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WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT IN STATE POLITICS?

That is a question that only time can answer, according to an article by Carl Goerch in the last issue of The State which he edits down at Raleigh.

If you want to know what that is, read what Mr. Goerch had to say:

"Probably never before in its history has North Carolina presented such a topsy-turvy political picture as is the case at the present time.

"Democratic leaders and would-be leaders admit that the situation is decidedly up in the air and that they do not know what's coming next.

"Politically, the state seems to be in the throes of a revolution. As the famous Jimmy Durante would say: 'It's mutiny! Mutiny—that's what it is!'

"The present situation has been no overnight development. Its inception goes back to 1928—to the days of the Al Smith campaign. Prior to that hectic period, politics in North Carolina followed a fairly regular course of procedure; you could usually tell what to expect and what not to expect.

"North Carolina's rejection of Smith and its adoption of Herbert Hoover was the first bombshell, followed by the defeat of Senator F. M. Simmons and the election of Josiah William Bailey. Then came the appointment of Cameron Morrison to the senate, with the resultant McNinch entanglements. When Bob Reynolds announced his candidacy there was considerable merriment on the part of a good many politicians.

"One of the principal reasons ascribed to the Reynolds victory was that Bob was avowedly wet, while Cam was just as avowedly dry. 'It just goes to show that sentiment in North Carolina has changed and that our people are no longer in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment,' was the way the situation was sized up by political prognosticators.

"Senator Reynolds went to Washington and Cameron Morrison went back to Charlotte. And now we come to the election almost two weeks ago. Again we see Morrison and Reynolds rushing over the state, making speeches. Cam, of course, is espousing the cause of the dries, while Bob is just as rampantly wet as ever.

"Everybody knew that Cam was wasting his time and efforts; that he was a gone goose and that nobody would pay any attention to his utterances on the prohibition question. 'Maybe they didn't, but when the ballots were counted, it was found that North Carolina had gone dry by 175,000 majority. The score or more of speeches made by Reynolds apparently had no weight whatsoever. The people voted as though they had never heard of Bob.

"In the meantime, Senator Josiah William Bailey had announced that he was in favor of repeal. In the meantime, Governor Ehringhaus kept his lips sealed, but announced after the election that he, too, had voted for repeal. Practically all the congressmen voted for repeal. 'The greater portion of members of the past legislature voted for repeal.

"So far as the votes of all these individuals are concerned—every last one of them was directly contrary to the votes of the majority of citizens of North Carolina. That's something which should not be lost sight of. The Dries won an overwhelming victory. Hardly had the ballots been counted when they proceeded to get busy to keep their organization intact. Flushed with the sense of new power, they are determined to make their influence felt at future elections. They are backed up by members of their group in practically every county in the state. For the most part those members had been more or less insignificant, so far as politics went, but they feel themselves to be in the limelight now, and they're going to try and stay there. 'Practically every political leader in the state is in bad. There is only one outstandingly prominent politician who has kept himself unscratched and who stands high with both sides. If he wants to, he can be elected to the senate, or can represent his district in congress, or he can be governor, or he can hold any other position to which he may aspire. That man is the Hon. Clyde Hoey, of Shelby. Up to the present, however, Mr. Hoey hasn't indicated that he aspires to anything. But what is going to be the fate of Bob Reynolds? How about Josiah William and the Baptist brethren? What is going to be the reaction against those members of congress who were so staunch for repeal? What about the men who are planning to come to the legislature during the next session? To be perfectly frank about it, not a single one of them know, and nobody else knows, either. The whole thing is a muddle—the worst political muddle that North Carolina has ever known. Only time can reveal what it's all about, so there's nothing for the rest of us to do except to exercise as much patience as we can.

YOUTH AND CRIME

The crime report for the Department of Justice for the first nine months of 1933 show that most of the crimes committed were by younger men and by old offenders. Of the total number of cases reported, one in every five persons was under 21 years of age, one between 21 and 25 and one between 25 and 30. In other words three-fifths of the number arrested were under 30 years of age. Of the total number of arrests reported, 35 per cent were of those who had criminal records.

