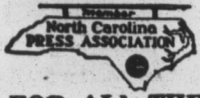


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More About Guilford

Having recently returned from our former home county of Guilford, we can now report on the progress being made there in the factional fight over county government. Latest account has it that County Commissioner R. C. Causey has asked the County Board to consider appointment of a county manager to take over duties now performed by George L. Stansbury, Commissioners' chairman. Although he speaks of this change as one making "for more economical and efficient government", Mr. Causey, it would seem is falling right in line with those members of the "Better Government League", who, it appears, have already picked their candidate for the position.

Two members of the board expressed doubt as to the efficiency of the managerial system; Mr. Stansbury took no side in the matter, except to say that he has always been interested in good government for the people; R. Flake Shaw took position that the suggestion should be given thought and the other commissioners agreed with Mr. Shaw. Guilford citizens and the rest of us must now wait to see what the next move will be.

Circulating in the county and its two chief cities is a pamphlet, "A Tale of Two Cities", written by a veteran lawyer who has taken the side of Thomas C. Hoyle, Jr., ousted County Democratic Executive Committee chairman. A clever leaflet, using biblical allegory and plenty of insinuation, the pamphlet is being read by both factions in High Point and Greensboro. The added emphasis of this "Guilford Affair" will probably mean a large primary vote in Guilford this month.

And for this we are glad. Some Person people have been wondering why Guilford's affairs have ever gotten into the shape they are in. The answer is: indifference. In Guilford and in many other counties in the state rank and file citizens have not been and are not as interested as they should be in the personal integrity of the people elected to office. In comparison with some of the larger counties, Person can be considered fortunate in that in her borders everybody knows everybody else and the degree of efficiency and public service rendered by those who are in office is relatively high.

But the moral is plain in Guilford and can well be taken to heart all over the state. People get the kind of government they ask for, and the American way to the answer is by exercise of voting privileges.

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What Can Happen

In South Pasadena, California, Verling Spencer, junior high school principal who had presumably had some disagreement with local school board, went into a rage at a meeting called to consider his case and shot the superintendent of schools, the business manager of schools, another principal and a printing instructor. Having killed these men, Spencer then wounded two women connected with the educational system and turned the gun on himself.

The bloody day in South Pasadena illustrates what can happen when man loses control of reason. If Spencer lives he will probably be adjudged insane. Knowing nothing of the case except what is reported through the Associated Press, we can only assume that Spencer was insane at the time he put his skill as a marksman to such deadly purpose.

The tragedy demonstrates once again that education, of itself, offers no insurance against mental instability. The unfortunate persons who were killed are dead and suffer no more, but the horror of the scene for the children in the school buildings where the shooting took place can well be imagined. Psychologists have indicated that children do not forget sharp, vivid impressions gained during childhood.

Too often, it seems to us, parents and school officials are not as considerate as they might be of the social and economic well being of those persons who teach children day after day during a year. A little more thoughtfulness on their parts might have kept Verling Spencer from reaching that stage of desperation which brought on wholesale slaughter and turned institutions of learning into houses red with blood.

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Author John Steinbeck

Steinbeck is again in the news, this time for winning the Pulitzer prize for his highly controversial, "Grapes of Wrath". We have a notion that the selection will meet with approval from those readers who have been able to estimate the social significance of the novel. As near as any novel of our times it approaches propaganda, but the infiltration of narrative art borrowed from both the hard and soft schools keeps the job from appearing to be as purposeful as it is.

"Grapes of Wrath" by Harper, standards is as deserving of the award as any book ever written. "Gone With The Wind" As a writing masterpiece it is even better than "Gone With The Wind" and because people do not read Pulitzer winners the Pulitzer prize is not the best award.

ly scattered abroad than it has been. It is far more vital to do something to keep alive the morale of families like the Joads than it is to read about them, but before there can be conscious concern for them, there must be a general awakening to their problems. The book has opened the wedge to this awakening.

