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LIQUOR AGAIN

Right-thinking people throughout the state of North Carolina, regardless of their personal beliefs in regard to the treatment of the demon rum, deeply regret that the Legislature is again to occupy itself in an obvious effort to legalize that which the people as a whole do not want.

The gubernatorial commission has recommended a county system of liquor stores, with the state acting in a supervisory capacity and collecting a share of the profits. It is a serious question as to whether an operation of such magnitude should be administered by the inferior units of government. Rather it would seem that legalization of whiskey should come only after the people of the entire state should have had a free and untrammelled expression of their sentiments at the polls.

The writer was one of those who subscribed to the belief that the people of the state in 1933 wanted liquor legalized and thus placed in the category of taxables. The people voted a continuance of prohibition by a thundering majority of 185,000. Regardless of what the legislature may do or want to do in the premises, the overwhelming majority of the people want a strict state prohibitory law. That is just exactly what they should have. The right of the majority to govern is of the essence of the democratic governmental structure.

THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

The problem of how the traffic is to be handled in this city appears to be one which is to put civic enterprise and ingenuity to their gravest test. In the block from Depot street to Smithy's store, where the street is very narrow, the congestion on Saturdays is so great that a motorist should feel relieved when he has negotiated the stretch and finds himself on the open road outside the city.

The problem is more complicated due to the fact that delivery vans unload their cargoes at the front of the buildings rather than at the rear, sometimes having traffic almost completely blocked for a considerable space of time. Automobiles are often bumped into other cars, as drivers, heedless of the crowded condition, jump their cars from a parking spot into the lane of traffic.

Incidentally, where possible, vans requiring any considerable

length of time for unloading should be required to deposit their merchandise from the rear of the buildings, this being possible in most cases, and there should be strenuous effort to provide a space-conserving and systematic means of parking cars, preferably with a parking limit in the most congested area.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE

The body of Charles Mattson, 10 year-old son of a Seattle physician, has been found, frozen stiff in the snowy wilds of his home state, following a chase for the kidnapers of the child who tore him from his father's fireside at Christmas-time.

The G-men, more than two score of them, are working day and night following every slight clue and judging by past experience, those who tortured the little boy, broke his front teeth out and finally bashed in his skull will be brought to the bar of justice.

Every time deponent comes around to the point of believing that the abolition of capital punishment would be the better part of wisdom, something of this sort happens, and the Biblical quotation, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth", forces itself into our consciousness, and we are tutted to wonder why science has bothered itself to devise humane methods of escorting such dastards from out the sphere of human activity.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CO-OPERATION

Both farmers and merchants benefit from mutual understanding and co-operation. Lack of this understanding and co-operation encourages antipathy and avarice. An article in the Progressive Farmer suggests the establishment of community improvement organizations, composed of both city and farm residents, to analyze the shortcomings in community welfare and provide for remedying them.

While teaching in a small rural school recently I sat in a small store and watched a merchant render real service to the farmer patrons. He ordered the best available poultry feeds for them. He bought their eggs by reference to daily market quotations furnished by the state marketing service.

In some towns local citizens have formed helpful committees for marketing farm produce. Some have contacted distant markets and shipped by consignment to reputable wholesale dealers. Others have effected similar results through competitive bidding in auction sales, members of the board of trade bidding in competition with purchasers from other places.

In conclusion, it appears that the white-collared town resident and the overland farmer should consider first and last the welfare of the whole community, rural and urban. Does your community possess this kind of business man? Does your town provide all possible advantages and conveniences for farmer customers? For one thing, many towns do not have suitable facilities for metal construction and repair or suitable woodworking establishments for farm implements and devices.

OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

DREADFUL CONDITIONS MADE BY REPEAL AND LIQUOR

"Prohibition is a failure," cried the wets in 1933. The remedy sought was the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, which was secured, and that would stop the moonshiners and bootleggers in their tracks, and cure us of all hypocrisy, and put a new spirit and millions of dollars into the public treasuries. Has the remedy sought and secured fulfilled the solemn promises of the wets and those who voted for repeal? What do the facts which have resulted following the repeal, say? The facts show that all the promises the wets made have failed; and that the repeal and only hypocrites were and are the wets; but who, enlightened by the spirit of truth and observation, ever thought of the wets otherwise?

The secretary of the treasury makes no secret of the fact that repeal has not stopped the moonshiner and the bootlegger. He says that in four months preceding repeal federal agents captured 2,165 illicit stills and four months following repeal 700 agents seized 2,400 such stills. And he says further, "Seizure in recent weeks have continued at even a higher rate" and that "in four weeks 700 agents seized 788 stills." And he asks for 2,000 agents to extinguish the moonshiners and bootleggers, who were to vanish like the dew before the hot morning sun when repeal should be accomplished.

The facts show that it costs more to enforce repeal than to enforce prohibition and to clean up moonshiners and bootleggers. And the failure to clean up the moonshiners and bootleggers is not the worst of it. Notwithstanding the political platform promises and the solemnly repeated pledges of the wet leaders that the saloon should never come back, it is here with all its attendant evils and debauchery and destruction, and they have increased from 177,000 before prohibition to 500,000 since repeal.

