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The Surry county grand jury and Solicitor Higgins seem to be a little nearsighted when it comes to investigating election frauds. Now Attorney-General Brummitt comes to their aid by giving them the names of the parties and telling what they did. And the worst of it is that the News and Observer printed it on the front page.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD

The News agrees with Mr. Seeley's contention that it is better to own a home than to pay rent and that it is also cheaper even though taxes are high. Of course there may be exceptions to this rule such as where one owns a large and valuable place. Even then rent on such a place would probably be more than interest and taxes. Persons who can pay their taxes on their homes had better do it and not allow them to be sold. Those who are paying rent now and who are able to get the money necessary to build had better go ahead and do it. A house can be built very cheaply now compared with what it cost a few years ago and what it may cost not many years in the future.

THE "NEW DEAL" IS ABOUT TO START

Only a few days longer and the ship of state will have a new pilot. Not only will there be a new pilot at the wheel but most of the crew will likewise be new. "The new deal" will have started. No one can tell what the outcome will be every one is hoping for the best.

It may be that the country expects too much of Mr. Roosevelt and the new Congress. Even so the change should do good. If everybody thinks times will be better some improvement is sure to follow. One of the big troubles with the country now and for some time past, is that people are too despondent. They have surrendered to their fears. We have heard people say that they did not see how things could ever get any better. Talk of this sort is not only foolish but harmful. Things always do get better or worse one. We have gone about as far down hill as we could go and we must now go in the other direction.

If the change in administration does nothing except inspire the people with courage and hope it will be doing a great job. If every one will do what he can, be it much or little, to bring back prosperity then it will surely come. Government can help of course but the people must not sit back and wait for the government to shake plums off the trees for them. The government has nothing to give away except what it gets from the people. So it is useless to expect Mr. Roosevelt and Congress to make us all rich. We all hope that the new administration will do what it can to get the country on an even keel again but the people themselves can help and they should do it. Mr. Roosevelt hopes that his administration will be a success and of course will do what he can to bring it about but he cannot work miracles. Primarily the future of this country depends upon its citizenship.

LET ROOSEVELT DO IT

If Congress wanted to save money for the taxpayers of the United States it could do it of course but Congress does not want to cut expenses of government, if it can be helped. The thing that members of Congress, we mean Senators and Representatives, think about most is reelection. They wish to manage things so that their constituents will send them back to Washington when their terms expire. They think the best way to do this is to be continually getting something out of the treasury. They try to get appropriations for their districts, without much regard as to whether they are meritorious or not. They are always on the lookout to see if they can get a job, or a pension or some other favor for some constituent. And the trouble is that many voters measure the ability of a Senator or Representative by the success which he shows in raiding the treasury.

Inasmuch as Congress is reluctant to reduce governmental expenses it may be advisable to give authority to President Roosevelt to go ahead and do it. The taxpayers of the country want something done and they want it done without any further delay or procrastination. Excuses will not suffice, action is wanted and results. It appears that Mr. Roosevelt is willing to take the responsibility of reduction of expenses if Congress will give him the authority. In his pre-election speeches he promised to cut costs by a very large amount. Congress must either do the cutting or give the President the necessary authority. If Congressmen are too cowardly to do what they ought to do, and most of them

are, then they should turn the job over to the President. Some say that this would make him a dictator. Well extraordinary times require extraordinary measures. Woodrow Wilson was given dictatorial powers during the war and we are facing as great a crisis now as we were then. In fact the present troubles are mostly a continuation of the evils of the war.

WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

Amid all the talk about economic questions there is another problem that ought not to be overlooked. It has its economic aspect too because the needless destruction of human lives is waste of the worst sort. Our reference is to the appallingly large number of deaths in motor accidents of one kind and another. Information as to this distressing situation has been furnished newspaper offices in a strikingly forceful manner by means of a booklet published by the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Many statistics are given and they show much light on the causes of accidents as well as the results of them.

It appears that in all of the wars in which the United States has been engaged from the Revolutionary to the World War 300,000 persons have lost their lives. During the past fifteen years 325,000 Americans have been killed outright or died of injuries sustained in automobile accidents. So it seems that bad as war is it is far less dangerous to human life than the automobile. The auto death record for the year 1932 alone was 29,000 and the number of accidents that year was 745,300. In that year 1380 children were killed while playing in the streets. Pedestrians, on streets and roads, were slaughtered to the extent of 12,770. There were many causes for these accidents but fast driving accounted for 150,050 and not having the right of way caused 146,500 smashups. Driving on the wrong side of the road caused trouble 81,180 times and cutting in caused 24,610 accidents. Other causes of accidents are careless driving, not signalling, poor tires, bad lights and inferior brakes.

If in spite of the depression there were as many accidents as there were in 1932 what will happen when the country gets prosperous again? The number of cars in use now is far less than it was a few years ago. Old cars are wearing out and not many new ones are being sold. As soon as they can get the money people are going to buy cars again. And unless something done to prevent it the number of accidents, injuries and deaths will increase.

Press Cleanings

NO STATIC CURRENCY

Maybe it isn't an electric dollar that is needed so much as an elastic dollar.—New York Sun.

WHIPPING PUPILS

The Beaufort News tells of a Newport school principal being badly mauled by an irate parent because of corporal punishment the teacher inflicted upon his son.

No doubt the whipping was thoroughly deserved by the child, but why do school principals and superintendents continue to jeopardize their jobs and subject themselves to sometimes dangerous assaults by continuing the archaic custom of whipping unruly and disobedient pupils? There is a more satisfactory and effective method. Send the pupil home, there to stay until the parents are ready to assure the school officials of better conduct or work on the part of their child. Whipping should be banned in the schools; if they are necessary in extreme cases, they should be inflicted by the parents.—(Moore County News)

SHOULD HAVE PASSED IT

Says a Raleigh report:

"The senate turned thumbs down on the Hinsdale bill, which, if enacted, would have prevented members of the general assembly from accepting jobs of their own creation."

