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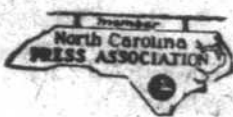
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## Efficient Work In Law Enforcement

The rapidity and efficiency in which the investigation of the safe robbery cases was carried out last week is worthy of special mention.

Within a matter of hours after the safe at Midway Pontiac company was robbed and attempt was made to rob a safe at the bus terminal here an arrest had been made in Alexander county.

Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the Highway Patrol, and members of the State Bureau of Investigation lost no time in getting to work on the case. The clues which they found and followed to successful termination were, of course, not disclosed, but they got results by diligent and prompt action.

The prompt and efficient action in jailing a prisoner on charge of bursting the safe will have a deterrent effect on others who may wish to try for easy money through crime.

## Improvement Of Roads Highly Essential

The State Highway and Public Works commission no doubt acted wisely in setting aside this year's highway surplus for improvement of county roads not included in the system of state highways.

Experience this winter with dirt roads, closed schools, marooned farmers, and other difficulties shows once again that the people living off the main highways deserve better treatment from those who spend highway tax money.

Crushed stone surfacing of roads will help greatly, but we hope that the state will continue the policy of the past year by placing more permanent type surface on the roads traveled most. The main arteries of travel in the secondary system should be hardsurfaced, so that the job of getting the road passable will not have to be done over and over.

Last year the Parsonville road, Clingman road and some sections in the eastern part of the county were improved. Let us hope that the state will continue this type of work, as well as keeping the more remote sections of county roads passable.

## Where Else Would You Want to Live?

Should anyone feel ashamed at boasting about this country? William Henry Chamberlin, one of our most distinguished historians and foreign correspondents, doesn't think so.

In a recent newspaper column, Mr. Chamberlin wrote: "It is easy to sneer at the slogan, 'against every ism except Americanism' is unsophisticated, uncouth, lacking in proper cosmopolitan spirit and whatnot. But, when due allowance has been made for wisecracks . . . the fact remains that Americanism is something pretty distinctive, and is a pretty good ism to live by . . ."

"Perhaps the most decisive proof that Americanism, with all its faults, is a pretty good ism, lies in the question: Where else would anyone familiar with American and world conditions wish to live, or see his children live? Thirty-five years ago, even fifteen years ago many European countries might have offered attractive alternatives. That this is not the case today is in considerable part the result of the new isms to which Europeans have surrendered part, or all, of their freedom."

The new isms of which Mr. Chamberlin speaks are not milestones in the march of Mankind. They mark a desperate and tragic turning back of the clock, and the hands are moving steadily toward another dark age. For two thousand years, peoples fought for freedom, and millions of lives were sacrificed to the ideal. Now freedom is being thrown away as if it were a cheap and useless thing.

Where else but here would you want to live, or want your children to live? That question bears repeating, and every American should answer it.

## Borrowed Comment

### WHISKEY COSTS PLENTY

(Elkin Tribune)

Those who occasionally—or frequently—indulge in alcoholic beverages, will be the first to tell you how expensive whiskey is to purchase, but it is doubtful that they stop to think that the purchase price is one of the least items in a total cost that runs into billions of dollars yearly, and which every citizen, whether he be wet or dry, is called upon to pay.

It's not the initial cost, it's the upkeep, in a manner of speaking. A perusal of statistics will show that a huge percentage of crimes can be traced directly to whiskey. Law enforcement costs are skyrocketed because of whiskey. Countless accidents, in which death or injury figures, are caused purely and simply by whiskey. Thousands of broken homes and broken lives are ruined by whiskey.

It is not for this corner to tell anyone whether they should or should not drink. But we think that everyone, whether they be total abstainers or hopeless alcoholics, will agree that it is not the original cost of the whiskey that counts, but the trail of misery that the use of alcohol leaves in its wake.

And to date, alcohol is a beverage which mankind has not learned to cope.

Anyway, with elimination of sugar rationing soft drinks are not as hard to get as they used to be.—Greensboro Daily News.

Baruch says that we are worrying too much about the market slump. Well, if we worry any more about the market's going down than we did about its going up, we ought to establish some sort of a worrying record.—Greensboro Daily News.

Says the Winston-Salem Journal: "Charles Dickens' novels were never meant to be read for sheer entertainment, although no one will deny that better entertainment cannot be found elsewhere in literature." Better look out there. Somebody is liable to deny it and prove he's right too.—Greensboro Daily News.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### WHERE GOD IS SEEN

In the sunshine and the flowers,  
In the clouds and in the rain,  
In the woodland and the bowers,  
And the fields of golden grain;  
In the hills and in the mountains,  
In the autumn and the spring,  
In the streamlets and the fountains  
God is seen in ev'ry thing.

### Chorus

God is seen in smiling faces,  
Of the saints of ev'ry land,  
As they nobly fill their places  
And like heroes take their stand;  
And He's seen in schools of learning  
Where they teach His blessed truth,  
And where Christian hearts are yearning  
For the welfare of our youth.

In the mellow light of morning,  
As the day breaks o'er the hills,  
And all nature wears adorning,  
Till one's heart with rapture thrills,  
We can see God's hand so wondrous  
As He paints the earth and sky,  
Though there be no voice that's thund'rous  
Telling us that He is nigh.

