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"Should the 18th amendment be repealed there is nothing to prevent a barroom at every filling station," quoth prominent Carolina prohibitionist. Which may or may not be by way of discrediting the statutory name-sake of Zeb Vance Turlington.

TO FIGHT THE SALES TAX With the organization of a Fair Tax Association for Watauga County last Friday evening, the campaign to get rid of the three per cent retail sales tax is definitely under way in this section. The purpose of the organization is to use its influence in securing nominees for the Legislature next year who are emphatically opposed to the tax, and from comment one hears over the country, it would be indeed hard to find a man seeking legislative honors who would express himself for the levy. The folks back home don't want sales taxes, and the thing to do is to present a clear-cut fiscal program which would make its repeal possible. Then the way will be made manifestly clearer for its abolition.

HOW IT STANDS The possibility that the Eighteenth Amendment will go out of the Constitution with the November elections grew strongly Saturday as Texas joined in the repeal parade registering a majority thereof of more than 110,000. Tuesday the State of Washington became the twenty-fourth State to approve the 21st, or repealing amendment and rounded out two-thirds of the necessary 36 states. The repeal movement has progressed with such rapidity that many who are interested in keeping touch with the elections as they occur, have become confused. For the benefit of these it is of value to publish a schedule of the elections which have been arranged. Next Tuesday Vermont registers its will toward the noble experiment, Maine goes to the polls September 11, Colorado, September 12; Maryland, September 12; Minnesota, September 12; Idaho, September 19; New Mexico, September 19; Virginia, October 3; Florida, October 10; North Carolina, November 7; Ohio, November 7; Pennsylvania, November 7; South Carolina, November 7; Utah, November 7; Kentucky (tentatively), November 7. Thus 39 states shall have acted when the results of the voting on November 7th are announced, or three more than necessary should repeal keep up its 100 per cent stride. Little doubt is expressed that this will happen. The Eighteenth Amendment, however, does not go out when thirty-six have voted against it, but must wait a brief period for formal convention ratification. When the convention, three dozen of them, shall have acted the Federal prohibition statute is dead, it not being necessary to await the formal proclamation of the Secretary of State. Then the prohibition problem will have been shifted to the states, which will be to prohibit or not prohibit, according to the wishes of the people.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

WORRIES We all know that worry shortens life. It is said to encourage the heart disease—man's chief enemy today. Worry don't get one anywhere; it never pays dividends. It is the contented mind that yields the golden profits. I knew a man who was constipated—I should put the word in capital letters; he declared that "dynamite" would not set his eliminator in motion. He took everything he could hear of with only meager results—the condition grew steadily worse. Finally he felt that he could work no longer; he went to a justly famous western clinic—submitted to the most searching examination, X-ray and most critical blood-tests. There was NOTHING physically wrong with this man; the doctors told him so. "What," he almost yelled, "do you tell me there's nothing wrong with me? I who haven't had a decent bowel movement in years of time? Here I've come hundreds of miles, to be told this; I KNOW BETTER. The neurologist took him in charge. "How many times to you get angry in a day?" the doctor asked. "How many? I'm angry right now. Who wouldn't be?" "Look here," said the specialist. "There's nothing organically wrong with you; your organs are absolutely normal. You stop all your secretions with your nasty temper! Now you go home, and stop that system of grouch. Go to the toilet every morning at 7

The Master Executive

By BRUCE BARTON

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of the Man Nobody Knows

NUMBING GRIP OF ANCIENT CREEDS

Ask any ten people what Jesus meant by his "Father's business," and nine of them will answer "preaching." To interpret the words in this narrow sense is to lose the real significance of his life. It was not to preach that he came into the world; not to teach; nor to heal. These are all departments of his Father's business, but the business itself is far larger, more inclusive. If human life has any significance it is this—that God has set going here an experiment to which all His resources are committed. He seeks to develop human beings, superior to circumstance, victorious over Fate. No single kind of human talent or effort can be spared if the experiment is to succeed. The race must be fed and clothed and housed and transported, as well as preached to and taught and healed. Thus all business is his Father's business. All work is worship; all useful service prayer. And whoever works wholeheartedly at any worthy calling, is a co-worker with the Almighty in the great enterprise which He has initiated but which He can never finish without the help of men. It is one thing to talk about success, and quite another thing to win it. Jesus spoke of crowns and died on a cross. He talked of his kingdom and ended his days amid the jeers and taunts of his enemies. He was in all points tempted like as we

