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The death of Sheriff James L. Turner of Lee county serves to again remind law-abiding people of the great risk undertaken by law enforcement officers when they encounter lawbreakers in their dens. Here was an officer who was brave enough and with sufficient honesty of purpose to enter the lair of an outlaw, a bad man who prided his reputation as such. Seeking to protect their reticent traffic against the interference of the arm of the law, the liquor makers shot—and they shot to kill. While officers of lesser courage should not and will not be tolerated, yet when one loses his life in the discharge of his duties in the trust reposed in him, the example is worthy of high praise. A monument should be erected to the memory of Sheriff Turner, marking the resting place of the mortal remains of a man who surrendered his life in the cause of law enforcement. North Carolina and the nation owes him respect, equality, perhaps, with Lee county. Whether the cause of crime be liquor or something else, every righteous sympathy will be with the law enforcement officer. It must be a hardened soul in a man who would seek to kill one of these brave officers. Rich heritage is left to Lee county by the noble example of James L. Turner in faithful performance of duty.

The editor of The News has been asked as to whether this paper could endorse Editor Beasley's sentiments expressed in the article published in The News last week from the Monroe Enquirer, "Organizing Altruism." The editor of The News concurs only in part. Some people who have been placed in charge of solicitation for worthy causes have so abused the privilege that it is no wonder these arise a cry against it. We do not believe Editor Beasley would counsel apathy toward a worthy cause—any more than the editor of The News would. But the minds of thoughtful people will very readily locate the trouble. People who are not fitted for, and should never be entrusted with, soliciting funds for worthy purposes are given free rein, with the result that when propositions are put before the public in a rightful way, the same public is found to be indifferent. That's where the harm is done. That the public is imposed upon, no sound-thinking person will deny. That it is daily growing more difficult to successfully put across any worthy project, is perfectly apparent. If there is any position the unfitness person should be kept away from, it is in the officialdom of benevolence. Charity begins at home, and the home should not be misrepresented.

If Dr. Oscar Hayward should decide to make the race for Governor on his "Purity" platform, he will find, probably to his surprise, that he will gain little support. And this will be not because there are few people in North Carolina who have been in purity. But the purifying process cannot begin in the halls of the General Assembly, be spoken through the medium of law, and become popular. Efforts to enforce rules of decorum by law will never amount to anything. It is better to start where the impurity starts—it is useless to start elsewhere. Dr. Hayward's ideas are very good indeed. But he is misguided in his efforts to seek reformation by law of something that can be better regulated otherwise.

If it is not too late, we hereby express our sympathy for Brother Peterson of the Chatham Record in the loss of his printing outfit by fire. It is our hope that Brother Peterson may be able to gain possession of a much better outfit than the one he lost. He is making arrangements for the continued publication of his paper. You cannot keep a good man down. Long may the banner of the Record wave, and may Brother Peterson be the one to wave it.

Comes again the season of forest fires, and the destruction caused by these fires leaves such an ugly, demoralizing effect upon the landscape that one is caused to wonder why it is that stringent measure are not adopted to prevent it. More caution on the part of those who pass through wooded areas will help in

lessening the fire waste. But in our opinion the Board of County Commissioners of Harnett, which county has such large acreage in wooded lands, might do well to seek further protection to forests than that which we now enjoy. If we may not see the woods destroyed for purposes of agriculture and home-building, let's keep the forests.

The News renews its motion to form a County Chamber of Commerce. Harnett needs more industries. The best way to induce enterprises to locate here is by concerted effort. Strangers will not want to come in unless they find us pulling together. If we are not pulling together, strangers will gain the impression that they will not receive cordial welcome and cooperation when they come. Let somebody start the movement. Such organizations are accomplishing great good in other counties. The same might be done in Harnett. It can be done. Let's start it.

IDIOTIC RED TAPE

Among all the idiotic and exasperating red tape regulations devised by government bureaucrats in Washington, those dealing with loans to war veterans must bear of the palm. In order to negotiate a loan of 8 per cent of the face value of his adjusted service certificate, the veteran and the lending bank are required to execute numerous forms, affidavits and notifications. To enumerate all of these senseless requirements would take the equivalent of two full newspaper columns of space. When it is understood that at the present time no loan which may be made exceeds \$70 or \$80, as an average, the simplicity of the required procedure is more plainly evident. The regulations might well be entitled: "Regulations to effectually hamper veterans in securing loans provided by law."

