



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

Today — "The Condemned Man Went To The Chair Calmly," say the headlines. If that is true, which I doubt, then the condemned man is the only calm person at an execution. There may be an outward enforced stolidness among the participants and spectators, but no one is calm inwardly. They know it's wrong, in their heart the men who carry out an execution know it's wrong. But the law has spoken and must be obeyed. The law — an archaic barbarism from the past that demands an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. And carrying an underlying, unspoken desire for revenge. Is justice served when a man is dispassionately and cold-bloodedly killed in the name of this law? As long as a civilized society allows this un-humane, cruel and ineffective



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law to deal with its criminal problems, there is something radically wrong with society. We are the real criminals, the real murderers—we who kill under the sadistic and protective cloak of an out-moded law. Street scene: Lady parks her car leaving her dog inside. Dog doesn't like being left alone, so he kicks up a ruckus and accidentally (or intentionally?) leans against the horn . . . Dogs are smarter than you think. Yesterday — The Bowie knife, a 14-inch, 2-edged knife, introduced by Jim Bowie, and named after him, had its place among the fighting weapons of the Old West, along with the rifle and the holstered Colt. In the hands of an expert knife fighter—of which Jim Bowie undisputedly was—it became a deadly and vicious weapon, equally effective for offensive or defensive fighting. The technique of handling a Bowie knife was thrust and parry, similar to fencing or fighting with a sword. And, in truth, many a duel was fought on the Western

frontier with a Bowie knife that equalled any rapier or sword clashing encounters of earlier periods. Jim Bowie was killed in the famous battle of the Alamo, where the whole garrison, including Davy Crockett, were wiped out by the Mexican general, Santa Anna. But before he died, Bowie, wielding his famous and deadly knife, gave a good account of himself. Tomorrow — Dr. Helmut Landsberg, director of the U. S. Weather Bureau's Climatological Service, says: "This has been an upside-down winter." That is a point on which he and I agree . . . And then there is the weatherman who advances the theory that our severe weather this winter was caused by sunspots. He states that we have had approximately 40 years of comparatively mild winters, and predicts a 40-year cycle of colder weather for the future . . . If that is true, I'm moving to the Caribbean, the Hawaiian Islands or some place in the tropics where it stays warm the whole year round.

Past Master's Night Observed By Masons

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., observed past master's night at its meeting Thursday night when past masters filled the various stations and places. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of a past master's jewel to William W. Adams, immediate past master, the presentation being made by Daniel Reeves, present master. Walter M. Wilkins was also honored by being presented a certificate of life membership in recognition for the interest and work he has done for the lodge. H. A. Campen, Richard P. Baer and Louis E. Francis will also be presented life membership certificates.

William Shaw Rotary Speaker

William Shaw, president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Rocky Mount, was the principal speaker at last week's Rotary meeting when he used as his subject "Tight Money." Mr. Shaw very ably explained the monetary situation not only locally, but on a world-wide basis. He said in connection with the recent merger of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company with the Bank

of Edenton, "We are very optimistic and accept fully the responsibility and our part in the growth and stability of this section." He said there is enough money now in the local bank to care for all the loans desired in Edenton.

Mr. Shaw during his remarks pointed out the decrease generally in the amount of money in savings accounts in banks.

Jack Overman and Dallas Stallings, two members of the senior class, attended the meeting as junior Rotarians.

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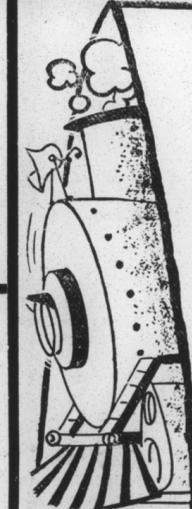
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