ars," says the Epistle of the Hebrews. We have read it often, heard it read oftener, but we have never believed it, of course. . . . The conception of his character which Theology has given us makes any such idea impossible. He was born differently from the rest of us, Theology insists. He did not belong among us at all, but came down from Heaven, on a brief visit, spent a few years reproving men for their mistakes, died and went back to Heaven again. A hollow bit of stage-play. What chance for temptation in such a career? How can an actor go wrong when his whole part is written and learned in advance? It is frightfully hard to free the mind from the numbing grip of ancient creeds. But let us make the effort. Let us touch once more the high spots in this finest, most exalted success story, considering now the perils and crises of success. He was not at all sure where he was going when he laid down his tools and turned his back on the carpenter shop—unless we can believe this, his struggle ceases to be "in all points" like our own; for each of us has to venture on life as on to an uncharted sea. Something inside him carried him forward—the something which has whispered to so many small town boys that there is a place for them in the world which lies beyond the hills.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

On November the 7th, 1933, the people of North Carolina are called upon to vote on the question of repealing the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The General Assembly of North Carolina submitted this question to the people of our state in the form of a Convention or No Convention to which delegates are to be elected upon the basis of representation of each county in the lower House of the General Assembly. These delegates to be voted for at the same time the question of Convention or No Convention is voted on. Thus there are two ballots to be voted in each of the counties, and each delegate so elected must cast his vote in the convention in accordance with the vote by which he or she was elected. There will be one hundred and twenty (120) delegates in the Convention, each county being represented as it is represented in the House of Representatives; some counties such as Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Guilford and Wake will have three (3) delegates each. A number of counties will have two (2) delegates and each county will have at least one (1) delegate. These delegates will be elected on a ticket either "For Repeal" or "Against Repeal," in other words if a county votes against repeal its delegate or delegates in the Convention will vote to sustain the 18th Amendment and to keep it a part of the Constitution. If a county votes for repeal its delegates will vote to take the 18th Amendment out of the Federal Constitution. Any elector holding an official position either State or Federal, can offer for delegate, holding office is no bar to being a delegate in the Convention; any person desiring to be a candidate for delegate shall file notice thirty (30) days before the election with the County Board of Elections, declaring he or she is "For the Repeal of the 18th Amendment," or "Against the Repeal of the Amendment," supported by a written petition signed by qualified voters of the county equal in number to two per cent. (2%) of the total vote cast for Governor in said county in the gubernatorial election of 1932. Those offering for delegates either "For Repeal" or "Against Repeal" shall be selected by the County Board of Elections, (when there are more offering for delegate than the county is entitled to in the Convention) the person having the largest number of signers on the petition in counties having one (1) delegate and the persons who have the greatest number of signers in counties entitled to more than one (1) delegate shall be the delegate or delegates in either case, to be voted for in said election. There will be but one (1) registration day, that to be on the 24th day of October, on which day persons who have moved from one precinct to another are entitled to register. No absentee ballots will be permitted. The County Board of Elections shall

choose and select one (1) judge of election known to favor "Repeal of the 18th Amendment" and one (1) judge who is not in favor of the Repeal of the 18th Amendment. No markers or assistants are allowed in said election. Any voter physically unable to enter a booth or to mark a ballot may be assisted in entering such booth and in marking the ballot by the election official upon whom the voter calls for assistance. The election shall be held under the general election laws of the State of North Carolina, except in the provisions enumerated above. The election will be secret as is provided under the laws of North Carolina. The State Board of Elections will supply the ballots for "Convention and No Convention" and each county board of elections will supply the ballots for delegates to the voters of their several counties. If a majority of votes cast in said election shall be "No Convention" then there shall be no convention, if the voters are to the contrary then the Convention shall meet. The pay of the delegates shall be the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) each and the mileage to and from Raleigh. The Convention should not sit more than one (1) day and cannot perform any act but to vote upon the "Repeal of the 18th Amendment." There will be no new registration, these electors who are entitled to register by reason or age can register. WALTER MURPHY, Raleigh, N. C.

