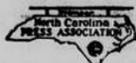


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### COUNTY CONSOLIDATIONS

We call your attention to a news article in this issue regarding a proposition to consolidate counties in North Carolina for the purpose of economy in local government.

While interesting and advantageous from a thrifty viewpoint, there is as much chance of accomplishing this plan as there is of electing a Socialist for President of the United States. Both are possible in a very dim and distant future. Neither is probable in the ken of living man.

Counties are too jealous of their individuality and county seats would fight to the last ditch. The Civil War would be a sham battle compared with this clash of the courthouse gangs.

Take our own county for example. The plan as outlined would consolidate Halifax and Northampton counties and Weldon is selected as the county seat.

Of course, Weldon township would be for it. But lined up "agin" the proposition would be Jackson, present county seat of Northampton, Halifax, our own county seat, Scotland Neck, claiming the new county seat would be too far from home, and Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, with 9,000 population and a great percentage of the taxable wealth, claiming its size as an argument for placing the new courthouse here.

To say nothing of this community and that, each with its own particular argument against the change. And the old boys who cannot stand to see a change of any kind take place.

So we say again that the task is well nigh impossible.

The plan has plenty of merit. But of what use is that in a proposition which would be so unpopular with both the politicians and the voters.

However, it will cause quite a little comment and will provide food for some brand new arguments during the cold winter months where men gather around the open fireplace or the grocery store.

We predict some day that a similar plan will be adopted. The American people boast of their Democratic form of government and will fight an encroachment on their rights to govern themselves. But as a matter of fact, our government is far from a Democracy, especially in local branches.

Given the power and right to use their vote to elect officials and amend constitutions, the average American voter looks upon that privilege as a drudgery to be avoided. Unless his passion is appealed to, less than half the legal voters go to the polls in an ordinary election. That means that the majority is not a majority at all. Usually 25 to 30 per cent of the total number of voters decide what is best for the other 70 to 75 per cent.

Any powerful minority which can get its members to the polls can decide most elections. As long as that be true, we have no Democracy.

If such conditions continue, the American citizen will eventually lose interest entirely and then centralization of power and authority will not only be possible but will be necessary. Small communities will be run by the county, counties will be consolidated, even States may join together for purposes of economy or for other economic reasons.

This is an era of mergers. Why shouldn't it extend to governmental bodies? Industry finds it profitable. True it is not Democratic, but then we are drifting farther and farther from that ideal set of principles so simple and clear in the days of our forefathers.

### A NEW TRAVELERS' GUIDE

The Crusaders, national organization opposed to Prohibition, composed of young men and women who have come of age since Prohibition or who were overseas while the Prohibition fight waged over here, last week published a map showing over one hundred seapeasies in Washington, many of them under the shadow of the National Capitol.

Several months ago, there was much agitation over the nation when a wellknown bootlegger, who had been visiting the Congressional halls regularly, dropped his brief case on the marble floors and broke things. A cry went out to dry up Washington. Prohi agents worked feverishly. "Dry up the Capitol; make it a model city; then the rest of the nation will follow suit," was the slogan.

Then the Senate adjourned, or President Hoover caught a six pound trout, or something of great moment took place and the matter was forgotten.

We suppose this "Traveler's Guide" will pep things up again for a short while. Such is the recent history of Prohibition. A great alarm, raids, gutters filled with confiscated beverages, then—a big silence, while stills pop off workin' overtime, big trucks plow through the night, business goes on as usual.

Just as those seapeasies worm their way into the very entrails of our nation's capitol, so is utter disregard of this nation's laws eating away the very vitals of our national consciousness. Blame it on what you will, we are by name, fame and fact becoming a lawless nation.

### AND STILL ANOTHER

Even as we were writing an editorial last week about the thinning ranks of pioneer citizens still another went to join the ever increasing number who have passed beyond. Charles Edward Beard was buried last Monday afternoon after a sudden death on the previous day. Many will miss his cheerful welcome at the old bulkhead of the Power Company.

### CROSS QUESTIONS

Not a week passes that some salesman, tourist or visitor does not ask the question: "Why don't you have a hotel here?"

We have gotten rather tired of going through the same old explanation: no water or sewerage, no united community to put over a big proposition like this. And we always add; just wait until the towns are consolidated and we will have a hotel for you.

"Well, hurry up and consolidate," is the usual reply. Then we must explain again that it is a matter of legal procedure that must await the legislature, and there are a few people who cannot or will not see the benefits—and when we get there our questioner usually gets disgusted and begins to look for a bus for Weldon or Warrenton.

But sit tight, folks, it won't be long now.

### HOME TALENT

Spurned to greater effort by a recent program put on here by the Enfield Kiwanis Club, the program committee of the local club last week staged an impromptu all-Twin City program. All the participants came from the ranks of the club and none were given advance notice.

Members who had never been on their feet before a crowd grabbed an harmonica to dash off Turkey In The Straw or some such, a barber shep quartet went into another room and came back with Sweet Adeline, one man gave a thrilling description of the landing of the trans-Atlantic flyers in Richmond the day before; another brought down a dancing cake walker he had made for his boy and later blocked traffic on the Avenue when Kiwanians insisted on seeing it some more; and so it went.

It just showed what you can do right here at home for enjoyment and clean entertainment. It was a great program, even if the leader of the quartet did sing "Apple of My Eye" instead of "Idol of My Heart."

## THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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### Trustee's Sale of Land

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of Trust executed to the undersigned Trustee on the 23rd day of May, 1925, by B. C. Hamlet and his wife, Ethel Hamlet, the same being recorded in the Public Registry of Halifax County, North Carolina, in Book 128 at page 169, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and at the request of the owner of said indebtedness, I will, on Saturday the 1st day of November, 1930 between the hours of 12 . and 1 P. M., in front of the Postoffice in the settlement known as Hollister in Halifax County, North Carolina, expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described piece or parcel of land:

Lying and being in the state above written, partly in Brinkleyville township, Halifax County, and partly in Fishing Creek township, Warren County, and more minutely described as follows: Containing Forty (40) acres, be the same more or less, and being lot No. 10 as shown on plat of the division of the S. W. Hamlet property, which said plat is recorded in the public registry of Warren County, N. C., and is hereby referred to; said lot No. 10 being known as the Saul Copeland place, bounded on the West by the lands of G. M. Hamlet and lot No. 9 of said division; on the north by the Arcola-Brinkleyville public road and White Rock Church lot; on the east by said White Rock Church lot and the lands of G. M. Hamlet and Robbins Branch; on the south by the lands of Porter and others, being described by metes and bounds as follows: Begin at a point in G. M. Hamlet's line at three sweet gums on branch, and run S. 36 W. 84 feet to a maple on branch; thence N. 61 W. 305 feet to a stone in spring, (the above courses being along the line of G. M. Hamlet); thence along the line of the said G. M. Hamlet N. 6-30 W 625 feet to an iron rail, corner of cemetery; thence along cemetery lot N. 1-2 W. 466 feet to the public road leading from Arcola to Brinkleyville; thence along said public road N. 67 1-2 E. 618 feet to a stone in school house area; thence along school house area, S. 2 W 210 feet to a stone; thence along school house area N. 85 1-2 E. 219 feet to a stone; thence S. 2 1-2 W. 1150 feet along G. M. Hamlet's line to a stone; thence along Robbins Branch, its various courses along the line of G. M. Hamlet, 1631 feet to a stone; thence along the Porter line S. 62 1-2 W. to Lot No. 9, above referred to; thence along said lot No. 9 N. 57-30 E. 462 feet to an

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