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EDITORIAL

LIVING in a town does not make it prosperous—it is buying there and selling there that does the trick.

MAKE your arrangements to hear Hon. Willis Smith, who will deliver the Memorial Address at Franklin County Memorial Association Services to be held in the Court House on Sunday afternoon, May 28th.

FROM one source comes the suggestion that Congressman Harold D. Cooley will enter the race for Governor of North Carolina in 1940 and that Capt. Charles P. Green will run for Congress to fill Cooley's place. This sounds good to Franklin.

A MILLIONAIRE citizen is worth little to a town if he does all his buying and selling elsewhere. Likewise a merchant who sells all he can in his town and never spends a cent for what he can buy there, if he would, is one of the worst enemies a town can have, regardless of his preaching otherwise.

THE TIMES understands the Attorney General has made a ruling that the election of the ABC Board can be made before June 30th, and be valid. This we think is a good ruling or will serve a good purpose, as a new Board, even if composed of the same members, should know in advance, of their responsibility so they can give the matter more conservative thought.

THE new tax law does not legalize the operation of slot machines. It only imposes a tax on such machines that are operated. The enforcement of the anti-Slot Machine (Flannigan) law is squarely up to the local officers and the local community. If local sentiment is not sufficiently strong against these gambling devices to stop them, there is no other agencies that can.

IF EUROPEAN dispatches are true Hitler has begun his march into Poland. He is following his old method of rushing in enough German population to carrying an election, and then forcing an election, which according to well made plans will turn the section wanted over to Germany. Of course this method is employed in small sections and as soon as one is taken over the plan is begun in another section and repeated.

CONGRATULATIONS to the "City Fathers." They have adopted a schedule of light rates showing a neat reduction. This, according to one of the Commissioners, is a start and other adjustments will be worked out later. The new rates provide a minimum of \$1.50 for 20 K.W.'s instead of the former \$1.80 and cuts from 9 to 7 1/2 cents for current graduated on down to 2 cents for excess of 250 K.W.'s.

IF the Anti-Sales taxers are intending making another fight for the Governorship in 1940 it looks that Senator W. L. Lumpkin would be their best bet. It certainly would be a just and proper appreciation for the splendid work he did in managing the McDonald campaign. There are many who still hold to the idea he would have made a better run than McDonald. Any way it is a well known fact that he was the vote-getter of that organization.