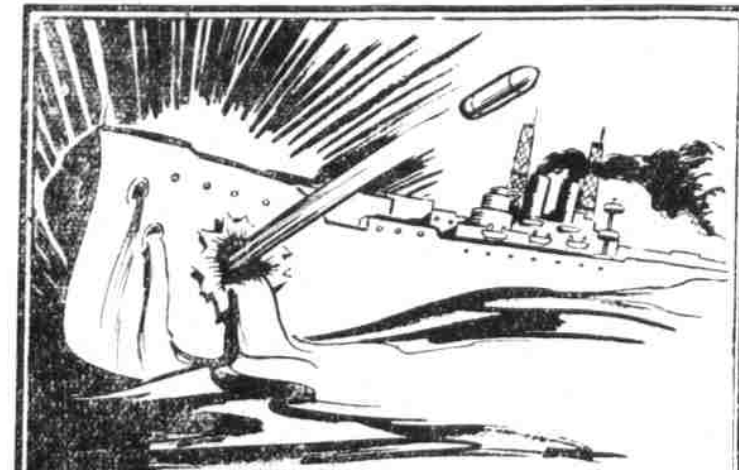
There ought to be nothing surprising either in the fact that most criminal offenders are comparatively young or that many offenders repeat. Our penal system is not such as to reform men, even though advances have been made in modern years. Probably it will never be so advanced that men who serve prison terms will be restored to freedom with a better adjusted attitude toward society. And it would be surprising, rather than otherwise, if the majority of criminals were old men. Old men lack the adventurous spirit of youth, they lack youth's recklessness, they lack youth's courage. Whether better or not, they are more cautious. Furthermore, an old man is more likely to have made a place for himself in the world legitimately; if he were the kind that would be tempted to a criminal career he would have already become a criminal. An older man, too, is less likely to be anti-social than a younger man. Either he has done fairly well as a well adjusted member of society or he has lost his spirit, has become broken, is more likely to be a beggar or other recipient of charity than one determined to wrest a living from the world by fair means or foul.

Bearing out these reflections are the nature of the crimes usually committed by younger men. They are larceny, burglary, robbery and theft of automobiles. The last is especially significant. Most automobiles stolen are stolen for a lark, or as a means to the commission of other crimes, or for purposes of long-distance travel. Where they are escapades it is to be expected that those indulging should be youthful, and where they are criminal it is likely that young men were chosen for the part not old men. There are older men who are burglars, of course, but few take up the occupation after reaching the comparatively mature age of thirty. Larceny, of course, may be committed by any man or woman and usually is committed on the spur of the moment, but the other crimes mentioned as more prevalent among youthful malefactors are crimes of youth more than of age.

All of which, however, does not meet the problem, which is to make youth law abiding and to wean youth from anti-social predilections. To suggest education and a better economic order is to belabor the obvious. But who has the particulars at fingers' point? Lynchburg News.

Cheer up, there still remain 28 days in which to do your Christmas shopping.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode



PIERCING MILES OF ARMOR! NEUTRONS, WHICH CONTAIN A SINGLE UNIT EACH OF POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ELECTRICITY, ARE SO PENETRATIVE THAT A CANNON BALL MADE OF THEM WOULD PENETRATE 75,000,000 MILES OF ARMOR.

Will Our Civilization Be Destroyed?

By LEONARD A. BARRETT



At a recent clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Charles H. Mayo...

Is Doctor Mayo's statement correct? It certainly is, if the new social order now in the making, continues to be entirely influenced by size, bulk and monetary power.

No sane person would venture the suggestion that we return to a condition of living prior to the time we possessed many of the comforts of our modern age. Nor would any person suggest that less money be spent on the development of the arts and sciences.

