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"CHURCH MEMBER" REPLIES TO REMARKS OF OBSERVER.

Rather Warmly Resents Reference to Front Seat Members—Suppose Churches Were Made With all 'Back Seats."

To the Editor of The Journal:

Permit me space to submit a few remarks in reply to "An Observer," who does not hesitate to take a thrust at the front pew christians. His thoughts are not smart or new. The front pew christians, or prominent church folks have been the target for the world and self-righteous Pharisees out of the church from time im-An idiot can tear down things material and also christian character; but it takes courage, bravery and brains to build things, and for eternity. Why not attempt the impossible and build our churches with all back seats. The world and the "more holy than thou" would be deprived of a lot of their fun of making criticism and jeers at front pew christians. But they would nose around and find many other things to criticise; for if they are looking for faults and sins and hypocrites, they can find them. But these christians who can neved be persuaded to come up to the front, and thereby vacate a seat for some unsaved one, are literally "standing in the way of

Undoubtedly there has been many a sinner who has stumbled into hell over the bodies of so-called timid. weak-kneed, faltering, or "I-am-notgood-enough" christians who persist in filling up the back seats. "Ye will not enter in yourselves, neither will ye suffer those who would to enter." I dare say if we could know, there would be far more hypocrites occu-pying the back seats: because they too cowardly to get near the firing line. They fear the shots from the preachers' guns. It would be too hot for him. He would really wish for a back seat so he could sneak out and go to his own where he can criticise the front pew christians to the easing of his own pierced conscience. As to the incident of the 'Observer" and the colored man. He may do all his good deeds with the purest and best of motives but you dice. said, "We would never find him on the front pew of any church. We doubt if you would find him there at Working independent of God good name and deeds. I want to warn such as he that it will be said to him, "I never knew you, ye are none of mine." The Observer says I 'happened" to see the Saturday afternoon incident, and he "happened" to know of numerous other deeds that he did at Christmas time, in an unadvertised quiet way. But I perceive also that he has a nice quiet. dignified way of letting you and per-haps others know it. Poor infinitesimal speck of humanity, "God made him, therefore let him pass for I happen to know of another good (?) moral man in our town who ridicules church folks and would not do this or that, that prominent church folks do. He is so pure, so clean, so honest in his own sight, he rarely enters a church and does good deeds too, and brags on his compassion for the poor, etc. I also "happen" to know this good (?) man does not pay his debts, and he adds to this sin lying. He cannot commit one sin

I dare say your good (?) man does not believe in the things the church stands for, sending the gospel to the heathen, feeding and clothing the hundreds of children in our orphanages, educating the ministry, or christian education, etc. No, he is strictly a local missionary, he does his system of road management, of work here, where he can see the work of his own hands and pronounce it well done, good and faithful servant. Price is opposed to this plan: it will and provides that nobody under 21 of what? Your good men and the Observer may say, "the front pew christian is hit." Granted. I am a sinner saved by grace. My loyalty to christians and to the church to which I belong constrains me to offer a de-CHURCH MEMBER.

Locals and Comments from the Wingate Correspondent.

Correspondence of The Journal Wingate, Feb. 3 .- Mrs. Gennie Tucker, who has been in the Sanita- Correspondence of The Journal. rium at Pinehurst for more than a year taking treatment for tuberculosis, has recently returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mrs. Tucker has completely recovered

from her attack of tuberculosis. Owing to unfavorable weather conditions last Tuesday night the address that was to have been delivered by Roberta Penegar and Mr. Roy Se-Rev. L. McB. White of Monroe to the Rev. L. McB. White of Monroe to the crest. Those enjoying the hospitality. M. C. A. at Meadow Branch was ty of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were: Missstponed to next Tuesday night, the

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braswell are visiting Mrs. Braswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. May. Mr. and Mrs. Brasswell will move out on the farm near the home of Mr. Braswell's pa-rents. We wish them the very best success in this the greatest and happlest and should be the most inde- Penniger. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond force in Iowa) and which Mr. Adams pendent avocation that man can fol- Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Long declared privately to be best ever

has been employed as operator at the of the most enjoyable occasions of Wingate telephone central in place of Miss Walden who recently resigned.
Owing to high water in the streams some of the carriers failed to cover is visiting relatives here.

their entire routes Wednesday, Such MR. GREEN REMARKS days are pretty tough for the boys but they get good pay and deserve, and we don't grudge nor covet their

places. Mercury today 28 above zero, Jannary went out with the temperature up to 70. It seems that weather conactions are about as uncertain or capricious as some human beings. The month derives its name from Febrau, a Roman feast held in honor of Lu- defects, percus, the god of fertility. The name comes from the word Februm and signifies purification, lustration, Well if water in the shape of rain will purify and cleanse then our section must be pretty well disinfected for it rained nearly 36 hours with a break.

Mr. R. L. Womble has about completed his fish pond and it is a beauty. The water covers about two acres of Womble build a bath house and furhimself with a couple of good doublebarrel shot guns as defense against night prowlers. O. P. TIMIST.

HOT AFTER MR. PRICE

Mr. Vann Says That His Contentions Them.

