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DO YOU KNOW OF ANY RICH BOOTLEGGERS?

Some of the wets contend that the blockaders and bootleggers are opposed to the elimination of the 18th Amendment from the Constitution as it would destroy their business. Do you know of any rich blockaders and bootleggers in this part of the country? Back in the days when bar rooms were run in Sanford the men who sold liquor over the counter made more money than the business men of the town. Some of the bar keepers set themselves up in business with money they accumulated by selling liquor. The blockaders and bootleggers no doubt want to see the 18th Amendment stricken from the Constitution. They know that if this is done the government will put a heavy tax on the sale of liquor. This will enable them to go to the woods, make liquor and sell it at about half the price the bar keeper will have to charge to make any money at the business. Some people are going to have a rude awakening when the time comes for liquor to be sold according to law in this community. They may have heartburnings when it is too late.

MORE REFORMS NEEDED IN OUR COURT SYSTEM.

Reform is taking place in nearly every other line of activity in this day of the "New Deal." Why not have it in the system of holding our courts? They have become too costly and are not functioning as they should. The method of handling the courts has become obsolete and is out of date. The failure to properly function cannot be laid at the door of any one official or group of officials. The system fails to fit in with the times. The people are not backing up the courts as they should. They have to a degree lost respect for law and order and this is reflected in the courts. We recall being in the court room years ago and impressed with the fact that when people were called to serve as witnesses in cases they seldom failed to answer to their names. This made it easy to go ahead with the trial of the cases on the docket. Now you can sit in the court room any day while court is in session and hear the court clerk call the names of witness after witness and no response. We have heard the names of seven or eight called in succession and it was found that they were not in the court room. Why did they stay away after subpoenas had been served on them? Evidently they were not afraid of being fined or in some other way punished. Others who have been given a hearing and are out on bond under suspended sentence often fail to answer to their names when called in court to show by witnesses whether or not they have been of good behavior since they last appeared before the court. This spirit of indifference, contempt or whatever one may term it, seems to grow worse. It looks like it will take some severe punishment to break up this kind of business.

Our courts are too costly. This is made so by the loss of too much time in disposing of the dockets which are carried over from court to court and become congested. Last Monday morning at 10 o'clock the July term of Lee County Superior Court convened and as the county has a 12-months jury system, Judge Frank Daniels, of Goldsboro, who

is holding the present term of court, felt that it was unnecessary to charge the jury, which, upon being qualified by taking the oath, went at once to the jury room to pass on all bills that had been filed. It looked as if the court would make a better start than usual on the opening day. The first case that came up for a hearing was a case in which one negro charged another with stealing three chickens from him. The plaintiff stated that the chickens were worth about 50 cents each. A number of witnesses were examined and the trial was not finished until late in the afternoon. It consumed practically the whole day. A court official informed The Express that the trial of this case would cost the tax payers of Lee county about \$200. Strikes us that chicken stealing in Lee County must be on an unusually high plane.

BROADWAY HITS A HOMER.

The Express last week carried the quarterly statement of the Bank of Broadway. This in some respects the best financial showing the Bank of Broadway has made since it was established. When you take into consideration the fact that the country is in the grip of the worst depression America has experienced in all its history this is a remarkable showing for this bank to make. It is a better report than this same institution made even back in the days following the World War when the country was flooded with money and every bank bulging with it. There is not a bank in North Carolina that enjoys the confidence of the people of its town and section more than the Bank of Broadway. It is often spoken of as an ideal bank, run strictly according to banking principles. It is one of the few banks in the State that is now in better shape than when the holiday was called. One secret of the success of this bank is that it is in a good community and is patronized by prosperous farmers and business people. They have confidence in D. E. Shaw, who handles its affairs and at all times protects their interests as he would his own business. They know the "big Scotchman" will say "no" when to use this word means the protection of the savings committed to his care.

POSTMASTERS MAY BE PUT UNDER CIVIL SERVICE.

Congress and the Democratic party have loyally stood by President Roosevelt in the program that he has put on since he took over the reins of government, but members of Congress and the office seekers are going to put on a bucking demonstration should he carry out the suggestion that he has made of putting all postmasters under the civil service. He suggests that this should be done for the promotion of economy and the good of the postal service. All fourth class offices have been under civil service for years. Putting all first, second and third class offices under civil service would be regarded as an unpardonable sin by the members of Congress, who wish to continue to control this patronage and by the office seekers. No doubt there are Democrats here in Sanford who are ready to enter a vigorous protest against the proposed action on the part of President Roosevelt.

WHAT HAS CONVERTED SOME OF THE WETS IN LEE?

It seems that during the past few weeks some of the wets in Lee county have been converted to the dry side according to the reports that have been put in circulation. We hear of others who contemplate crossing the dividing line soon. Did they see a light when they read that long list of names of citizens of the county who had taken a stand for the 18th Amendment by signing on the dotted line? This stand many of these citizens have boldly taken in this matter was a surprise to them. It is predicted by even some of the wets that the November election will find a good majority of the vot-

ing population of the county on the dry side. Are these citizens, some of whom live in Sanford, playing politics, and hope to ride into office by getting on the winning side, although at heart they may still be as wet as the Atlantic ocean?

