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REMOVE THE "IF" AND ACCIDENTS WILL CEASE

Somewhere we have read that "If all drivers will drive carefully, all accidents will be avoided." And that brings to mind the fact that taking the "if" out of motoring will lower the accident record to zero.

"All drivers will drive carefully, all accidents will be avoided." There is nothing wrong with that sentence—except that the "if" has been left out. The only reason it stays there is because all drivers are not forced to leave it out. And the only way to make the highways safe is to force all drivers to be careful.

It is not too much to say that all drivers can be forced into carefulness; it is a fact that only in a few instances do they feel any force at all. It is a fact that even in crowded centers there is wanton carelessness. Out on the long stretches of highway it may be excusable if now and then a reckless driver "gets by" with some of his stuff, but where there is concentration of law-enforcing agencies no excuse can be given for not halting to court all reckless persons.

Take, for instance, the outskirts of any town or city in the State. Instead of slowing down to thirty-five miles per hour, as they should, many drivers continue at high speed till they meet a traffic signal or perhaps spy an officer looking their way. That much, at least, of the carelessness on highways and streets could be curbed.

Another thing. When a person is hailed into court on a charge of reckless driving, the maximum penalty should be meted out. When it becomes known that this will be done, there will be more care exercised on the part of those who seem to disregard the danger that is ever present when high-powered vehicles are moving along a narrow strip of roadway.

And still another thing. It is the bounden duty of all good citizens to use every means in upholding the hands of those who are charged with the responsibility of enforcing the law. Thus when a reckless driver is arrested it should be generally recognized as a foregone conclusion that his recklessness will not go on without meeting with punishment.

HONEST OFFICIALS BEST REFORM

Ever is heard the cry for "election reform." Out of the Dean-Burgh and Canaday-Young contests of the late June primary much has been brought into light to show that primaries and general elections in North Carolina, at least in some counties, are fashioned after the wrestling game—catch-as-catch-can, no holds barred, etc. And it should be kept in mind, too, that these voting contests are conducted by Democrats—than whom there is no group on earth more capable of keeping clean house.

The News is not very greatly impressed by these cries for reform in elections. Our reason for not being exercised over the matter is that the only reform needed—wherever and whenever there is really any reform needed—is to put only honest officials in charge of elections. In no case should any person be placed in charge of the voting unless that person is well-known as honest and straightforward and will not countenance anything that is otherwise than honest.

Our opinion is that the best election reform that can be inaugurated is to insure honest officials at all elections. Some are saying that the absentee ballot law should be abolished. We are not altogether sure of that. In many cases duly qualified voters would be deprived of their right to the ballot because they are unable to attend the polling places. To be sure, the absentee ballot should be allowed only in cases where it can be legally justified, but to go back to our first proposition, honest officials will see that the privilege is not abused.

No, there is nothing wrong with the machinery for conducting elections. What is wrong—and it has been shown that there is something radically wrong in some cases—is that the right kind of election officials is not always placed in charge.

In the next General Assembly there will be loud clamor for possibly many sorts of new election laws. But the lawmakers will do well if they will keep in mind the fact that no election law can be made safer than the officials placed in charge of the registration books and polls.

SOMEBODY'S TELLING A LIE

A lie of the meanest sort is going the rounds in the political campaign to the effect that the person named Howard Godwin who is charged in an indictment of abandonment and non-support of his family is honorable Howard Godwin, Democratic nominee for Clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett County.

Of course no respectable or intelligent person will believe this yarn. It is being put out in an attempt to discredit the Democratic nominee, and whoever is responsible for it is guilty of perpetrating the meanest sort of lie that could be told.

The News is using the short and ugly word to describe the rumor, but we do it because this is a case in which the plainest terms should be used.

We trust that all decent people will immediately begin to discount the story whenever and wherever it is heard.

FIRE-PROOF FRYING-PAN COME TO TOWN

Not for the first time, but for the very first time for J. C. Croom in particular, The News scribe thought this morning he heard a Baptist deacon deliberately twist the truth into a prevarication. But Brother Croom, expert in hardware for Slon Wilborn and Charlie Loving around at the Lillington Furniture Company's place, proved his veracity by producing the identical goods he claimed to have in stock.

