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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1933

Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of Asheville, and well known throughout the state, has been mentioned as a candidate for governor. Carl Goerch, in The State, says, "If you ask him about it now, the popular Asheville Jurist will smile and will probably give you a noncommittal answer, but don't let yourself be fooled by that. His friends say that the judge is going to be among those present when the proper time comes to announce. His name will be there."

All indications are that there will be plenty of candidates for the office, although official announcements have not been made.

The county commissioners acting as a board of equalization for the past week, report that the number of taxpayers seeking a reduction in their assessments of real estate has been comparatively small, as to the number expected.

This speaks well for the citizens of the county, in that they realize that there is only a certain amount of taxable property and that a certain amount of expenses are created in the operation of the county government that must be met.

Of course every few years inequalities will come in all counties and towns, and these should be adjusted, and have been.

After all is said and done, there seems to be existing in the county a feeling of satisfaction among the taxpayers in regard to their taxes, although the burden seems rather heavy.

One of the best places of public improvement made in Waynesville during the past few weeks has been the removal of the blacksmith shop building on Depot Street and Haywood Street. This is naturally a dangerous corner because of the curve of the streets, and the building on the corner contributed the view of the hill on Depot street.

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HE IS A BRICK

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A brick is not so showy as marble, but it can more easily be obtained, and is much more useful. A brick may occupy a humble place, but it does its share in the creation of the mighty building.

A man is made of clay. If he be a real man he is square and plumb and true. Man is usually soft and flabby until the hot fires of adversity have hardened his will-power and developed his capacity for resistance. The average man is not so showy as the genius, but there are many more of him and he is much more useful. A man may occupy a humble place, but he does his part in sustaining the vast superstructure that we call civilization. If a man deserves the compliment he is sometimes called a brick.—Ex.

NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE

The question of prohibition is not a partisan issue and has no business in the platform of any of the political parties. It has absolutely nothing to do with politics.

Prohibitionists and anti-Prohibitonists are going to be very much in the limelight during the next few months. North Carolinians will be asked to go to the polls in November to decide the question of whether or not a convention shall be held for the purpose of advocating repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The voters should decide this matter not as Democrats or as Republicans, but as citizens of North Carolina. There is no reason on earth why one party should claim to be wet, or why some other party should claim to be dry. So far as numerical proportion is concerned, just as many Republicans drink liquor as there are Democrats who imbibe, and just as many Democrats are dry as there are Republicans who hold similar views. In campaigns such as the one which now engages our attention, the wets ought to get together, regardless of party affiliation, and the drys ought to do the same thing.—The State.

ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED

Adjustments are severely required in the salaries of officials in the revenue department at Raleigh.

Commissioner Maxwell receiving $4,500 is topped by Dr. Noble, new appointee of Governor Ehringhaus to the position of his assistant with $5,000.

Heretofore Deputy Commissioner Thompson, one of the ablest men in any department in Raleigh, has been receiving $2,800 and Harry McMullan, another appointee of the Governor, now goes in to help with the sales tax division at a salary of $4,000.

There is too much discrepancy here to be allowed to stand and the Governor should hasten to correct the inequities of this situation.—Charlotte Observer.

A man of science recently said that a man 85-years old and a boy of 14 have the same intelligence. Imagine trying to make the man of almost three score years believe that, and trying to make a boy 14 accept it.

Last week a man was killed in the Laurel section of Madison County. We wonder just why they don't let a week pass without a murder there so it will be news.

Dem. J. McLamb, representative from Scotland county, failed to appear at police court in Raleigh last week to face a charge of being drunk. Perhaps he figured because he is pet mule that he can break what he he pet make.

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[illegible] Western North Carolina. [illegible]

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The speech that Tom Bowie made at Winston-Salem to the merchants of the state Monday night had teeth that were rather cutting to Governor Ehringhaus and the 1933 Legislature for imposing on the state the three percent sales tax. No doubt this was the first of Mr. Bowie's speeches in his 1934 campaign for governor. And if we are not far wrong the sales tax will be one of the outstanding issues of the next campaign.

The transportation of school children in this state is certainly a major problem, and not only should the best possible drivers available be placed upon these buses but the school officials responsible for the buses should see that the buses are kept in perfect mechanical condition as an added safety measure. The toll of lives from school bus accidents has been too great in this state.—Greenville Reflector.

FEW DEATHS IN STATE PRISON IN PAST 2 YEARS

Only 37 Convicts of 34,717 Handled Died In 2 Years, Report Shows

Raleigh.—During the two-year period that came to a close June 1, the state highway commission prison department has handled 34,717 prisoners with a total of only 37 deaths, and without the killing of a single prisoner by guards during attempted escapes, Sam D. Scott, superintendent of prison camps said today. These figures were just compiled by the prison department for presentation to the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

We have had a few cases in which prisoners were wounded while trying to escape, but none in which any prisoner has bee killed outright by a guard," Scott said. "One prisoner died after being shot by a guard, but the doctor who attended him said the gunshot wound was only a contributary cause. We think this is a pretty good record for having handled as many men as we have during the past two years."

4,786 PRISONERS

At the present time there are 4,786 prisoners in the 69 highway prison camps, Scott said, of which 1,818 are white, 2,938 negroes and 30 Indians. During the past 12 months in which 17,594 different prisoners were handled, 11,888 were released on expiration of their sentences, while 307 were paroled the records shows. A total of 452 prisoners escaped of which 315 were recaptured. The courts ordered the release of 141 prisoners before their sentences expired.

The per capita cost of feeding these prisoners last year was 9.8 cents per day while the per capita cost of operating the prison camps was 5.21 cents per day. In addition to maintaining thousands of miles of state roads, the prisoners in these camps cultivated more than 12,000 acres of land. The average number of employees to a camp is eight, who get an average salary of $84.27 a month. The average number of prisoners to each employe is seven. The prisoners averaged working 872.708 hours per month on the roads which if paid for at 65 cents per day would have cost the state $70,848 a day.

