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THE BONUS BILL

The law allowing an officer \$50 as a reward for conviction of a blockader for manufacturing whiskey was enacted by A. C. Ray, representative in the Legislature, in March, 1919, and applied only to Chatham county. Prior to this time there was not an average of five persons a year tried before the courts in this county for making whiskey. It is true that stills were captured prior to this time, but the zealous officer who wanted to capture the men in the liquor manufacturing business, could not get enough men to surround the places and take the lawless element into custody without the promise of compensation.

Since this law was passed, a little more than two years ago, a number of life time blockaders have been captured, tried, convicted and sentenced to the roads in Chatham county. The county, under the law, became enabled to establish and maintain a chain gang of its own, instead of sending prisoners to other counties as was done prior to this time.

During the time this law has been in force the liquor violators have had no rest day or night, and Sheriff Walker Blair recently stated that if the law had remained in force that Chatham county would have been free of this class of violators within another year.

Representative Leon T. Lane made an attempt to repeal this law at the regular session of the Legislature last year, but was held up by the request of the good people of Chatham county, but at the recent special session, paying no attention to appeals made to him, he repealed the law, thereby making a complete and unconditional surrender to the violators of the prohibition laws in Chatham county.

Yes, some folks continue to make an effort to have you believe that it cost the county too much money. It HAS NOT COST Chatham county a penny; on the other hand, it has saved it many dollars. Since the enactment of this law the county has spent more than \$300,000 on roads and bridges and has paid from \$2.00 to \$4.00 a day for free labor.

The records of the county will show that the total cost, including the \$50 bonus paid, when a conviction was had, the county was enabled to maintain the chain gang at a cost less than 50c per day per convict, and we are advised that the county has

fed these prisoners for about 30c per day, making the labor cost the county not exceeding 80c per day, with possibly a slight overhead expense.

It was Judas who denounced the cost of the appointment upon our Saviours' head. Beware! It is not a Judas. An Angel of Darkness is now yelling, COST, COST.

OUR PARTNERS

Since The Record was published last week, the editor has received a great many letters, the most of them containing a remittance for the paper for another year, as well as a large number of people who have come into our office, shucked out the shekels, give us the long green, and in addition seventy-five per cent of these letters and men and women that came to see us great encouragement by praising the stand we have taken for the moral uplift of the county. One very enthusiastic subscriber said if The Record failed to provide sustenance to let him know and he would supply the funds for operation add see that we were well fed besides. On a visit to Siler City on Saturday, a very dear friend, offered his pocket-book unconditionally for our use, and so on.

Then on Sunday the pastor of the Methodist church here, Rev. J. J. Boone, saw fit to endorse our labor publicly to his congregation and add his determination of assistance. Just a few more determined men and women in Chatham county like that and we can abolish the liquor traffic at home at least.

Now, folks, we sincerely appreciate every word of encouragement you have given us, and in view of the fact that we do not keep a stenographer, we take this method of answering your your letters and to thank you for support. The Chatham Record will stand firm to the last.

CORINTH

Miss Georgia Alexander, who had been visiting relative at Buekhorn, returned to Washington, D. C., Monday. "Wedding bells are ringing" at Buekhorn this New Year's Day. A double cause for joy and celebration, or at least for noise and demonstration, and out of the din and confusion comes the announcement of the marriage of N. M. Thomas, of the Buekhorn bunch, to Miss Cox, of Lee county.

Mr. Thomas is a promising young man and a valued employe of the C. P. L. & Co. Mrs. Thomas is a very estimable young lady. Misses Bland and Johnson, who spent the holidays in Pittsboro, returned to their school work in Corinth Monday morning.

On the last Friday before Christmas we looked up from our office desk out through the window and saw two young ladies in a Dodge car, cheerily waving us a hurried goodbye, merry Christmas, happy New Year, etc., but the Dodge was going so fast and the driver was so small and obscure that we could not distinguish who the happy an was.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Sexton have returned from a visit with relatives in Raleigh.

Roy Cole has returned to his school work at Chapel Hill, after spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. D. A.

Clark at Corinth. Mrs. D. A. Clark and Mrs. R. L. Wilson are visiting Mrs. W. A. Allen at Ellerbe for a few days.

Last week's items were in error concerning the ownership of a lost derby hat. Lonnie Mims deposes, makes affidavit and says that he can prove that the hat was there and is now the property of Berge Dickens, and that Berge lost the hat himself while trying to keep up with Amos Rollins, as Amos scoured the neighborhood proclaiming the glad news of "Christmas, 1921." It further transpires that what Amos lost was about one foot of the lower end of each trouser leg and all of each sock above his shoe tops as he scrambled through the many wire fences without taking time to open the gates.

A SURRENDER

Special Deputy of New Hope Makes Comment.

I note Leon T. Lane, representative in the Legislature, has repealed the \$50 that liquor dealers, convicted of violating the prohibition law, had to pay his prosecutors. I am advised it was done under the pretense that some officer might swear falsely for the reward and it was also claimed that it cost Chatham county something. Neither of these motives can be sustained among intelligent people.

Lane himself was elected for 10 successive years to the best office in Chatham county and no one will suggest that he was dishonest because he got his pay. The Solicitor gets a fee every time he convicts and the lawyers who represent the defendant, I am told, average over \$50 per case. The preacher and the school teacher get their pay, and it is right. People in all walks of life should have reasonable compensation, but it seems the blockaders have succeeded in convincing our Representative that they are entitled to immunity, and that officers must not be paid for their service when liquor is at stake. This law did not cost Chatham a penny. It is true when the convicted ones were worked on the roads, the county paid all cost, but I am told that a lot of counties other than Chatham needed them as they were cheaper labor than we could get otherwise, and I am advised the court cost including the liquor bonus of \$50 did not run above 50 cents per day for the labor.

This \$50 bonus law was passed for Chatham county in March, 1919. Prior to that time there was rarely ever a defendant in court for making whiskey. The officers could get the still but they could not get sufficient assistance to apprehend the criminal. After the passage of this law we have had, I think, about all the courts could do and

have convicted most defendants (Bob Thompson being an exception) and are maintaining a road force which we were unable to do before.

It is a sad story that we have to tell. Ray gave us the law that would have destroyed liquor in Chatham in a short time had it been let alone, but Lane, the man whom we fattened for 10 years, and then was honored with a seat in the Legislature, has sacrificed our only hope of making Chatham fit to live in and made it to the Devil and his Angels for that is as good a name as the man who is planning the destruction of your home is entitled to.

Let us go into politics this year in plenty of time, and not for the purpose of electing any one to office because he can buy his way, but for the sole purpose of redeeming Chatham county for God and righteousness and protect the lovely homes which a kind Heavenly Father has placed at our disposal.

Respectfully,
C. L. LASSITER,
Special Deputy, New Hope.

That's Right.

A measure which aims to teach the children how to play appears to be not without merit when the schools are being urged to do so much that probably does not add to the joy of youthful life.—Boston Transcript.

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