The American Automobile association made a report that a "wave of recklessness was sweeping the nation's highways," and a lot of us know that there has been a great increase in traffic accidents and deaths on the highways, and a big per cent is caused by drunkenness. The governor of Massachusetts said a short time ago, "The time is not far distant when it won't be safe for any one to venture on our streets after the cocktail hour."

Repeal has failed to solve old problems and has created new ones. The conditions now existing caused by repeal were predicted by the moral Christian men and women of this country, and they are now alarmingly dangerous and will grow worse till the problem is taken from the wets and prohibition is restored and enforced as it can be with honest officials, and it is the duty of every true citizen to save North Carolina from the damnable curse.

J. A. McKAUGHAN, Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 9, 1937.

Little Journeys In Palestine

By J. C. CANIFE

After landing at Haifa, we go immediately to our hotel on the rim of Mt. Carmel overlooking the Mediterranean sea. As soon as we unloaded our baggage we started for a walk to the top of Mt. Carmel. I spied a raven, the same kind that fed Elijah. It is twice as large as our crows, but flies as graceful as our buzzard.

The guide showed us the karob tree which produces the fruit called husks. Likely what the prodigal ate to keep him from starvation. I have a sample with me now. Mt. Carmel is known mostly for the famous duel in prayer between Ahab's gods of Baal and the true God of Israel. And also for Elijah's great prayer for rain. Elijah was the hero in this mighty drama. Standing on Mt. Carmel one can see the great sea to the west, the plain of Esdraelon to the south, the Jordan valley to the east. The railway connecting Haifa and Damascus with Mecca crosses this plain and enters the Jordan valley near Beisan.

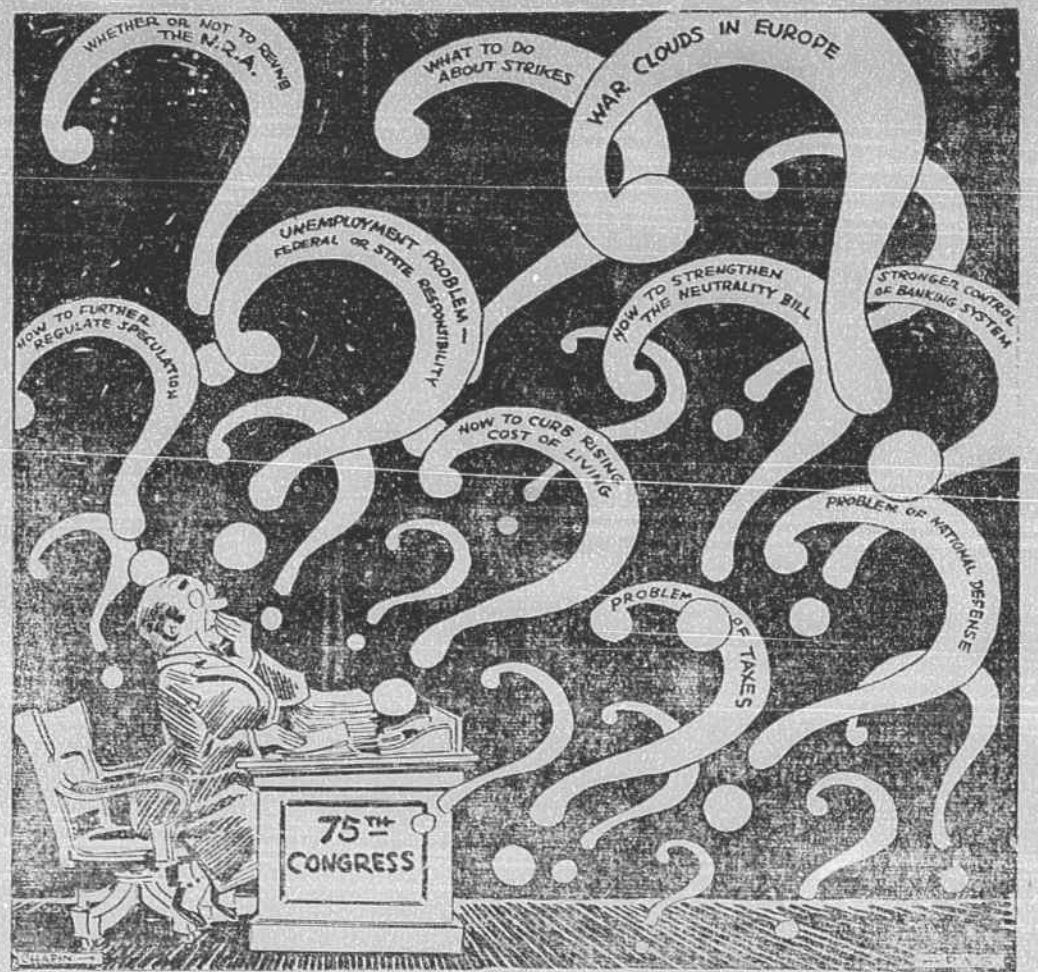
We spent a long time on the top of Mt. Carmel viewing the surrounding country, rehearsing the Biblical background and meditating on the joy of the privilege to be there. I lingered behind the crowd and bowed behind a great rock to pray to Elijah's God. God blessed my heart and gave me the assurance that He still heard and answered prayer as He did when Elijah prayed here for rain thirty-five hundred years ago. James 5:17-18.

