

**OPEN FORUM**

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

**DEPOSES ACTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON LIQUOR QUESTION**

Editor Democrat:  
Being an advocate of the policy set forth by the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, will you publish the following from this body as a matter of information to the reading constituency of your paper? The citizenship of our state should read and ponder the following:

"The 17 counties that have liquor stores have sold thus far about five million dollars of liquor. They have sent about four millions from the state to foreign liquor barons and kept less than one million to cover expenses and paper profits. The poverty, the drunks, the debauched, the maimed, the orphaned, the insane, the crime and other human wreckage caused by this nefarious business are left for the counties and the state at large to handle. For a small margin of paper profits, these counties are acting as agents of foreign distilleries in this business of draining millions from our people and in debauching our citizens."

Let us ask ourselves the question, Can we afford to fill the coffers of the liquor dealers at the expense of our boys and girls? Dare we barter with the drink devil and receive in exchange a debauched and cheated citizenship?

Will you publish another excerpt from The Drys of North Carolina so that the reading constituency of your paper may read and know the facts?

"The wets in the general assembly have refused to allow the county commissioners of a county, in their discretion, to say whether wine and beer can be sold in their counties. They have refused to give any county the privilege of voting out beer and wines, and even with alcoholic content up to 21%. The result is that these saloons have saturated our counties with liquor and drunkenness is everywhere; and, in the last 15 months, 8,718 motorists have had their licenses revoked for drunken driving. These are only the ones that have been caught. Many other thousands of drunken drivers have

not been caught or punished. Then these wets say to the drys, prohibition cannot be enforced when they themselves are responsible for the liquor saloons all over the state selling, day, night and Sunday, too. Now, to add to all this, the wets want additional liquor sold through these misnomer liquor control stores. The wet judiciary committee No. 1 of the house came near smothering the bone-dry Hutchins' bill that provided for a state-wide referendum; and on a minority report, the wets defeated the Hutchins bill by a vote of 58 to 56. Then the wet liquor bill was railroaded through the house, without even the members having a chance to read it."

Please tell us, is this democracy? Is this the voice of the people of this great state when in 1933 we rolled up a majority against the repeal of prohibition of 184,439. Dare we ignore the voice of the people which in its true significance, is the voice of God? No, a thousand times no! Fathers, mothers, citizens of our great state, we beg you in God's name, vote and work to sustain and uphold prohibition, for the sake of the dear boys and girls of our state. We see too much of the bleary-eyed, bloated-nose victims now; but wait until the hydroheaded monster lifts his hell-saturated head in every county, town and village in our beloved state, then there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, if per chance there are any teeth left to gnash with.

God speed the day when we awaken to a true consciousness of our Christian duty and care for the weak brother.

J. ALONZO YOUNT,  
Boone, N. C.

**I FAVOR NEW LAWS**

Editor Democrat:  
I note in last week's Democrat that there has been a bill introduced in the North Carolina legislature which would provide a pension for a man who was injured in a railroad wreck in the year 1906. But what I started out to say was this: If nobody has any objections and it is not out of order or too late, I would like to offer an amendment to the bill so as to have it include me, too. I was engineer on a railroad and on one Sunday morning about six o'clock in November, 1906, I heard some kind of commotion and looked out ahead and there was another engine trying to climb right up on the smoke box of my engine. This looked to me like mighty bad manners, and after we had rolled down the

mountain a few poles I felt about to see if anything was wrong. I found my engine was standing on one end, all reared back on a pile of cars. I had one arm and one leg broken, my head busted and I was scared mighty nigh to death; and outside of this, everything seemed to be in very good shape. Of course this amendment I offer may not pass or it might be vetoed. However, I won't be in any worse shape than I was then.

W. M. COOK,  
Boone, N. C.

**TO TOBACCO GROWERS**

Mr. Editor:  
Just want to say a few words in regard to new tobacco raisers, as there are lots of people tell me they want to raise some tobacco this year that have never raised any before. I would suggest that you should not try more than half an acre the first time as there is quite a lot to know about raising tobacco and I had rather pay you more for one-half acre of good tobacco than one acre of sorry. Good tobacco is just like anything good, it will bring you a fancy price when the market is good. Have your plants as early as possible, sow White Burley. Pick out the rich patch and make it richer with manure, lime and don't forget to use the right fertilizer. See me this fall and I will give you a good price for your tobacco.

L. A. HENSON,  
Vilas, N. C.

**MISS AMASON ADDED TO STAFF OF LEES-McRAE**

Banner Elk, March 3. Miss Elighfore Amason, of Dole, Ga., has been added to the staff of Lees-McRae College here as instructor of weaving in the crafts department. She succeeds Miss Ruth Morgan, of Penland.

Miss Amason received her diploma from Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga., in January, 1936. Since that time she has been assisting in the weaving department there. She has had experience and training in the craft which she will teach at Lees-McRae.

In starting the new pasture this season do not forget that limestone and phosphate are essential to success, say extension dairymen.

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It is entitled Agronomy Information Circular No. 104, "Investigations on the Mechanical Application for Crops Obtained in Other States." Free copies of the publication may be obtained from C. B. Williams, head of the agronomy department, N. C. State College, Raleigh.



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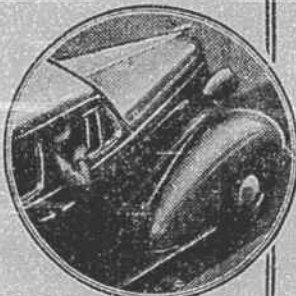
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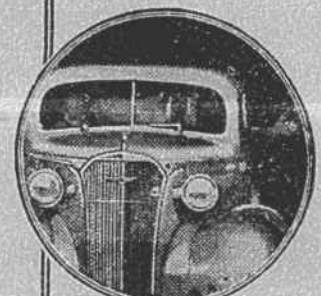
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