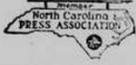


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WHAT WILL THE DAM DO?

Good times never last forever and those business men who realize this truth will, during periods of inflation, make plans for the hard times which must inevitably follow.

Had Twin City merchants sunk away for future rainy days a certain amount each month during the boom days of and following the war period, they would be able to rest on their oars during the depressive times now felt throughout the Nation.

It is possible that within the next six months, local conditions will be immensely improved by the building of the dam. For a period of about two years, we may have a boom business. If, during that period, every merchant and business man will follow a set rule of thrift and economy, with the full knowledge that it is only temporary prosperity, the community will be vastly helped by the dam building.

Should they, however, go "hog wild" as was the rule during our recent years of prosperity, the building of the dam would not be helpful to the community in the years that would follow.

Just as we have good months and dull months during the year, preparing for the latter during the former, so we have prosperous and depressive periods of years. The same rule applies to both so far as preparation for meeting the changes is concerned.

HOW LONG WILL WE HOLD THE COASTAL?

We are in receipt of a blue print showing the Atlantic Coastal Highway as it will appear on the new maps being published by the Association this month.

While the State has taken Route 40 and the Federal Highway from us, it was too late to do anything about the Coastal Highway this year. The road will show on the new maps a straight shoot from Pleasant Hill to Roanoke Rapids, which is what the State maps should have shown in the past.

Our enemies in Raleigh saw to it that a great curve, all out of proportion with the scale of the map, designated what was formerly Route 40 through here.

The Coastal Highway Association says it will stick by us and continue to route traffic this way. Time will tell. Markers will be put up for the Coastal Highway this year, but as we know from past experience, markers can be changed overnight.

OUR FAILING JUDICIARY

One of the leading lawyers of the State, who has given much thought and study to the evident break-down in the judicial system of the country, comes forth with two plans which he feels would aid in elevating our courts to the high plane once held by them and to the level of respect and efficiency now shown by English courts.

In a conversation with the editor along these lines this attorney stated that the present laws of our land are all in favor of the defendant. He believes our law fundamentally correct in assuming the defendant innocent until proven guilty, but he feels the State is not given a fair chance to prove that guilt.

His suggestions are: 1. The defendant should be made to testify. 2. The past criminal record of the defendant should be held competent evidence.

The two propositions are interlocking to a certain extent. As is well known, a defendant is not compelled to testify. Should he have a past record, the chances are a thousand to one he won't testify, and if he does go on the stand, the State is helpless to show the jury and judge what manner of man is being tried.

In short, the most hardened criminal with a court and prison record a mile long, goes on the stand with the same status and protection as the man who has erred only once or who may be innocent of any wrong doing.

The above were only two of several suggestions made both for and against the defendant. The important fact is that lawyers and judges the country over realize the inadequacy of our present court system and are in favor of adjusting and simplifying our penal codes. Disregard and contempt of the law is increasing every day.

DEATH'S BUSY SEASON

In the summer with its increased tourist and other automobile traffic, death prepares to reap its richest harvest. From the homes of the United States must come 30,000 or more to die and a million others to be injured, some crippled for life, during the year, if last year's terrible record is to be equalled.

This senseless slaughter goes on in spite of all the warnings given, and in the face of the appalling waste of life held daily before our eyes.

The pitiful part of this continuous tragedy is that most of these casualties are entirely unnecessary, and might be prevented by the exercise of ordinary common sense. They are due either to an insane desire for speed or an utter disregard for the most elementary rules of safety.

Many of the victims are hapless passengers, whose lives are at the mercy of criminally reckless or incompetent drivers. Some accidents are apparently unavoidable, of course, but in the vast majority of cases they are the result of pure carelessness on the part of both motorists and pedestrians.

And even the most careful driver is often helpless when he encounters a fool on street or highway.

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

It appears that the Senate committee appointed to investigate campaign expenses of senatorial candidates has plenty of work to do this year, with Illinois and Pennsylvania holding the limelight as in recent former years.