For this reason we are pleased because the prize has come to Steinbeck.



Darkest Migration

News and Observer

The tragedy in which so large a part of the Negro race in the United States is caught is pointed with clarity and wisdom by The Pittsburgh Courier, a large Negro newspaper, in an editorial discussion of the Negro migrations from the South to the North which has extended over a long period of years.

The Courier predicts a marked increase in the migration as a result of "the further collapse of the cotton economy which all government efforts have failed to prevent." But The Courier observes the Negroes "are coming to cities where already from 40 to 50 percent of the Negro population is receiving relief and unable to get employment."

There is a human tragedy here equal to that more widely publicized one of dispossessed white farmers moving from desperation in Oklahoma to bitter insecurity in California. In describing the situation in the South from which Negroes are moving, the Courier adds:

This low price cannot help but hurt the American cotton grower. In seeking for other means of maintaining the economic standards of life, the South has been encouraging by every means the industrialization of the region, making attractive offers to manufacturers to establish more mills and factories. The new Southern industries are employing only a small number of the Negro workers displaced by the change in the status of cotton, and in many factories no Negroes at all are employed.

This, coupled with the inadequate relief payments to unemployed Negro workers, is the cause of the growing migration of these people to the North and East.

This is a fair statement of the situation as Southerners realize. Perhaps the situation to which they go is more complex but none the less disturbing. Obviously, between both the almost hopeless condition of thousands of Negroes, moving but to no destination in opportunity, is a national problem deserving the most sympathetic national consideration. There are 12,000,000 Negroes in America. The almost general poverty of so many people is a load not merely upon relief but upon our whole economy, North and South. Improvement in the security of such a group — a widening of its opportunities for employment — would serve not only the Negroes of America but all the white people in all parts of America as well.

If there is a tragic human problem No. 1 it is that of the Negro in the United States — in the great cities as well as on the farms.

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Something's Wrong

Durham Morning Herald

The Wilmington Star, reflecting observations of New Hanover County Agent Galphin before the Wilmington Kiwanis club, says there is something wrong when farmers in that area plow crops under for lack of a market while farm products of the same variety shipped in from afar are selling at top prices in Wilmington stores.

California lettuce, The Star recites, dominates the Wilmington market even though New Hanover truck growers have developed and are growing lettuce of equal flavor and quality but can't seem to capture the Wilmington market.

North Carolina tomatoes, the paper continues, have rotted in the field while Texas tomatoes move in and out of Wilmington stores. And even now, it reports, new potatoes are being brought in from outside and sold.

We are inclined to agree that something is wrong and no doubt part of that something has to do with our far-flung, in some respects highly developed, system of distribution which is half-modern and half-outmoded. It is highly developed and modern in the sense that it puts an enormous volume and large assortments of goods on store shelves throughout a wide area and outmoded in that it still geared to the pattern that grew up when products New Hanover farms did not yield were products buyers wanted and hence had to be shipped in. A greater factor in our marketing and distribution formula than many readily recognize is the habits acquired in yesteryears. We do many things we do the way we do because once upon a time was thought to be, and possibly was, the only way.

It is not exactly out of order, however, to remind The Star and County Agent Dalphin that if North Carolina ships in certain products it produces, North Carolina also ships out the choice output of some of its farms. For examples one might mention Sandhill peaches and strawberries of that same general area. Most of both, and the best we understand, are shipped out and not a few North Carolinians buy the same products from out-of-state markets.

One of the reasons for that, of course, is that the peach folk figure they can get better prices and a higher net return in money by selling to suppliers of the metropolitan markets. The strawberry folk probably reason the same way.

So the dumbness, if any, in the equation is not all on one side. And the preaching and practicing — that too is diversified more so than North Carolina farming.

Yes, something's wrong, and there are what seems to be easy remedies. But examining them through the dollar mark and they are not so easy.

