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Citizen Offers Suggestions To Make City More Beautiful

Since much interest has been aroused in the discussion of names of streets honoring our old residents and famous sons, it has occurred to the writer that perhaps suggestions of further improvements to our growing city, might be in order.

First, by all means, the city should purchase that block which is bounded by Tarboro Street, Cokey Road and Hill Street—lying across from the Lutheran church, and beautify it for a residential park. This has been suggested, and sidetracked from time to time, but it would add much to have this lot converted into a restful, attractive place where our residents might enjoy the breeze and children could have the freedom to exercise in the out of doors. There are already several trees, and with the disappearing of the eye-sore of the old run-down ghostly house, there would be rejoicing, I am sure.

Second: That strip of ground lying parallel with Pine View Cemetery, (once used as a colored burying ground, now grown up in weeds and underbrush, a veritable breeding place for snakes, lizards and mosquitoes,) if cleared of the debris and simply raked out, would be a joy to the children of that part of town. We believe the grounds could be cleaned up in one day, and residents of Mercer, Eastern Ave., and Sycamore Streets, would rise up to call our City fathers, "blessed," if this should come to pass. Why not? It is doing no one any good, it is used by no one to any good advantage, and the few sunken spots that call to mind that once it was a burying ground are all that suggests its past. Years have passed since anyone was buried there, the bones having been moved to the colored burial ground in another part of the city. This is a suggestion I hope may be adopted, if only granted for a period of some years—rather than to have the weeds, vines and undergrowth remain—and snakes to multiply therein.

Third: We have made very little use of the beautiful river scenery that we have. If the stretch of road recently cut from the Municipal Plant to the Falls Road, (near the new River Bridge), could be paved, the undergrowth along the river bank cut, substantial iron frame benches painted white dotted about the river's bank, there would be a parkway of natural beauty. And, if our good City fathers will continue this planting of flowering native shrubs along this area, no one can tell the beauty that would be ours in the springtime for years to come. Already there are various flowering trees, alders and judas, dogwood, etc., but more could be added, with little exertion, and small expense.

Fourth: Since Howard Street, (the short, one block street that means so much to so many people, who park and enter the stores from the rear entrance), has the appearance of neglect and unsightliness, why can't the Chamber of Commerce move toward the end of beautification there? If each store in the block would paint the rear all white, (following in the steps of the Ricks Hotel), put up fresh awnings, and dress their windows, how much more beauty would unfold on the heart of our City citizens to enjoy—and visitors to admire, rather than endure, in passing. I believe every store in the short block would agree to join in this movement.

Fifth: There runs through our city a little stream that is hidden to most of us, but emerges from the closed culvert at a point on Sycamore Street (between Parker and George Streets) near the duplex Westbrook Apartments and remains open to Tarboro Highway, near Duke's Luncheonette. If this little stream (—if it is to be left open,) could be cleared off and beautified most inexpensively, with iris and native plants, the underbrush removed to the point just mentioned, Duke's Luncheonette, there is available an ideal parkway and playground for the young residents of that neighborhood. This would cost next to nothing, as the main consideration would be the labor of a couple of days in clearing the spot. How much better, than allowing it to grow up in weeds and leaving to (Please turn to page four)

ROBIN KING PLANS NEW DEAL PAPER

Local Writer Adopts Seven-Point Program For Reform Weekly

A new "100 per cent Roosevelt" political weekly to be called "The New Dealer," will appear in Raleigh between September 15 and October 1, Robin O. King, editor, announced here.

Formerly connected for 20 years with the Associated Press, the local newspaperman said the newspaper would be printed in tabloid size from eight to 12 pages weekly. "It will be devoted exclusively to matters political—national, State, city, and county," King explained.

Platform of The New Dealer will include seven planks:

- "1. We are 100 percent behind President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his kind of New Deal government. We shall fight every candidate for office who opposes the Roosevelt New Deal principles, whether he or she is a Democrat or a Republican.

- "2. We favor a New Deal government for the State of North Carolina. Our great State has been controlled by conservatives all too long, and we will support only those candidates who promise to give the people of this State a more liberal and up-to-date administration.

- "3. We favor the immediate and complete repeal of the disgraceful absentee ballot law as the first step in bringing about honest elections in North Carolina.

- "4. We favor extending the city limits of Raleigh to take in residents of Budleigh, Anderson Heights and other suburbs. A majority of those living in these suburbs earn their livelihood in Raleigh, make use of our streets, our public buildings, and monopolize parking and office space. Why should not they share the responsibilities of a citizen of Raleigh?