We hope they are sincere in the stand that they have taken or about to take. It seems that they have about faced so suddenly that they have left the seat of their pants in front. Some test should be made to see whether or not they have experienced a change of heart. Although this prohibition question will be settled before the next State election, the voters should know whether or not these would-be politicians are sincere in their professions. Should they prove gay deceivers in one thing, they will probably be guilty of it in another. Politics should be left entirely out of this campaign and election on the question of prohibition, but it seems that there is no way to avoid it. Just about as well undertake to dam the Mississippi river. The wets are responsible for it being dragged into politics and are going to keep it there for the purpose of eliminating the 18th Amendment from the Constitution.

ORGANIZATION STARTED FOR COLLECTION OF TAX.

The machinery for collecting the general sales tax has been set up and is now about ready to function. It was announced the first of the week that the tax collection districts had been increased from 18 to 54 and the number of field men from 18 to 62. About all appointments to these places have been made. Previously the State had only 18 tax districts with 18 field men employed. Twelve of the old 18 were reappointed while 38 new senior collectors and eight junior deputies were added. In addition to this number, nine men will be added to the sales tax division of the revenue headquarters in Raleigh. It is expected that the assignments to districts will be made this or next week.

Among the junior deputies that have been appointed is Lynn McIver, Jr., oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Lynn McIver, of this place. He has not as yet been assigned to a district. Mr. McIver was educated at the University and since leaving that institution he has made his home here with his parents. He has a young wife. Should he be assigned to a district in this section of the State he will probably be able to continue to make his home in Sanford. He is the only one appointed in this section. His many friends congratulate the young man upon his appointment.

No one can justly complain that collectors are highly paid. Twelve of the 18 now in service were reappointed. They are called senior deputies and get \$1,500 a year. Thirty-eight new senior deputies will get \$1,300 per annum. Eight junior deputies get \$1,080 a year.

It remains to be seen how this experiment, so far as North Carolina is concerned, is going to work out. We feel safe in saying almost 100 per cent of the people who will be called on to pay the tax, are opposed to the new system. The merchants are doubtful as to how it shall be worked out. It seems that most people pay without protest. The collectors will probably begin their work about the first of August.

While North Carolina's young Democracy was declaring itself unreservedly for the repeal of the 18th Amendment and showing no willingness whatsoever toward tolerance of expression of personal opinion in its convention at Wrightsville last week, the young Baptists, in their annual convention at Ridgecrest, 750 strong, were taking their stand solidly behind the retention of the Amendment. What a contrast. The young people in their Ridgecrest meeting are to be congratulated for the stand they have taken in this matter.

Friends of Mrs. Homer Messamer will regret to learn that she underwent very serious operation at the Lee County Hospital.

THIS LAND HAT

BY O. T.

At their meeting recently held in Wrightsville the Young Democrats of North Carolina passed a resolution calling for the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

E. C. York, of Sanford, the only delegate who opposed the resolution on the floor of the convention, was howled down. The Greensboro Daily News, commenting on this incident of the meeting, says:

"While the Daily News hopes and trusts that tolerance will obtain in the state's prohibition campaign, that Senator Reynolds' admonition to that effect in his address before the Young Democrats will be adhered to and that the young as well as the old partisans will not, as believed by its Raleigh bureau, hose whip anybody for his or her views, it must be realized that the millennium has not as yet arrived and that its arrival is less likely to occur as repealists and retentionists come to closer grips in their impending battle."

"In fact, there were certain demonstrations of a kind at the very gathering where Senator Reynolds made his appeal and where the resolution in favor of repeal accorded formal recognition to 'the right of every citizen to vote for or against repeal without regard to party affiliations.' Boos, hurrahs, shouts greeted this or that speaker or this or that contention in accordance with the degree of approval or disapproval which prevailed amongst the delegates assembled."

"When the committal which pledged tolerance reached the floor for consideration, it is recorded in the Charlotte News' report of the proceedings that: 'The convention shouted down the only delegate to advocate defeat of the resolution. Discussions were limited to two minutes and when E. C. York, of Lee county, termed repeal a 'question of personal liberty' the convention roared: 'Time up, time up.'"

"Hence it may be seen that those of the brethren who still consider 'actions speak louder than words' of axiomatic force are not so sure, as they hope against hope, of this tolerance stuff. Campaigns that have any zip, zest or feeling—and surely the prohibition cause has not fallen so low that it has lost the power to produce these qualities—simply are not usually, regardless of how hard cooler heads may try to prevail, conducted that way."

The individual who, during the past few months, has been contributing to the columns of this paper some excellently written and interesting stories and paragraphs under the caption, "A Tar Heel Scrap Book," says that Louis Graves, editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly, is a descendant of William Hooper, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. To have for one's ancestral background one of the immortal fifty-two is not bad but here is fitting that Lee County's Rotating Tar Heel has never heard Lou's Graves bragging about it.

