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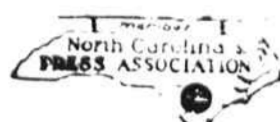
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TRYING TO BEAT OFF AN ENEMY

The good people of Jackson county, knowing the evil results and mounting cost of strong drink, are waging a determined fight against a legal enemy (Beer and Wine) in an effort to help put down crime and lawlessness in our county. As the state law now stands there is little that can be done locally, except to back up Rep. Tompkins' "Beer and Wine" bill for Jackson, hoping that it will pass.

There are two outstanding instances that happened in court here this week: one was that of the court instructing the Board of County Commissioners to issue a beer license for the sale of beer, which was no more than Judge Bobbit could do under the state law. The other was the trial of Corsey Brown for the murder of Eulas Hoxit, as a result of the use of strong drink. There we had two laws in operation. One saying, yes, you can have all the strong drink you want thus helping to put more tax money in the state and county treasuries. The other, sending a man to prison for using strong drink which turned him into a demon with murder in his heart. This one murder trial cost Jackson county and the State of North Carolina ten times as much as the tax money from one beer outlet will bring in. Then there is the tragedy of two broken homes, one in the loss of the husband and son through death, the other with the husband and son branded as a criminal and carried away to prison, leaving a wife and five small children to grieve and suffer—mentally, physically, and morally.

That is what we get when we sanction strong drink. Of course some people are going to drink, get drunk, murder, plunder, steal, drive a car while drunk, and break all state and moral laws despite all curbs put on it. However, this is further evidence of the need for waging a fight to keep the enemy off as much as possible. Instead of letting the bars down, as much as to say go to it and then we'll get the pay for it, why not raise the bars and make them have to jump that much higher and harder in order to get it? We wonder, too, if stained money is profitable in the end anyway.

Congratulations To Prof. Madison

The Herald feels honored that it has the opportunity to pay tribute to one of Jackson county's citizens on his eightieth birthday anniversary: a man whose influence is felt throughout the county, and indeed in many sections of our nation; a man, too, whose very presence speaks for the higher education of our youth of our land and nobler brotherhood of man. So we congratulate Professor Robert Lee Madison who celebrated his eightieth anniversary on Monday, the seventeenth, and extend best wishes to him.

And with our congratulations to Professor Madison, we feel that Jackson county, too, is to be congratulated in having so fine a gentleman as one of her sons.

BEGINNING, CONTINUING

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen" after nearly two centuries still rings true to thousands of school children and adults as well, and we again pay tribute to one of February's heroes—George Washington, whose 215th birthday anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, February 22.

A born leader, George Washington led our country through its national infancy, nurturing its governmental problems on which our security and very existence depended. Just as surely today the outcome of the United Nations will affect not only our nation but the whole world for all time to come.

Let us as a people look to the sound judgment of Washington, and be capable of his kind of reasoning to help guide us out of all national and global difficulties.

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON — Those who have analyzed President Truman's 37.5 billion dollar budget say that the national defense or veterans' aid items will have to be cut if the Republicans are to make their proclaimed savings of three or four billions.

The plain fact is that the second post-war budget consists mainly of five big items—national defense, veterans' aid, interest on the debt, tax refunds and international commitments—and there isn't much "water" in it.

The remainder of the budget—3.3 billions—is less than many of the pre-war New Deal budgets. To prune three or four billion dollars from this would necessitate wholesale scrapping of public works projects and abandoning a multitude of other federal functions.

Tax refunds and interest to pay this seven billion, 65 million dollars cannot be cut because the government is obligated to pay this seven billion, 65 million dollars. The three or four billion dollar savings cannot be made in international commitments because they total only three billion, 510 million.

That leaves only national defense or veterans' aid items subject to the pruning knife.

Discount those rumors that Senator Wallace H. White, Jr. (R) of Maine is about to step down from the Senate majority leadership for which he battled so tenaciously in GOP organization parleys.

It is true that the veteran Maine legislator does some grumbling over his leadership troubles—a very human trait.