Said Brother Croom: "I have some class frying-pans, Mr. Editor." It didn't sound right, and the scribe was astonished at Brother Croom's kind of talk. Surely there was no such article as a glass frying-pan! The Brother was "called." He had to "produce" or else be put down in our book as a "twister."

He produced. There it was—the little skillet with a detachable handle that could be hooked onto either of a couple of other cooking utensils that go with the "cute" outfit. Put it right on the fire, said the Brother, and it will not warp or melt or cause the food to stick or anything else that adds worry to the diligent housekeeper.

Well, sir, if that isn't worth a bit of free advertising, please now tell us what! Oh, yes, we heard you mumble as you were reading about it. "Nothing new, except to a novice?" Alright, maybe so; but that little glass skillet with its companion pieces took our fancy, and we'll bet every neat housekeeper will be demanding one of the outfits, and we can't blame them.

Brother Croom can have the benefit of this bit of free publicity for his wares, and anyone else who can make good on such a novel scheme can have some too.

NEW BUILDINGS ARE HEALTHY SIGN

Not since J. G. Layton moved his family to town and constructed many new residences and stores, has Lillington taken on such a building campaign. New structures, both for dwelling and business are seen in various sections of town, and still others are on the way. The News learns.

Building activity is the best barometer by which to judge the progressiveness of any town, so the Recovery and other diagnosticians tell us, and it really is a hope-giving indication of better days—or at least better than have been experienced for the past decade. When building is going along, it is said, other activities move up in line, and "business picks up."

If we are to believe in those sayings—and we feel inclined to place faith in every word of it—Lillington is definitely on its way to the point of becoming a progressive town. Not that we would like to see the place jump into city size right away before we could get our attitudinal binoculars all set to look upon in such enlarged conditions; but for the sake of having the good town rise out of its long-time dwarfed state and reach a status above and beyond the bounds of a mere county seat, we are hoping that the present activity may mean more than a mere spurt, and that its business life may show signs of more red corpuscles coursing through its veins.

Mr. Layton spent a lot of money in building, thereby showing his faith in the future of Lillington. Others can do likewise and profit thereby. It is easy to see how construction helps business, and helps in other ways too. Let's keep it going!

LOCAL OFFICIALS INVITED TO SANFORD CONFERENCE

Officials of Lillington and 10 towns in this section have been invited to be in Sanford next Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the first of 48 conferences sponsored by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The purpose of these meetings is to better acquaint local officers with the municipal legislative program, which the General Assembly will be requested to enact.

Invitations have also been extended to officials of the following towns: Pittsboro, Hemp, Carthage, Aberdeen, Finquay Springs, Southern Pines, Siler City, Apex, Holly Springs and Cary.

HOME BREW

BY MRS. LOU

Well, I'm sho glad hit is cooler. My summer clo'es is gittin' beyond wear an' I am sho glad to git out some winter things, but I wishes some body would tell me where to git er black hat that I kin wear.

I aint er meanin' one er the turple shapes, er the saucer hats, er the up side down flower pots, er none er them fancy things that aint got no fit to 'em,—but I means er rael hat that fits the hade an' shades the eyes; an' ef necessary hides most er the hair.

I'll keep er lookin' an' often there's one to be found I'll find hit, an' often there aint, I'll keep on er goin' bare headed, an' er wearin' what Paul called "the glory er the woman."

Aunt Jane went to er big spec'list doctor to have her heart examined las' week because hit had been er flutterin' so much lately, an' hit took 'im two whole days to do hit, (off an' on) an' he charged her fifty dollars, (an' she had the worst spell she's ever had when she seed the bill.)

She sed he examined 'er fer ever thing from dandruff on 'er hade to calluses on her feet, an' made 'er take out her store teeth, an' then began to ast her er thousan' questions, an' beln, she hadn't never practiced talkin' without her teeth, she couldn't make no outs at hit.

He ast 'er how did she breathe best, outen her nose er mouth, an' she tried to say "nose" an' sed "ose"; then he asted 'er often she was ever struck with eny pains in 'er arms an' she tried to say "no", but sed "O". "O", an' he thought she were er havin' er suddint seizure, an' he rung for the interns an' nurses, an' they went to workin' on 'er, an' befo, she knowed hit, they was er takin' of her temperature, er shootin' er hypertermix an' list'nin' to her heart, an' kneadin' of her bowels, an' pumpin, of her stompe out all at the same time, an' er histin' of her feet higher 'an her hade, an' she sed she sho thought her time to die had come, an' she was er greevin' with Paul in her minn thet, "to die is gain."

