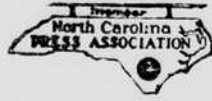


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# EDITORIAL

## COUNTY BOARD AFRAID OF WHIPPING POST

Why the Halifax County Board of Commissioners failed to approve the "Whipping Post" resolution in their petitions to the State Legislature is beyond us. Of all those presented to it by the so-called "representative citizens meeting", it was the most sensible. Being such, we suppose, was responsible for its failure to be included.

With thousands of useless and assinine laws on the statute books, it seems a never-failing habit for a group of disgruntled citizens to get together as every legislature convenes and think up a lot more to clutter up things. We are being lawed to death and our County Board of Commissioners, amiable gentlemen, are always anxious to please and give official sanction to any law proposed by at least a half dozen voters.

Every legislator in the General Assembly has two suitcases. One is for clothing, etc., the other is for the scores of bills pushed at him by a few of his constituents.

A lot of these, of course, are harmless, rendered so by their own inanity. But many of them are dangerous, not always per se, but because of the precedent they set and the injustice they foster. Practically all of them are for some selfish purpose, inaugurated for the benefit of a small group to the detriment of society as a whole. They are written without proper preparation or investigation; many of them are vague, not a few ridiculous.

Ten new laws or changes were petitioned by the County Board. That means one thousand new laws on the statute books will be asked for by County Board of Commissioners of the State.

Among those, some progressive and unafraid Board will ask for the return of the whipping post. It will have our support if for no other reason than that we have wholesome respect for any proposed law which is rejected by a Board of County Commissioners.

## THE GARDNER DEFICIT

The famous Gardner administration is over. Now that the smoke of publicity is fading away, let's take inventory and see actually what kind of shape O. Max left us in.

Several months ago he wrote an article for the Saturday Evening Post about what he had done. To hear Max tell it to the world you would think North Carolina was sitting on top of the world. North Carolina was in fine shape, said the Governor.

Yet it is said that the very week the article appeared, the N. C. Governor was in New York City 'down on his knees' before New York bankers begging for credit for his state.

So well ballyhooded was Mr. Gardner that Iowa invited him to appear before its legislature and tell them how he did it. Did what? Why, ran up the biggest deficit the State has ever faced.

That's what the record shows. The deficit of the State of North Carolina today is twelve and a half million dollars. That is not State debt, as we know it; that is operating deficit.

Georgia has nine million deficit, Tennessee eight, Arkansas and Mississippi two each, Louisiana two and a half. North Carolina has twelve and a half. Put that in your Saturday Evening Post.

Yet Virginia has no deficit and money in the bank; but Virginia has no O. Max Gardner to get her name in the Post. So Virginia must be content with the money in the bank.

There was a lot of publicity about the Gardner "Live-at-Home" program, as if it were something new. England has had a Buy British campaign for years. The ancients preached Trade at Home. And it all was a lot of baloney so far as

This Debt Repudiation Has Gotta' Stop

—By Albert T. Reid

WAIT A MINUTE, FELLOW!—  
NOW YOU JUS' TRY TO  
FROG ON WHAT YOU  
OWE ME AND IT'S  
FINISH FOR YOU!

HE OWES 'AT GUY  
TEN CENTS AND  
HE'S TRYING TO  
GIT OUT OF IT.



the average citizen was concerned.

They talk about the lowering of taxes under the Gardner regime. Taxes were never lowered. They were simply shifted and when that process failed the people were just not taxed. It was left to the deficit to take up the difference. In other words, we have those taxes yet to pay someday, someday.

The Gardner administration did one constructive thing. It relieved unemployment among the members of the Gardner machine. Every kind of political job imaginable was created.

And, of course, congestion in the prisons was relieved by the pardoning and paroling of many bankers.

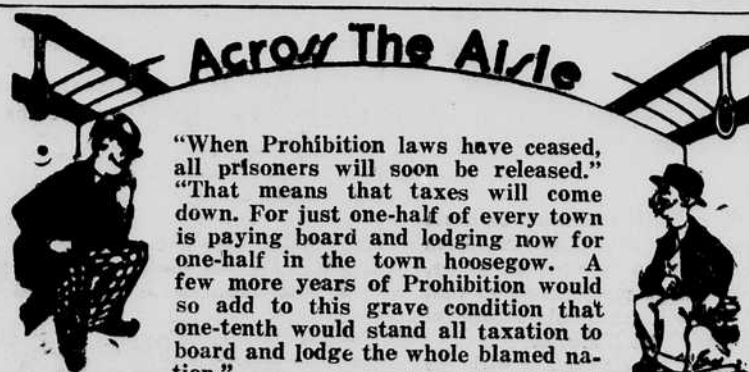
Thousands of school people in the State will agree with us when we say that the schools have been cruelly mistreated by the Gardner administration. While school costs were being cut, other governmental functions actually show an increase in expenditure. The last thing in the State which should have been cut was the first and only.

And under Gardner the State had its worst dose of lobbyming on record: 141 days of it in 1931, the most disgraceful session in a decade.

The huge vote for Fountain was indicative of how thousands of voters felt about the past administration.

To our way of thinking, the Gardner administration was one grand flop and the people of North Carolina are well rid of its leader. He still has control of the State political machinery and the sooner North Carolina breaks that hold the better off it will be.

Whenever you hear anyone boast of this past administration, just remind them of that huge and inexcusable deficit. It will take us a generation to get out from under it. Notwithstanding his Saturday Evening Post article, the ex-Governor has just about bankrupted North Carolina.



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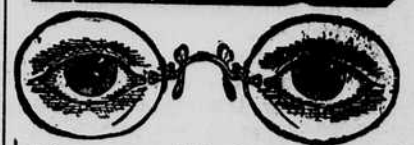
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