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#### **Favors Enforcement** Of Prohibition Laws

In an editorial Friday morning the Winston-Salem Journal discussed at length the argument that ABC stores should be established because of the lack of enforcement of the laws against liquor in the Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro area.

The editorial opposed the arguments of the wet forces on the grounds that prohibition laws could be and should be enforced, to which it might well have added that the people will get the kind of enforcement they demand from their offi-

Summarizing the argument, the editorial closed with the following comment:

"In North Carolina we have at least four law enforcement groups: The city police force, the Sheriff and his deputies, agents of the S. B. I., and State Highway Patrol officers. In addition there are many local constables. With all these forces charged with the enforcement of the liquor statutes as well as other offenses 'against the peace and dignity of the State,' there appears to be no reason why we cannot have a reasonably effective enforcement of the liquor laws as they now exist. If an all-out effort were made by all these agencies to enforce the liquor laws and these agencies received the full co-operation of good citizens, it is our opinion that we should soon hear no more about vast amounts of liquor being consigned and delivered into this area of North Carolina."

## Three Billions Go **Into Slot Machines**

An article in Collier's states that an estimated three billion dollars yearly go into slot machines.

The same source of information states that lucrative profits to operators of slot machines has been used in many instances to corrupt law enforcement agencies and officers and has created a serious menace.

In at least 30 of the 48 states are rigid state laws against slot machines which make it a violation of the law to own, distribute or have a slot machine where it can be used by any person.

The North Carolina law is very strict. It has been tested and no loopholes have been found.

In spite of that fact, thousands of slot machines are taking nickels, dimes, quarters and halves in defiance of the law. Many of the machines have been operating in Wilkes county.

The slot machine is a very attractive piece of machinery. "Suckers" like to see the wheels roll. To put in one and get ten or 20 at one time is a big attraction.

Slot machines are particularly attractive to children, and arouse in them the gambling instinct that all have to some extent. Each one thinks he can beat the machine, although others have failed. When as a matter of fact that machine is mechanical and the player has no control over it whatsoever. The machine was manufactured at great expense for one purpose only, and that is to make money for the operators. It is their game and nobody else can beat it.

From this angle it appears that enforcement of the slot machine law presents no great problems for officers. All they have to do is to learn where the machines are, seize them and indict the operators.

### Read The Headlines On Fire Destruction

Is fire prevention worth the effort? Don't answer that question offhand-give it some thought first.

Here, to aid your thinking, are a few headlines, taken verbatim from papers in Raleigh as North Carolina Navarious parts of the country. "Three Chil- tional Committeemen. dren Killed in Brooklyn Fire; Found Clasped in One Another's Arms." "Fam- dissenting vote-by E. D. Cranily of Seven Dies in Burning Home." ford of Asheboro-was cast when "Fire Kills Farm Mother and six of 10 children." "Fire Kills Two Babies as Stove Overturns." "Woman Revives, Finds Four to make the selection unanimous. in Family Suffocated."

A list of such gruesome headlines could be extended indefinitely. In the course of last month while serving as naan average year, fire kills over 10,000 tional committeeman and as people in this country. It permanently disfigures many more. It maims others for life. And its toll is especially great among olution expressing "deep personal C., Ear young children, who don't know what to loss" in the death of Senator Raleigh do when fire strikes and there's no one Bird of Charlotte, and seconded ter, Mrs about to help them.

When it comes to economic waste, fire makes appalling records. Direct money loss runs to \$700,000,000 a year and more. And the indirect waste, which cannot be exactly figured, is estimated at two to three times that sum. And no one can measure the human problems which arise when fire costs a man his home or his job.

Where will the next headline telling of death and destruction by fire originate? It may be a thousand miles away—it may be in the next town-it may be in your home. Now decide whether fire prevention is worth the effort.

Whatever change the legislature intends to make relative to auto inspection, action should be taken now. The present schedule of inspections is entirely inadequate to serve the people, and if the state says a man must have his car inspected the state should provide proper facilities for inspection.

WALTER E. ISENHOUR High Point, N. C., Route 4

## AN EDUCATED SAINT

It's great to be an educated saint, but everybody haven't been and can't be well educated. Paul was highly educated, but Peter wasn't. However, both served and worshipped God and accomplished great things. They left their mark behind that has blessed the world for nineteen hundred years.

