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A GREAT DRY VICTORY

The dry forces, in the impressive lead amassed over the liquor store advocates in Mecklenburg, have done themselves proud, and in the definite removal of the populous county from the ranks of those which had been calculated to advocate the legal sale of spirituous liquors, it is felt that the so-called wet tide is about to be stemmed.

Added to this, is the dry victory in Alleghany county, a territory which had been noted throughout history for its wet balloting, and the 19-vote wet majority in Wayne, which had been conceded as an overwhelmingly damp county, further hearten the dry forces of the state, and bear out The Democrat's oft-expressed conviction that the legislature acted contrary to public opinion in foisting upon the people the nefarious local option liquor law.

Indications are that there is little danger of liquor stores being opened anywhere in the Piedmont or Western section of the state, and personal opinion is that the developing resentment over the wringing wet legislation of the past winter, will precipitate the return of strict legal aridity within the space of a very few years. The masses of the people in a state-wide way are still dry, and their desires will prevail sooner or later.

Little Journeys In Palestine

By J. C. CANIPE

We made several interesting side trips out of Jerusalem. One of these trips took us southeast to Jericho, the Jordan River, and the Dead Sea. On our way over we stopped at Bethany, on the south slope of the Mount of Olives. Here we visited the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarath. We found things quite different, of course, from their day. When we arrived at the home, a little, old, dirty woman poked her head out of the door, surrounded by dirt and half clad children. Still our hearts rejoiced to be there where Jesus came to rest so often. We also went to the grave where Lazarath was buried, and where Jesus raised him from the dead.

Moving on down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, we stopped at the Good Samaritan Inn, made famous by the great story of Jesus. Dropping on down, we arrived in Jericho, now an old dilapidated village but once a great fortress in Old Testament days, when Joshua captured it on his way to the Promised Land. Jesus frequently passed through Jericho. There is a wide plain of several miles from Jericho to the Jordan River, being very hot and dry because it is below sea level. We traversed the distance in a short while, arriving at the Jordan at the traditional place where Jesus was baptized. Here the Jordan is more than one hundred feet wide and ranges in depth from two to twenty feet. The current is swift and the water muddy. We took a boat ride on the Jordan at this place. The banks are lined with beautiful willows. We stood on Jordan's banks and sang "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I stand," with great emotion in our heart. We then moved on down the Jordan to its mouth at the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea, being some fifteen miles wide and fifty miles long, is one of the unique spots on the face of the earth. It is 1,229 feet below sea level and is so salty that nothing lives in its waters. Many of our company went bathing in the sea. The water is so briny that one cannot sink. I took mine out in merely sticking my hand in the water and picking up a rock which I have here at home with me now. The sea is so low and enclosed by such high mountains that the heat is oppressive. This was a

great day and we returned to Jerusalem from the Dead Sea after the sun went down. The climb from Jericho up to Jerusalem is like coming from Patterson up to Blowing Rock. The one difference, however, is there are no trees on the mountains but desolate bareness. Next week we will tell you about our trip to Bethlehem and Hebron.

Bruce Barton Says . . .

Let's Look at the Record!

An ardent young scientist completed a series of experiments only to find that the result he sought to achieve simply could not be produced. Imagine his mental distress when he learned that the identical experiments had been carried through in another university some years before. If he had known about this previous attempt he could have saved two years' hard work.

He said: "There ought to be a careful record of the failures as well as the successes in scientific research. Some institution should maintain a graveyard where the young scientist could go and find a record of every research that has proved no good."

If this would be a good thing in science it would be even more useful in business—and in statesmanship. In business we seem to learn so little from the past. We go through the same circle of optimism, expansion, inflation, collapse, depression, and despair.

There is hardly a single detail of the economic experience of the past seven years that cannot be matched in the record of every description since the industrial system began. Yet the human mind refuses dumbly to remember. Each fresh burst of prosperity is hailed as a "New Era," and each bust is regarded as something unprecedented and irreparable.

So with statesmanship. If you read the history of the Roman Emperor Diocletian you will learn that practically all the measures of modern government were tried out in his day—with results that are sad to remember.

France tried most of them after the collapse of the Mississippi Bubble, and England hurried them onto the statute books when the South Sea company collapsed.

All this information is in the Congressional Library, but unfortunately our law makers seldom visit the library.

They should be compelled to spend at least a day a month in it, and there should be a permanent committee of congress called "The Committee on Things that Sound Good but Won't Work."

I'll Tell You How to Write

Emerson in his diary says: "I have heard that the engineers in locomotives grow nervously vigilant with every year on the road, until the employment is intolerable to them; and, I think, writing is more and more a terror to old scribes."

A famous American novelist was asked: "Does writing novels get easier as you get older?" He looked horror-struck. "Easier," he moaned, "easier! Every Look is a lift and death struggle, and whenever I have finished one I say to myself: 'That is the last. I'm too old. I never can do it again.'" But he keeps on with the battle, and his books are still best sellers.

