

Some Facts About Randolph Schools

County Superintendent's Statistical Report Gives Some Interesting Figures.

99 School Buildings
Valued at \$749,583 — Much Spent in New Construction.

The statistical report of County Superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla discloses some interesting figures relative to the schools of the county for the school year 1926-27. His figures show there are 99 school districts in the county, 80 for white and 19 for colored, and that there are 21 local tax districts.

Invested in rural school property in the county is the sum of \$749,583, of which \$730,033 represents the value of white rural schools and \$19,550 the value of rural school houses for the colored school children. These buildings number 99 and contain a total of 192 classrooms. There are in the county 48 one-room school buildings, 36 for white children and 12 for the colored. The cost of new school houses built during the year amounts to \$179,268.42, of which all with the exception of \$400 was for school buildings for white children.

There are 48 libraries in the rural schools, 46 in the white schools and 2 in the colored. Total number of volumes in these libraries is 4,750, only 200 of which are in the two colored libraries. Four hundred volumes were added during the year.

The report shows 48 one-teacher schools in the county, 13 of which are colored; 33 two-teacher, 3 being for colored; 5 three-teacher, 3 for colored and two for white; and 13 more than 3-teacher all for white children. The number of consolidated schools reaches 10, of which five have more than seven teachers, and the other three have four, five and six teachers respectively.

Ten schools in the county are served by 34 school trucks, which transported on an average of 1,104 pupils daily to and from school. The average daily mileage of these trucks was 676 and the average number of days the trucks were operated was 145.

The average term of all schools was 125 days. In the rural local tax districts the average term was 136 days and in consolidated schools 145 days.

The school census showed 16,416 persons in the county from 6 to 21 years of age, of which 2,039 were colored and 14,377 white. The white males between these ages in the county led the females by 7,308 to 7,069. Asheboro had 1,138, both white and colored, between the ages of 6 and 21. The total rural enrollment between the ages of 6 and 21 was 8,019, of which 748 were in the high school grades, 8 to 11, inclusive.

The average rural daily attendance was 5,839, and that in the high school grades 632. Total number of teachers in the schools numbered 245, of which 26 were employed to teach high school grades.

Four thousand, three hundred and twenty white school children were promoted to higher grades at the close of the school year, and 519 colored.

Improvements Being Made On Local School Grounds

Improvements are being made on the school grounds under the direction of the town board and the town board of education. The grounds about the building are being plowed up and will be sown in peas and later in grass. The town school board has obtained the services of a landscape gardener in an effort to beautify the grounds by the sowing of grass and planting of shrubbery.

Attempt At Robbery Foiled

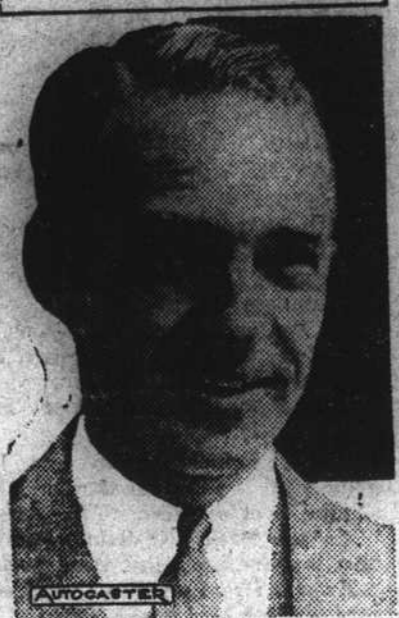
An attempt was made to rob the home of Tod Edwards, colored, at Siler City, Monday night. Presence of the robber in the house frightened one of Edwards' daughters so that she jumped from a second story window and would probably have suffered serious injuries had not a neighbor arrived on the scene in time to catch her as she leaped.

Evangelistic Services At Neighbors Grove Church

A series of evangelistic services began at Neighbors Grove last Sunday with Rev. Cook, of Asheville, preaching. The services will continue through two weeks. On next Sunday Morning Rev. Cook will use as his subject, "Why I Believe and Preach Scripture Holiness," the text being found in 1 Phillipians 3-15. The subject for the afternoon's sermon will be "Multitude of Words of God," Psalms 1:1-2. Sunday evening's subject will be "A Skeleton in the Closet," the text to be used will be found in Numbers 32: 23. The public is invited to attend all services.