- "5. We favor taxing all real estate, regardless of ownership, except churches and parsonages. Real estate valued at thousands of dollars is exempted from taxation because it is owned either by churches or fraternal organizations. Why?

- "6. We favor giving every old destitute citizen of North Carolina who reaches the age of 65 years not less than 30 months in old age assistance. We favor the State and counties approaching additional funds to make this possible, when it is added to the money granted by the Federal government for such purposes.

- "7. We favor repeal of the general sales tax law, substituting therefor a high luxury sales tax, if the State's financial condition makes such a tax necessary, which we doubt."

King said the Mitchell Printing Company would print his paper. Associate editors will be announced later.

Timely Tips For Torrid Weather

All possible advice on how to live and get along in hot weather has been published millions of times. But the matter is always new—in hot weather, so once again.

- No Not:
- Over eat.
 - Drink too much ice water.
 - Worry—particularly about the hot weather.
 - Indulge in too much mental or physical activity.
 - Drink alcoholics of a ty kind.
 - Take trips unless urgent to places hotter than your own homes.
 - Now for a few "Do's":
 - Wear comfortable and suitable clothing.
 - Cultivate a cheerful disposition.
 - Love your neighbor as yourself and, therefore, shut up your dog and shut off your radio, so that the members can sleep, even though it is hot.

Hankow military chiefs suppress organizations of students of workers sponsored by Communists.

A.C. COLLEGE GIVES DEGREES TO 44 STUDENTS

Dr. Howard Jensen Of Duke University Is Speaker At Graduation Exercises

Wilson, Aug. 27.—Forty-four summer school students at Atlantic Christian College received their diplomas last night at commencement exercises at the First Christian church, and heard Dr. Howard Jensen, professor of sociology of Duke University, speak on "The Task of Education in Time of Crisis."

Genevieve Macos, of New Bern; Mrs. Charlotte Y. Thorpe, of Rocky Mount; and Fannie Mae Valentine of Spring Hope, received magna cum laude honors with their degrees. Seven other graduates cum laude. They are Grace Birze-dine, Ozeane, Va.; Mrs. Alice Grice Brown, Wilson; Mrs. Ruth Grice Hyatt, Wilson; Mrs. Bessie Ormand Wade, Morehead, City and Mrs. Sylvia Weeks, Tarboro.

Other graduates are Fannie Adams, Bath; Elizabeth Boyette, Kenly; Mrs. William C. Brake, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Ethel Denning Colwell, Turkey; Mrs. Mamie Mills Drake, Vanceboro; Louise Edgerton Pikeville; Myra Fitzgerald, Selma; Mrs. Louise Bell Formy-Dubal, Whiteville; Garlon Hamrick, Rutherford; Florence Heath, Alliance; Mrs. Cecil Johnson, Selma; Mattie Kellum, Jacksonville; Dalton Kennedy, Wilson.

Mary Belle Knott, Oxford; Elizabeth Lunnch, Pikeville; Velna Matthews, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Sarah S. May, Bailey; Nettie Mae Motes, Appling, Ga.; Mrs. Helen James McCleary, Rocky Mount; Latha M. Borne, Deep Run; Erna Parker, Benson; Mrs. Ella M. Pearce, Nashville; Mrs. Verna Randall, Faison; C. R. Simpson, Peachland; L. W. Starling, Godwin; William M. Tyson, Wilson; Lizzie May Warren Spring Hope; Viola Waters, Pante-go; Mrs. Affie H. Williams, Washington; Cassie D. Williams, Oranchoke; Katie Louise Wood, Elm City.

Sold Spoon To Dead Men

Herbert Sain, 20-year old Toluca youth, sold ten cents teaspoons to dead men for \$5 each.

The young man was placed under a \$800 bond after a hearing before Federal Commissioner John P. Mull when FBI agents charged him with using the mails to defraud. Postal inspectors said the youth's ruse was one of the most unusual and unique methods his department has ever discovered.

After his arrest, young Sain admitted guilt to the charges and revealed that his scheme was as follows:

Watch the papers for an obituary—a death notice of some important men. The name and address was noted and the dead man was mailed a well-wrapped package, \$5 collect.

The family thinking it was some article their beloved husband or father had ordered, in their bereavement, and lack of usual judgment, would pay the \$5, and on unwrapping it, find the ten-cent spoon.

Sain makes his home at Toluca with his father, Dan Sain, who is a respected farmer and merchant. Morganton postoffice was used as the starting point for the operation, and Sain went there to mail the spoons.