Irvin Cobb remarked that writing is a job which no human being will undertake unless driven to it by dire necessity. He says, a writer never writes for fun. Most old scribes agree that the hardest part of writing is getting started. If one will sit down doggedly, put a sheet of paper in the typewriter and begin to write anything, even a letter to the home folks, it starts the blood moving through the brain and work can go forward. But the writer who walks around the room, picks up the newspaper or fusses with any distraction, is lost.

There are some days, of course, when you just can't write, and there is no use to try. The only thing to do then is to put on your hat and go out and get your hair cut, or sneak off to the circus. Tomorrow the words will come.

WORK ON NEW DEMOCRAT BUILDING PROGRESSING

Excavation for the new home of the Watauga Democrat, next door to the present structure, is practically complete, materials are being delivered, and prospects are that actual construction will get under way within the next few days. The building will include the site of the "Carolina store," is designed particularly for the newspaper business and will be modernly appointed. Business offices will be established in the front and the mechanical department will be in the rear section of the building. Present plans call for two stories and a basement, the front to be a combination of native stone and brick.

Baltimore, Md.—Oysters have two supplementary hearts, according to A. E. Hopkins of the U. S. bureau of fisheries. All three beat at different rates.

Williams Bay, Wisconsin—The world's largest refractor telescope is located at the Yerkes Observatory here. It is 62 feet long and has a 40-inch lense.

Seguin, Maine—Seguin won the title for foggiest section of the country in 1907 when 2,734 hours of fog were recorded—30 per cent of the entire year.

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Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

Modern Code of Morals . . . if one can't kill all the snakes in his yard, he shouldn't kill any of them.

A duck takes his troubles beneath the water, while the eagle takes his above it.

There can be only one type of man who regrets that he does not do his duty . . . that's the one who doesn't do it.

It is reasonable to suppose that if a white woman has her hair kinked and call it a "permanent," that a colored woman has hers straightened, that she will call it a "temporary."

Apparently, some men go blind to keep from seeing something to do. If some men ever receive grace at all, it is like veneering . . . a very thin coat.

Until Newton's law of gravitation is reversed, one can make small headway falling up-hill.

No one should blame the minority for wanting recognition.

If heaven is what we say it is, should we not mend our pace to get there?

It is feared that wherever liquor is voted into a county that it will be necessary to build more jails and county homes.

A modern substitute for the Bible and holding family devotions—a deck of cards and "bridge party."

By no means does the mere singing in the choir on Sunday morn' always atone for what may have happened the night before.

Though one runs hard and reaches high to win a prize, the prize is usually worth it.

When one sits down to strike, it looks like the last mile post has been reached.

Hard to outgrow . . . an environment which is surrounded by beer, bottle-in-bond, and slot machines.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

BLOOD BALANCE

Nothing should be appreciated more than perfect circulation of the blood in the body; and, very many times we physicians, meet with variations from normal, which may be called "imbalance," or engorgements here and there, which may vary from congestions to actual dilations of the vessels—organic disease.

People with big abdomens are sufferers in varying degrees, from blood imbalance. There are a great many veins that traverse the abdominal wall and visceral content situated there. Anything that may cause "rush of blood" to these blood vessels, produces immediate and very evident effect on structures elsewhere. A big meal is an example—overcoming, intense determination of blood to the stomach and bowel, depleting the brain for the time being, causing dizziness, cloudy vision, staggering gait, stupor, with heavy feeling throughout the already over-fleshed abdomen. The symptoms may amount to a temporary helplessness, a not very enjoyable feeling in elderly persons.

I believe without accurate figures, that one-fourth of the blood volume may flow in a great tidal wave to a ponderous abdomen, from overexertion, overeating, etc.; and, that this condition reacts heavily upon the heart and brain; of course the veins of such an abdomen become much dilated from the constant sagging, making possible, if I may use the term, "abdominal apoplexy."

Methods of correction are slow, discouraging and are seldom persisted in to get the relief possible. Carefully practiced exercises are productive of results. Of course free daily evacuation of the bowel must be maintained. Here it is that starches in the diet must be cut down to a minimum. Indeed, the diet must be just what is needed and no more. In chronic cases patients who are short of breath and puff with slight muscular exertion, may wear a well-fitted bandage to support the sagging, indolent abdomen.

AGLE AGAIN HEADS LEES-McRAE ALUMNI

Banner Elk, May 31—Robert Agle, of Boone, was re-elected president of the Lees-McRae Alumni association here today. Edgar Greene, of Sugar Grove, was named first vice president; Dorothy Pritchett, Banner Elk, second vice president; Dorothy Harris, Banner Elk, secretary-treasurer. The alumni of Lees-McRae convened for a business meeting at the college immediately after the annual alumni luncheon, which was attended by alumni, college seniors and faculty. Agle was toastmaster at the luncheon.

Miss Fannie K. Taylor, of Lees-McRae, will continue to act as alumni secretary of the college.

