

So That's The Law!

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LAW MAKERS

Throughout the history of the world there have been 16 men who as law makers and law interpreters have had the greatest influence over the rules which have governed the conduct of civilized man....Perhaps the first of these lived 3200 years before Christ. His name was Menes, a King of ancient Egypt who gave that land its first set of laws....Hammurabi, the King of Babylonia, in 2100 B.C. promulgated a series of laws and regulations, many of which have been adopted by our legal system. This, the oldest collection of laws still in existence, had as its prime purpose, the protection of the weak and poor.... Moses who lived about 1500 years before Christ, created the Mosaic Code containing 613 statutes, most of which are applicable today. Moses is also credited with the ten commandments which are accepted by people of all religions. The laws of Moses stressed the necessity of morality and also that all men, regardless of their wealth and position, were equal before the law. (to be continued)

WHY?

A Pennsylvania statute of 1919 begins thus:
"An act for the better protection of the skunk or pole cat....."

ALCOHOLOMETER

Connecticut police have a new instrument for testing the degree of drunkenness of drivers. It is a portable chemical laboratory into which the subject breathes for a few minutes. The machine registers the precise degree of intoxication. Soon there probably will be home models for wives to use when their husbands come rolling home in the wee hours of the morning, swearing, "I haven't touched a drop."

ON GOOD BEHAVIOR

Richard Whitney, former president of the New York Stock Exchange, will be paroled from Sing Sing prison on August 11th. The erstwhile millionaire had been sentenced on April 11, 1938 to 5 to 10 years for stealing \$214,000 from two customers of his brokerage house. Whitney has a job as manager of a country estate near Boston. The parole board, in granting the parole because of good behavior, said, "We believe that Richard Whitney is a good parole risk and his release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." As a parolee, Whitney may not use strong drink or possess firearms. He may own or drive an automobile or leave the State without permission....At the same time the Department of Justice reports that Moe D. Annenberg, the Philadelphia publisher, who was sentenced to a term of three years for income tax evasion, has been denied parole.

PAN AMERICAN

The President of Chile recently vetoed a law which would have outlawed the Communist party in Chile, on the ground that the law violated fundamental constitutional rights.... Another new Chilean law forbids the showing of motion pictures which cast reflections on the ideologies and methods of the warring nations. Among the pictures banned is "Pastor Hall."

DEATH PENALTY

In the United States today, criminals sentenced to death, usually die by means of either the electric chair, the gallows, or the gas chamber. In Europe, history tells that the death sentence was not quite so merciful. The wheel was used originally in France and Germany. The victim was stretched out on a wheel. Then the executioner with an iron bar broke each arm and leg. Finally a blow with the bar across the chest brought merciful death. Afterwards the wheel with the dead man on it was placed on a tall pole and left for the ravens.... In England, until about 1750, the heads of executed traitors were placed on spikes at city and castle gates.... The executioners used to do a thriving business selling pieces of the gibbet on which a man had been hung. Many superstitious people bought these trophies because of the belief that they would cure all ills.

CROOKS

We have never heard of any legal action in which a husband accused his wife of stealing from him, although we do know of many stories in which the "little woman" rifles his pockets while the poor unsuspecting husband sleeps. The women aren't so soft-hearted however, for there is a case of a wife in New York State who had her husband jailed on a

Modern Policeman, 'Wired for Sound,' Makes Atlantic City Bad Town for Crooks



Lawrence H. Smith, (left), Atlantic City patrolman, who has devised new police radio system. Center, tiny radio set which fits inside case and weighs less than two pounds. Right, police officer with case clipped to his belt and earphone (arrows) which comprise entire equipment.