TAXING BACHELORS

Approval of Premier Mussolini's plan to tax bachelors has been given by the Italian Council of Ministers. The proceeds of the tax to go to the fund for indigent women and orphans. The number of bachelors who will be affected by the tax is estimated at 3,000,000, which includes all between the ages of 25 and 65. From the age of 25 to 45 the tax increases with the age, while from 45 to 65 it gradually decreases. The plan is not new, having been employed in ancient Rome, in Sparta, Sicily, France and possibly elsewhere in the past. From a practical standpoint, the greater income tax exemption granted to married men in the United States is a sort of indirect tax on bachelors. Looking at the matter from an unbiased viewpoint, it appears that such a tax is justified. If the race is to be preserved, the women of the world must be provided for. In a certain sense, the man who goes through life as a bachelor is a shacker. If he is unwilling to face the responsibilities of marriage, he ought to pay for his immunity.

IF THEY WOULD READ

Often one hears an uneducated man bewail his lot, complaining that he never had a chance to acquire an education. Usually such a man is one who actually labors no more than eight hours a day. He overlooks the fact that he could easily devote three or four hours daily to profitable reading and study, where by he might overcome the handicap of which he complains. Too many get the idea that unless they acquire an education in early life they must remain in ignorance. It is not when one begins to learn, but when one stops, that counts. The trouble with the man or woman who goes through life in ignorance is usually nothing but sheer laziness. Think of Lincoln, getting an education at night from borrowed books, studied by the light from a fireplace. Or of Andrew Johnson, who only learned to read after he was married, and received an elementary education through his wife's instruction. Yet both rose to the office of President of the United States.

How great the opportunities of even the humblest today, in comparison with those of Lincoln and Johnson! Books, magazines and newspapers are within the reach of all. Machinery has given everyone greater leisure for self-improvement, if such is really desired. No one need remain ignorant unless he deliberately chooses to remain so.

RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE

More than four-fifths of the rural population of the Nation are without library service and 1,100, or 37 per cent of all counties in the United States, have no public libraries within their boundaries, according to a study recently published by the American Library Association. Other results of this study show that there are over seven and one-half million negroes in the Southern States without library facilities, and seven States without organized State library extension work. It is generally known that many people living in the open country and small villages lack the advantages

of public libraries enjoyed by residents of cities. The extent to which this is true was not known until the study mentioned above was made. However, it is encouraging to know that various agencies—public and private—are attempting to bring library service to rural people. Such efforts have resulted in the establishment of efficient library facilities for many rural communities; but the efforts of these agencies often lack coordination. Ardent work is done in some communities; others are overlooked. Uniform library service for all the people of a State is most easily accomplished when all the library agencies within a State either consolidate or coordinate their efforts.

SCHOOL TAXES AND THE SMALL TAXPAYER

Approxos of the present interest in increasing costs of schools and corresponding increase in taxation for their support, a study recently made in a certain county is of interest. This study indicates that of 1,149 taxpayers in the county studied, 514 or nearly 45 per cent of the total number, pay an average annual total tax of \$12.50. No taxpayer paid more than \$25. While the study does not show what percentage of this total amount paid in county taxes is paid into the school fund, it is evident that a large percentage goes for other than school purposes. The study reveals, as do similar studies, that as a rule the burden of school taxation does not fall heavily on small taxpayers considering the value received by the majority of such taxpayers from their schools in the education of their children. Money spent for school support is really an investment in the future and should be so considered. However, when viewed in the light of an expense, the burden is as a rule so widely distributed as not to fall heavily on any taxpayer, particularly the one of relatively small means. More than any other enterprise the support of public education is a cooperative undertaking.

POISONING ALCOHOL

Quite a stir is being made concerning the government's policy of placing poisonous substances in industrial alcohol to make it unfit for beverage purposes. Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon League defends the practice on the theory that those who violate the Volstead law by drinking the stuff ought to be poisoned. Several senators and representatives take the position that officials responsible for the use of poison should be subject to charges of homicide. Secretary Mellon has ordered that the use of poison be stopped and General Andrews stated that efforts were being made to find a substance which would make alcohol too offensive to drink, but without deadly effects. Regardless of the legal or moral principles involved, there can be no disputing the fact that the safe plan for the ultimate consumer is not to consume any at all.