Can you think of one valid reason why such a law should not have been enacted?

To permit members of the lawmaking body to be appointed to positions that they create, is to ignore fundamental human weakness, and to subject those immediately concerned to the appeal of the most insidious cupidity.

More and more, we need to know just whom we select to make laws for us.—(Mt. Olive Tribune.)

CREDIT OF TOWN AND COUNTY GOOD

In these days when numerous towns and counties are defaulting on their interest payments and the payment of maturing bonds it is gratifying to note that the Town of Morganton and Burke county are meeting their debt obligations promptly on time. This is not a matter of good luck but is the result of the wise and efficient management of the town and county affairs. A number of economies have been effected during the past two years in both the town and county government that has made it possible to maintain our debt payments promptly and in full.

The credit rating of a town or county is just as important as the rating of the individual business man and if Morganton and Burke county can continue to maintain their debt payments through 1933 and '34 as they have through the adverse years of '31 and '32, their rating in financial centers will be such that if it should be necessary in the future to refinance a part of their indebtedness, they would undoubtedly find it comparatively easy to do so. Right now, in this time of business depression, a good credit rating is the greatest asset that an individual or town or county can have.

The residents of Morganton and Burke county have good reason to be thankful that the town and county are maintaining their credit rating during these troublesome times. It is gratifying to know that our town and county affairs are being handled in a business like manner and that in spite of the depression that credit rating is being maintained.—(Morganton News-Herald).

County-Wide Contest For Speaking Honors

The stage is set for the county-wide declamation contest to be held in the Beaufort School auditorium tomorrow, Friday night, March 3 at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and admission will be free.

Spirited preliminary contests have been held in each of the five schools to be represented in the contest and representatives and alternates have been selected for the occasion, one speaker to represent each school participating, the selection to be used by each school, and the respective representatives and alternates from each school are as follows:

Orations by Boys

Atlantic—"The Death Penalty"—Warren Barfield, Woodrow Daniels. Beaufort—"The Eleventh Commandment"—Leo Whitley, Fletcher Eure.

Morehead City—"The Need for a Heroism of Peace"—Clifton Guthrie, Billy Chalk.

Newport—"A New Year's Address"—James Mizelle, Wilbur Garner. Smyrna—"National Apostasy"—Eric Lewis, Alton Davis.

Recitation by Girls

Atlantic—"A Second Trial"—Silvia Smith, Rosalie Mason. Beaufort—"The Swan Song"—Alma Potter, Johnice Dill.

Morehead City—"The Death Disc"—Katherine Meadows, Mary Ortlieb. Newport—"A Man of Sorrows"—Signa Simmons, Berna Garner.

Smyrna—"The Lost Word"—Cleo Jarvis, Alma Lois Styron.

Music by the Morehead City School Band under the direction of G. L. Arthur Jr., and vocal and instrumental numbers from the Smyrna and Newport Schools, will add variety to the program.

Suitable prizes have been donated by Beaufort jewelers, the prize to the winning boy, donated by W. H. Bailey, to be presented by C. R. Wheatly and the prize to the winning girl, donated by B. A. Bell, to be awarded by M. Leslie Davis.

County Superintendent Allen announced yesterday that judges from New Bern have been secured as follows: Miss Ruth Owen, T. D. Warren, Jr., and J. H. Holland. These judges were selected by the Craven County Supt., R. S. Proctor, at Mr. Allen's request and are, in Mr. Proctor's opinion, well qualified for their duties on this occasion.

Misses Nellie Lewis and Ernestine Wynn, of the Beaufort faculty, will have charge of decorations and marshalls for the occasion.

The public is requested not to enter the auditorium while any contestant is speaking.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTICE

The Community Club will hold its regular business meeting Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 P. M. in the club room.

Election of officers and other important matters will be taken up.

All members who have not paid dues for the year are asked to see the treasurer, Mrs. B. H. Noe, and pay same before the meeting, as the year's report must be sent off immediately afterwards.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, Pres.

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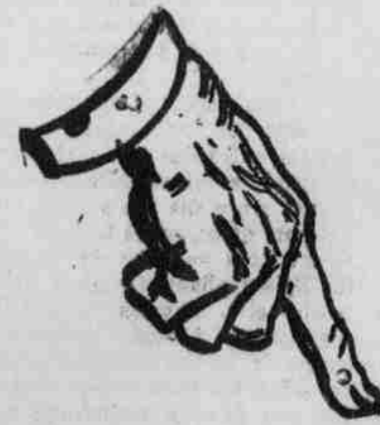
In the advertisement of I. N. Moore, well known Beaufort grocer, in last week's issue of the News it was stated that he was offering Pure Lard at 12 cents the pound. This was a typographical error as no doubt our readers knew because lard has not sold at this high a price anywhere in a long time. The advertisement should have read "Pure lard at 7 cents a pound."

Union County farmers have established a milk receiving station at Monroe for trucking to the cheese factory at Albemarle, Stanly County.

WANT ADS

Beaufort News Want Ads cost but little. If you wish to buy or sell something try our Want column, one cent a word.

Beaufort News



STOP!
READ!
LISTEN!

CONSIDERING THE HARD TIMES WHICH WE ARE HAVING AT PRESENT, WE KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THE SAME PRICES FOR REPAIRING THEIR WATCHES, AS PAID HERETOFORE. I HAVE FROM JANUARY THE FIRST MADE A GREAT REDUCTION ON ALL WATCH REPAIRS.

GET AN ESTIMATE FROM ME BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR WATCH WORK DONE

B. A. BELL

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