THE ORGAN GRINDER

Beneath my window in the street The organ grinder stood, And by his side on agile feet A monkey, worried yet discreet, Caught change as best he could. Their racket tortured the still air, And one recoiled from man and beast. But both of them were debonnaire, Bowing so politely there. A willing pair at least. And then an old tune caught my ear, It carried me to times long past. Quite suddenly I felt a tear— And sensed a loved one's presence near. Till music ceased at last. The fancy faded, while below, The monkey seemed fatigued and sad. The man had paused, and turned to go. How much it was I do not know, I tossed them all I had. —VELMA H. SEELY, One Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Nine trench silos will be completed in Moore county in time for storing silage corn for winter feed, reports E. H. Garrison, county agent.

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The Per' us Climb Is On

By Albert T. Reid



Mr. and Mrs. Leander Norris Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The following article, taken from a recent edition of the Benton County Record and Democrat, Bentonville, Ark., will be of interest to the many friends and relatives of the prominent couple in Watauga: Mr. and Mrs. Leander Norris very pleasantly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 29th, when about one hundred and fifty of the friends went to their home with well-filled baskets for the event. The affair was planned as a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Norris. Mr. Norris and Mrs. Norris, who before her marriage was Miss Maggie Floyd, a teacher in the North Carolina schools, were wedded July 22nd, 1883, in Boone, North Carolina. They emigrated to Benton County in December of that year, to make their home. For 37 years they have resided on their home place, seven miles south of Bentonville. He is well known in the political and agricultural life of the county, serving two different terms as county judge, and has been a successful farmer for many years. Mr. Norris is 74 years old, a striking figure of well-preserved manhood, who carries himself with a dignified bearing. Mrs. Norris is 71 years old, a charming woman who personifies the traditions of Southern womanhood. They are both natives of North Carolina and are highly respected and greatly loved by their neighbors and many friends. They have no children, but have greatly enriched the lives of the boys and girls of their community by their interest and example. "Aunt Norris" as Mrs. Norris is known to so many, has endeared herself by ties as strong as blood.

A feature of the dinner was the beautiful and delicious wedding cake, baked by Mrs. R. P. Rife, a life-long friend of the Norris. It was appropriately decorated with wedding bells, including the dates 1883-1933. Rev. A. Bradshaw, of the Vaughn Presbyterian Church, acted as master of ceremonies, and in his clever, capable manner, added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Rev. Ira Bridenthal, of Gentry, pastor of the M. E. Church South at Osage, of which Mr. and Mrs. Norris are members, gave the invocation and benediction.

The dinner program included readings by Mrs. Lester Drake, of Bentonville and Miss Mae Floyd Sinex, Tampa, Iowa; vocal selections by Miss Dorothy Roginson of Ballplain, Iowa; group song and a short talk by B. S. Beach, of Rogers, a resident for years of the Osage community until he retired from his farm life. Special mention was made of the older folk present. Mr. Norris, with real forensic ability, gave a brief address, extending his and Mrs. Norris' thanks and appreciation for the dinner and honor showed to them.

The surprise dinner was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Norris, Gene is a nephew of Judge Norris, and he and his family moved to Bentonville a few years ago from North Carolina also. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinex and daughter, May Floyd, of Tama, Iowa, came for the anniversary. Mr. Sinex is a nephew of Mrs. Norris, and he and his brother Francis, spent a large part of their childhood and early boyhood in the Norris home. Francis Sinex and family of Indianapolis, were unable to attend the celebration, but Mr. Sinex talked over long-distance telephone Saturday evening, July 22, with his aunt, offering his felicitations.

Geodetic Survey at Work in Watauga

(Blowing Rocket) The two large poles, striped black and white and surmounted by black and white flags, which have made their appearance in Mayview and on the main road near the Rock during the last few days, are observation posts set up by the U. S. Coastal and Geodetic Survey. The Forest Service of the Government is conducting a survey of several large tracts of land on which the Government holds options. The primary purpose is to obtain the exact bearing of the proposed boundaries. The survey necessitates surveys will be made than any heretofore attempted. Observation towers have been erected, besides the two in Blowing Rock, on the third peak of Grandfather, visible from the left of the profile as seen from the village; and Rocky Knob, below the Blowing Rock, and on Billy's Knob and Sand Mountain, in the John's River Gorge, and on Hibriten, near Lenoir. Signaling by means of mirrors from one of these points to another, the government men are at work on triangulation. By means of a series of triangles, cutting across the area in which the tracts of land are located, they can check the bearings of the country. Two small mirrors are placed in front of each observation pole where the men are working. When the sun is shining, the mirrors act as heliostats, devices for locating points not visible on the transit, with the naked eye. They serve also as heliographs, devices for signaling by means of the sun. Through a color, the men on two peaks in communication signal when they are through work, and any other necessary information. There are seven men in the party, which is under the direction of M. A. Mattoon, of Asheville, who is in charge of all forest work in this section, including the C. C. C. T. A. Cox is at the head of the party. Other members are two transmitters, McRae and Tolson, who have each a pair of rodmen, Choate and Van Hoy and Moore and Watt. In addition, two local axmen are allowed the transit and their assistants, to aid in locating the observation points through the wilderness. The rough-cut traveling they have done, they say, is on top of the Grandfather Mountain.

