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TOWN TOPICS By C. R. F. Some times in my lighter moments these little foolish lines that I can here more for my own amusement than for anything else have, I am told by a good friend, appeared to glorify the primrose path and the Boananhian night.

Gentle people it is seldom that you will ever find any attempt at self-defense from me through this column. I do not take myself, my friends nor the world so seriously as that. But I will pause here to say that if any young blood who reads these lines attempts to follow in the footsteps of the writer he will wander far afield through the hot sands of the desert, the bilious waves of the raging deep, the tangled swamps and forests of life and wind up with great understanding of human weakness and a deep love for all that is decent and fair about humanity.

The primrose path, son, is just the primrose path. It leads through many pleasant places, but its end is never in sight. Soberness, industry, diligence, frugality, thrift—these make for success as the world reckons it, even though you may be devoid of kindness, charity or love. The world reckons money success—mostly.

In its estimate of success the world—the people about—gives no credit for the good deeds you may do. The love you may have for humanity and the downtrodden and suffering about you. It asks only: "Do you pay your debts, have you money, are you sober and sufficiently law-abiding to keep out of jail."

There is, however, in my estimation a greater success. The rules of this success will be told you by any preacher who strives to follow in the footsteps of Him who brought hope, faith and charity to this old earth nearly 2,000 years ago. If you are interested in this kind of success—and I have no doubt that you are—then I have an idea that it will be the best for you to go to the store and ask John Langston or Angus B. McQueen or J. H. Buffaloe or Preacher Davis, or any other good God-fearing man who isn't so wrapped up in his dollars that he hasn't time to tell you.

My friend, however, I believe, was more interested in my little fan with one of the greatest of our local evils: Moonshine Licker. There now, boy, is the thing you must leave alone. It will not only ruin your chances for worldly success, but will make any high success extremely difficult. A drunk is never any good to himself. He may be equipped with the finest brain good God could give him, but when Old John Barleycorn is getting in his ticks that brain is perverted. It cannot function right. Its owner is, for the time being, a bum. And so long as he is a slave of drink, he cannot get far from bumminess.

Look about you. Who of the men past middle age in Dunn had the best outlook in youth? Who were considered the brightest minds? How many of those who were addicted to liquor drinking to excess have survived the bottle? Not any! Old liquor did it—and it was a much better grade of liquor than you are getting now.

Many of your youngsters drink. I have seen lots of you in the back alleys suffering from that nausea attendant upon drunkenness in youths who really do not love liquor. Think now of what "good" liquor did to the older men. How long do you think your delicate organism will stand up under the draughts of the poison that is now being served you. Liquor drinking is not smart. Some times it is cowardice. Some times it is weakness. More often it is the desire to appear to be a good fellow. It is really disgusting—even to the rouser who has been through it all.

Liquor will ruin every chance you have in life—then crowd over your dead body. If you have begun to drink, go to your old mother tonight, tell her all about it, ask her forgiveness and then let her get down on her knees with you and pray to the good God to give you the manhood to leave it alone.

So, with this little sermon out of my system, I will say to you that if any good brother thinks that my peculiar remarks in the past have had a more convincing ring than the admonitions that he should have given his son around the family circle at night—that if this be true, then there shall be no more remarks that can be called complimentary to liquor found in this column. And at that same time, by way of advice, would say to the good fathers and mothers of this town which I love so well that they observe more faithfully the obligation every parent owes to a child. The young men and girls of this town are fine. They are as good, as upright, as honorable as lovable as any youngsters I have ever seen. But there is evidently a sad lack of parental supervision over their movements and actions. Any evil they do—that is not charged by the Recorder against me—is the greatest charge to the parent who neglects that duty which is solely his or her own.

time to notice it before, or it may be that the thing has just become epidemic. At any rate, and it is not epidemic, that you've taken cognizance of the fact that the base of human contentment—the gossip—seems to have a bulldog hold upon our fair little city. There is probably no cure for the thing—and some of us who are most prone to deprecating the evil are the most guilty ourselves.

In recent weeks we have noticed that seldom do two or more men or women get together without raking some poor soul over the coals of scandal. Few of our folk are free from the damage done by this most cowardly thing—and the pity of it is that more frequently that othering the innocent are targets for the scaring tongue of the bearer of tales that have little fact for their foundation.