A MOTORIST parks his car by the curb, returns to discover it is stolen. He telephones the police. Within two minutes—and five miles away—his car is recovered.
A pickpocket, busy in a group waiting at a bus stop, is spotted by a storekeeper who telephones Police Headquarters. The nearest policeman is six blocks distant at the moment, but he races up and nabs the thief within a minute.
The Mayor and some official guests are making a tour of the city, preceded by a motorcycle escort. With no advance knowledge of the route to be taken, the motorcycle squad turns to right or left, in one street and out another, in perfect response to the wishes of the official party.
Radio? Yes, but a new kind. Not automobile radio, or motorcycle radio. It is personal radio—

and really personal. Policemen in Atlantic City, N. J., are wired for sound. And they are setting a record for efficiency that is beginning to attract attention throughout the country.
Police communication in the famous New Jersey resort is so personalized that practically the only way one of the "human radio stations" can be recognized is by the fact that he wears tiny head phones, sometimes only one. Attached to the officer's belt is a small black leather case, so small it could not contain a radio set. Yet that is just what it does contain. A concealed wire connects the Lilliputian set with the head phones.
This personalized system is the product of the genius of a radio-minded Atlantic City patrolman, Lawrence H. Smith. As a wireless enthusiast, he had a vision of a policeman who would be worth ten officers because he would be

constantly in contact with headquarters, whether afoot, in a car, or on a motorcycle.
Smith went to work on the problem and the present system is the result. The set consists of a compact "B" battery, a small flashlight battery, and a tiny 3-tube radio amplifier. Its total weight is less than two pounds.
The sets are worn at present only by motorcycle officers. The next step will be the extension of the system to include patrolmen. If the scheme works half as well as it has to date, Atlantic City is going to be a very tough Summer—or Winter—resort for crooks.
Smith is now sitting up nights trying to figure out ways to make the set still smaller, lighter, more powerful. As to power, the present range is pretty good. Occasional signals have come from all parts of the United States, even as far away as California.

charge of stealing two rings from her. The man was convicted of this so-called crime, but later released because the appellate court ruled: "A husband may not be convicted for larceny from his wife."

WISE MAN

The prisoner was watching attentively while the jury which was to try him was being selected. He saw first one woman accepted, then another, and another. Suddenly he arose and asked:
"Judge, must I have ladies on the jury?"
"Sh! Sh!" whispered his attorney.
"No," shouted the prisoner, "I will not keep quiet. I can't fool my own wife - so what can I do with three strange women? Judge, I'm guilty!"

OLD FASHIONED

In 1898, Tennessee had a law forbidding the sale of cigarettes. A store-keeper named Austin was arrested for selling cigarettes, and fined \$50 and court costs. The conviction was upheld by the higher Tennessee Court which said:
"The Court will take judicial notice of the fact that cigarettes are wholly abnoxious and deleterious to health; that they are always harmful; and therefore they possess no virtue, but are inherently bad and bad only."

EXTREME CRUELTY

Is it "extreme cruelty" to listen to your husband make love to another woman? The answer, according to a Newark Chancery Court, is "Yes." A lady who sued her husband for divorce, testified that she had hidden in the rear trunk of her husband's sedan for five hours and heard him make love to another woman. The Court recommended a divorce.

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Prohibition of "Ardent Spirits" Was A Part of School Rules Published Two Centuries Ago

The 1,000,000 boys and girls who attended school in North Carolina seldom hesitate long enough to take inventory of their modern freedom, liberties and advantages. The rush of school life, study, and parties sweeps onward leaving little time to look into the past to compare today with the long, long string of yesterdays.

Rigid rules were written for the youth of a "few years ago." Today, student self-government is the usual rather than the unusual. There is little doubt but what there are schools which advertise their progressive ideas for having first graders set up their own plan for class control. In many homes boys and girls now have the full privilege of governing themselves.

It is interesting when a person compares the freedom for the youth of today with the "rules" by which they were governed years ago.

In the "Raleigh Register", December 11, 1818, rules for the students of the Hillsborough Academy were printed in order that the parents might know by what regulations the pupils lived. This was one of the many academies of that day; and they may be described as private boarding high schools. There was no public high school system supported by the State. The announcement of the academy's new school year beginning in January, 1819, included this statement: "Every attention will be paid to the discipline, Classical, and Religious instruction of Youth, sent to this Institution."

Seven rules were listed in the Raleigh newspaper. Every student was required to attend both morning and evening worship at the opening and close of the exercise of the day. "No

profane, abusive or indecent language" would be permitted among the pupils.

There was a definite rule against "ardent spirits" unless used "as a medicine." "Severest discipline" was promised all who disobeyed this rule.

Instead of posting a sign "No Loitering", there was a fourth regulation stating that, "No Scholar shall be permitted to lounge about any Store or Tavern, or the public streets, nor play therein". Attending public worship and refraining from study and amusements was required as part of the strict regard for the "Lord's Day."