What seems to be happening is that every time White emits the slightest off-the-cuff complaint some colleagues in the ambition-ridden Senate inflates it and spreads the story that the majority leader is going to quit.

One influential GOP Senator made the "don't-quote-me" guess that the current crop of rumors about White being disgruntled is being nurtured by those who want to trip up Senator Robert Taft (R) of Ohio in his 1948 presidential aspirations.

The rumors are filled with the angle that White resents Taft's domination—giving grounds for guessing that somebody is trying to get Taft involved in an inner-leadership fight.

Insiders do not expect Secretary of State George C. Marshall to make any sweeping changes in his department.

Privately he has said that he plans to move slowly and confesses unfamiliarity with many phases of international developments.

Marshall does not care much about going to Moscow in March to discuss the drafting of peace treaties for Germany and Austria, but those close to him see no way for him to avoid it.

The new secretary will need a thorough briefing before he makes the trip and will have to depend to a large extent on the advice of experts who have attended the other Four Power peace talks. Therefore there can be little change in those dependable but little mentioned experts.

There is some talk that Marshall will seek to take James F. Byrnes to Moscow as an adviser but observers doubt this.

Look for Congress to open an all-out probe of the sugar shortage. The investigation probably will be made by the House agriculture committee investigating food problems.

Republicans are determined to jump into the middle of the sugar shortage which they claim resulted from New Deal bungling. Chief investigator will be Rep. August Andresen (R) of Minnesota.

The Minnesotan believes—and says he will prove—that per capita sugar consumption in the United States can be boosted by 15 pounds this year. Industrial sugar users, he says, could and should get 25 per cent more annually.

Other foodstuffs also will come under Andresen's microscope. These include fats and oils.

Staging a protest, residents of Stockholm, Sweden, threw their liquor ration cards into the river. That's going on the water wagon with a vengeance.

Appearing at a theater, Stalin, we read, was "thunderously applauded." Naturally, since he's the whole show in Moscow.

"FLUID DRIVE"



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"No precious gem has even been polished without friction. Success has never been attained without reverses." This little motto on the wall of the office of a business friend captured my attention the other day. It is a good one for all of us to remember, especially when we are in trouble.

The diamond, which we consider our most precious jewel, is a very hard stone. Before it takes its place in a ring or in expensive jewelry, it has been ground and polished many times by the lapidary.

There should be deep significance in the fact that the diamond is the accepted stone for the engagement ring. Its symbolism should never be forgotten by men and women who marry. It should remind us that marriage only grows into rich companionship and happiness as a result of daily polishing by the difficult circumstances which always arise in marriage.

A happy marriage does not come easily. It comes as a result of constant adjustment due to the pressure of change and accommodation. No two people, reared in different environments, can expect to adjust themselves easily to one another. The rising divorce rate and the increasing number of broken homes is sad indication of the fact that men and women do not understand the true nature of marriage.

The nearest we come to perfect-

ness in marriage is a perfect willingness to give and take. We must learn to adjust ourselves to one another, and above all to the will and guidance of Almighty God.

No marriage can be truly successful unless it is God-centered, because we live in a God-centered universe. The God-centered home is the only truly happy home. Selfish desire has no place there, except as a polishing agent.

It is as a man's and woman's desires are polished by the friction of the one against the other, and against the hard circumstances of life, that the true beauty of a happy marriage emerges. This polishing produces adjustment and cooperation which brings out the true beauty of personality. Let every wife, remember that, as she looks at the engagement ring on her finger, and let every husband recall it as he gazes upon that gem which he presented to the woman of his choice.

Wildlife Harvest Ends For North Carolinians

It's back to the rack for the guns of North Carolina hunters.

The State's 1946-47 season of the harvesting of game birds and animals came to a close last Saturday, February 15, with the end of the legal period for taking opossum and raccoon with guns and dogs. The State's trapping season also wound up on that day.

Herald Want Ads Bring Results.

LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

Jackson County Superior court convened Monday morning with Judge A. M. Stack presiding. Five homicide cases are on the docket for this term.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church is meeting Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons of this week to study Dr. J. B. Lawrence's book, "Missions in the Bible." Mrs. Fred Hooper is teaching the class.

Frank McCracken of Barberton, Ohio, is visiting relatives here, having been called home by the death of his father, J. C. McCracken, which occurred Thursday at the home of his son, E. G. McCracken, in Dillsboro.

The Sylva elementary school celebrated the Washington Bicentennial anniversary with a program given by the sixth grade. Dressed in colonial costumes, the children portrayed with song, story and dramatization the great man's life.

Rev. W. C. Reed will preach a special sermon for the local fraternities next Sunday evening at the Sylva Baptist church.

The Embroidery Club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Parris, with Mrs. E. L. Wilson as joint hostess.

Joe Winner and A. M. Simmons have been in New York buying spring merchandise for the Leader Dept. store and for the Paris.

Coca-Cola Company Plans No Price Increase

So far there has been no increase in the wholesale price of Coca-Cola to the dealers in Western North Carolina, and none is contemplated, said Mr. R. L. Ellis, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Asheville, today, unless the price of sugar is materially increased.

This, Mr. Ellis pointed out, should be of considerable interest to all dealers in Western North Carolina. By far the majority of these dealers are now selling Coca-Cola to the consumer at the traditional 5c price. The fact that they can continue to do so should, he said, be good news to them and to the public.

Mr. Ellis commented upon the world sugar shortage and explained that Coca-Cola Bottlers were entering upon their sixth year of rationing, and are operating during the first quarter of 1947 at 60 per cent of their 1941 sugar purchases. He stated that the same quality of the product, which had remained unchanged year after year, would be maintained, even though the shortage of ingredients made it impossible to supply the present demand.

In expressing hope for an early improvement in this situation, he went on to say: "Not until the day

Former WCTC Professor Now At Missouri State; Likes To Read The Herald

The Sylva Herald Sylva, North Carolina

Gentlemen: Through the kindness of our good friends and former neighbors and associates, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Seymour of Cullowhee, my wife and I were privileged to receive two recent copies of your paper, The Sylva Herald. We read them with eagerness and found many items and personal notes which were of real interest to us. However, we regretted very much to learn of the death of Prof. E. H. Stillwell whom we knew so well and truly appreciated because of his noble life and the fine service he rendered in his chosen profession.

It has been over eight years since we left Western Carolina Teachers College but we continually recall our many good friends we left in Cullowhee and Sylva. We are always delighted to hear from them directly or indirectly. We miss our associations with them very much.

I became associated with the state teachers college here at Kirksville in the fall of 1938 as Director of the Elementary Laboratory school. In 1945 I was made head of the Division of Personnel Service and Professor of Psychology which position I still hold. My wife completed the requirements for her B. S. degree and she is now employed as secretary in my office and teaches part time in the Division of Business Education.

We have found Kirksville to be a very nice town and the people have received us very kindly. We feel that we have made many friends here. Kirksville has a population of 10,000 and it is best known as the "Home of Osteopathy." The Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery is located here and it is continually improving its physical plant and raising its standards professionally. The teachers college likewise is growing very steadily. We are beginning to offer graduate work for the first time this next summer.

While we like this part of the country in many respects, we still love the deep South and long for the mountains and beautiful scenery of Western North Carolina. We would like to keep in touch with our friends in Jackson county and to be aware of the changes that are constantly taking place there.

I am enclosing a check for \$2.50 to cover a year's subscription to your fine paper. It shows to be a most creditable publication.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. Allen

when any of us can go into a store and buy all the sugar we want, without stamps and at a reasonable price, will we be able to achieve production equal to that which we all enjoyed before the war. And I sincerely hope that the time will not be too far distant when all restrictions will be removed."

A Statement by your Coca-Cola Bottler:

Continuous Quality. Year after year the quality of Coca-Cola has remained unchanged.

Continuous Price. Today, though production costs have increased, there has been no change in the wholesale price of Coca-Cola.

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