The Coastal and Geodetic Survey men have no connection with the Civilian Conservation Corps, two camps of which are located in the John's River Gorge, except that both are under the direction of the U. S. Forest Service. Both branches of the service have in common, however, the study of reforestation, soil erosion and flood control.

Members of the party expressed surprise at learning that the top of the Grandfather Mountain, whose remaining timber is now being cut, does not belong to the Grandfather division of the Pisgah National Forest, which lies on its lower slopes. The two camps of the C. C. C., at Globe and Mortimer, at the foot of the mountain, are at work on flood control and the checking of soil erosion, and reforestation. The mountain itself, however, contains the headsprings of John's River and the other streams in this section and these headsprings are suffering from the destruction of timber.

Various local opinions have been expressed in regard to the presence of the black and white poles and the engineers in the village. One theory has been that the men were at work to settle a local boundary dispute.

Flower Show at Rock Proves Great Success

Blowing Rock.—In connection with the Carnival last Friday a very interesting and beautiful flower show was held. Mrs. H. C. Martin as chairman directed the display. No prizes were given but ribbons were awarded as follows: 1. Best single specimen dahlia; 1st, Mrs. W. A. Merchant; 2nd, Mrs. H. C. Martin. 2. Best basket of dahlias, arranged for effect; 1st, Mrs. Paul Gragg; 2nd, Mrs. H. C. Martin. 3. Best basket of pon-pon or single dahlias, arranged for effect; 1st, yellow and red pon-pon, Mrs. Holshouser; 2nd, mixed pon-pon, Mrs. Holshouser. 4. Best general display and variety; 1st, Mrs. Merchant; 2nd, Mrs. Holshouser. 5. Best centerpiece of dahlias; 1st, Red pon-pons, Mrs. Holshouser; 2nd, white pon-pons, Mrs. Holshouser. 6. Best vase of dahlias for effect; 1st, Mrs. Merchant; 2nd, Mrs. Merchant, dark red dahlias. 7. Best basket of mixed flowers, arranged for effect; 1st, tricomas and gladiolus; Doris Cannon; 2nd, calendulas and ragged robins, Lena C. Reeves. 8. Heat collection of gladiolus; 1st, Mary Catherine Thompson; 2nd, Mrs. Letcher Benfield. 9. Best three gladiolus; 1st, Mary C. Thompson. 10. Most artistic arrangement of gladiolus; 1st, Mrs. Ed Underdown. Honorable mention was given to a centerpiece arranged by Mrs. Snyder, a basket of mixed dahlias by Miss Gathcart, specimen dahlias entered by Herbert Stewart, pastel gladiolus entered by Mrs. Riles. Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Duna and Mrs. Stacy served as judges. Mrs. William A. Merchant showed a beautiful dahlia that was propagated in her gardens at Kallalanta in 1925. This dahlia was tried out in the gardens of the American Dahlia Association at Storrs, Conn., in 1932. It was registered and named Kallalanta and received 86 points for color, shape and size of foliage. The plant is seven feet tall.

SQUARE DANCE FRIDAY

A square dance will be held Friday in the Green Park Hotel Casino by the Blowing Rock Junior Community Club. All members of the summer colony and hotel guests are cordially invited. There will be mountain music by outstanding local musicians, and doughnuts and cider will be on sale, the former through the courtesy of the Green Park Hotel, the cider the gift of Flat Top Manor. Proceeds of the square dance will start a fund to build a children's playground in Blowing Rock, one of the projects of the Junior Community Club.

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