Community Singing
A community singing will be held at Cane Creek church, seven miles east of Liberty, Sunday, July 17, beginning at 10 o'clock and continuing throughout the day. There will be a full day of music by some of the leading singers in the State such as the Higgins-sister, High Point quartette, Lexington quartette, two quartettes from Greensboro, one from Graham and also singers from other places.

Edsel B. Ford



A remarkable good "close-up" of Edsel B. Ford, now president of the Ford Motor Company, taken as the 14 airplanes hopped off on a reliability tour of 25 American cities—and for which he will award a special trophy for the 4,200 miles of flying.

Ross Clan Will Meet August 11

At Pleasant Garden M. E. Church—To Have Brunswick Stew And Picnic Dinner.

Charles Ross Speaker

Announcement has been made of the annual reunion of the Ross clan to be held at Pleasant Garden M. E. church beginning at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of August 11th. Assistant Attorney General Charles Ross, of Lillington, son of Mr. R. R. Ross, of Asheboro, will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. W. L. Lambert, of Asheboro, who before marriage was Miss Julia Ross, has prepared a paper relative to the family which is expected to be intensely interesting to the clan. The Ross clan is of Scotch descent, and the songs sung at the reunion will be Scotch ballads. Efforts are being made to get the Ross clan so that the women may wear dresses of this style on the occasion of the reunion.

Mrs. A. N. Perkins, of Greensboro, who before marriage was Miss Lallah Ross, is president of the clan, and J. D. Ross, of Asheboro, is vice president.

A Brunswick stew and picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour during the reunion to which all relatives and friends of the family are invited.

Improvements Being Made On Depot Street Crossing

The Southern Railway Company is making improvements on its crossing on Depot street. New ties are being put under the tracks and these will be covered with planking similar to those that have been at the crossing for several years past. Much unfavorable comment has been heard on the streets of the town for months past over the bad condition existing at this street crossing. It has been remarked that the crossings on State highway 70 between Asheboro and Ulah is much better than the one on Depot street and those on 77 near the White Hall filling station, seven miles north of Asheboro, are by far an improvement over that on Depot street, which is used more than those at White Hall and the one on 70 near Ulah all put together.

M. P. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:45 A. M. Sunday school, Mr. W. L. Ward, Supt.
11:00 A. M. Sermon by the pastor to the children and young people.
7:00 P. M. Senior Christian Endeavor.
8:00 P. M. The Annual Children's Day service.
The public is cordially invited.

Miss Maude Carson Is Home From China

Spending Some Time In Asheboro—Left China On Account Of Revolution.

Miss Maude Carson, who was sent to China as a missionary four years and a half ago under the Mission Board of the Southern Presbyterian church, arrived in Asheboro last week. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. E. Carson who formerly lived in Asheboro and who spends her summers here. Miss Carson has for the past four months been a refugee in Shanghai, having been ordered there by the war department of China. Miss Carson was located at Soochow, China, where she has been superintendent of the George C. Smith Girls' school. While Miss Carson was a refugee she was not alarmed over war conditions. She was accompanied home by Miss Helen Most, who has been engaged in Young Women's Christian Association work in Soochow, China. She will spend some time with Miss Carson before going to her home in New Jersey. It is understood that Miss Carson will speak to the Women's Missionary societies of Asheboro on conditions in China when she has rested from her trip. She would have had her furlough next year but was granted her furlough a year earlier on account of the revolution.

Good Fellowship Meet At Seagrove

Was Attended By Large Crowd—Several Interesting Talks Made During Evening.

Purpose Of Meeting

The third of the series of Good Fellowship meetings of the Asheboro chamber of commerce was held in the Seagrove school building at Seagrove last Friday night with about 100 of the people of the community present. Attendance would have been larger had it not been for the threatening weather.

The program carried out was similar to those which have obtained at the previous meetings at Farmer and Gray's Chapel. Short speeches were made by Rev. J. R. Comer, of Seagrove, and Dr. M. G. Edwards, E. S. Millsaps, Jr., Dr. E. L. Moffitt and Rev. J. E. Pritchard, all of Asheboro. The theme of the speeches was good fellowship and the relationship which should exist between the people of the towns and the rural sections.