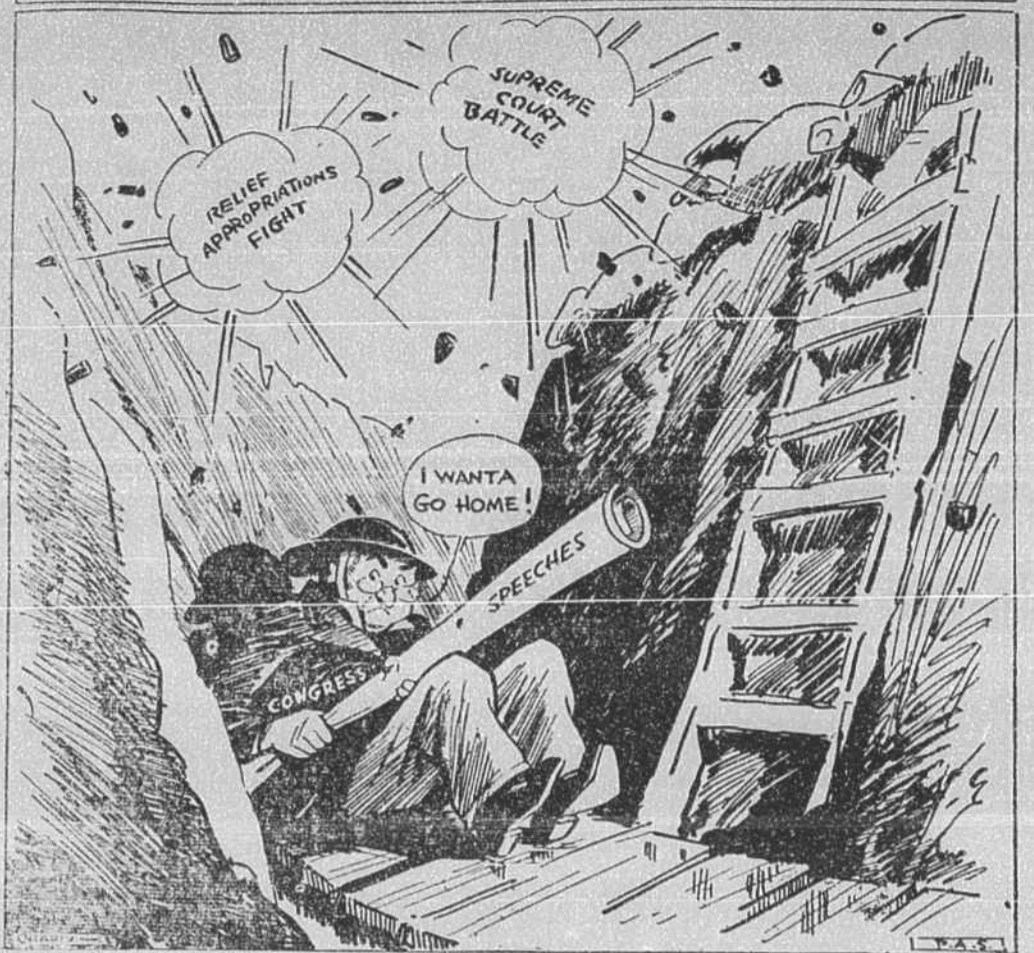
DEDICATED TO THE 1937 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The golf course lies so near the mill that almost every day. The working children can look out. And see the men at play. —Sarah Cleghorne.

STEVENS INFANT DIES

Nancy Ann Stevens, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stevens, died Thursday. Funeral services and interment were at Oak Grove Baptist church on Friday morning.

On Our Own War Front — by A. B. CHAPIN



Four Questions On Liquor Law Are Answered

Greensboro, June 1.—Answers to four questions which have been in doubt concerning possession of whiskey under the new Hanford act have been received by Judge E. Earle Rives, of Greensboro's municipal court from the office of Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell.

The questions had been raised in municipal court here and Judge Rives asked opinions from the attorney general.

The questions with the answers by the attorney general's office follows: Q.—"How much tax paid liquor may a man possess in his own home?"

A.—"There is no limit placed upon the amount of tax paid liquor a man may possess in his own home. However if he has in his possession more than one gallon, he is held to the responsibility of showing that he does not have it for the purpose of sale."

Q.—"How much tax paid liquor may a man have in his office or place of business?"

A.—"The answer is the same as regards liquor in his home."

Q.—"If four persons are returning from a so-called wet county in one car, may each of them bring four quarts of whiskey into a dry county?"

A.—"The answer to this question was 'yes' provided each person is the bonafide owner of not more than one gallon of liquor and provided it is in sealed containers and not for sale."

Q.—"Is the Turlington act still in force and effect in dry counties where the Hanford act does not specifically conflict with or amend the Turlington act?"

A.—"Yes."

Wellington, N. Z.—The largest single flower in the world grows on the Rafflesia plant and sometimes reaches a diameter of three feet.

NEW WAY TO KILL GERMS An absorbing article disclosing facts about invisible waves so powerful that they literally shake bacteria to pieces. One of many interesting illustrated stories in the June 6 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. On sale at all news stands.

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