But beln' she didn't die, after er whiles they turnt her er lose, an' she made 'er escape.

Two er three days later, Mr. doctor Peede calt her up an' tole her he had done got er diagnosis er her case from the horspittle, an' often she would come over and bring 'im some fishin' bait he would read hit to 'er.

She wanted me to go too, so I er comodated 'er an' Dr. Peede read us the letter.

Ef ever I heard the beater hit. Hit talked like she were at the pint er death, an' had ever disease known to woma'n, an' all er them cardialcal words we didn't understand, but when he tole about the terrible spell she had in his office, he sed they had to use heroic methods to keep 'er from dyin'.—Aunt Jane went straight up in the air an' sed, "Them doctors come in er ace er killin' me, an' I jest did escape with my life, an' all because they took my teeth out an' thought I was er sayin' "O! O!" when I were er tryin' to say "No."

Aunt Jane aint never had nothin' but the interjest on an' hit comes from 'er eath' too many cracklin' at the time, an' collards befo' the frost hits 'em.

Effen she had er done like me an' doctor Peede tole 'er an' er took some sody when she got wrong, she'd er been richer by fifty dollars 'an she is, but then I reckon hit plum worth thet much to 'er, to be able to tell about the big horspittle she went to an' her experiences with the doctors an' nurses, an' how near she come to dyin'—ever body loves er death scene—from Dickens to the undertakers.

MRS. LOU.

PROMINENT LEE WOMAN DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Isabel Thomas, 79, beloved Lee county resident, were held Monday afternoon from the Thomas home. Rev. Waldo Early of Broadway and Rev. J. E. Ayscue of Bule's Creek officiated. Burial was in the Thomas family cemetery near Broadway.

Mrs. Thomas died Sunday, at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Thomas, in Broadway, after an illness of several weeks.

Another Man

There appears on the November calendar of Harnett Superior Court a case entitled State vs. Howard Godwin, charging the offense of abandonment and non-support. I wish to state that the defendant, Howard Godwin in this case is not the Hon. Howard Godwin, Democratic Nominee for Clerk of the Superior Court.

L. M. CHAFFIN, C. S. C.

ANNUAL REPORT FORESEES GOOD BUSINESS IN '39

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS BUREAU PREDICTS NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER THAN 1938, BUT UNDER 1937

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics forecast Monday that 1939 would be a better business and industrial year than this one, but not quite as good as 1937.

In an annual report on demand and prices for agricultural products, the bureau said: "General economic conditions in the United States are most favorable to recovery."

Farmers were advised not to expect much of a rise in prices of their products as a whole. The bureau said, however, that an expected increase in consumer income should broaden markets for agricultural products and thereby put more dollars into the farmers' pockets than this year.

Important industries which the bureau said were expected to contribute to a 1939 rise in production were automobiles, building, steel, textiles and miscellaneous consumer goods. Improvement in production of producers' goods—equipment and materials for industrial plants and railroads—may be somewhat delayed, the bureau said, due to relatively unfavorable situations in the important railroad, utility and private non-residential building industries.

(Material for the survey was prepared before 14 large utilities announced a program of plant expansion last week.)

The outlook for foreign markets for American goods was described as less favorable than this year.

"General economic conditions abroad may show some improvement," the bureau said, "if there are no further unfavorable political developments and if the expected recovery in the United States materializes, but competing foreign supplies will be much larger in 1939 than in 1938. A general stiffening of foreign trade restrictions against imports of our products is an additional unfavorable factor, although it may be offset to some extent by the conclusion of trade agreements with the United Kingdom and Canada."

Now substantially lower than a year ago, farm prices as a whole, may rise slightly, the bureau said, predicting an upward trend in prices of most crops but a downward trend in livestock prices. The bureau added cash farm income should be somewhere between \$7,500,000,000 the figure estimated for this year, and \$8,600,000,000, the estimated cash income in 1937.

It reported unfavorable conditions in several industries which in the past have been important elements in the expansion of capital goods. "Railroad earnings are very low, which makes it very difficult for many railroads to obtain necessary funds for even needed improvements," the bureau reported. "The volume of railway traffic is hardly likely to increase sufficiently in 1938 to result in a very large volume of buying of equipment and supplies."

