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They say that Senator Heflin is coming to North Carolina to make speeches against Governor Al Smith. The Senator is a fine speaker but even at that he may do his cause more harm than good. Sometimes the more a man is attacked the better it is for him.

The bridge celebration will give Carteret and Craven counties, in fact a large part of eastern Carolina, an opportunity to get some fine publicity. If handled on as big a scale as it ought to be it will draw thousands of people and will get on the front pages of every big newspaper in the State.

Not long ago the Sautrday Evening Post made a good suggestion to those folks who are so anxious to see the United States cancel all of the debts foreign countries owe us. The Post says that those who want the debts wiped off the slate should take all the Liberty bonds they have, and if they have none then go and buy some, and turn them into the treasury to be applied to the debts of any country they think ought to be relieved. If each cancellationist would do this the debts might be reduced to the point where the countries that owe them might be willing to pay the rest. So far though we have not heard of any one's adopting the Post plan.

### RATS

The destruction done in any community by rats must be far larger than most of us realize. The damage they do is divided up among many people and while it may not be so great in any individual case in the aggregate it becomes a very sizable sum. With the price of chickens as high as they sell now though it is no small matter to lose fifteen or twenty chickens in a night or so. The damage to meats, flour, grain and other foodstuffs is large wherever rats are numerous. The rat is said to be the only wild animal that has been able to hold his own in the contest with the human race. Increased human population does not decrease the rat population, on the contrary it increases, because they live largely on what they steal from mankind. Undoubtedly rats are a dangerous and expensive nuisance. They ought to be exterminated.

### THE PUBLISHERS ARE COMING

The North Carolina Press Association is to hold its annual meeting at the Morehead Villa July 20-22nd inclusive. The reports indicate that it will be attended very largely. The fact that many of the publishers own cars nowadays and that North Carolina is pretty well covered with good roads tends to increase the attendance. We regret that the bridge could not be finished in time for the convention. Many of the newspaper folks, most of them in fact, would have driven across the bridge and given Beaufort an inspection and probably have gone out and looked over the surrounding country. If Beaufort had suitable hotel accommodations it could bring the Press Association here, as well as many other conventions. Such gatherings would be worth a great deal to this town and section. We are glad to have the publishers come to the county though, even if they do not come to Beaufort. Carteret county has improved a great deal in recent years and we want the outside world to know about it.

### STIRRING TIMES IN CAROLINA

There seems to be a good deal going on in industrial circles in North Carolina these days. The public gets an inkling of it occasionally but the people at large will not know what it all means until it is finished. At Charlotte we have seen for the past ten days a terrific struggle in progress between large interests in the railroad world. Shortly before that the public was apprised of deals that resulted in the purchase of the power systems of various cities by the Duke interests. The Duke millions in North Carolina are invested in power plants, both steam and water plants, cotton mills and a railroad known as the Piedmont and Northern. This road is now trying to get to Winston-Salem and later to Durham. What other purposes it has in view it is not telling. Some think that plans are afoot for another big railway system for the South. It is thought by others that the Norfolk Southern is involved in some way or other. It is generally understood that the tobacco interests now own the Norfolk Southern. For some reason or other the stock of this road has been going up mightily of late. The whole thing is somewhat of a puzzle at present to the ordinary man. Of course the insiders know what is going on and when they get ready to do it they will tell the public. One thing we do

know though is that North Carolina's business is of such importance that capitalists in all parts of the country are anxious to share in it.

### THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Next Monday will be the 151st anniversary of the United States of America. The "Glorious Fourth" in fact. There was a time a good many years ago, when it was observed enthusiastically in all parts of the country. It is still observed of course and always will be but the fire cracker, flag waving, oratorical era seems to have about passed. The times have changed and fourth of July celebrations have changed with them. Nowadays the fourth is a holiday which all take who can and they observe it by jumping in a runabout or sedan as the case may be, and go tearing over the country at the rate of some fifty miles an hour, possibly taking in a picnic or a baseball game, and then come home some time in the evening and call it a day.

There are so many "days" of one sort or another now that it is impossible to do them all justice, in fact it is a hard job to remember them all. That may be one reason that the fourth is not rated as such a big occasion as it used to be. The time should never come though when the people of this country should cease to revere the day on which our ancestors declared themselves an independent nation. In this day of internationalists, pacifists and sentimentalists of one sort and another there is danger that some of the thoughtless may follow strange gods. The first allegiance of every person who calls himself an American belongs to the United States of America and no other. There should be no divided allegiance. There has been lot of loose talk since the Great War about what America owes to the rest of the world and how we should do this, that and the other. Some of them refer to Uncle Sam as a rapacious Shylock prowling about the world, imposing upon and robbing everybody he can. Such talk is not only foolish but harmful.