In the homes of peace and pleasure,  
Where they love and sing and pray,  
And the Bible is a treasure  
That they cherish, day by day,  
God is seen as their director,  
As their leader and their guide,  
As their shield and true protector,  
Ever present to provide.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
DWIGHT  
NICHOLS  
et al

### SNOW, SNOW, SNOW—

Practically all children, and many adults, are happy during a snowfall. There is something about snow that boosts spirits to higher levels.

And this applies not only to children who have few, if any, cares, but for adults to whom heavy snowfalls bring heavy hardships.

Snow in substantial quantities present a traffic hazard. The father knows that he cannot operate his car as he wants to. Often the snow blocks the roads, but yet he is never in bad humor when it snows.

The man of the house also knows that snow is a costly happening. It calls for chains if the car is to be used, cost of having chains put on, greater use of gasoline, etc. He also knows that snow calls for more fuel in the home, and that numerous inconveniences can result. But, despite all these hardships, he is happy when the feathery flakes are falling earthward.

The business man knows that people are not coming to buy his goods in profitable quantities during heavy snowfall. He knows that the weather will paralyze business, but despite the financial loss he takes the weather in cheerful stride.

But rain and sleet are different, and it is difficult to find people feeling good in that kind of weather.

Maybe it is the memories of childhood that buoy our spirits during snowfall. Maybe it brings to mind our youth when a snowfall meant snow cream in the days before ice cream could be purchased at every corner and roadside store. Maybe it brings to mind the cheerful shouts of children playing, throwing snowballs, making snow men, riding down the hill on a sled improvised from a broad piece of plank, or engaged in other pleasant activities.

Anyway, it's something.

### THOSE NAILS IN THAT TELEPHONE POLE—

On a busy street corner in Franklin, N. C., in front of a drug store and where the busses stop, there stands a telephone pole which attracted my interest. I have never seen a pole before with half as many nails in it as this one. Beginning about 3 feet from the ground and then extending upwards about 2 feet it is literally covered with nail heads. When I first noticed it I thought they were tacks, but on examination I found them to be 8 or 10 penny nails driven so their heads would nearly touch one another. Before the nails were driven in, strips of narrow tin had been wound about the pole. It failed of the desired purpose, hence the nails. Naturally I wondered why the tin and then the nails. I soon found the answer. They were put there to keep whittlers from whittling the pole away and causing it to fall. The tin strips were easily torn away and the wood exposed to the whittler's knife. The nails are too hard to remove so by their presence is the pole saved.

Now if that pole could talk it might say that driving those nails in it hurt. Yet, without the nails it would soon be whittled away. How true with men and women! Many times those things that hurt us are the very things that become a blessing to us. Too often we fail to look up until we walk in the valley.

Yes, the nails may "hurt" but they are best for the pole!—Exchange.

Prices of hogs probably will continue high during 1948, with about the usual seasonal increase probable in the late winter and early spring.



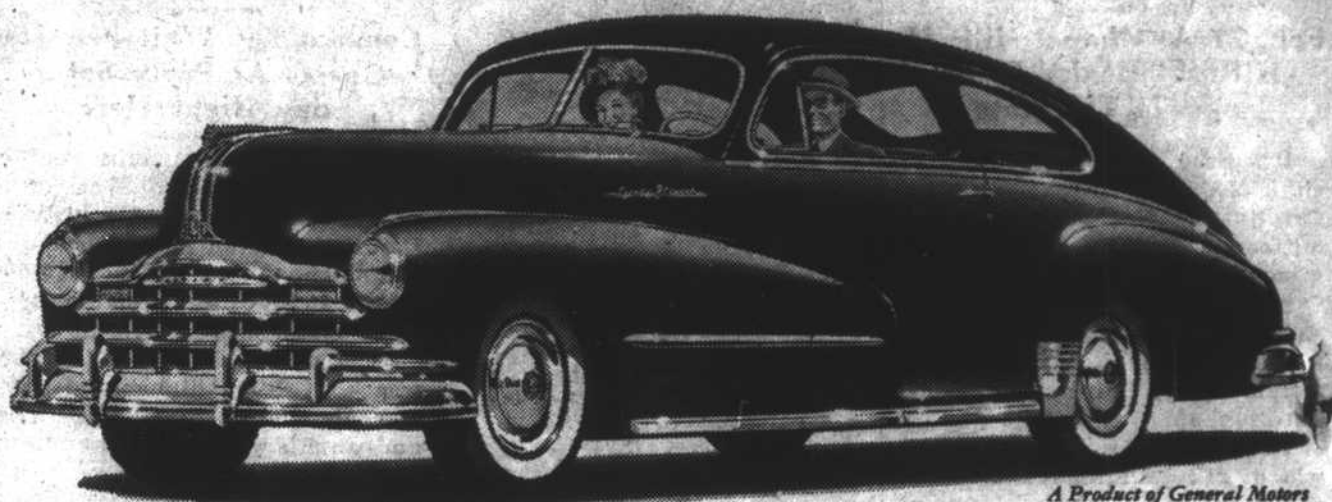
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