Gossip isn't peculiar to small towns. It is found wherever the evil mind is unemployed in less harmful thoughts. The chronic gossip is found everywhere, but always he or she has the same characteristics: first, a mind that thinks only evil; second, eyes that see only evil, and third, ears that hear only evil. The gossip is humanity's most ferocious enemy, lurking always behind a barricade of insinuation and accusation, letting down no ear that will endanger his personal safety.

How many times have you had friends come to you with the pleasing information that some one had insinuated that you had done so and so or that such a person had said that he believed or had been told that some one else said that he believed you were doing this or that? How many times has that "friend" disclosed the identity of the hound dog responsible for these insinuations.

To me the truest index to the goodness of character of some women in this town is the fact that some of these hellions attack them from cover. When one comes to me with a charge, he is asked immediately for proof. If he evades with the handy "I heard," he is at once put into the category of all other vultures of society.

However the prices may be this fall we are mighty glad to see those pretty little harbingers of King Cotton. The blossoms. Two of the little things found their way into our office yesterday. One was picked from the farm of Jesse B. Lee and grown by Wilson Lee. The other was grown by E. Coats on the J. L. Thompson farm.

From now on Mother Nature will be kept busy popping open the little blossoms, developing the bolls and providing the fleecy stuff which soon is to be ready for the gins. With the coming of the blossoms ginsmen are looking over their plants preparatory to putting them in shape to prepare the staple for market. Soon we will hear the glad hum of the machines and Looknow Square will assume the air of a Mississippi levee in mid season.

There is one thing about the cotton situation this year that is better than last year. We are not expecting it to bring any big money. It was produced at as low a cost as possible. If it brings 1.00 to our farmers will feel lucky. There has not been any great reduction in acreage around Dunn, but because of the use of less fertilizer it is probable that the yield will be cut about one-third.

Since yesterday when I sat me down to pay respects to those good farmers who have coaxed cotton blossoms from the recalcitrant soil unaided by the unusual quantities of commercial fertilizer, several other good brothers have arrived with blossoms of various hues, some white, some yellow, some pink and some red, all denoting different ages. As I sit here now Evander Strickland comes with a red one, grown by Alex Chance. This morning Ed Warren drove up with all the flourishes and language with which he usually arrives and handed two stalks across the counter, admonishing us to find somebody who could beat that.

Ed's stalks were beauties. They were full of blossoms and squares and he was certain that not even Bud Hawk Jernigan nor Claude Pope could offer anything to equal them. Warren Johnson was the next customer. He brought his blossom under the seal of a notary, attesting that it was a-blooming on June 22, which, as you well know, was way back yonder last Wednesday. J. N. Smith then came along with two red blossoms that he averred had been picked from his field Monday. George William Butler came in to tell us that he had gathered one Saturday, but that he had lost it some where around his market. We, of course, did not object to taking George's word for it.

No more cut-outs; no more speeding; no more violation of any part of the code regulating the operation of automobiles. This is the declaration of Chief Polts Page, who today instructed every man connected with the police department to arrest any man or woman who breaks the law. This action followed complaints of citizens who dwell along Broad and other paved streets through which the speeders race their cars and make night hideous for those who desire slumber.

Since warm weather came motorists have made a speedway of the streets—especially at night. Frequently they cut out their mufflers and rear through town with as much noise as a nest of machine guns. This must stop, say the Mayor and the Police Chief.

FROM MY VIEWPOINT By A Clinic

In watching the antics of the average young person I am forced to the conclusion that death would be a welcome relief to many an anxious parent. Do country churches as a rule favor illicit whiskey making? Somebody answer. Remember I am not contending either way yet—when I do I shall cite facts. If every dollar realized from the sale of public bonds bought a hundred cents worth of real, honest service to the public, what would be the result? I'm not calling names. I wish 24-16-17: "From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My loneliness, my loneliness, we unto me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt

very treacherously. Fear and the fit, and the snare are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. If you have not seen it go to the Dispatch office and buy a copy of the June 14th issue and read Edgar J. Godwin's article. Read the editorial comment on same, then this "Case, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge."—Prov. 19:27.

