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Some think it strange that Finnigin, the famous railroader of the poem, never became premier of France as it is that kind of job.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Yale has come out for a return to the gold standard. However, it should understand that even such a move would not necessarily bring back the good old football teams.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

"Eight Yale Dances Held on Eve of Princeton Game." Just as well to do one's dancing before these big games. One so often does not feel inclined to dance on the morning after.—Charlotte News.

Airport Is An Asset

North Wilkesboro would make no mistake in providing the necessary funds to lease or purchase a site for an airport. We are confident that the taxpayers of the city would approve such a stand and it is to be hoped that the physical equipment necessary can be provided.

Construction of an airport would mean employment for a large number of jobless men and judging from the list at the National Re-employment office here, there are hundreds who need work. The CWA has funds available for the project, we understand, which cannot be used on any other type of project. Here is an additional reason why every effort possible should be made to get the airport project across.

In the years to come, an airport will be a far greater asset than one is considered now. An airport would be looking ahead to the day when one will be necessary for every city of importance.

Columbia Wins

Well, Columbia University's Lions surprised almost everybody and defeated Stanford's Indians in the annual Rose Bowl classic Monday. And what a laugh the public got out of recalling the predictions of sports writers and editors, including the editor of The Journal-Patriot.

We took it on the chin along with thousands of others. Rated the underdogs by a big margin, Lou Little's charges played a sensational game and came out on the long end of a 7 to 0 score.

All of which tends to prove that if you're placing real coin on a football game, read the sports writers' comments and then go thou and do otherwise. This is not, of course, a sports column and we profess to nothing more than a slight knowledge of football, so we didn't advise anyone to bank on our prediction.

The Columbia Lions proved that "the team that hasn't a chance" can make a chance. Maybe there's a moral in that for all of us.

Liquor And Murder

Is a murderer entitled to immunity from a first degree murder verdict on the grounds that he was drunk at the time the crime was committed? If he is, isn't it time that the law be revised to deny that means of escape from the death penalty?

If early reports of the brutal killing of Miss Childress are authentic, the murderers, if we understand the law governing this point, can take the state's own evidence and concoct a defense that will save them from the electric chair. Drunk men were in the house abusing her, Miss Childress is reported to have stated over the telephone. This would seem to indicate that the girl was certain that the men were intoxicated.

Now that drunkenness is established, will it be difficult to create the doubt that the men "knew what they were about" or knew right from wrong?

There may be other evidence, not yet known to the public, which will change the complexion of the case. When the guilty parties are arraigned in court, whoever they may be, we can expect this plea from the defendants.

An atrocious crime has been committed and drunkenness should not be permitted to stand in the way of justice.

A Firmness We Approve

North Carolina's firmness in dealing with violators of that provision of the motor vehicle law which requires that automobile owners display the new 1934 license plates on January 1 is herewith commended. The uncertain policy heretofore adhered to has lessened respect for state authority and the various extensions after a definite statement that no extension of time would be allowed have led the public to doubt whether the state officials meant what they said especially as regards automobile licenses.

The definite stand taken this year will have a wholesome effect. It will help to dissipate the idea that motorists can disregard the law day after day and get by with it.

The fact that 100,000 or more automobile owners have parked their cars for the time being is to be regretted, however. The loss in revenue from gasoline tax will be terrific.

The evidence on every hand is that something should be done about the cost of these state plates. The idle cars will cost the state not less than \$12,000 daily. And if they stay idle 30 days, the total loss will be, estimating the average loss per car as 12 cents, \$360,000.

The cost should be cut to about \$5 per automobile and a somewhat larger amount for trucks. It would pay in the long run and give a little relief to the over-taxed automobile owner.

Borrowed Comment

THE ROOSEVELT NEW YEAR
(Charlotte Observer)

Who in this country can remember the advent of a New Year that was hailed with as much of enthusiastic hope as has greeted the advent of 1934? It is a Nation of people whose faces have been lifted to the light and whose hopes for better things in store are founded on what has been wrought since Roosevelt was inaugurated President, a few short months ago. To realize the changes that have been brought to pass, one has only to contrast the situation at this time last year with the situations developed at present. The results flowing from the Roosevelt recovery plans are but little short of miraculous. Indeed, Franklin D. Roosevelt might be properly classed as the Miracle Man. It is only with recent days that our own country and the Nations of the earth have been able to visualize the full stature of the man at the head of the American Government. The picture of Roosevelt has become of familiarity not only over our own country, but over the remotest sections of the earth. It is not so much what he has accomplished for his own country, but the hope he has established over the world that makes Roosevelt really great. He has wrought wonderful changes on the condition of our own people, but far above that, he has pointed the world to the way of peace. Roosevelt's speech at the Woodrow Wilson birthday dinner was one intended for other Nations than the United States. Establishment of world peace was uppermost in his mind and he pointed to the only sure way this can be accomplished. If the political leaders can be held in the background and all Nations will follow the President's suggestion to sign a pact binding each Nation not to cross its own borders into the territory of another Nation, we will have no more wars. Of course, this is a blanket proposition. It would not be operative unless all Nations should join in—and France and Germany, Italy and Great Britain, Japan and Russia should lead in signing up. Other Nations would follow and the best guarantee against war that could be devised would have been established.

At the same time, President Roosevelt made explicit declaration that the future policy of the United States is one of non-intervention. Our country is not going to acquire any territory by military aggression, and when and if, occasion develops, that this Nation must protect the interests of citizens in another Nation we are not going to make a military move, but invite the offending Nation to sit at the conference table and negotiate a peaceful adjustment.