It might be a good way to observe the nation's birthday to sit down and reflect on what it means to be an American citizen; to think of the history of the country, of the great men who brought it into being, of the privileges of being a citizen of such a republic and of our duties to respect its flag, to obey its laws and to venerate its institutions.

## Press Gleanings

### SHRIMP INDUSTRY AT NEW SMYRNA.

Joe Di Grande of St. Augustine, arrived in the city and has put on a fleet of four shrimping boats, which will fish in the ocean along the coast opposite New Smyrna. Mr. Di Grande says that this is the best shrimp fishing section on the coast of Florida, and that they can be caught here all the year round. Mr. Di Grande will pack and ship from the Karrer dock, and owing to the limited space will not use more than six boats at present.—(New Smyrna Breeze.)

### WHEN THE RAT PROVES DANGEROUS WE MAY EXTERMINATE HIM

Beaufort reports a plague of rats. A traditional condition in a seaport town has become exaggerated. There are numerous instances cited of the remarkable in the ravages of the rodents. Beaufort is talking of getting the services of a Pied Piper.

The truth about rat infestation probably is that we will never deal with it adequately until we have a fine example of a bubonic plague scare. That is apt to happen, any time, at any seaport. Rats are the carriers. Rats are the greatest over-seas travelers. When their ships dock, they rush for land. Some time in the future an American seaport is going to awake to the fact that the rats have brought in Bubonic.

The doctors are well enough organized to make it almost certain that when the plague strikes, it will not spread. It will merely close up some city as tight as sealing wax for a term of months. The damage will be immense, but localized.

But once the rat dramatizes himself as a peril, he will be dealt with. Not before!—(Raleigh Times).

### CHIVALRY IN GEORGIA.

Hooded guardians of morality carried Mrs. Ansley Bowers, of Toccoa, Ga., from her home Sunday night and flogged her. The woman's fifteen year old boy, who protested, also was beaten. Two other women of the community admit that they have been similarly treated.

The woman, Mrs. Bowers, says her assailants wore the uniform of the Ku Klux Klan and "these men are all members of the Ku Klux Klan; there is no doubt about it." The Grand Dragon of Georgia doesn't think so but he is investigating.

Members of the Klan or not, they presumably are men of the Toccoa community, the present denizens of a land once proud of its courage and chivalry.

Gossip about the woman's character led to the flogging. Toccoa folk say. What that gossip is the reports do not say, but the most degraded prostitute in Georgia is worthier of respect than any member of the band of hooded curs who elected to punish Mrs. Bowers.—(High Point Enterprise.)

### THE PRIMARY STUFF.

In my town recently the senior class of sixty-four bright boys and girls in the Shelby High School, my boy being a member of this class, held an election and named with one voice an Assyrian boy as the most popular student in the class. He won this distinctive honor without pull or influence, social, financial or otherwise. He was elected because he never shirked a job, never refused responsibility and never wretched before work. I stand uncovered in the presence of such a boy, and am proud beyond words for such a class of native born North Carolina boys and girls who honored themselves and honored their school in the recognition of true character and in the exaltation of gen-

erine worth. To me the election of this boy was the most hopeful and wholesome election in North Carolina this year. "This Assyrian boy had character, and character is the primary stuff out of which leadership is made."—O. Max Gardner, concluding an address to the graduating class of the Lexington High School.

### Letters From Our Readers

#### AGAINST BONDS.

Editor of the News,

It seems our county guardians are not satisfied with the heavy burden they have already placed upon every taxpayer in the county, but now want to burden them with the building of a county hospital. It looks to me that all such institutions should be built by a stock company and not by county bonds. If they do any thing they had better enlarge the county home so they can take care of the old and decrepit when their modest homes are sold for taxes and they turned out in a dry pasture with nowhere to lay their heads, no protection from the burning sun and the wintry blast.

Seeing that the sentiment of the people is so much against this move I think it advisable that the honorable county board of county commissioners rescind their order calling for an election at their next meeting and save the county that expense. Should they refuse then let me urge every voter in the county to be sure to register. Do not wait until the last day but attend to this the first day the registration books are open in your precinct. When the day comes to vote be the first at the polls and cast your ballot against any measure calling for a bond issue for any purpose, first last and all the time.

TAX PAYER,

Newport, N. C.

### DR. BONNER DISCUSSES THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Editor of The News:

In an editorial two issues ago commenting upon the coming election on a county hospital, you invited expressions of opinion from your readers. On that account, this opportunity is being taken to make public the attitude of the Carteret County Medical Society on this question.