The concluding statement from the rules specified that should any pupil's conduct "render him an improper and dangerous companion for his fellow students, he shall (after due discipline being exercised) be dismissed from the institution".

Dzudi—Have you noticed that most successful men are bald?
Dinocan—Certainly, they come out on top.

Republicans To Have Big Time At Ocracoke

State and National Leaders To Stage Big Party and Cruise On North Carolina Coast Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9 and 10.

Two big party rallies are facing North Carolina Republicans this year, the first of which will be the big week-end gathering of Young Republicans at Ocracoke Island August 8, 9, and 10, and the second will be a Republican rally to be staged in Charlotte in October. The exact date for the latter has not yet been decided upon.

John Wilkinson, the dynamic young lawyer-leader of North Carolina's Young Republicans, whose home is in Washington, N. C., announces that he will stage the most successful week-end cruise and rally the state has known. It will bring to the state many of the national leaders of the party and at the same time the North Carolina Young Republicans are planning to make it a focal point for getting some dynamics for another campaign.

Representative Dewey Short of Missouri, self-styled "Ozark Mountain Hill-Billy," and one of the most popular figures that has appeared before Tar Heel Republicans, will not only be among the notable guests at Ocracoke Island this week-end, but will make the principal address.

Other distinguished young Republican leaders to be there are Cordon Allott (Colorado) chairman of the Young Republican National Committee; Miss Gypsy Corbin, vice chairman (Des Moines, Iowa); Richard Wiatt, Richmond, Va., executive director of the fourth district of the National Federation; Richard Nowlinson of Chicago, editor of the Republican, national magazine of the senior and junior organizations; Miss Marie Claire Louisell, associate editor; John M. Robinson, Jr., of Kentucky, who is legal counsel for the Kentucky State Central executive committee and son of Republican Congressman John M. Robinson; several members of the senior national committee and officers of the North Carolina Young Republicans and State senior committee, including Jake F. Newell, chairman, and Chas. A. Jonas, National Committeeman. John A. Wilkinson of Washington, N. C., first vice chairman of the National Federation, and president of the North Carolina Young Republican clubs, is in charge of the arrangements.

On the heels of the announcement of the Ocracoke cruise and week-end party comes the announcement from State Chairman Jake Newell, of Charlotte, that a monster Republican rally, of senior and younger groups, will be held in Charlotte some time in October and that Rep. Joe Martin, minority leader in Congress and the National Republican Chairman, will make the principal address.

This rally, Mr. Newell says, will inaugurate a determined drive to cap-

Farm Price Of Cotton Is Not Retail Price Factor

The improved farm prices of cotton in the past several months may not be considered determining factors in the relatively increased prices of finished cotton goods, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

"Rather," Floyd reports, "the increased 'spread' of profit to the cotton manufacturer has been tagged as responsible for the rapid increase in the price of cotton products."

"While the farm price of cotton was moving up three cents a pound between June, 1940, and June, 1941, mill margins for cotton manufacture were moving up 11 cents a pound. Last May, when a consumer bought an ordinary cotton shirt, he paid less than nine cents to the farmer who spent a whole year in producing the cotton that went to make the shirt... even less than the laundry price for washing the garment once."

This year, for the first time in the history of the nation's oldest "money crop" the farmer has a government guaranteed price for cotton under the AAA loan program. The guaranteed price to the farmer, with loans at 85 percent of the parity price, is 13.43 cents a pound for 1941 cotton, Floyd says.

The same labor employed in cotton manufacturing plants produced 110.7 percent more cotton goods in March of this year than for the average month in 1940, Floyd adds.

On the basis of the consumer cost of the finished cotton article in March of this year, the farm price of the lint used would have been 19 cents a pound, whereas, it was actually several cents a pound lower.

"So, it is easy to see," the AAA leader concludes, "that the farm price of cotton is not pushing up the retail cost."

ture congressional seats in the 1942 election. The exact date and more complete details of this rally will be made public later.

POWDER OUTPUT

Production of smokeless powder by Hercules Powder Company is now 10 times that of a year ago, the company announces. Hercules is on or ahead of schedule with each of its many national defense construction and operating contracts.

SISTER KENNY'S TREATMENT FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

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