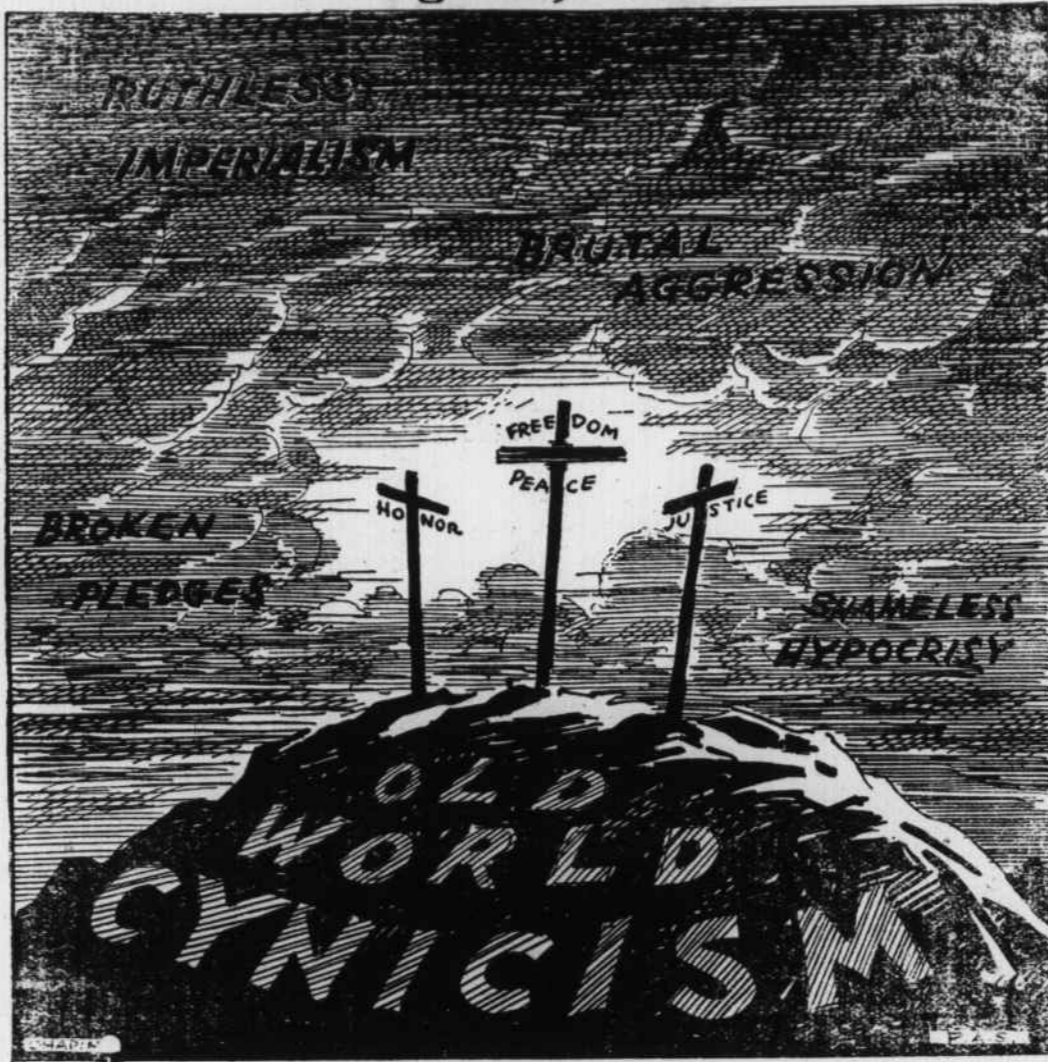
BECAUSE of the possibility of a little timidity of the three Boards in calling a meeting before, the TIMES suggests that the joint meeting of the Boards of County Commissioners, Education and Health be held on the first Monday in June for the purpose of electing members of the ABC Board. This time will be most convenient and the three Boards usually meet at this time anyway, and it will give the members of the Board time to formulate policies before the end of the fiscal year.

POSSIBLY the wisest thing the Town administration has done in years is the paving of Spring and Franklin Streets and a portion of Cedar Street. It will not take many years for the saving in upkeep of these streets to pay back the cost of paving. The next wisest thing they can do is to complete the extension of Cedar Street to Halifax road. The earlier this is completed the earlier the State will take it over as a connecting link between highways 56, 561, 39 and 59 without sending this traffic through the busy streets.

THE following paragraph taken from an editorial in the Wilson Daily Times, applies to Louisburg and other towns in the State as well as to Wilson:

"We have long thought about the parking problems and it has given the authorities and the police of the city headaches while seeking some solution

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that would give the motorists of the city a maximum of comfort and convenience and to prevent clogging of the streets. Unfortunately when the streets were first laid out the automobile problem was not with us and so we must accommodate ourselves as good citizens to their narrowness."

In most of the older towns when the streets were laid off they were surveyed, no doubt, for convenience then, entirely too narrow for today's traffic. Just what to do, that is practical, to solve the problem, it seems no one knows.

THE present members of the ABC Board are to be congratulated upon the splendid business method with which they have conducted the ABC system in Franklin County. They have no doubt done things different from the ideas of many citizens, many of whom no doubt would have changed had they known the facts surrounding them in detail, but the fact remains that the present Board took the responsibility of establishing this business without money or credit and have developed it successfully. They have not only paid its way and for its capital investment but has turned in money to the County that would represent a tax saving of around 15 to 20 cents on the hundred dollars, had it not been for this revenue. In addition they have guarded the funds so that there have been no losses. They haven't stopped whiskey drinking, nor reduced the number of arrests, but if reports are correct they have greatly reduced bootlegging and blockading, and drinking and its attendant lawlessness throughout the country districts where there has been no adequate police protection. This is not written to influence the re-election of the members of the present Board, in fact we don't know that they wish to be re-elected, but is intended to give just credit to the ones who have been responsible for the great changes for better in Franklin County.