In her campaign for the Republican nomination in Illinois Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick has reported expenses amounting to \$252,527. The Pennsylvania contest between Joseph Grundy and James J. Davis was even more so attended by large expenditures. All this in the face of the fact that Smith of Illinois and Vare of Pennsylvania were denied seats because of what the Senate considered a too free use of money in their behalf.

Smith spent \$458,782 and Vare spent \$780,000 but neither approached the primary expenditure of \$1,804,979 by Pepper of Pennsylvania, who failed to even get the nomination. It will be recalled that Newberry of Michigan resigned from the Senate some years ago after being censured for spending \$195,000 to gain his seat.

But Mrs. McCormick's outlay is by no means finished. She must now make her campaign for election in November, her Democratic opponent being former Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

It has not been charged, so far, that Mrs. McCormick made any really improper use of money during her campaign. The action of the investigating committee will probably hinge upon the size and reasonableness of the expenditure, rather than upon the method of making it. That there will be plenty of criticism there is no doubt.

ANOTHER NOBLE EXPERIMENT

The problem of how best to treat criminals is yet a problem. Years ago, criminals were treated worse than animals. History is filled with horrible tales of terrible punishments meted out to those in prison. The reaction came and in recent years, there has been much concerted effort to treat criminals more humanely.

Otto Wood is a notorious criminal who had thrice escaped from State prison. He gave his word that he would be good, was taken from solitary confinement by Governor Gardner, made a trusty. Last week he broke his word and escaped again. The noble experiment had failed.

There is no criticism of the Governor. He was simply experimenting with dangerous ingredients. There has been much babying and coddling of criminals during the past decade. There

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



powerful organizations which are constantly working for better methods in handling our ever-increasing prison population. Some go at the matter with misguided zeal.

We believe the time will come when criminals will be classified so that those who are mentally, physically or spiritually unbalanced will be entirely separated from others who may be cured entirely and fitted for decent and honest lives. Those who cannot be reformed or materially aided should not be allowed to return to society. This rule should apply to repeaters such as Wood.

Walter S. Malden's chief quest on his death was the cancellation of \$125,000 debts owed him by his friends in Sydneyham, England.

F. Anthony White, 84-year-old art collector of London has canceled his proposed wedding to a widow, owing to serious illness.

LAND SALE

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Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee on the 30th day of November, 1918, by Joe Foote and Maria Foote, recorded in book 290, at page 140, Halifax County Public Registry, default having been made in the payment of the debt thereby secured, and at the request of the owner of the note therein secured, I will on Monday, July 28, 1930, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M., in front of the Bank of Littleton, in Littleton, Halifax County, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash the following described piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the State and County above written, and in Littleton township, and more minutely described as follows, to-wit:

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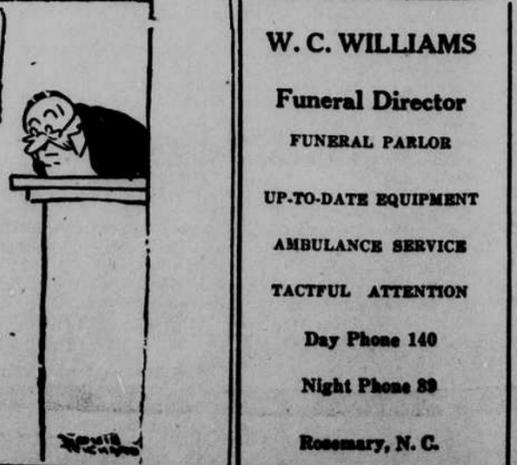
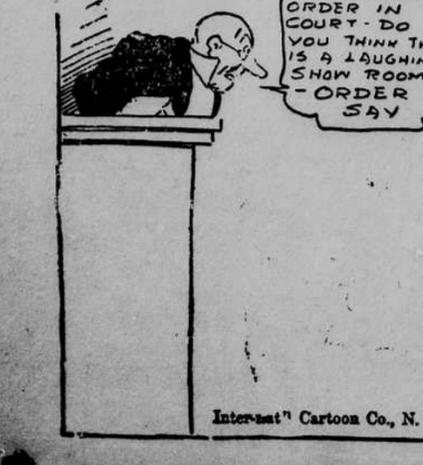
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