Another plan the postal inspector said Sain used in extracting money from the public was to place a "penney column" advertisement in a Charlotte paper, describing himself as an employment agency and guaranteeing work for unemployed. Fee for filing was \$1.

Several sets the dollar, but none got work, or answers to their inquiries, it was learned.

Sain's correspondence was in his personal longhand and was easy to trace, the inspector said.

GET LARGE SUM

North Carolina farmers received \$9,710,780 for cooperation in the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

The Mayor's Objectives

When the Mayor of Rocky Mount took office and made an address over the radio to the citizenship at large outlining his objectives in compliance with his platform declarations, he stated that one of his first objectives would be to enlarge the power plant so as to meet the residential and commercial needs of the city's future growth, and his second objective was that the city would provide more park and play ground space, and he especially mentioned that it would be his purpose to acquire the block of land lying between Cokey Rd. Hill and George Streets and the Lutheran church. The power plant has been provided and there has been some progress in playground activities but the city has made exceedingly small progress in acquiring additional sites. A small piece of ground has been acquired on Western Avenue but no additional land has been acquired on the Eastern side of the town but a lot which was brought by the school board many years back has been cleaned up and two tennis courts have been provided. We do not believe land will ever be cheaper in Rocky Mount than it is now and if the Mayor and Board of Aldermen purpose to secure these park sites it appears to us that now is the best time the Board could proceed in this matter. Out of all the money that has been brought to Rocky Moun from the national treasury, the East side of town has very little to show for it and while there has been much spent on the West side we are constrained to believe that they have very little to show for the amount spent by them. The Mayors term of office expires by limitation next May and unless the city gets busy and acquires this designated park site which he promised and other park sites then this may be one of his pledges that may go unfulfilled and we are counting on it being fulfilled, while it is so full of good suggestions. We read a communication a few days back of Mrs. W. Gray Williams a paragraph of which we copy below:

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The city needs not spent much money on this block. What the city needs is to purchase the block. Certainly the Board of Aldermen who live on the East side of town could not fail to give support to this project for they have not done much along this line so far and the Aldermen from the West side could not fail to support this purchase because of the largeness of expenditures that have already been made on the West side. The old people of the city are interested in this park for a place to sit down and rest and enjoy the breeze. It is close enough so that they can walk, and the nurses with baby carriages can also reach this park—neither would have to rent an automobile.

IF COURTS HAVE NO POWER THEN WE NEED SOME NEW LAWS

We notice from the papers that it was expected that the judge might rule that the state board of Elections and the Courts had no power to go behind the certifications of County Board of Elections. Now if this is the law then we have come to a pretty pass in North Carolina that a county Board of Elections can fix up returns which have been found in many instances to be loaded with fraud and illegal votes many of them dead and gone, moved to other states and then there is no power to correct this in the law or in the courts. If this be the law or in the courts. If this be the law Governor Hoey should immediately call the Legislature again into extra session and have the law amended before the fall election so that we can assure to the electorate of North Carolina some degree of honesty in Elections. Now when it comes to the Burgin and Dean case we are only acquainted with it through statements appearing in the press but from admissions and statements which have not been denied there was certainly illegal voting carried on in that primary and there ought to be sufficient laws to see that we have honest elections. A stolen office is just as bad as stealing a cow. Would the property holders be willing to do away with the law on stealing property? We do not believe the governor should wait.

COOPER HITS AT RAL. GANG

Wilmington Mayor Speaks At Hemp At First Moore County Livestock Show

Hemp, Aug. 27.—Declaring that North Carolina is fast heading toward a Fascist state, Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Mule Dealers Association, told a gathering of 2,000 Moore County farmers today that they must do all in their power to bring the government of the people back to the counties, where it rightfully belongs.

Cooper was the principal speaker at the first annual Moore County Livestock Show. Others on the program were O. J. Coffin, professor of Journalism in the University of North Carolina; C. B. Deane, apparent Democratic nominee, of Rockingham, and John R. Jones, Republican candidate for Congress from the Eighth District; L. B. Allman and J. K. Hoffman of the State College Extension Service, E. H. Garrison, Moore County farm agent presided. Two thousand farmers entered horses, mules, mares, and colts in

Sales Tax Test Case Heads Towards State's High Court

Essay Contest Winner



The winners of the 1938 Essay Contest conducted by the division of Vocational Education, State Department with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., for student of Public Instruction, in cooperation of Vocational Agriculture throughout North Carolina, have been selected after very careful consideration of all essays submitted, announced Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

The subject of the essay was "HOW THE MAJOR CROPS GROWN ON MY FARM ARE FERTILIZED." The essay chosen as best from the 360 submitted from 43 schools in the State was written by Wilburn Merritt, of the Franklin High School, Kerr, North Carolina. The other winners are listed in the order of first, second, third, fourth and fifth prize winners respectively.