POSTCARD RATES

It appears that the ridiculousness of the present rate on private post cards has at last dawned upon the minds of Congressmen, as a bill has been passed by the House restoring the rate of one cent to these cards, and it is likely that similar action will be taken by the Senate. Under the present law, which has been in effect nearly two years, the government will furnish ready-stamped postal cards and transmit them at the rate of one cent each, but if a private individual furnishes his own card, he must pay two cents for its transmission in the mails. As might have been anticipated by anyone with a modicum of brains, the present law has greatly curtailed the use of private mailing cards, both for souvenirs and business, with a corresponding reduction in postal revenues. The restoration of the one-cent rate will be in the interest of the postal service and the public.

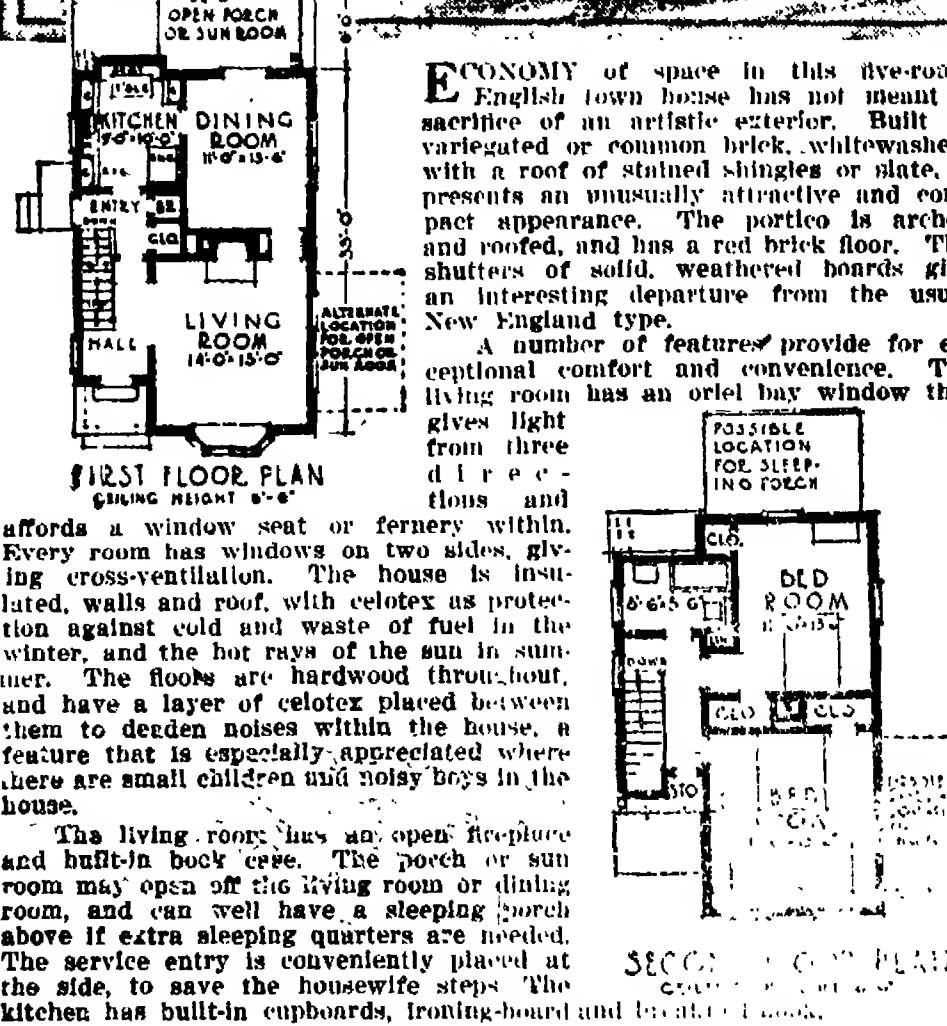
FARMING BY THE MOON

Sowing, reaping, breeding, butchering, shearing and other farm activities are regulated by many according to the "light" or "dark" of the moon. Such practices are foolish and only relics of the Dark Ages, according to the Department of Agriculture. Farming according to the moon has no support from any scientific point of view, as the moon has no

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotab, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calotabs at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv.)