I've seen some educated saints, and I've seen well educated men who were servants of the devil. A man highly educated, with his life fully consecrated to God, is a great and marvelous blessing. He wins souls, encourages pilgrims on their journey heavenward, wields and leaves an influence along life's pathway that lifts humanity and honors and glorifies God. Would to God that every educated person were godly. If this could be realized throughout the earth today we would see a great change among nations that would be wonderful. An education that takes one deep in godliness, righteousness, holiness, and the richness of God's love and grace, certainly is a rich and rare treasure. It is far better to own than material riches when God is left out of the Heart and life.

Our young people today who are striving for an education certainly need God in their lives. In fact they should first seek God, and seek His will concerning their lives, that they may use their education to bless humanity rather than curse humanity. The Bible should be the main textbook of every man's life. He should study it, love its great, deep, profound and wonderful truths above all books on earth. It should be sweet, dear and precious to his soul. It is always safe to follow. its directions, when accepted and rightly interpreted. The Bible would save multitudes of our young people today from error, from false theories, and from much cheap tommyrot that has crept into our system of education, if they would sincerely accept it and its Divine Author. O that we had more educated saints! We praise God for all well educated people whose lives are deeply spiritual.

Not only so, but we deeply appreciate, and thank and praise God, for every saint on earth, many of whom have little education, and some of whom have none. Every saintly person is to be appreciated. But we realize that a man with a great education that is a saint, who is powerful in prayer and active in God's service, can accomplish more than if he had no education. Saintliness, however, is a pearl of greatest price.

## Committeeman Is **Jonathan Daniels**

Raleigh. - The Democratic State Executive Committee last night picked Jonathan Daniels of

Daniels was the only candidate placed in nomination. Only one Chairman Capus Waynick called for a standing vote.

Oranford had blocked a move Daniels will succeed the late Senator Joe L. Blythe of Charlotte, who died in Washington band, treasurer of the party's national

The committee adopted a res- six sons Blythe, It was offered by Tom Raymoni of Greensboro; one sisby Mrs. Walter G. Craven, rep- head, 3 resentative from Mecklenburg.

was nominated by Ira Johnsto Jefferson attorney who pr ised the party records for Daniels and his father, the late

Josephus Daniels.

Johnston pointed out that Daniels had the support of Governor Scott and U. S. Senators Clyde R.

### the committee post. Mrs. Ennice Hanks Dies At Stokesdale

Stokesdale, Feb. 9 .- Mrs. Ennice Hanks, 73, died at her home on Route 2, Reidsville, today after ar extended illness. Funerbe held at Center Baptist lear Elkin Thursday at 1 al will church p. m. Barial will be in the church cemetery. Surviving are her hus-H. Hanks, four daughters, A s. G. D. Hanson, Mrs. John Harrell, both of Greensboro, Mrs. T. E. Wood of Summerfield, Fred King of Reidsville; Edgar of Thurmond, W. Odell of Reidsville, and Hanks of Bahama, and Caroline Scott of Whitegrandchildren, 11 great-

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## Yadkin Valley Has **Attractive Sign**

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ly attractive neon signs. Hoey and J. M. Broughton for The largest sign, bearing the firm name, is erected on the corner of the building at Ninth and C streets. An attractive sign designating Ford trucks was erected on the new building of the company on the northeast corner of Ninth and C streets.

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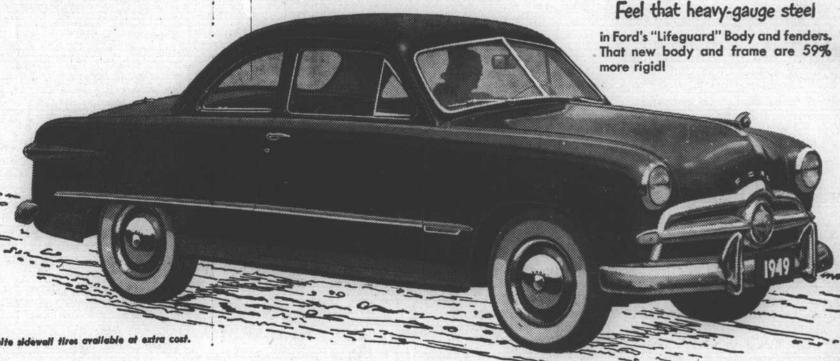


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