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Elmer Twitchell says he doesn't mind the canned beer but he can't stand free lunch in cellophane.—Chicago Daily News.

A scheme is wanted for popularizing tea in America. Why not prohibit it?—Punch. (London).

Those people who claim the country is ruined are trying mighty hard to get control of the wreck.—Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot.

One of the tragedies of stage life is that juvenile actors grow up. A talented boy actor recently had to quit at the age of 50.—Burlington (Iowa) Hawkeye Gazette.

We are told that Mussolini's African adventure is going to cost a great deal more than he estimated, but he hasn't heard anything yet. Wait till he begins to run into bonus troubles.—New Yorker.

And while the government is paying the farmers for all the pigs they don't raise and all the corn and wheat and cotton they don't plant, why don't they pay the radio song-crooners for every radio song they don't croon? And why not pay the gals who lecture and do parts in radio drama for keeping off the air?—Chicago Tribune.

In Same Boat

Although the parking and general traffic situation here has been improved during recent months by work of the police department and better care on the part of motorists who use the streets, we are reproducing for the consolation of the driver the following little poem clipped from an exchange:

When Noah sailed the water blue,
He had his troubles same as you,
For forty days he drove the ark
Before he found a place to park.

Direct Relief Ending

Direct relief—the dole—is coming to an end in this country in the form administered by the federal government but the burden of caring for the unfortunate will always be with the people. We have Biblical authority for that statement in "The poor ye have with ye always."

We heartily believe in the public works system as a substitute for direct relief in it does not break down the morale of the beneficiaries. A person who works for what he gets can still hold up his head as an honest person that does not take something for nothing.

Always Going Somewhere

It has been brought to our attention by a noted writer that every city or town is either progressing or going backward. Possibly no other statement in regard to the status of a community is more striking.

Every day a person stands at the cross roads of opportunity to make his city or community a better place in which to live. Each day he can make it better or worse. The collective effort of a majority of the people can turn the tide in either direction.

Here is some comment on this question offered by The Reidsville Review:

"What does a family want in a town or city? Good churches, good schools, good neighbors, good jobs, and a chance to make a living? Am I doing my share to make conditions so that people will want to live here. This is the question for every citizen to ask himself.

"Every live place wants to grow and prosper. Therefore it must be inviting. To attract new enterprises and new residents, its people must be friendly and fair and harmonious, it must have leaders with a vision and a definite program toward which to work.

"And there must be an organization to carry out the program. All the visions of dreamers, the inspiration of leaders avail nothing unless the people are moved by the right spirit, have a clear vision of the community's possibilities, are hitched up to a definite program, have a good plan to carry it out and are willing to sacrifice for the good of all.

It is just a question to consider what one we can all plant in daily study and practice.

Hunting Accidents

In Wilkes county the open season for taking the most popular species of game began Thursday and for the next two months the sound of the hunter's shotgun will be heard quite frequently in the fields and forests of the county.

Each hunting season takes a toll in human lives through accidental means. Using a little more care can eliminate these accidents.

The co-called unloaded gun takes the greatest toll in human lives. A good way to treat this subject is to advise that every gun be treated as a loaded gun regardless of whether or not the one handling it thinks it is loaded or unloaded. To banters or play with another by pointing a gun at him shows that you are really not to be trusted with the use of firearms. Very often the gun that you were sure of being unloaded has a deadly cartridge in it.

If you have ever been hunting with a single shot shotgun and pulled the trigger on an empty gun when you had aim on a rabbit, squirrel or bird, you can understand how feeble your memory is about what is in a gun.

Then there are always a few of those ridiculous accidents wherein a human being is mistaken and shot for a game animal.

Carrying a gun carelessly or paying little attention to the safety device is also another cause of accidents. Occasionally a gun is dropped, causing it to accidentally discharge and take a life that may be by chance in line with the sights.

Hunting is great sport but the ideal hunter will pay attention to safety first of all and take no chances with human life in trying to collect game.

"Death After Dark"

"Of 36,000 motor fatalities last year, 20,000 occurred at night," writes Governor Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey, in an article in Liberty entitled "Death After Dark."

"The total economic waste of nighttime automobile accidents is estimated at nearly one and a half billion dollars. . .

"Sixty-nine per cent of those killed are pedestrians. . .

"As a nation, we have failed to grasp the fact that as the sun goes down, so must our speed. We are simply driving too fast for our eyes."

