

NORTH CAROLINA'S GREAT PROGRESS

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Herbert Hoover recently asserted that: "North Carolina has made a greater economic advance in every phase of life in the last fifteen years than any other State in the Union." Department records give us an interesting insight into the basis for this statement. In 1900 the value of North Carolina property was 682 millions; in 1921 it was 4 billions 500 millions. In 1900 the value of manufactures was 85 millions; in 1923 it was 950 millions. In 1900 the crop values were 69 millions, in 1923 they were 436 millions. In 1900 bank resources were less than 15 millions; now they are over 500 millions. In 1900 the State was spending less than a million a year on public schools. For 1924-5 this was increased to 33 millions. North Carolina is making wonderful strides in every direction and without the aid of real estate boomers.

ANDREWS WANTS MORE LAWS

The Problem is One Which Will Engage the Attention of the Country For a Long Time to Come—Many Obstacles in the Way and the Task Gigantic.

Figures concerning prohibition enforcement progress were made public by the Department of Justice a few days ago, showing that during the fiscal year ending June 30 of this year 44,022 persons were sentenced by federal courts alone for violations of the Volstead act. Fines totalled \$7,336,505, while jail sentences imposed aggregated 5,666 years. A trend toward more sentences of imprisonment was noted, and the number so punished was greater than in any previous year since the prohibition law has been in effect. If figures were available showing the penalties inflicted by state and local authorities for violation of the law, the grand total would no doubt be surprising. Just what this increase number of convictions really means as an indication of the progress of enforcement is difficult to say. It will no doubt be

construed by those favorable to the law as showing the success of enforcement. Those opposed may contend that it is evidence of more numerous violations than ever, and proof that no real headway is being made.

General Andrews, in charge of enforcement, while admitting that results have not been satisfactory in the past, declares that with the enactment of additional laws proposed to Congress his campaign will be greatly aided.

One point upon which all must agree is that the problem is one which will engage the attention of the country for a long time to come. In view of the many obstacles in the way of enforcement, and the magnitude of the task, it is not surprising that this is so.

LIVING FAST AND FURIOUS

(By Mary Vaughan)

In reading a recent issue of *Charity and Children*, which is so ably edited by Mr. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, I saw a short article he reproduced from *The Uplift*. It certainly is apropos of the times in which we live which are fast and furious. Some claim that the young people are headed straight for the demimoon bow-wows. I don't know. The fact is I am on a subject now I don't know a thing on earth about. A mother told me not long ago that the boys and girls are not really half as bad as they pretend to be, and I am inclined to believe that about a great many. On the other hand, why pretend? It's all a muddle to me and somebody else can unravel it.

A friend of mine invited her niece to visit her. Being wise in her day and generation she had a plain talk with her upon her arrival, and this is what she said: "I am delighted to have you, and want you to make a long visit, but there are four things I must insist that you do not do—You must not take a drink with a man; you must not drive all over the country at night with a man; you must under no circumstances be out of this house at night after 11 o'clock; and you must not walk up and down the streets in a bathing suit."

There you are. Is it their raising? I don't know. I never raised one. But here is the article:

Solicitous

Standing on the roadside Sunday afternoon, an observer was impressed with the thoughtfulness of young folks as they went leisurely and some swiftly by their machines.

If the girl was driving, the boy sat

near-by practically in the middle of the seat; if the boy or young man was driving, the girl sat close up, in the middle of the seat. In each instance the driver had the comfort of an arm around or about him, or her. The innocent observer was impressed with the solicitation about the safety these young people manifested for each other. The observer thought it a spirit of caution to keep the occupants from falling out of the car should the door of the car come open or the steering gear become locked or a telephone pole come in contact with the moving car. Sixty per cent of the numerous joy riders as they passed were maintaining this attitude and posture of great caution.

All these boys may have sisters—what would they feel were their sisters manifesting such caution against falling from the car. All these girls have mothers—what would they think, if they knew how considerate their daughters are of the safety of the young men with whom they are riding.

Has modesty become a discarded quality in the lives of many of the young? The observer concluded as much.—*The Uplift*.

BUSINESS HABITS PREVAIL

It seems impossible to swan Secretary Mellon away from the business habits of a lifetime. There has been a clamor to add what will apparently be a \$200,000,000 surplus in income tax receipts this year, to the \$370,000,000 surplus of last year, and make a further total cut of some \$500,000,000 a year in taxes.

This might be good politics for a temporary period. But Secretary Mellon is running the Government Treasury the way he would the treasury of a private company.

Heavy cuts have already been made in our federal income taxes, and Secretary Mellon says he is as anxious as others to see taxes cut to the lowest safe limit, "but we have to look to future years. We are enjoying tax returns now on unprecedented prosperity, and any change in this would wipe out the anticipated margin."

He points out that while the income taxes are greater than expected, this increase will be partly offset by a drop of about \$80,000,000 this quarter, in miscellaneous tax receipts under the new law, and that altogether the Treasury believes \$200,000,000 less will be collected this year than last year, from miscellaneous taxes which were reduced or eliminated.

Also, Secretary Mellon points out

that the \$370,000,000 surplus of last year was used to pay off public debts, and that, furthermore, as a good business proposition, it should not be added to the 1926 surplus as a gauge for tax reduction.

This all sounds like business advice rather than political capital, and the people of the United States can be thankful their Treasury is run on a business basis, instead of as a political machine. This practice should be extended to state affairs.

WIVES BIGGEST BUYERS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

An Elkhart, Ind., dispatch says: Sixty per cent of musical instruments sold to women are purchased by housewives, it is revealed in a survey made by the Conn Music Center here. The survey was made through music instrument dealers in twenty cities, and covered 220 actual transactions.

One out of every ten instruments sold were purchased by women, and their preferences for instruments were very much along the lines favored by the men, according to the survey. Of the total number of transactions, 52 per cent involved the purchase of a saxophone, 16 per cent that of a trumpet, and 9 per cent that of a trombone.

That youth will be served, especially in music, was well illustrated in the ages of the purchasers. Fully 34 per cent of those purchasing instruments were between the ages of 21 and 25, and 21 per cent between the ages of 25 and 30. Only 26 per cent of all transactions involved persons of 30 years and over.

NORTH CAROLINA AGAIN HAS HIGH DEATH LIST

An increase of 15 in the number of persons killed and a decrease of 37 in the number of persons injured in the past seven days, compared with last week, was shown in traffic accident reports to the Associated Press Sunday from 11 Southern states. Seven deaths resulted from grade crossing accidents. The total casualties for the week were 53 persons killed and 204 injured.

North Carolina topped the list of states in the number of persons reported killed with 16. Louisiana was next with nine, while Georgia and Florida reported five each. Kentucky reported no fatalities, while Arkansas and Mississippi had only one each.

Louisiana was high with 35 persons injured, with Florida and North Carolina coming next in that column in the order named.

M. C. MEDLIN, CANDIDATE FOR TOWNSHIP CONSTABLE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Township Constable for Little River Township. If elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

I desire to thank Mitchell's Mill and the entire Township voters for their support, in advance.

Yours truly,
M. C. MEDLIN.

Zebulon, N. C.



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