Graves is one of three brothers who graduated from the University of North Carolina some thirty years ago. These brothers were Ralph, Ernest and Louis. They left Chapel Hill about the same time and went North. Ernest entered West Point Military Academy and after graduating from the War College became an engineer in the United States Army and as a road builder rendered his country distinguished service during the World War. Ralph and Louis entered the field of newspaper reporting in New York City. Ralph became a star reporter on the staff of the New York Times and when that paper had big news to gather, like the reporting of a National Democratic or Republican Convention, the assignment of such work was often given to him. For these thirty years he has been one of the high class newspaper men of the country. As for Louis Graves, he could not forget Chapel Hill, and after remaining in New York for a while he returned home to become a publisher and the editor of a weekly newspaper. The Graves boys were born in Chapel Hill and they represent the finest traditions of the University. Their father, Ralph Graves, was professor of mathematics in the University previous to the coming of Billy Cain and his brilliant nephew, Archibald Henderson, who became internationally known as an author when he published his biography of George Bernard Shaw some years ago.

Lee County people have been going over to Duke University this summer to hear the Carillon Recitals by Anton Brees, which take place each Sunday at 4:30 p. m. and each Thursday at 9:00 p. m. The Carillon is a gift of Messrs. George G. Allen and William R. Perkins, of New York, chairman and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Duke Endowment. The Carillon comprises fifty perfectly tuned bells placed high in the University Chapel. Its range covers just four chromatic octaves, the bells weigh from ten to 11,200 pounds, and having diameters from eight inches to six feet, nine inches. While there are a few larger carillons in the world, the Duke instrument has one quality said to be excelled by none.

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Last year the huge sum of \$1,000,000,000 was spent for the relief of the unemployed in this country. The national government raised 93 per cent of this amount while seven per cent came from private sources. A Washington dispatch states that at least one billion dollars will be needed for the relief of the unemployed this year. In Lee County almost half the population have received relief from the government during the past six months and it is probable that equally as many people will need relief during the coming winter.

Many of the people of Sanford now do their banking with the Bank of Broadway. That bank down there in the low end of the county made an excellent showing in its last report published in The Express last week. It is the only bank in this section of the state that has never gone broke.

A story from Nashville relates that a sheriff in a Tennessee county raffed a whiskey still and poured the mash into a river. The fish got drunk and came to the surface to breathe. People in boats caught the drunk fish and had a great feast. Maybe if some of the boys in Lee County who do a little moonshining on the side were to pour some of their mash into the Cape Fear river they would get a good haul of cat fish.

Some of our North Carolina citizens have professed doubt whether God would approve the destruction of a portion of the growing cotton, the Gascon county farmer having doubt about interfering with the work of 'God and nature' unless the government would pay him his price for the cotton to be destroyed. By contrast is the action of the congregation of Midway Presbyterian church, in Anderson county, S. C. This church had a cotton crop which might well have been claimed for the Lord. It is the custom of the farmer members of the congregation to plant an acre of cotton each year for the church. The acre is called 'God's acre,' its yield being specifically designated for the use of the church. Incidentally, it is said, the operating expenses of the church are met that way.

Came along the government cotton reduction plan. The Midway members might have well claimed that their church cotton should be omitted, as it probably would have been. Instead they said the "government is engaged in a great cooperative enterprise to help us help ourselves." So they decided the church should join in. The church treasurer was instructed to sign up for 50 per cent reduction of the church crop. If the plan goes through the church will get its share of benefits. There was no disposition to lay on the Lord responsibility for the amount of cotton planted. Also it would appear that the Midway congregation's understanding of the Lord did not include the belief that He intended His people to take leave of common sense in the carrying on of their ordinary avocation and their support of His cause. It is noticeable that it is the people who have little or no concern about the Lord in ordinary times, who rarely seek His counsel about the size of the cotton crop or any other business, who on occasion become much concerned about the Lord's wishes and they proceed on the idea that the Lord is as foolish as they are.

Make Interesting Trip Through Shenandoah

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harward, Paul Harward, of Sanford Route Two, and Misses Henrietta Harward and Christine Bagwell, of Raleigh, have returned from a sight seeing trip through North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D. C. They drove from Raleigh to Lynchburg and across the mountains to Natural Bridge, spent the night in Stanton, Va., and up to the Endless Caverns. They went through the caverns, a depth of two hundred and ninety feet and a distance of one and one quarter miles. Seeing the caverns alone is worth the trip. Drive on up the Shenandoah Valley near Winchester to call on friends. On this part of the route they saw some famous racing stables and old historic Virginia plantations, among them "Greenway," the old home of Lord Fairfax. On the way back to Washington they stopped to see Deward Thomas, formerly of Lee county, but who is now in business in Fairfax, Va. While in Washington they visited Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Guesford, Miss Nell Patrick and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Gasset.

They report a lovely trip, beautiful scenery, but Miss Harward, who was driving, says she had a rather thrilling experience. Driving a Chevrolet coach with free wheeling, the control cable came off and she drove almost from the Lynchburg city limits to Natural Bridge in free wheeling, being unable to change it. Miss Harward asserts if any one wants a thrill the best she can suggest is to coast from Lynchburg to Natural Bridge across the mountains. Fortunately for all, she made it without trouble and is still sold on the Chevrolet and miraculous to relate the brakes on her car are still in good condition.

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