

**What Would Be Your Estimate?**

One man who is not unacquainted with the extent of bootlegging in this section estimates that a legal liquor store would hardly decrease the illegal sales more than 20 or 30 percent. He is confident that the higher-price legal stuff could not successfully compete with the cheaper moonshine product. Isn't he about right? Do we need two supplies of liquor—that we already have to our sorrow and a more respectabilized variety?

**Prohibition Multiplied By the Hill Bill.**

If prohibition per se is an evil, Senator Hill's bill multiplies that evil. It contains 31 "thou shall nots." If the 18th amendment was creating a nation of law-breakers, what is the 21st doing—that which superseded the 18th and pledged the government's strength in protecting dry states from the liquors of wet states?

Speaker Johnson predicts adjournment of the legislature by March 20. We shall believe they are through by that date when we see it. If a real fight arises over the sales tax and over liquor measures, there is no guessing when adjournment will take place.

**New Deal Fails to Give Square Deal.**

It has been one of my constant criticisms of the "new deal" that it is a respecter of persons. An effective new deal must begin at the bottom with enough for the most menial workers before anybody, however magnificent his former life under the old deal, is assured more. Too, often it has turned out the other way. A superfluity of previous good-livers now on poverty row must be provided with jobs that will enable them to live, more or less, in the former style. From the smallest community up to the highest administrative circles in Washington, the notion of rank in service has been over-emphasized.

Every relief employment job has had its well paid supervisors and directors. And those favored ones are the last usually to feel the pinch of decreased funds. A letter from an employée of the government cannery at Greensboro, published in Monday's *Greensboro News*, states a situation that illustrates a tendency or practice too general to be pleasant to contemplate.

After enumerating dozens of better paid workers supervising the work of 850 employees divided into several shifts, the writer describes

what occurred when the supply of funds or cattle ran low, as follows: "The ordinary operatives who were receiving barely enough to live upon were cut in some instances to four days per week, six hours per day, at 30 cents per hour. Seemingly, no economies were found necessary as regards hours or salary of executives.

"The facts are as follows: "This local government cannery is not an industry operated for profit. When funds or meat runs low and curtailment is found necessary, retrenchment should apply all along the line from humblest employe to highest executive, as all of us are working on government relief funds and executives are no more entitled to straight time at fixed salary than are the humblest employes. Anyone, be he government official or interested private citizen who has any doubts as to the truth of the facts I have stated, let him investigate for himself, or herself, and be convinced of the unjust and wholly unfair method of always cutting down the common employe when curtailment seems necessary, while those higher up continue to enjoy full compensations. That is one of the reasons why relief funds do not last as long as they were intended to go.

"Too many officers, too many

executives, too many spongers, many of whom do not need the work at all.

"It seems that nearly every government project launched in North Carolina is immediately swamped with 57 varieties of officials and semi-officials whose services are merely an extravagant waste of funds intended to benefit the poor and needy."

**About Registering The Babies.**

It was only a comparatively few years ago that any effort at all was made to keep a record of vital statistics in North Carolina. Even till this day perfection of the records of births has not been attained. At present an effort is being made to impress upon all parents the importance of having the births of children properly registered. Do you know whether all your children's names are registered? If not, find out and see that they are.

North Carolina needs no other liquor election. That of 1933 cost the State about \$50,000 and individuals interested in the result another large sum.

This week should see the uncovering of the work of the finance and appropriation committees by the legislature.



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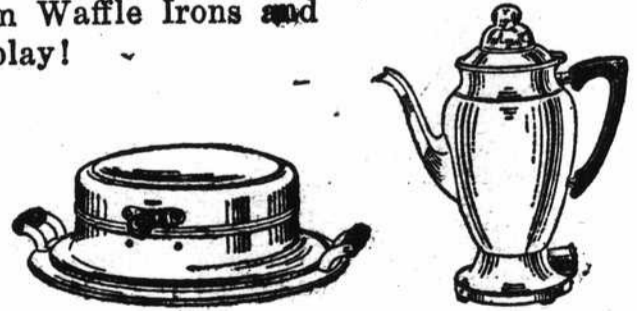
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