FAVORITE RECIPES

What is your favorite recipe? Win prizes in the recipe contest conducted by the Baltimore Sunday American. You'll find the Baltimore American on sale at all news stands.

HIS NIGHTMAARE

By A. B. Chapin



Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

No judge should pass upon the guilt or innocence of a person until both sides of the evidence are heard. "Cupid's arrow" hit King Edward "a-thousand."

Neither David nor his son, Solomon, was ever persecuted half so much as has been King Edward.

Surely no woman should be deemed unworthy to wear the "crown" of the queen of a great nation until she has divorced at least three husbands.

The Roman "pater" (father) alone chose a wife for his son. England goes a step further—she wants the consent of the whole of the family.

Since Mrs. Simpson has fled to France, it seems that she and the king (now leaving Windsor) are playing "hide-and-seek."

If a ruler doesn't want his rights to fairly abridged, he shouldn't say too much about the "slow-and-out" and the "forgetful man."

Great Britain is determined to be mistress of the matrimonial as well as of the commercial sea.

Probably Mr. Simpson didn't know until he lost her just what a coveted prize he did possess.

Stanley Baldwin and a few others have "brayed" the "bray" heard 'round the world.

If a woman wants to be pursued, let her prove her adeptness for side-tracking husbands.

Compared with that of King Edward and Mrs. Simpson, the romance of Anthony and Cleopatra will fade into "obscure-forgetfulness."

Proven that a king may "bare his breast" to a cannon ball, but he will quail before a woman.

According to the stones that have been cast by the "royal" blood of England, the inference is clear that this royal blood is "uncontaminated," and that its possessors are as chaste as a medieval monk, and as loyal as a nun in a modern convent.

If one "abdicated" monarch and one divorcee can bring the hierarchy of a nation to its knees, it is to be hoped that the whole nation shall receive the "second blessing."

One indisputable fact—Greater love hath no man than that he lose both his head and his crown for a woman.

The man who jeopardizes his own life and the lives of other folks by violating the speed laws should be branded, at least, a crazy moron.

It is better to use a small gun and hit a small target than to use a big gun and hit nothing.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my deep appreciation to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and burial of my grandfather, Tillman Adams. The kindness of Mrs. Hann Ragao is particularly appreciated. JOSEPH MOODY.

REVIEWS OF PICTURES

If you want to read about the Hollywood previews, see how movies are made and enjoy the gossip of the screen's favorites, read the GREEN SPOTLIGHT, a bright new section which comes every week with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Get your copy from your favorite news dealer.

LIONISM

By HERMAN WILCOX, Chairman Finance Committee.

PURPOSE OF LIONS CLUBS

One of the primary purposes of a Lions club is to create and foster a spirit of fellowship and good feeling among the members and people of the town and surrounding territory through a study of their problems and a better understanding of the needs of the individuals from the standpoint of business and professional ethics. The members of the Boone Lions club are made up of 36 of the leading business and professional men of Boone and they all feel the need of a closer fellowship and a more thorough understanding of their community and county. They are interested in and will seek to promote the theory and practice of good citizenship and good government. Through the facilities of an organization such as the Lions club, they feel that they have a better opportunity to do these things than would be possible through individual effort.

It is the policy of the Lions clubs throughout the state and country to sponsor various movements and educational projects that will make for the betterment of the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community. The Boone Lions club is making a preliminary survey of the number and condition of the blind people in Watauga county. Dr. Robert R. King is in charge of the work and after a definite knowledge of the condition is found, it is the purpose of the club to aid these unfortunate in having some of the comforts of life. This is only one example of what the club hopes to do toward building a better feeling of fellowship and happiness for the people of our community and county.

The club meets twice each month on the first and third Tuesday nights. Our first regular meeting was held on the first Tuesday night of January. An interesting entertaining and educational program was given and as each member ate a hearty meal in the midst of his friends and fellow business and professional associates, he felt that he knew him better and was able to give better service to his people by reason of his having had such an association together.

WADE E. BROWN.

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ENJOYS CAMELS THE WHOLE DAY THROUGH

WORLD'S CHAMPION SPEED SKATER, Kit Klein, says: "I like to enjoy Camels the whole day through. I rely on Camels for digestion's sake—enjoy them while I'm eating and afterwards."



TED HUSING, ace sports announcer, says: "Mine's a hectic life—but my digestion keeps running smoothly. I enjoy Camels with my meals and after. Camels are mild—better for steady smoking."

FOR DIGESTION'S SAKE... SMOKE CAMELS