The bureau said that in the utility field, considerable uncertainty regarding financing attended the progress of holding company reorganization.

WILLOW SPRINGS PEOPLE INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Four persons were injured seriously Tuesday morning when the car in which they were riding overturned on a curve at Whiteaker's Service Station, five miles south of Raleigh. Two of the injured were from Willow Springs. Edward Peeden, 25, and Jody Howard, 38, were dangerously hurt. Peeden was driving the light roadster, which was demolished as it left the highway and crashed. The patrolman who investigated said one of the occupants told him a blow-out caused the accident.

WORK WILL START THIS MONTH ON WPA PROJECTS

Work on sewerage disposal plants which will be constructed at two Harnett schools with county funds supplemented by a Works Progress Administration grant will get underway this month. At Mary Stuart school, workers started yesterday on the project. November 17th is the date work will start on the plant at Shawtown school near Lillington.

A LESSON FROM 'MARS'

(Christian Science Monitor)

A nation was laughing at itself Monday morning—a bit sheepishly, perhaps, but laughing. For Sunday night thousands of its radio listeners were the victims of an unintended hoax. The hoax occurred when Orson Welles and his Mercury Theater of the Air put on a radio version of H. G. Wells's "War of the Worlds." So realistically did the Marston "Invasion" pass out over the air waves that a short reign of terror ensued. Newspapers, radio, police and fire stations in certain sections were besieged by frightened listeners asking for information and advice.

America can laugh today. And America can also be grateful—not because it has been saved from the Martians but because its radio is still answerable to the desires of self-governed men. In some lands, the hoax of Mars stalks the air waves to mesmerize great blocs of humanity into thinking just what dictators want them to think. This is a terror which uses inflammatory speeches to arouse unthinking passions, blind hatred, unreasoning fear. And on the morning after, there is no free press to explain that it was only a radio play.

HITLER'S CAREER

(Rural Press Service)

Fifteen years ago Adolf Hitler was in prison at Landsberg, Germany, where he served nine months after an unsuccessful attempt to start a revolution. Today he is perhaps the world's most powerful figure. A few highlights of his amazing career follow:

Born in Austria, 49 years ago; from the age of 14 he worked as builder's helper, carpenter, draughtsman and painter in water colors; at 25 a private in the German army; later lance-corporal; was severely wounded; returned to the front, was gassed and temporarily blinded. He won the Iron Cross for bravery.

After the war he became a political agitator; was jailed, but resumed political activities after release. In 1922 he was defeated for the presidency.

His strength having become too great to be ignored, he was offered the post of vice-chancellor by President Hindenburg, but declined. Was offered post of chancellor but refused to accept on Hindenburg's terms. In 1933 he was made chancellor with full power as such. Upon Hindenburg's death in 1934, Hitler assumed the duties of both president and chancellor.

Since 1933 Hitler has rearmend the

ACTIVITY NOTED AS CANDIDATES SPUR UP VOTERS

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The Democratic party's candidate for the House of Representatives, Attorney Bernard McLeod of Coats and Bule's Creek is the Republican pick. Howard Godwin, of Dunn is the Democratic nominee for Clerk of Superior Court. J. E. Dupree of Angler is his opponent.

W. E. Salmon of Lillington seeks re-election as sheriff. R. G. B. Shaw of Erwin is the Republican candidate.

Mrs. Inez Harrington of Lillington has been re-nominated by the Democrats for Register of Deeds. Her opponent is Mrs. Elsie Byrd Garton of Coats.

Judge Floyd Taylor is the Democratic candidate for presiding officer of the county court. A. D. Wilson of Angler is the Republican nominee. Russell D. Boseman is candidate on the Democratic ticket for surveyor. O. S. Young of Angler is seeking the same office as a Republican.

Candidates for Commissioner, on the Democratic side of the ballot are: J. B. Ennis of Grove township, Lonnie R. Byrd of Stewart's Creek, A. A. Cameron of Barbecue, Bob Pate of Duke and Ferd D. Jackson of Nell's Creek. Republicans seeking membership on the county's executive board are: Festus McLamb, Stuart Turlington of Grove, C. A. Guy of Black River, J. H. Tart of Lverasboro and Neill J. Rosser of Barbecue.

BROUGHTON TO CLOSE CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRATS

(Continued from page one)

As the means of arousing interest in that section of Harnett.