Obituary

HALL OF WAYNESVILLE COUNCIL NO. 373, JR. O. U. A. M. Waynesville, N. C. Nov. 14, 1933

Whereas it has pleased an All Wise Providence to permit the Grim Reaper to remove by death our beloved brother, J. R. Past Councillor James M. Moeck, NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by Waynesville Council No. 373, Jr. O. U. A. M., in regular session assembled.

presence and service in our Council Chamber we will ever cherish his memory and his loyal devotion and service in this great Brotherhood.

Second. That in the death of brother Moeck this Council loses a useful and loyal member, the state and community and upright and patriotic citizen and the home and family a splendid husband and father, because in his life and services were embodied and exemplified to a high degree those enduring principles of Virtue, Liberty and patriotism.

Third. That we extend to his family in their bereavement, our respect and deepest sympathy and assure them of our desire and readiness to render them any kindness and service possible at all times.

Fourth. That these resolutions be spread upon our records as a permanent memorial of our esteem for our departed brother and our loyalty and devotion to his memory, that a copy of the same be furnished his family and the local press.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. Boyd, T. L. Bramlett, T. L. Green, Committee.

THE IMPORTATION of apples has doubled in Great Britain during the last 10 years, the gain being attributed to the "eat more fruit" campaign.

The Onslow Mutual Exchange has sold about 1,500 bushels of grapes at a price of approximately \$1 for a bushel of 60 pounds. Black grapes are being sold at 75 cents a bushel. The recent storm seriously injured the crop.

Mr. Noble W. Garret holds a position in the post office here, the business of the office having increased to the extent that a fourth man became necessary.

Mr. Henry T. Sharp of Denver, Colorado spent some time here this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen, who recently moved into their new home were given a surprise party and given shower Wednesday evening by a number of their friends.

Mr. James Ray, of Asheville, and Mrs. Butler, of Knoxville, Tennessee, visited their brother, May W. Steinfield.

The Woman's Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. S. H. Keller Thursday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers and planning work for the ensuing year.

A most enjoyable occasion—the rare treat of a lifetime—was the Jubilee meeting of the women of the various denominations held at the Baptist church Wednesday in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of American Woman's foreign mission work.

Mrs. Shuford Howell, Miss Evans Howell, and Master Ralph Howell attended the Kirkpatrick-Reeves wedding this week.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

From the file of Nov. 26, 1909.

Friends in Waynesville have received invitations to the wedding of prominent and popular young couple, these reading: Mr. and Mrs. James Preston Swift invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Jane, to Mr. Henry Talbot Sharp, Wednesday evening, the eighth of December, at eight o'clock.

With a score of 0 to 0 the final game between Asheville and Waynesville came to an end last evening at the fair grounds. The Waynesville eleven was made up of six substitutes and five others picked up about the town. One feature of the game was the yard run by Arthur Kirkpatrick of Waynesville and the good tackling of George Cole and Horace Walker.

Headlines: Blind Tigers Gubernatorial Dispensers—No Less Than Eight of the Vile Dispensers at Large. The new iron bridge over Richards Creek is now being constructed. It is being built at the end of the Avenue, almost in front of Dr. H. P. Smither's residence.

Miss Nan Killian returned Wednesday from a visit to friends in Newport, Tenn.

The Bank of Waynesville presents a new front. The skillful brush and the right kind of paint always improves.

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WE ARE NOT PREACHERS but WE SAVE SOLES

THE CHAMPION SHOE SHOP E. T. Duckett, Prop.

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Discouraging To The Doctors.

In view of all the long years they have spent in medical schools and in actual practice, it must be very discouraging to the doctors to know how easy it is these days for some laymen to "learn" all about the human body and to be able to "diagnose" and "prescribe" for themselves or others simply by reading a book or PATENT MEDICINE circular.

As a matter of fact, there is no greater menace to your health than those amateur "book doctors" or patent medicine sellers.

Consult your PHYSICIAN always—he is the only one competent to advise you.

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