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#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

News and Observer

The Enquirer, of Yorkville, S. C., is responsible for the following story. It was given to the Enquirer by one of its York county subscribers and is as follows:

"A farmer in eastern Chester county owns his farm and has four mules that he works every day. This man owns a big field, in a section of which some years ago a man was killed. When this farmer is plowing his mules in this big field, sometimes they will plow right along over the spot where this man was killed, and at other times they will work right up to the spot, and there they will balk. They will turn away, and absolutely refuse to go on past the place where the dead man was found, and then they will pull the plow, the plowman and everything away from that spot, go some distance away, sit down on the rumps, just like a dog, and set up a lot of braying the same as a jackass does sometimes. No one can explain why they act that way. They just do it.

"Some time back," the gentleman went on, "this farmer bought a new mule and when he uses this mule to work in this particular field when it comes to the place where the dead man was found, it too, acts just like the other four mules.

"That story sounded mighty strange to me, but my son says that it is true, and it can be proved by anybody who will take the trouble to go to this farmer's place and see for himself.

Believe it or not. That's up to you."

#### TAXES AND STATE DEPENDENTS

Shelby Star.

"At least seventy-five per cent of the people of North Carolina would not pay a dollar to the State government, were it not for the sales tax," Governor Hoey is quoted as saying in a recent speech before the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

That is a statement to take home and think about. Of course, Governor Hoey meant that this number would not pay directly to the support of the State government except for the sales tax.

The time has come in business when the tax bill must be reckoned with. It is a part of operating of business, like rent, clerk hire and merchandise cost, and must be passed along to the consumer in the form of hidden taxes.

It is alarming to see the number of people in North Carolina who are dependent on the State government. In the penal and charitable institutions there are 18,191 persons. The five insane hospitals reported 6,800 inmates last month, while the total number of State prisoners amounts to 8,973. Add to those figures several thousand employees in the State Highway Department, several more thousand State employees, 24,000 public school teachers who derive their support from the State government. Then there are 900,000 public school students who must be educated. When the Social Security measure is put into effect, thousands of other aged will be drawing their support from the State government.

North Carolina has assumed a tremendous responsibility in taking under its wing the support and training of such a number. And this number is growing year after year as new jobs are created. Only those people who directly support the government and provide the means for it to carry on, are conscious of the burden. Those who are not conscious of its burden by bearing a share in proportion to their ability to pay care little or nothing about how affairs are run or how much is spent.

Spring is the most beautiful time of the year. Lilacs, tulips, and the glory of spirea Van Houttei, in riots of snowy bloom. North Carolina in the spring is worth enduring much to see.

### No. Carolina Woodmen to Meet in Hendersonville April 25, 26 and 27

NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO ATTEND BIENNIAL STATE HEAD CAMP CONVENTION



Col. T. E. Patterson De E. Bradshaw Farrar Newberry William Ruess

The biennial Head Camp convention of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association in North Carolina will be held on April 25, 26 and 27 in Hendersonville, according to D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte, head consul for the jurisdiction.

At least six national directors, all of Omaha Nebr., will convene with the Sovereigns of North Carolina, he said, and there is a possibility that De Emmett Bradshaw, president, will also attend.

Officers and directors expected at Hendersonville include Col. T. E. Patterson, vice-president; Farrar Newberry, recently appointed secretary; Rainey T. Wells, general attorney; William Ruess, W. C. Braden and Dr. Herbert B. Kennedy.

Prominent Sovereigns of this jurisdiction who have indicated that they will attend include T. E. Newton, of Kinston, state manager; Judge Barrington T. Hill, of Wadesboro, member of the Committee on Legislation of the 1935 Sovereign Camp; and the following Head Camp officers: V. L. Hunt, of High Point; J. Love Davis, Wilmington; W. L. Ross, Salisbury; R. C. Liltaker, Concord; P. A. Stanley, Nakina; and L. L. Odom, Wadesboro.

President Bradshaw, who is honored and respected in every state in which the association operates, is particularly interested in improving and enlarging the services of the Woodmen of the World Memorial hospital at San Antonio, Tex. Here, members afflicted with tuberculosis are treated without cost.

A feature of the convention will be the initiation of a large class

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trash was dumped was located by boxes from the jewelry store. Then down into the trash heap the seekers dug. And they found the ring. Lime may be observed piled on the roadside ready for use throughout Vance County this season as a result of the soil conservation program.

**Elect Sovereign Camp Delegates** At this meeting, delegates will be elected to represent the jurisdiction at the Sovereign Camp convention, the supreme representative legislative body of the Woodman of the World, which meets later in the year. A feature of the convention will be the initiation of a large class

#### Notice Of Sale Personal Property

The undersigned will sell for cash at public auction in front of Midway Motor Company, 723 Branch Street, Monday, May 3rd, 1937, 11 A. M.; one Ford Rumble-seat Roadster, 1928 Model, Number A107873, belonging to A. E. Harrell, 834 Malby Street, Norfolk, Virginia, to satisfy storage and repair lien. MIDWAY MOTOR CO.

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