All Democratic candidates whose names appear on the ballot are urged to attend the meeting. It will be the final round-up before the issues are settled and Democrats, old and young, are urged to turn their minds toward political affairs for the evening and to bring the campaign to a grand climax.

William Echols, a mounted patrolman of Peoria, Ill., has attached a radio to his saddle to keep him in touch with headquarters.

These are unopposed.

DISTRICT OFFICE PAYS 19 CLAIMS

Persons or Estates of Persons Entitled to Old-Age Insurance Benefits Get \$414.40 in September

During the month of September, \$414.40 was certified for payment to 19 persons in the Raleigh service area who proved they were entitled to benefits under the old-age insurance phase of the Social Security Act. Stacey Wade is manager of the Raleigh office, which serves Harnett and six other counties in the immediate territory—Wake, Wayne, Johnston, Vance, Warren and Franklin.

The payments were made to persons, 65 or over, who have been working in an industry covered by the program and retired, or to estates of workers who have died. Payments were \$ 1-2 per cent of wages received since January 1st, 1937, from a job covered by the law.

In the State, 289 claims, amounting to \$12,937.68, were certified for payment. The average amount of the claim in North Carolina was \$44.17. The average for the Raleigh district was \$21.80.

Gems For Your Scrapbook

"APPEARANCE"
"If a good face is a letter of recommendation, a good heart is a letter of credit."—Bulwer-Lytton.

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."—1 Samuel.

"For what is form, or what is face, But the soul's index or its case?"—Nathaniel Cotton.

"We are sometimes led to believe that darkness is as real as light; but science affirms darkness to be only a mortal sense of the absence of light, at the coming of which darkness, loses the appearance of reality."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"We should look to the mind, and not to the outward appearance."—Vesop's Fables.

"The outward forms the inward man reveal.—We guess the pulp before we cut the peel."—O. W. Holmes.

(This is a reproduction of the county ballot Harnett voters will cast Tuesday)

Official Ballot for Solicitor, State Senators, Representative, and County Officers

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote a straight ticket make a cross (X) mark in the circle of the party you desire to vote for.
- To vote for some but not all the candidates of one party, make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of the name of every candidate printed on the ballot for whom you wish to vote. If you mark any one candidate, you must mark all for whom you wish to vote. A mark in the circle will not be counted if any one candidate is marked.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

<p>DEMOCRATIC FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET</p> <p>MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE</p> <p>For Solicitor, 4th Judicial District:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CLAUDE C. CANADAY</p> <p>For State Senate, 12th Senatorial District:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FRED S. THOMAS <input type="checkbox"/> M. G. BOYETTE</p> <p>For House of Representatives:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NEILL McK. ROSS</p> <p>For Clerk Superior Court:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HOWARD GODWIN</p> <p>For Sheriff:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> W. E. SALMON</p> <p>For Register of Deeds:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. INEZ HARRINGTON</p> <p>For Judge Recorder's Court:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> F. H. TAYLOR</p> <p>For Coroner:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> J. MELVIN McLEAN</p> <p>For Surveyor:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RUSSELL D. BOSEMAN</p> <p>For County Commissioners:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> J. E. ENNIS <input type="checkbox"/> L. R. BYRD <input type="checkbox"/> A. A. CAMERON <input type="checkbox"/> FERD D. JACKSON <input type="checkbox"/> BOB PATE</p>	<p>REPUBLICAN FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET</p> <p>MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE</p> <p>For Solicitor, 4th Judicial District:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For State Senate, 12th Senatorial District:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. H. POPE <input type="checkbox"/> HARWOOD GRAVES</p> <p>For House of Representatives:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. F. McLEOD</p> <p>For Clerk Superior Court:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> J. E. DUPREE</p> <p>For Sheriff:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> R. G. B. SHAW</p> <p>For Register of Deeds:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. ELSIE B. GARTON</p> <p>For Judge Recorder's Court:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. D. WILSON</p> <p>For Coroner:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Surveyor:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> O. S. YOUNG</p> <p>For County Commissioners:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FESTUS McLAMB <input type="checkbox"/> STUART TURLINGTON <input type="checkbox"/> C. A. GUY <input type="checkbox"/> J. H. TART <input type="checkbox"/> NEILL J. ROSSER</p>
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Neill McK. Ross
Chairman Harnett County Board of Elections.

Election November 8, 1938.