This Old State Has Everything

Charlotte.—Whether it's Joy, Management, King or Queen Tobacco or Worth Coats or Vera Boyd or Turkey Day[illegible] or Ledger, you can find it in North Carolina.

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Call Is Made For New Party In State

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LIKE LIGHTNING

Customer: "Give number in a lot lightning."

Appreciative: "Thanks—you mean the fast?"

"I mean you seldom strike twice in the same place."

LENDING AN EAR

"I notice you frequently pick up people and take them in town in your car."

"Yes," said the enterprising owner. "I've sold quite a number of insurance policies in that way. A man can't very well refuse to hear what you have to say when he's getting a free ride."—Pilgrim's.

FINEANCE

Barber: "How do you like this new gang, sir?"

Man in Chair: "It seems fine. You must have much with me some day."—Answers.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of July 2, 1909.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sydenham Moore of Birmingham, Ala. are here on an extended visit to their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Stringfield.

Mr. C. F. Kirkpatrick of Crabtree has been fortunate in securing a position as assistant in the United States Marine Biological laboratory at Beaufort, N. C. and has gone there for service during July and August.

Miss Etta Francis entertained Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Hazel Briggs, of High Point.

Miss Clarine Lee entertained delightfully Friday evening in honor of Miss Emily Campbell of Asheville. The interesting game of "Up Jinks" was played after which refreshments were served.

One of the most delightful social occasions of the season was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J .T. Kirkpatrick to the son, Hiram, and his bride Thursday night at thier home on Walnut street.

Mr. McD. Adams and daughter, Miss Carrie Sue, returned Sunday from Highlands and Toxaway where they have been spending two weeks. On the visit Miss Carrie Sue was entertained with a number of mountain parties.

Mrs. Charles Quinlan delightfully entertained Friday with a daisy luncheon. Plates were laid for eight. The taole and dining room were tastefully decorated with a profusion of daisies.

Mr. W. R. Killian and Miss Lillie Roberson, both of Plotts Creek, were married the 21st at the Methodist church and left immediately for Seattle, Washington.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of July 7, 1911.)

There will be given at the Suyeta Park Hotel this evening from eight-thirty to eleven o'clock a reception complimentary to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. The Daughters of the Confederacy are the hostesses for the occasion.

Rev. R. A. Sentelle was re-elected county superintendent at the meeting of the County Board of Education Monday. Mr. J. K. Boone was made chairman of the Board. The other members are D. M. Cagle and T. Lenoir Gwyn.

Miss Clare Lindfors entertained a few of her friends informally Wednesday afternoon. A beautiful musical program was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Josephine Thomas left Thursday for a month's visit to friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Warner of Canton, Ohio is a guest of Mrs. M. H.Reeves for the summer.

Miss Nora Swift has gone to Macon for a visit of two weeks to Miss Bessie Lanier.

Misses Mattie Lee Haywood and Elma Stookey of Spartanburgh are house guests of Miss Hazel Killian.

Mrs. Ella Plaxy and Master Clyde Rogers leave next week for an extended visit to relatives in South Carolina.

Miss Verna Bashford Moore celebrated her birthday on Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage. The guests were Misses Mary Tucker Mary Alice Alice May Harrold, Margaret Blackwell, Sarah Garrison, Harriet [illegible] Bonnie Atkinson Helen Wyche, [illegible] McCracken and Master Kelly Breeding.

ODD AS IT MAY SEEM

THE METTUR DAM—
180 miles southwest of Madras, India, will have an average height of 175 feet above the river bed, and a length of 5,300 feet.

ONE IN EVERY FIFTY—
patents granted for inventions in the United States is awarded to a woman.

A WATCH—
dropped in water should be filled with glycerine and then taken to a jeweler, according to advice from the Naval Observatory at Washington.

PIECES OF QUINCY GRANITE—
were used as invitations to International Rotarians to convene in the historic city of Quincy, Mass.

OZARG MOUNTAIN FARMERS—
netted more than $1,000,000 from their 1933 strawberry crop.

24,136,879 *AUTOBOBILES—*
were registered in the United States in 1932, a drop of 6.6 per cent from the year before.

THE OLD FEDERAL MINT—
in New Orleans is now a prison housing offenders of federal laws.

EIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX
trees grow on Fifth Ave., New York City.

WEDDING BELLS

Spinster: "So the waiter says to me, 'How would you like your rice?'"

Friend: "Yes, dearie wo on."

Spinter: "So I says wistfully, 'Thrown at me, big boy.'"—Cape Argus.

The GARDEN CLUB

Quite a number of high school graduates of Western North Carolina school belong to Blanton's Garden Club. These young people are cultivating one to five acres to pay their expenses in Blanton's Business College. Other members of the family often assist them.

Blanton's Business College is able to use farm produce including meat, lard eggs, chickens, etc. in its boarding department and can always arrange to accept at market price these supplies to apply on school fees.

You may be interested in taking a piece of ground and raising produce to help on your course. A list of acceptable produce will be sent upon request. Address

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BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

Neighbors and friends are priceless possessions and should be so regarded—but when it comes to treating your illness, the advice of a neighbor or friend is not the safest to follow. They mean well of course—but when there is anything the matter with you, to experiment with yourself or treat your illness with "hearsay," may be very dangerous and expensive.

There are many underlying causes for outward symptoms, discernible only to a PHYSICIAN, after careful examination and analysis. Disease detected and treated in the first stages is so much easier to cure, and is less expensive to you physically and financially.

Don't experiment on yourself, see your DOCTOR, he wants to keep you well.

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