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN and SECOND FLOOR PLAN

ECONOMY of space in this five-room English town house has not meant a sacrifice of an artistic exterior. Built of variegated or common brick, whitewashed, with a roof of stained shingles or slate, it presents an unusually attractive and compact appearance. The porches are arched and roofed, and has a red brick floor. The shutters of solid, weathered boards give an interesting departure from the usual New England type. A number of features provide for exceptional comfort and convenience. The living room has an oriel bay window that affords a window seat or fernery within. Every room has windows on two sides, giving cross-ventilation. The house is insulated, walls and roof, with celotex as protection against cold and waste of fuel in the winter, and the hot rays of the sun in summer. The floors are hardwood throughout, and have a layer of celotex placed between them to deaden noises within the house, a feature that is especially appreciated where there are small children and noisy boys in the house. The living room has an open fireplace and built-in book case. The porch or sun room may open off the living room or dining room, and can well have a sleeping porch above if extra sleeping quarters are needed. The service entry is conveniently placed at the side to save the housewife steps. The kitchen has built-in cupboards, ironing-board and built-in sink. Calotectnic Institute, Chicago, Ill.

influence on animals, the weather or the soil, though many old sayings have led people into superstitious beliefs regarding it. In France, before the revolution there was a law forbidding the cutting of trees between the new moon and full moon. Like many other fallacies which have gained wide currency among various peoples, these fancied ideas are giving way before the investigations of science, but ages must yet elapse, perhaps, before superstition shall be entirely eradicated from the minds of men.

NEW GERMAN FERTILIZER

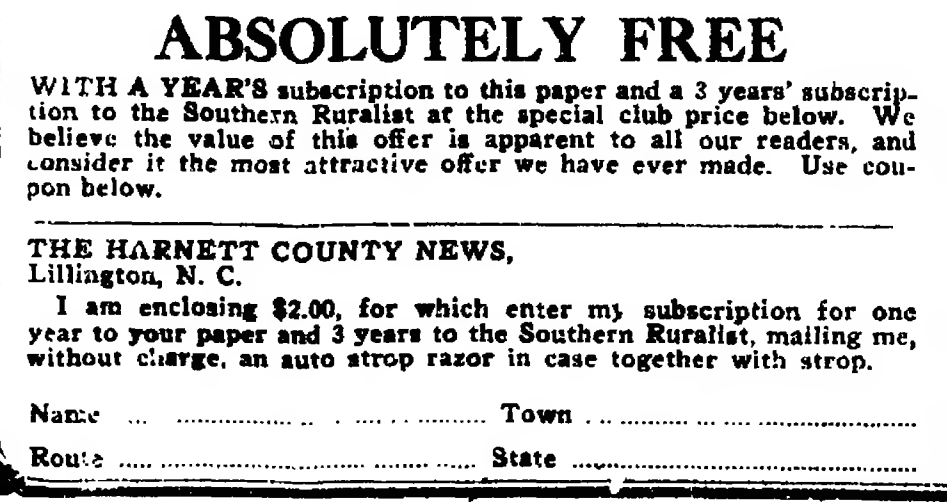
Fertilizer details concerning the new German fertilizer, called "nitrophoska," are given in an official statement issued by the Department of Commerce on January 3, and based on a report from the American trade commissioner in Berlin. It is stated that the new product carries a high percentage of plant food and that it will materially reduce the cost of fertilizer to the farmers of that country. Manufacture of nitrophoska on a commercial scale was begun in November and production already amounts to 10,000 tons a month. In the manufacturing of the new product, atmospheric nitrogen is fixed by a modified Haber process, involving important new features

which are said to present many advantages. Regarding the possible marketing of nitrophoska in America, the government statement says: "If it could be introduced in the United States on a large scale it would enter into direct competition with many of the finished products of the fertilizer industry." Through the development of the Haber-Bosch process of ammonia synthesis, Germany is saved the expense of one billion marks annually for Chilean nitrates, and is now delivering nitrogen in large quantities to France to be credited on reparation payments. Added interest in the new process will no doubt be created in the United States, owing to conjecture regarding what effect it may have upon proposed fertilizer manufacture at Muscle Shoals.

A regular bed time each night and a quiet hour beforehand prevents restless sleep with children. Mrs. Einstein says that Albert has never explained his theory of relativity to her, but adds that she isn't complaining. "You can't tell who is the real boss in the family," said Rev. J. W. Clabine of Chicago, from his pulpit, "until you discover whether the wife's hair is bobbed."

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SOME OLD FOLKS were talking the other day about "signs". Some of them had good weather and bad weather signs. Some had "unfailing" signs for good luck and bad luck. But there was one man who said little. He was famous as a success in life and most of it was due to his good "horse sense" as they called it, so they questioned him. He said: "Talk about your good and bad weather... good luck and bad. I want to tell you of a sign that never fails and it promises good weather and good luck, too. "When you see a man who is thrifty; giving due thought to his earning ability, his spending and his savings; then you can be sure HE will have good luck and fair weather."

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