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#### THE POOR EDITOR

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The editor of a newspaper is often hard pressed to select suitable subjects for the editorials that he must write for his column.

Contrary to much popular opinion the average editor does not sit in his office, thinking up something to criticize. As a matter of fact, most of the time he shrinks from the role of critic although very often it becomes his duty, as he sees it, to warn the public about possible evils. The editor knows how well the average person likes soft soap and the easiest way to fortune and good feeling is to keep his mouth shut regardless of what goes on.

Editorials have a distinct place in any newspaper that claims the right to circulate among thinking people. It is their function to inform, to educate, to stimulate thought and, whenever possible, to express public opinion or check emotional outbursts that threaten sound public performance.

The editor of the News-Leader doesn't expect every body to agree with opinions expressed in these columns. That would be too bad, because even the editor doesn't know it all. The chances are, however, if the editor is alert and keeps up with events throughout the world, that he can add something to a discussion of most subjects. It can do no harm for readers to get the viewpoint of a writer who, at least, should be sincere, disinterested and unselfish in discussing current topics.

We have no idea that we are right on everything that we think. Very often, it happens that a given community overemphasizes one phase of a proposition and an intelligent article can present other factors that should be considered. Naturally, when selfish forces are trying to put something over, for their own profit, such an article causes feeling. While there are exceptions, in most cases where one hears a citizen denouncing a writer the cause is hidden in the selfishness of the critic.

Readers of The News-Leader are invited to send in their views on topics of general interest. They are asked to be brief, to confine themselves to legitimate discussion and not to use the newspaper as a vehicle to air private grudges and proclaim personalities. Whether the writer of such an article agrees with the views of this newspaper is immaterial. If the latter is of general interest it will be published.

No use in trying to make yourself think this is spring. We are almost sure to have more cold weather, but it is certainly nice while it lasts.

### BOOK, AN EXILE FOR HALF CENTURY RETURNS

A man returned a book to the Cleveland, Ohio, public library the other day, which he had borrowed from that library forty-nine years ago! Now say the world isn't growing better.

But then maybe it was fear rather than honesty that was the cause of his straightforward dealing. It is said the name of the book was, "The Whispering Pine," and it's a risky business to have something around that's a "whispering" something, particularly if that something knows something on you. So maybe it was just plain wisdom to re-establish the whispering volume back into its rightful home.

But, even so, its return brings up an interesting thought: Wouldn't it be wonderful if everything that has been borrowed within the last forty-nine years could be carried back home to its rightful owner! What a home-coming that would be! Talk about enlarging the buying power. The buying power would simply be torn down and built bigger. History would faint. Because history has never seen a thing like that.—Clipped.

#### A FALLACY EXPOSED

The Zebulon Record.

After eight months of trying out county control in 37 counties of N. C., one finds a puzzle, a riddle, an enigma, a mystery or something of the sort that is hard to solve. An article in the Wilson Times tells us that after catching and convincing more than two score of the worst bootleggers in the county some time ago, that these same fellows are again selling ABC and bootleg liquor. It seems that about the only thing the law does is to give a few extra jobs and more and better liquor. Yet one of the stock arguments of the wets was that good liquor sold at reasonable prices would put the bootlegger out of business.

#### Who Got My Liquor?

During the eight months of county AB control the 37 counties selling liquor sold \$4,446,541.36 worth of hard liquor. Down in Bertie county the per capita was only \$1.85, but in Wake it climbed to \$6.92 average for every man, woman and child in the county. Across in Durham, John Sprunt Hill's county, the per capita for the eight months was \$10.36.

The price on many high grade liquors will shortly be reduced, according to statements from the State Control Board. One wonders why, to stimulate business, to meet bootleg competition, or to prevent possible revenue? commissioner John Swain of Raleigh, tells us that there will be no profit from Wake's liquor stores this year owing to the expending of \$142,000 in establishing the stores. And he also states that the people may not expect any tax reduction because all the profit will be needed for relief work. Who cares just so generous old Wake makes enough to bury the drunks and care for the widows, orphans and paupers its good liquor makes!

One thing that cannot be stressed too much in a farming community: Sow seed of known origin. Certified seed, if you can afford them, but anyway on ythose seed whose immediate antecedents you know.