UNDER our Farm News department it is pointed out that Franklin County farmers by failure to comply with the farm program last year lost over \$36,000. While this amount is not so large in itself it represents more than a dollar a piece to every inhabitant in Franklin County and almost two dollars a piece for all inhabitants outside incorporated towns. It is too much to lose, however, and should be kept within the County. This, we hope, though, is not intended as a criticism of the farmers. They are not entitled to be criticised. They are as much entitled to a living from their chosen, or enforced, vocation as any one else is from theirs. They are as much entitled to assistance from the Government as any other class of people or business organization. And possibly the Government has made an honest effort to assist the farmer, who has done wonderfully well in trying to live under a plan so full of inconsistencies, inequalities and injustices. With few exceptions the system has contributed largely to a depleted farm-ownership instead of building up better living conditions, has substituted a dependency on the government for support for the self confident individual independency. This condition has been brought about largely by the methods imposed in farm production and dealings with tenants and landlords. Quite different from the conditions in all other lines of business that government helps or subsidizes. There is no one system that will work over a section as large as a state much less as large as the United States, satisfactory. Sectional conditions, requirements and necessities are too different. Unless a more equal and elastic plan can be devised there will be many more farms delegated to idleness due to the unwillingness and inability of the landlord to comply with the tenant requirements or the inability of the farm to support itself on the acres allotted.

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE

Clubs	W	L	Pct.
Pilot	2	0	1.000
Warrenton	1	0	1.000
Pine Ridge	2	1	.750
LOUISBURG	1	2	.250
Greystone	0	1	.000
Epsom	0	2	.000

LOUISBURG TRIUMPHS OVER GREYSTONE, 7-5

Louisburg was outbitten by Greystone, 11-10, but the locals won 7-5, Wednesday in a Tri-County League game here.

Troutman and Lamm hit home runs for the winners. Troutman and Matthews, each with two for four, were the locals' leading batters.

Top hitsmiths for Greystone were Richardson, with three doubles for four tries, and S. Fields, with a triple and a double for four.

Batteries: Greystone—Preddy, Blake and Richardson; Louisburg—Wills, Barrington and Fuller.

PILOT DEFEATS EPSOM, GREEN HURLS TRIUMPH

Epsom, May 17.—Pilot defeated Epsom, 8-2, today in a Tri-County League game.

Pea Green pitched the win for Pilot. Penn and Edmonds hurled for the losers. Ferrell caught for Pilot; Poole, for Epsom.

Mitchell and Hoyle contributed three-run homers for the winners. Lassiter, with three hits for four tries, led Epsom.

WARRENTON IS VICTOR IN TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE

Warrenton, May 17.—Warrenton defeated Pine Ridge, 7-6, today in a Tri-County League game. The winners led in hits, 15-13.

E. Richardson, with three for five, and Poole, with two for five, were the leading batters for Pine Ridge.

Lewis, with three for four, and Miles, with two for three, topped Warrenton's attack.

Batteries: Pine Ridge—R. Richardson, E. Richardson, Taylor and Moody; Riggan, Rains, Lloyd and Mayfield.

PINE RIDGE WINS OVER LOUISBURG

Pine Ridge.—Pine Ridge scored nine runs in the first inning and coasted to a 13-1 victory, over Louisburg in a Tri-County League game here Sunday.

It was the second win for the locals in as many league games. Pilot has a victory to show for its only start. Epsom has lost one game; Louisburg, two. Warrenton and Greystone have not played league games as yet.

The locals made 14 hits, six of which came in the first inning. Ben Nowell, with a double and two singles for five, was Pine Ridge's top batter. Albert Lamm, of Louisburg with three singles and a double, batted 1.000. The losers made seven hits.

Batteries: Louisburg—Hilbert, Troutman and Fuller; Pine Ridge—R. Parrish, G. Earp and Kemp, Griffin.

Mabel—And once you said you wouldn't marry James on any account.

Dorothy—Yes, but at that time I didn't know it was such a big one in the bank.

THE PERILS OF SPRING
Hush, neglected mopstick, don't you cry,
Cleaning time is coming, by and by.

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Rastus—Mandy, after I dies, I wish you'd marry Deacon Shorter.
Mandy—Why so, Rastus?
Rastus—Well, Mandy, I'll tell you de truff, Deacon Shorter trimmed me on a mule trade once.

Amateur Performer—I can pick up a cent with my toes.
Bright Spectator—That's nothing. My dog can do that with his nose.

Modern He—Let's get married. It wouldn't be much trouble. You know my father is a minister.
Modern She—It's OK by me. We might try it anyway. My dad's a lawyer, you know.

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