At better still, try to evolve a remedy that doesn't start out with what is called government regulation.

SPEAKING OF SAFETY



A MAN MAY BE A "DEAR" TO HIS WIFE — AND A "LAMB" TO HIS SECRETARY



BUT TO THE PUBLIC HE'S JUST A ROAD HOG — WHEN HE MONOPOLIZES THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY!

In Memory of Mrs. Nannie Ramsey

On the ninth day of April, 1940, our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom called home to her eternal reward our beloved mother, Mrs. Nannie Ramsey.

While we miss her so much and it is so lonely without her, help us dear Lord to bow in humble submission to Thy will, for we rejoice in the certainty that she has been called to higher things. Mrs. Nannie Ramsey was born August 2, 1854, making her stay on earth 85 years, seven months and seven days. In the year of 1877 she was married to Willie H. Melton, who passed away in 1892. One daughter and two sons, blessed their union.

In the year 1898 she was married to E. J. Ramsey, who passed away in 1910.

In early life she joined Allensville church and about 47 years ago joined Olive Branch where she remained a member until death.

As long as she was able she enjoyed her church and was an active member. Of late years she could not attend regularly. It is with love and appreciation we remember our dear mother for the memory of her long and faithful service were an inspiration and will always be cherished by all of us.

Hers was the exemplary life of a quiet, humble Christian who let her light shine that others might see her good works.

With her going her family has lost a good mother, Olive Branch church a consecrated member, and her community, a loyal citizen.

May God raise up many others to witness for him as well as she did.

The final rites were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. B. Currin. The large concourse of friends who attended and the numerous floral offerings bespoke the high esteem in which she was held.

She leaves to mourn their loss three children, Mrs. Corina Pool, G. R. and Samuel Melton. Besides numerous other relatives and friends who are missing her too.

What mother meant to us cannot be put in words. As the days are passing we are coming to feel that her spirit is still with us. And that she will never be forgotten.

The old, old days hid in memory sweet — are still a part of our lives that we cherish. Without them so much would be incomplete.

A daughter-in-law who has lived in the home with her for 14 years.

RE-QUEENING

Carl Ingram of the Fork Township in Wayne county was forced to re-queen his apiary because of an outbreak of the European foulbrood disease, reports W. E. Harper, assistant county farm agent.

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Dolly Madison

THEATRE ADVANCE PROGRAM From Thursday, May 9 thru Saturday, May 11

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Thursday - Friday, May 9-10 Lynn Bari - Mary Beth Hughes - Joan Davis - Henry Wilcoxon, in "Free Blonde and Twenty-One" (First Run)

A fool little sport! Or a good little girl? That's always the question — when a girl thinks she's got to circulate and there is nobody checking up! Traveltalks: "Land of Alaska Nellie" Screen Snapshot

No Morning Shows; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Evenings daily 7:30-9:15; Admission 10-25c

Saturday, May 11 Charles Starrett with Lorna Grey, in "Bullets For Rustlers" (First Run)

Episode No. 2 of the serial "Drums of FuManchu" ("The Monster") with Henry Brandon - William Royle - Robert Kellard - Gloria Franklin Headliner: "George Olsen and His Music" Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00; Evening 7:00 - 8:30 - 9:45 (Box office opens 6:45). Admission 10-25c.

Effective with Monday, May 6, the evening hour has been changed from 7:15 - 9:00 o'clock to 7:30 - 9:15 p. m. — For Saturday Shows, the continuous shows at the Dolly Madison will be discontinued after Saturday, May 4 and the Matinees in both the Palace and the Dolly Madison will be 2:30 - 4:00. Night Shows at 7:00 - 8:30 - 9:45 p. m. with the box office opening at 6:45 p. m.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 12th

Mother knows best about groceries and that's why so many mothers come here for their daily needs. We keep a supply of groceries on hand that please mother, father, and the entire family.

Carl Winstead