COOPER NOTES No serious sickness, just getting on fine thank you. Occasionally we see a fellow casing around the old hedges and fence joins in the interest of crop that usually grows there. The heaviest display of electricity we ever saw or heard visited this community Saturday night of last week. Heavy rain and some hail followed. Some fellow said it was really interesting. This scribe has another name for it.

Allen Page caught a jack in Black river (or South) last week that fed his family all the fish they wanted for three meals. Six in family. Really sounds "fishy." Possibly the finest singing class in this section is at Mt. Zion. Mr. Little Autry of Falcon is the leader and he really knows music. Rumor has it that Clement Chob will very likely participate in the music in Dunn July 4th.

Talk concerning the murder we had a few days ago is on the wane. Both sides though have their followers. Many boys wend their way to the river of late. Fine sport and we use it. We are one of those fellows who wish the Dispatch would never be late, as we recognize it as a fine mirror through which we see Dunn and surrounding country. Anyway we are glad to get it, and read it carefully including the advertisements.

O. B. Tew lost by fire one of his tenant houses Wednesday. Tobacco Graves occupied the house. Had some insurance. We shall really miss our aged friend Uncle John Emanuel who died this week. He was 81 years of age. He was one of those old colored fellows we so much appreciate. He knew well his place and would stand for the right. We cherish the hope that he entered triumphantly unto rest. A series of meetings are scheduled to begin Thursday night July 30th at Baptist Chapel. Rev. E. C. Duncan will assist the pastor, Rev. B. Randall Page.

AN UNIQUE CONCERT Saturday evening July 2, promptly at 8:30 P. M. The local talent of Spring Branch community will give a concert under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. of Spring Branch church at the Spring Branch school house. The program will consist of a variety of popular, humorous and classic songs, quartets and duets. There will also be a number of very funny impersonations and readings. It will be a very pleasing, entertaining, amusing and instructive program. Come and have good fun with us. UNION REPORTER.

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Charity and Children. The Statesville Landmark in a very sensible editorial calls the "paranoiac" fad "the chief of humbug." A majority of a violent outbreak in which he commits a crime, runs for shelter to this form of insanity which too often has succeeded in shielding him from punishment for his wrongdoing. The Landmark might have added that the alienists who generally award a man crazy are responsible for the escape of many a man who becomes a menace to society, and by setting him free bring contempt upon the administration of the law. New York, June 24.—Refined sugar today broke into new low ground when several large refiners cut refined granulated to 5.40 a pound.

BUSINESS LOCAL I HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF Liberty Bonds to loan on 1st mortgages on Real Estate. E. P. Davis, Dunn, N. C. June 14 at pd. WANTED.—IF YOU WANT THE best cow for the least money, it will pay you to drop in and see me. I will sell you a cow that will give you three gallons of milk per day for \$135, she is worth \$175. Any five year old child can milk her. She is so gentle, milks so easy. Call to see her before you buy. R. Gaidner.

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Pay Your Privilege Tax It is now time to renew your license, as described in Schedule "B" of the revenue act, since the old license expired May 31. The time for renewing such license is all through the month of June, and after July 1, a penalty of 20 per cent. will be added. License must be kept posted. Penalty of \$25 will be imposed for failure to keep license posted and it is unlawful to engage in any business for which a license is required before procuring such license. The sheriff is forbidden by law to issue any license after July 1, without adding penalty of 20 per cent., except as to new business. As I do not wish to add the penalty to any one, let me urge and insist upon those engaged in the following businesses to come or send check, at once, to avoid the rush, for the procuring of your new license, for the law must be strictly enforced with disregard to friendship: Theatres, Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, etc.; Real Estate and Rent-Collecting Agents, Coal Dealers, Undertakers and Embalmers and Retail Dealers in Coffins, Dealers in Horses and Mules, Bicycle Dealers, Livery Stables, Peddlers, Gyroscopes or Fortune-Tellers, Hotels, Restaurants, Slot Machines, Printing Works, Automobiles for Hire, Tobacco Warehouses, Soda Fountains and Vendors of Carbonated Beverages, Stationers and Jacks, Dealers in Pistols, etc.; Dealers in Cap Pistols, Fireworks, etc.; Cigarette Dealers, Steam Laundries, Plumbers, Steam and Gas-Pipe Fitters. Please do not wait to be solicited in person, as owing to the great volume of business this will be impossible. This June 16, 1921. J. W. McARTAN, SHERIFF

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