Special stress was laid upon the ways by which business men of the towns may be of help to the farmers, and attention was called to the benefits which would accrue from a closer relationship between business men and farmers in general. All the speeches made were most enjoyable and highly instructive.

Music was furnished for the meeting at Seagrove by a string band and several piano selections were rendered.

It is the intention of the chamber of commerce to hold other meetings similar to the one at Seagrove in various parts of the county. Announcement will be made soon of the next such meeting to be held.

Miss Craven Delivers An Interesting Address

The Asheville Citizen gives an interesting account of the luncheon held in Asheville Monday evening by the business girls' club of which Miss Hettie Craven, daughter of the late R. S. Craven, of Randolph county, who now holds a position with the Asheville Mattress Company, is a member. Miss Craven made an interesting talk at the luncheon on "Practical Suggestions for Ambitious Youth," dividing her subject into three parts, ambition, courage and determination. The Citizen states that the direct and intelligent manner in which she handled the subject was highly commendable.

Judge T. B. Finley To Preside Over Court

Begins In Asheboro Monday and Will Continue For Term Of Two Weeks.

Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, will convene Randolph Superior Court for the trial of cases on the civil calendar in the court house in Asheboro next Monday morning. Court will last for two weeks and only civil cases will be tried. The calendar was printed several days ago and contains a number of cases set for trial. Effort will be made to expediate the work of the court and clear it of as many cases as possible during the term of two weeks.

Following this term there will be another week of civil court, beginning on Monday of the last week in August. This term has been called by the Governor on request of local attorneys in order that the long list of cases in the civil docket may be disposed of without further delay. The two weeks of court beginning Monday and the week of court in August should go a long way toward clearing the docket.

Revival At Holiness Church

A series of revival meetings will begin Friday evening, July 15th, at the Asheboro Holiness church. Rev. W. R. Cox, of Greensboro, will assist the pastor, Rev. F. R. Cooper, with the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Two Young Women Make Long Trip In Automobile

The fact that Miss Jewell Slack lived in Caro, Michigan, and her uncle, Tom Slack, lived down at Pisgah, in Union township, Randolph county, North Carolina, some 1,250 miles by highway, didn't deter the young Michigan woman from cranking up her Ford coupe and setting out on the long overland journey in company with one of her friends, Miss Eunita Faedie. These young ladies made the trip without mishap, having started from Caro on June 19th and arriving at Pisgah on June 24th. On their journey they visited many places of interest along the route, including the national capital. They stayed several days in North Carolina with kinsfolk of Miss Slack and only a few days ago started on the return journey, arriving home safely.

Mayor Cranford Wants Weeds Cut

All persons owning vacant lots in the town of Asheboro on which rag weeds and like forms of vegetation are growing are earnestly requested to have them mown during the next few days. This request is made in the interest of hay fever sufferers and also looking to the general improvement of the sanitary condition of our town. —C. C. CRANFORD, Mayor.

Property Values Show Small Gain

Increase From Revaluation Will Not Run Much Over Million And a Half Dollars.

Will Total 26 Millions

Figures presented to the board of commissioners by the tax supervisor Monday indicate that the increase in valuation of real and personal property in the revaluation in May will approximate only about \$1,400,000 over the total last year. The valuation in 1926 was slightly in excess of nineteen million dollars. To add to this increase will be the valuation of the Hunter Commission Company at Rameuse, which is expected to be approximately \$5,000,000. This will make the total valuation in the county in the neighborhood of \$26,000,000. Figures from two townships had not been compiled by the supervisor and estimates were made of these in order to approximate the total assessment for the county. Figures were not at hand from the Corporation Commission showing the valuation of the corporations in the county, and these, likewise, were approximated.

Children's Day Service At M. P. Church Sunday

The annual Children's Day service will be held at the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church next Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Miss Esther Ross has charge of getting up the service and she is being assisted by Miss Cleta Rich. The service will consist of songs and recitations by the children and a short pageant will be given. The offering will be used for foreign missions.

Dr. M. G. Edwards Is Honored By Veterinarians

Dr. M. G. Edwards, veterinary surgeon and Asheboro's live-wire secretary of commerce, was signally honored at the meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association in Durham last week when he was elected president of that organization. Dr. Edwards has for several years been one of the outstanding veterinary surgeons in this section of North Carolina and is well deserving of the honor bestowed upon him by the veterinarians. The 1928 meeting of the association will be held in Greensboro in June.