District 1
Roy Keith, Fuquay Springs, N. C., 1 15.00; John Lassiter, Conway, N. C., 2 12.50; Jackson Britt, Conway, N. C., 3 10.00; Lewis Styons, Plymouth, N. C., 4 7.50; William Johnson, Conway, N. C., 5 5.00.

Liquor Money Will Help Advertise N. C.

ABC Counties of State Contributing To World's Fair Fund

Wilson, Aug. 29.—North Carolina will be advertised at the World's Fair in New York next year with the partial help of liquor money, it was revealed here at a meeting of the county commissioners Saturday.

Several months ago the commissioners voted to donate \$1,100 to the World's Fair fund as their part in the contribution that the 27 ABC counties of the state are making. The entire contribution amounts to around \$30,000, it is understood.

Saturday at the commissioners meeting here, Commissioner T. H. Woodard explained that Representative W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, chairman of the North Carolina committee to advertise at the World's Fair, had obtained an enabling act passed at the recent special session of the North Carolina legislature, enabling the wet counties to contribute money to the Fair's advertising fund in connection with the North Carolina exhibit.

MILK FLOW UP

Milk production per cow on August 1 was about 4 per cent larger than a year earlier and only 1 per cent less than the peak for August 1 reported in 1929, says John Arey, State College extension dairy man.

Raleigh, Aug. 29.—A Supreme Court test of the validity of North Carolina's three percent retail sales tax appeared assured today when Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell ruled that the community variety store of Winston-Salem must pay the levy.

The variety store is operated by J. Paul Leonard of Statesville, who set up the shop to test the constitutionality of the tax, which nets the state approximately \$11,000,000 annually.

Leonard, secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, said he would pay the tax under protest, and take his case immediately to court.

Maxwell's decision was announced at the conclusion of a two-hour hearing at which the levy was assailed as dictatorial and unconstitutional.

Fred Parrish of Winston-Salem, attorney for the Fair Tax Association, asserted that "even Hitler wouldn't do much worse" than some of the "arbitrary provisions" in the sales tax law.

The association, in a brief filed with Maxwell, also alleged that the tax was unconstitutional because it was legislature. Since 1930, Leonard pointed out, the legislature has refused to reapportion its membership on a population basis, as prescribed by the state constitution.

Maxwell pointed out that this argument, if upheld by the Supreme Court, automatically would void all laws passed by the General Assembly since 1929.

Parrish said the sales tax law allowed merchants to pay the tax themselves, rather than pass it on to the consumers, but made it illegal for merchants to advertise that they would pay the levy.

"That's contradictory to free speech and freedom of the press," he charged. "It's legal for a merchant to oborb the tax, yet it's illegal for him to so advertise."

"In other words, they can send a merchant to jail for advertising he is going to do a perfectly legal thing. Even Hitler wouldn't do much worse than that."

"You're not in jail," Maxwell grinned.

"No, sir," said Parrish, also smiling. "I'm right here."

A provision in the law which fixes the maximum sales tax on any single item at \$15 was termed "purely arbitrary" by the association's attorney. "That maximum helps the big fellow and discriminates against others," he said.

Parrish pointed out that a man who bought four automobiles for \$500 each would have to pay \$60 sales tax, whereas a man who bought one car for \$2,000 would have to pay only \$15.

Funeral Rites For J. R. Whitehead

Funeral services for J. Rufus Whitehead, 78, a long resident of Battleboro, were held Monday afternoon at four o'clock from his home with Reverend Rosser officiating assisted by Reverend Hoyle, both of whom are Missionary Baptist ministers at Battleboro. Interment followed in the Battleboro cemetery.

Mr. Whitehead died Sunday evening at his home after having been in declining health for several years.

He is survived by his widow who was Miss Mamie Wright before her marriage, and two sisters, Mrs. G. F. Jones, of Battleboro, and Mrs. Cobb of Elm City.

Pallbearers for the services included Robert Marriote, H. A. Taylor, Wiley Fisher, L. O. Collins, T. A. Williams, and J. W. Fisher.

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