Meantime, affairs at home have been adjusted in a way to make all Americans rejoice, for the Roosevelt recovery plans have been bringing results. The success attained so far is evidence that the recovery program can be and is to be carried to a conclusion of permanent benefit to the Nation. Not only is the economic situation to be placed on a new and more equitable basis, but the social order is to become a new and a better one.

In short, the United States starts upon the New Year with the situation of every man, woman and child materially improved over the distresses of 1933, and with the prospect established of continued improvement under the new condition made possible under the foresight of a leader whose name is now being proclaimed over the world. The United States has not only a President for itself, but a world leader.

Prof Sprague is one of the few people who made a reputation by being a quitter.—Greensboro (Pa.) Herald-Journal.

Less is heard about our European debts. It might seem that we should at least be allowed to talk about them.—Knickerbocker Press.

Having found that ostrich meat is most palatable, Russia is forming ostriches for food. It gives little Ivan plenty of neck to work on.—Detroit News.

Many Underprivileged Children Helped By Kiwanis Club In 1933

Twelve Trips Are Made To Orthopaedic Hospital At Gastonia During Year

Continuing their activities on behalf of the underprivileged children of the county, members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club furnished gasoline and oil for twelve trips to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia in 1933.

The report of Mrs. Bertha Bell, county health nurse, who carried the children to the hospital, was filed with the Kiwanis Club directors at their December meeting Thursday evening.

It is requested that if the name of any person who was carried to the hospital or the name of the donor of gasoline and oil has been omitted, that Mrs. Bell be notified at once so that proper record may be made.

Mrs. Bell's report which was made to the Kiwanis Committee of which W. K. Sturdivant is sponsor and A. A. Finley is chairman, follows:

On February 7th, the following children were carried to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia: Carrie Wyatt, Annie Sexton, Lucille Sidden, Viola Darnell, Carrie Wyatt was admitted for treatment and Forest Church, John Davidson and Dovie Myers had been corrected and were discharged. Mr. J. R. Finley furnished the gas and oil.

On February 28th, the below named children were carried to the clinic: James Alvin Weston, Arbutus Myers, Mary Caudill, Vera Hall, Carrie Wyatt was dismissed from the hospital on this date. Mr. P. W. Eshelman furnished the gas and oil.

On March 14th, the following children were carried to the hospital: Viola Darnell, Annie Sexton, Opal Nichols, Louise Mitchell, Sanford Teague. On this date three were admitted: Viola Darnell, Annie Sexton, Opal Nichols. Ruth Joines was discharged from the hospital. Mr. Richard Finley furnished the gas and oil.

On May 17th, the following children were carried for diagnosis and observation: Arbutus Myers, Vera Hall, Forest Church, Mr. Genlo Carlwell furnished the gas and oil.

On May 23rd, the following children were carried to the clinic: Forest Church, John Davidson, Sanford Teague, Vera Hall, Arbutus Myers, Irene Harless,

Ruth Seather, Ruth Adams, Carl Sampson, Dovie Myers, Daisy Owen, Marie Green, Sanford Teague, Vera Hall, Arbutus Myers and Ruth Adams were admitted. Stella Casey and Viola Darnell were discharged. W. K. Joines and John E. Justice, Jr. furnished gas and oil for two trips.

On June 7th, Opal Nichols and Annie Sexton returned from the hospital. Mr. S. V. Swainson furnished gas and oil.

On July 5th, Atwell Ferguson was carried to Gastonia and Vera Hall returned from the hospital. Mr. W. K. Sturdivant furnished the gas and oil.

On August 22nd, the following children were carried to the clinic: Carrie Wyatt, Annie Sexton, John Davidson, Stella Casey, Mildred Myers, Viola Darnell, Ruth Joines, James A. Weston, Mr. J. D. Moore furnished the gas and oil.

On October 3rd, the following children were carried to the hospital: Irene Harless, Opal Nichols, Elnora Wright, Ruth Adams, Monroe Adams, James Adams, Louise Mitchell, Jewel Triplett, James Alvin Weston. Louise Mitchell was admitted to the hospital. Gas and oil were furnished by Mr. Edward G. Finley.

On November 22nd, the following children were carried to the clinic for observation: James Pearson, Vera Hall, Fannie Elledge, Opal Nichols. Mr. J. R. Hix furnished the gas and oil.

On November 28th, two babies, Ernest Jenkins and Travis Nichols were admitted to the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Dr. James W. Gibbons performed the hare-lip and cleft palate operations on the two above named children. His services were given free. Mr. A. A. Finley furnished the gas and oil for their trip.

On December 19th, the following children were carried to the clinic: Bessie Mae Reeves, James Beshears, Ruth Beshears, Talc Adams, Martha Billings. Gas and oil were furnished by Mr. J. C. Reins.

All of the above was made possible by the cooperation of the Kiwanis Club.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BERTHA BELL.

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Birthday Celebration

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shepherd gathered at their home at Reddies River and gave Mr. Shepherd a surprise birthday dinner, honoring his 56th birthday. The children surprised him with a nice suit of clothes.

All 12 of Mr. Shepherd's children and 10 grandchildren were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shepherd and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Shepherd and son, Burl, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whittington and children, Mr. Woodrow Shepherd, Miss Hallie Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barlow and little daughter, Yonder Lee, all of Kannapolis; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Staley and children, Mrs. C. E. Staley, Misses Callie, Paulene, Mosell, Shepherd, Marvin and John Shepherd, all of Reddies River. Among those from Kannapolis were: Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Vannoy, Miss Florette

Alexander, Miss Vellie Barlow, Mr. Jack Hensley, Mr. Henry Rhoads, Mr. Willard Dancy. All went off rejoicing, wishing Mr. Shepherd many more happy birthdays.

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