Dr. E. Lee Dameron Dead

Dr. E. Lee Dameron, 35, prominent physician of Star, was killed instantly Saturday night when his automobile was struck by a Norfolk Southern freight train at a crossing in the heart of the town of Star. His five-year-old son, with him in the car, was seriously, if not fatally, injured. Dr. Dameron was answering a call when the accident occurred. Surviving Dr. Dameron are his widow and three children.

During the past fiscal year 2,103 automobiles were reported stolen and 1,805 recovered in North Carolina, according to the motor vehicle department of the department of revenue.

Assault Charge Against Mauney

Candor Professor Is On Trial At Troy On Charge Of Criminal Assault.

Professor T. B. Mauney, principal of the Candor high school, is on trial in Superior Court at Troy this week on charge of criminal assault on Mrs. F. F. Saunders, formerly Miss Myrtle Poole, who alleges that the school professor made the attack on her when she met him by appointment at his office two days after her marriage to a Candor barber to secure permission to continue her studies. Mrs. Saunders was a pupil in the high school department of Candor school. The newspapers have not contained the facts as they come to this office, but it remains to be seen what the evidence discloses.

It is alleged that another young Candor girl, also a student in the Candor high school, is to become a mother and that Professor Mauney is father of the unborn child. The case, which alleges a capital offense, is creating much attention in Troy and the whole of Montgomery county. A special venire of 100 men was called from which to select the jury and the venire was practically exhausted before twelve men were chosen. A day or more was consumed in selecting the jury. First evidence in the case was taken this morning.

Commissioners Hold Meet To Equalize Land Values

The board of county commissioners and the county tax supervisor, Hal M. Worth, met Monday in the court house to hear any complaints with reference to inequalities in listing property for taxes last May. Several complaints were registered with this equalizing board, but no definite action was taken. The supervisor was instructed to list all the complaints with view to setting some day in the future for a hearing on whatever inequalities, or alleged inequalities, that may exist in the listing of property last May.

Must Enforce Dog Ordinance, Says The Town Board

"It shall be unlawful for any person to permit his or her dog to run at large, day or night, in the town of Asheboro unaccompanied by its owner," reads an ordinance passed by the Asheboro town board at a meeting held May 22, 1926. Penalty for the violation of this ordinance has been fixed at a fine of \$5 and costs, discretion being left up to the court as to the imposition of the fine.

Like a number of ordinances, this relative to dogs has been somewhat neglected by the citizenship of the town. Some have forgotten it and others have been negligent and dogs are again running at large on the streets.

The present town board, taking cognizance of the situation, in its meeting July 12th ordered the ordinance published and put in force. The police officers have been instructed to keep a watch for stray dogs and impound those that are caught on the streets unaccompanied by their owners.

Piedmont B. Y. P. U. To Meet At Trinity

Two Day Session, Monday and Tuesday Of Next Week—Good Program Arranged.

Trinity Baptist church, at Trinity, will host Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 and 20, to the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Piedmont Baptist Association. There will be four sessions during the meeting, one each afternoon and one each morning of the two days. Rev. J. H. Haynes, pastor of the Trinity church, will preside over the sessions, and R. C. Lambeth, as clerk, will record the transactions.

A number of addresses will be made during the meeting and attention will be given to missionary work, hospitals, social service and christian education. Election of new officers will take place at the Tuesday morning session.

Comment Rev. B. E. Morris For Services Rendered

Whereas, Bro. B. E. Morris, one of our fellow pastors has accepted a call to a new field, and whereas as chairman of our Asheboro Ministerial Association he has rendered such valuable service, and whereas his life has been of such usefulness in the town he is retiring;

First, we shall miss Bro. Morris. His life as a member of our Association has been such as becomes a minister of the Gospel.

Second, his work and co-operation with us as his fellow-workers has been such as to cause us to regret to see him go. We assure him that we wish for his great success in his new field. Our sincere prayers shall follow him.

Third, that we send a copy of these resolutions to Bro. Morris, that a copy be published in each of our county papers and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Asheboro Ministerial Association, Asheboro, N. C.

—B. C. REAVIS,
J. E. PRITCHARD,
Committee.

BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

(B. E. Morris)
Thanks to the churches of Asheboro for closing their services last Sunday evening for the final service of the writer. Our church building was filled beyond its normal seating capacity.

We appreciate more than we can say with words the many invitations extended to us for meals in the homes of our many friends. Thanks many times.

It was indeed an appreciation to have present at our last service so many of our good friends from other towns and communities of the county. It has been an inspiration to work as pastor with the Asheboro Baptist church. Much thorough consecration has been well demonstrated by the membership. Loyalty to the pastor and his leadership has been very good indeed. Such loyalty has been deeply appreciated by the pastor and his wife.

We desire to express our good feeling to those of our many friends other than our own denomination who have made it pleasant for us to live in the city of Asheboro. Our stay has indeed been pleasant and we have enjoyed the fellowship of our neighbors and friends.

A letter has just come to our hand from our new work, saying that a special recognition service will be given us Friday evening of this week in the basement of the church. Friends, we will be happy to hear from you. Remember when writing, visiting or passing our address is 507 Western Avenue, Statesville, N. C. FINIS.

Funeral Held For Mrs. M. W. Presnell

At West Bend Church Yesterday Afternoon At Four O'Clock—Died Tuesday.

Consecrated Christian

Mrs. Martha Wrightenberry Presnell, widow of the late Daniel Presnell, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Lambert, in East Asheboro Tuesday noon. Mrs. Presnell had been in declining health for the past three years but had been totally helpless for two weeks prior to her death. Mrs. Presnell and her husband were charter members of the West Bend church, of which the deceased has continued a faithful and devout member. Her husband preceded her to the great beyond more than seven years. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Presnell has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lambert. When there was sickness or sorrow in the community, it was Mrs. Presnell who was always ready to lend a helping hand. She was indeed a consecrated christian woman who put her religion into every day practice. It may truly be said of her as Mary of old, "She hath done what she could."

Surviving are two daughters, Mesdames L. B. Lambert and Amick Lamb, and two grandchildren, Louise and Harold Lambert, all of Asheboro, and one sister, Mrs. Fields Upton, of High Point. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews who attended the funeral at the residence and burial which was held at West Bend church, at four o'clock yesterday.

State Takes Third Place In Number School Buses

North Carolina ranks third in the nation in the number of buses used in transporting children to consolidated schools, and also third in the number of children so transported. In this State are operated 2,317 buses which carry each school year 87,283 children. Indiana ranks first in the nation with 4,000 buses carrying 100,000 children, while Ohio comes next with 2,550 buses, carrying 90,000 children. No other State is anywhere near these three in number of buses and number of children transported. Mississippi ranks fourth with California and Louisiana following in order. Rhode Island is at the bottom of the list with 30 buses carrying 450 children.

Funeral At Glenola For Little Adjer Bulla White

Funeral was held Friday afternoon from the Glenola Baptist church for Adjer Bulla White, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, of the Glenola community, who died in a High Point hospital Thursday morning. Rev. H. C. Byrum was in charge of the services. Pallbearers were Garrett Tillotson, Emery Tillotson, Robert White and C. B. White. Flowers were borne by Mabel Tillotson, Helen Overcash, Pauline Frazier, Ruby Frazier, Mozelle Frazier, Kathleen Frazier, Betty Overcash, Cleo Barnes, Iris Barnes, Frances Hartgrove and Hassell McTeer.

A Freak of Nature

Some weeks ago mention was made in The Courier of an apple tree in Randolph county which bore fruit on one side one year and on the other side the next. Nothing like this had been heard of before in this section of North Carolina. However, a freak of nature like this seems not to be confined solely to Randolph. Mrs. Cora Totten, of Yadkin College, has an apple tree which produces fruit on the southeast side one year and on the northeast side the next year. The tree in Randolph, mentioned in these columns previously, bore fruit on the west side one season and on the east side next season.

County Has 10 In State Prison

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1927, North Carolina State Prison received 630 inmates, 10 of whom were from Randolph county. Montgomery furnished one during the year, Chatham 8, Davidson 5 and Guilford 27. Ages ran anywhere from 13 years to 76.

Increase Shown In Fair Premiums

New Catalog Is Out And Shows Some Slight Changes In Premiums Offered.