It will be of interest for the public to learn that the county medical society unanimously voted a resolution endorsing the establishment of a county hospital and appointed a committee to bring the action to the attention of the Board of County Com-

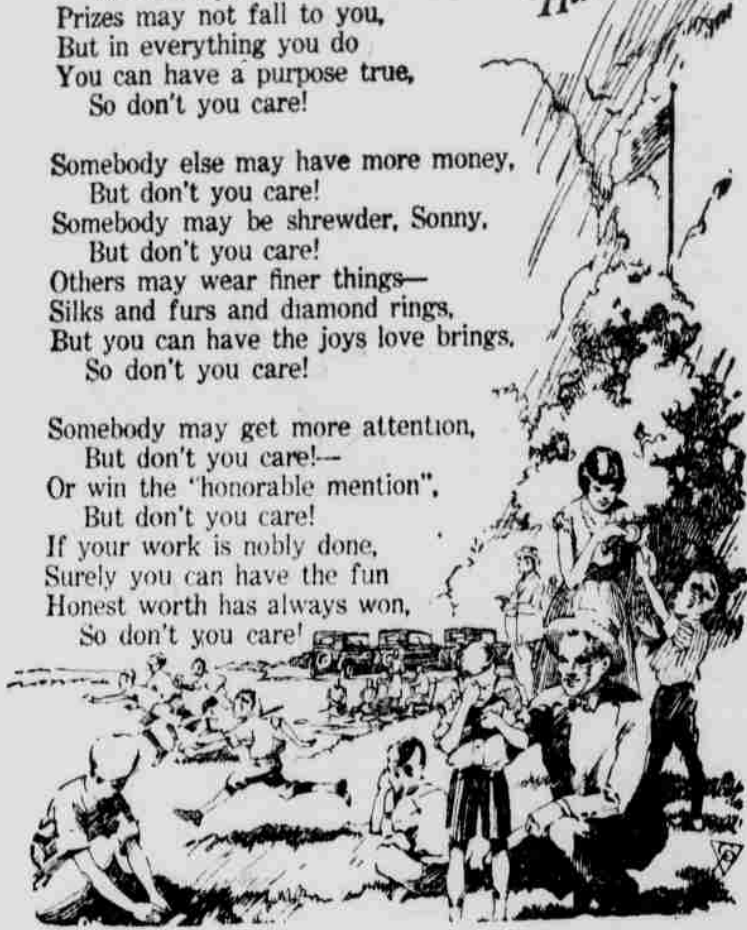
# Don't You Care!

By Lawrence Hawthorne

Somebody always may excel you,  
But don't you care!  
Others outplay you or outspell you,  
But don't you care!  
Prizes may not fall to you,  
But in everything you do  
You can have a purpose true,  
So don't you care!

Somebody else may have more money,  
But don't you care!  
Somebody may be shrewder, Sonny,  
But don't you care!  
Others may wear finer things—  
Silks and furs and diamond rings,  
But you can have the joys love brings,  
So don't you care!

Somebody may get more attention,  
But don't you care!  
Or win the "honorable mention",  
But don't you care!  
If your work is nobly done,  
Surely you can have the fun  
Honest worth has always won,  
So don't you care!



missioners and request it to proceed to call the election in accordance with the provisions of the special act of the General Assembly.

The soundness of the principle of providing adequate facilities for the care of the sick is too well established to admit of argument in this enlightened age. That this responsibility rests with the public is recognized by the State in our general laws whereby each county may establish such an institution. Experience has proven that about 40 per cent of all hospital cases fall in the charity group; the duty for the care of which clearly cannot be repudiated by the public. Private hospitals in the past have been carrying this burden and this burden and this expense has fallen on the shoulders of the small group of individuals whose capital was invested in the institutions.

The private hospital, by its very nature, is not open to the entire profession while the public hospital is open to every physician in good standing in a given county. The Duke

Endowment, established in the past few years, renders material assistance in the maintenance of public hospitals but withholds support from the privately controlled institution. Serious illness and the emergencies of accidents and illness make imperative the local hospital. Many conditions are of such a nature that the transportation of such patients for long distances for hospitalization is not only impossible but would be positively inhumane if done. It is not a question as to whether the county can afford a public hospital, but whether the county can afford to do without this prime necessity.

It was interesting to read the letter of Doctor Otis H. Johnson in the last issue of your paper in which he expressed opposition to the establishment of a public hospital, and particularly at this time. Doctor Johnson originally introduced the resolution in a meeting of the Carteret County Medical Society and urged the importance of immediate action (Continued on page eight)

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