No small investment can pay so well as treating cotton seed before planting. If you do not know how this is done, ask W. B. Callihan or John Anderson.

### EMPLOYEES NOW 65 SHOULD REPORT TO BOARD

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employee does not have to stop work in order to receive a lump sum payment. "Covered employment," generally speaking means employment in commerce and industry.

A lump-sum payment is now due the estate or relatives of a worker who has died since December 31, 1936, provided the deceased worker was paid wages in "covered employment" after December 31, 1936, and before he reached 65. Employers must notify the Bureau of Internal Revenue on Form 33-3 within 15 days after an employee reaches age 65, or dies. At the same time, in order to assist the employee or his family, the employer is urged to file Form CAC-1001 "Statement of Employer" with the Rocky Mount Office.

At the present time there are a number of persons eligible for lump-sum old-age insurance payments, who have received no money because they have not yet filed claims applications. Some are wage earners who have become 65 years of age since January 1, 1937, and others are the next of kin of deceased wage earners. The necessary claims form can be secured from the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Social Security Board.

A survey of farm lands in Alamance County by a committee of farmers indicated that 5,000 acres are of doubtful value in farming; 17,000 acres have no agricultural value, and 2,500 acres are within town limits. This leaves 257,000 acres of agricultural land though some of this lies within the acres of unincorporated towns.

W. H. McNeill of Moore County said he received at least \$1,000 more for the crops sold from his farm last season because of the terraces that had been built.

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##### NOTICE

Under the power contained in a deed of trust given by Redmond Whitehead and Malissa Whitehead to W. S. Wilkinson, Jr., Trustee, on May 1, 1936, recorded in book 359, page 240, Edgecombe county registry, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 12, 1938, at twelve o'clock M., the following described real estate, situate in the city of Rocky Mount, Edgecombe county, North Carolina, to-wit:

Said property being situated on the south side of Goldleaf street

(No. 411) and fronting said street 75 feet, running back 100 feet to the north line of lot No. 39 of the Logan property, the said property being the east half of lots Nos. 35 and 37 of Block "A," in the survey of the real estate of John H. Logan, Trustee, in and adjoining the town of Rocky Mount, N. C., which survey is recorded in book 75, pages 570 and 571, Edgecombe county registry, February 8, 1938.

W. S. WILKINSON, JR., Trustee (F11-M3)

#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

North Carolina, Edgecombe County.

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned has qualified as Executor of the estate of the late (Mrs.) Maggie C. Armstrong deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are directed to present them to the undersigned on or before February 15th, 1939 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 15th day of February, 1938, L. P. ARMSTRONG, Executor (F18-M24)

#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned having qualified as executor of the estate of Wyatt M. Cavin, deceased, late of Edgecombe County, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them on or before January 31, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This Jan. 26, 1938, W. S. WILKINSON, Executor of the Estate of Wyatt M. Cavin, Deceased. (J28-M4)

#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the Administrator of Garland Short deceased, of Edgecombe county, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said Estate to present the same to me in the city of Rocky Mount, N. C., on or before the 28th day of January, 1938 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons who are indebted to the said Garland Short estate will please make immediate payment of such indebtedness to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of January, 1938 E HARVEY SHORT (J28-M4)

#### EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Jane Battle, deceased, late of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on or before the 18th day of February, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

February 18, 1938, Rosa Armstrong, Executrix of Jane Battle. (F18-M24)

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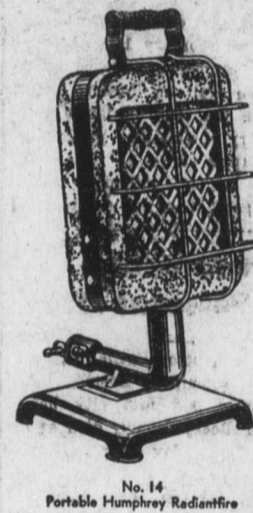
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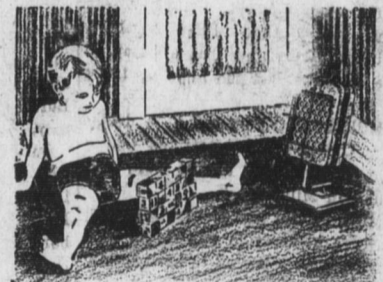
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