The new Randolph County Fair premium catalogs are off the press and copies may be had by writing to or seeing Mr. C. L. Scott, the secretary of the Fair Association. The premium list this year is larger than in previous years, and in many instances individual premiums have been increased. Total premiums offered will reach approximately \$3,000.

The fair this fall will be held September 28 to October 1st, inclusive, four days and five nights. Those in charge of the various departments of the fair and the officers in general are putting forth intensive effort to make an even better fair than that of last year. Crops in the county are good, and the indications are that the farm exhibits will far surpass those of the fair last fall. Livestock and poultry exhibits should be larger and better also. In fact, effort is being made to make improvements in every department as well as in the fair as a whole.

Western Farmers Demanding Relief

Threaten Overthrow Of Administration Unless Attention Is Given Their Needs.

Condemn The President For His Veto Of McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill.

President Calvin Coolidge is spending his summer vacation in South Dakota, and every day readers of newspapers are regaled with long articles with reference to the pleasure Western farmers are having in calling on the Chief Executive to congratulate him on having vetoed the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Act during the last session of Congress. The public, however, isn't swallowing this propaganda, hook, line and sinker as expected to do.

From St. Paul, Minn., in which the Northwestern Agricultural Conference is being held, there comes an entirely different note. It is a word of warning to the Coolidge Administration that unless satisfactory farm relief legislation is passed at the next session of Congress, the administration is marked for an overthrow. In every case speakers have endorsed the McNary-Haugen farm bill, which the President vetoed, and the farmers are being called on to continue their campaign for remedial measures until "some President" signs a bill embodying possible relief.

In an address Monday night, Congressman Charles Brand, of Ohio, himself a Republican, warned his party that failure to pass satisfactory legislation might "enable opposition to avail itself of this great opportunity."

"The President," said Senator T. J. Caraway, of Arkansas, in an address, "says to enable the farmer to get a fair price for his pigs would be class legislation; therefore, he vetoed the bill designed to aid them, and the same pen signs a declaration that raised the tariff 50 per cent on pig iron."

Congressman Gilbert N. Haugen, of Iowa, co-author of the McNary-Haugen bill, stressed the condition of the farmer and urged the principles of the vetoed bill as the only satisfactory solution offered.

Randolph Tennis Association Formed

Will Sponsor Tennis Tournament In Asheboro Next Month—Officers Named.

The Randolph Tennis Association was effected at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms last Friday afternoon. Rev. Cothran G. Smith was elected president; Mr. Ed Cranford, vice president; and Charles M. Fox, treasurer. The purpose of the organization is the getting up of a tennis tournament which will begin Monday, August 15th, and which is open to all citizens of the county. Mr. Hugh Parks has offered a silver loving cup to the winner of the singles championship. The cup may be held for a year and if the winner holds the cup three years in succession it becomes his or her property permanently. The tournament will be held in Asheboro and it is expected that all private courts will be turned over to the organization for use during the tournament.

County Commissioners Must Publish Budget Estimates

Under the State law, as soon as budget estimates for the county are prepared and adopted by the board of county commissioners, the figures must be made public. Estimates have to be made of what each department of the county government expects to spend during the year ending June 30, 1928. The published figures must show at least the total appropriation recommended for each department of the county government. This will give the taxpayers an opportunity of seeing how their money is spent. The budget estimates for Randolph have not been completed save that for the schools. It is anticipated, however, that the estimates will be in the hands of the commissioners within the next few weeks.

No More Powdering Of Noses

Orders posted in many English factories and business houses forbids girls powdering their noses during work hours. It is estimated that the average English working girl powders her nose four times during an hour and that it requires two minutes each time, making a loss of eight minutes during an hour. Stenographers are said to waste 15 minutes out of each hour in powdering their noses. Where a large number of girls are employed the loss of time taken out to powder noses would be considerable.

SMITH AND PROHIBITION SOUTH (Biblical Recorded)

But even if there were no danger that the Roman Catholic Church will ever gain control of this country, how can the prohibition South so stultify itself as to vote for a man who is an avowed opponent of the greatest piece of temperance legislation that has ever been enacted? Mr. Smith is trying to nullify the Constitution, which he says he took an oath to support. How this can be reconciled with his claim of loyalty to the Constitution we shall leave for his political propagandists to explain.