Night driving, Governor Hoffman points out, involves three definite factors, each of which contributes to the hazard: 1, Overdriving our headlights; 2, Slow perception due to poor illumination; 3, The night pedestrian hazard. The first factor is probably the most important, inasmuch as it affects the other two. Governor Hoffman says that the average man is fortunate if he can see 100 feet clearly with his headlights. That is less than the distance required to stop from a speed of 35 miles per hour, on good pavement with first-class tires and brakes. If the night driver is traveling 60, not an uncommon speed on our highways today, that 100 feet of visibility will have been passed by the time he is able to even substantially lower his speed.

Borrowed Comment

WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

(Mecklenburg Times)
You may remember the old game, "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?" The person who got the "button" was the goat.

The modern craze of "button, button" has been going on of late years in the special and class tax movement.

Here in North Carolina it is a big game at this time with all the classes trying to give the "button" to the other fellow, and it is giving our numerous candidates for governor somewhat of a problem, as these classes want the candidate to say whom he will give the "button." The real estate men, the merchants, the power companies, the farmers, and others are asking the question and telling the candidates what to do.

One of the first and biggest "buttons" was sewed onto mortuists when the gas tax went like a case of measles from coast to coast. The insurance industry has come in for its turn with various special taxes. The electric companies have them. There are special food and other taxes and many laws and proposals on up to the "share the wealth" plan which is just another class tax on them, levied or proposed.

The trouble is that there are plenty of "buttons" to go around. Politicians' pockets are just full of them and they would rip them off their clothes, if necessary.

Maybe you haven't been passed a "button" yet with a class tax on your business, but you may get one any day.

Think it over the next time a tax is proposed that will hit only the other fellow.

It is the esthetic appeal of aviation that attracts fliers to it, says Amelia Earhart. Well, here's no higher art.—New York Sun.

Gas Chamber At Prison Is Tested

Electric Chair Is Being Supplanted By More Humane Death Machine

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—North Carolina's new lethal gas chamber was tested late today and pronounced ready for use.

But, before it supplants the 25-year-old electric chair as the method of legal executions in this state, it will be checked and re-checked. There were some officials displeased with the results, despite the fact that "experts" said it was safe and efficient.

Just a mongrel dog—some said he would have made a good "possum head"—was the first victim of the chamber. That was the final test today. Before the hapless canine dropped to the floor unconscious and breathed his last he emitted two audible howls. The howls were heard even through the double plate glass windows sealed into place.

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, declared that "We are certainly not going to put a human being in there to suffer as that dog obviously did."

Some of the dog "experts" present disagreed with Waynick, asserting the howls resulted from fright and expressed belief dogs have an intuition that prompts them of approaching death.

Warden H. H. Honeycutt, of central prison, was dissatisfied with the results.

The men who built the chamber, however, were convinced the test was not altogether fair.

A new oak chair has been anchored in the center of the little triangular room that occupies part of the former octagonal death chamber used for electrocutions. Later two other chairs will be placed there, enabling the state to carry out a triple execution at the same time.

Under the chair rests a pan, and in this pan the gas is manufactured. Thirty cyanide pills, weighing one-half ounce each, are dropped into this pan, containing sulphuric acid, and hydrocyanic gas is produced. The human victim would be seated just over this container and the fatal vapors would surround him as emitted from it the designer explained.

They thought the test was unfair because the dog was tied on the floor at a lower elevation than the container and off to the side. Thus the fatal fumes rose to the ceiling and curled back floorward before reaching the canine.

Dr. George S. Coleman, prison physician, expressed the opinion the dog probably felt pain or discomfort when he howled just before death, but he added that human victims sitting right over the container would be enveloped immediately by the gas and probably would die almost instantaneously. Dr. Coleman will determine when the victims are dead by means of a "long distance" stethoscope.

105-Year-Old Woman Dies Near Asheville

Asheville, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Myrtle Wallen, 105-year-old resident of the Stockville section, died this afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Wallen was a member of Morgan Hill Baptist Church. She is survived by a son, Tom Wallen; 18 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Payroll in steel industry 50 per cent larger than year ago.

Sharpening the Old Machete

by A. B. Chapin



ROBESON INDIAN DIES OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Lurberston, Nov. 29.—Willie Scott, Indian, is dead and two other Indians, Jasper and Simon Locklear, were injured in a gun battle in the Pope's Crossing section, near Lumberton, last night when Scott and Jasper Oxendine, allegedly shot at one another from behind trees while "playing western."

Scott was brought here to Baker sanatorium where he died early today. Jasper escaped, but was arrested today by Robeson county officers at the home of his grandfather, Hartman Oxendine, near Pembroke, and is held in Robeson jail, pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest Saturday. Simon Locklear was struck by a few shot and his automobile windshield was shot out when he attempted to halt the shooting.

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