ 320,525 far as the middle class, but 277,120 Raleigh \_\_ \_\_\_\_ 1,095,575 188,601 Salisbury \_\_\_\_\_ 116,500 54,740 52,500 tice against all. Until they Wilmington -- --101,700 Wins-Salem \_\_\_\_\_ 556;584 362,365

State Totals \_\_ \$3,805,602 \$3,224,949 "Business is Good in North Carolina! Put some more steam behind your sales efforts and get your share of it."

APPROPRIATIONS\_TAXES.

Statesville Daily.

A decade ago legislative appropriations aggregating more than seventy million dollars-at one would have been impossibe in North Carolina. But we move fast when we begin to figure in millions. Total appropriations by the Charlotte is one that should be given at- legislature just adjourned aggregate \$72,247,790. Considerably more than half of the amount-about fortyone and a half millions-is for permanent improvements. Thirty millions of the amount is necting roads that are filled with holes, for roads. This will be paid out of the road fund -the taxes from gas and motor cars. Appropriations for the maintenance of the State's educatioanl, charitable and penal institutions and all other departments and institutions supported from the general fund, aggregate a little more than thirty and a half millions for the ensuing two year-at the rate of a little more than fifteen millions a as time passes. There is greater demand year by year on all the State's institutions-even on the

To meet the increased expenditure there was very little increase in taxes. Of couse there is no State property tax and the average man is not that failed to report, it is estimated that affected by the increase. It's the county tax rate that affects the average man and what that will be depends on the county's circumstances. six cotton mill companies of the state increase in the equalization school fund to \$3,250,amounts to approximately two hundred 000 will reduce the tax rate in some counties. The law provides that a county must levy as much as 40 cents on the \$100 valuation before it can share

compelled to levey much more than that and they these, including the mills that were idle, 40 cents for schools must be levied on a valuation can cut down. But to prevent any fudging that Calhoun Tim it is estimated that the value of output of fixed by a State board of 11 men-one from each congressional district and the lieutenant governor. To remove from the local valuers the temptation three hundred and fifty million dollars, to hold down the tax valuations fixed in the counties asking for a share in the fund, and determine whether they are coming up to the average. Not a few county authorities would have no scruples state last year. The above data do not in dodging their full share of the tax by under-include the knitting mills. The arrangement provided to head that off should be able to fix a fair standard of value in the counties -something fit most difficult to fix on account of politics and local influence.

very thoughful What has become of that long list of amateur work, and told of weather forecusters who were so certain last bride while importance among the textile group of spring of a severe winter?-Cincinnati Enquirer. fence.

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