Referring to the article which Mr. proposition to levy taxes under pro-N. Price published in the Enquirer under date of February 3rd, I wish legality of such procedure. to say that Mr. Price has very adroitly started, at the close of this campaign, to poison the minds of the road law, but I confess that minds of the voters as to the merits disappointed with the plane Saturday, by an ignorant misrepre-

Mr. Price's discussion of the merswering it in detail. is he? So smart, so good, so wise! contention is a contention that the have very little influence now with Such a lover of humanity! He could tax levied under the proposed plan is even tell God a better way than the church. He needs none of the blood of Christ to save him. "There is none other name under heaven this respect he knows more about the church have no he caved " as the contrary as Mr. It seems that in I am surprised at Mr. Price's positive this respect he knows more about the land emphatic declarations, his insin whereby men may be saved," as statute law than the members of the preached in our pulpits, does not appeal to him. He wraps his garments the condemnation which he said in that others have not studied the proposition. of self-righteousness about him and his last article I would give him were osition deeply because they happen he to attempt to advise me on the not to agree with him in his peculiar No money has been paid to the speakers in his campaign and the present outlook is that the funds subscribed will be insufficient to meet the expense. If that is the case. I son speakers have to take the stump is because such men as our friend Mr. J. N. Price try either by fair divert attention means or foul to from the merits of the proposition.

source of the statement that the county gave the chain gang to Monroe township and that the amount of propery was so small that no procounty by the township for the propthis is his last article.

this controversy. dulges in, the fact remains that while he says he is in favor of good roads. the people will have a chance to vote tical common sense. . prize him loose from the petty authority which he now exercises.

My friend Jim knows better than this bosh that he published in the paper. If he did not know better he Arguing it then upon Mr. Price's would not have waited until the last method, the adoption of the new law ninute in the hope of precluding a full answer to his ridiculous conten-Respectfully.

> J. C. M. VANN, Sec'y Good Roads Association

A Tackey Party. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rogers es Etta Secrest, Eva Moser, Maizle puble of rendering. Helms, Guynes Rape, Blonue Secrest, Roberta Penegar and Rosa Rogers; Messrs, Vade Rogers, Duncan Gordon, Judd Rollins, Roy Secrest, Mark McCorkle, John Winchester, Gordon, Webb Howie, Sam Winchester, Clarence Secrest, Bruce Helms and Doff Rape, Mr. and Mrs. Postelle and Mr. and Mrs. George Funder-Miss Annie James of Pleasant Hill burk. They all declared it to be one the season.

Miss Etta Bell Stevens of Littleton

ON OPINIONS OF MESS PRICE AND LITTLE.

ays Their Judicial Opinions Are Not

Weighty in the Present Case— Time to Rise Above Trivial Details. After Squire Zeb Little's judicial sole purpose of finding "boogers" and that the adoption of the proposed law DOES NOT automatically repeal other road laws already on the statute books and that, therefore, if adopted, it would add all the tax provided for ground and is fifteen to eighteen feet in the new bill to our present town-deep in the deepest part. Mr. Wom-ship road taxes without making null ble has placed his order with Uncle and void the legal requirement for and void the legal requirement for Sam's fish culture department for the levying the present township taxes, young fish with which to stock his right along, AFTER the ADOPTION young fish with which to stock his right along, AFTER the ADOPTION lake. We see no reason why Mr. OF THE NEW LAW. Nothing look-Womble should not make a grand ed quite so good as a means for playsuccess in his new enterprise. One ing upon the prejudices of the uninthing sure, the undertaking will be formed as this contention that we watched with deep interest. Some of would be compelled to operate under the young tribe suggest that Mr. both the old law and the new law AT THE SAME TIME. But Squire clear body of water. Capital idea, itated about using this "booger" for It might be well as a matter of pre-parednss for Mr. Womble to equip laughable attitude, and uffless his court takes courage form the bold and courageous opinion handed down from Mr. Jim Price's court I don't believe this Marshville township rural court will have the nerve to render this supplemental opinion. sides, Mr. Little's court well knew Are Absurd and That He Waited that no board of county commission-Till the Last Minute to Spring ers in Union would ever have the nerve to even consider seriously a

I was fully aware that my friend Jim Price was against the proposed road law, but I confess that I was the proposition to be voted on which he made his discussion. In this age of rural mail delivery the READsentation of the fact to be voted on ING farmer has become a THINKand an artful appeal against preju- ING farmer and old campaign meth-dice. ING farmer and old campaign methlenging contradiction" are as ineffectits of the proposition is too bungle-some for me to stultify myself by an-swering it in detail. The only valid statements of individual opinions construction of the law.

visions of both laws, regardless of the

Mr. Price is not a lawyer and not withstanding his "challenge for contradiction," no court in this country would be disposed to accept the judicial opinion of a layman who has litmatters not how emphatically he may declare that he KNOWS he is right. Men of all ages of advancing civilization have clung to error and have Mr. Price was referred to as the declared emphatically that they were correct when they were not correct

It is not my purpose to render a legal opinion as to this measure vision was made for payment to the When the late Henry B. Adams draft ed this new road law thy copy of the erty turned over. Mr. Price admits lows road law) he stated positively that if the law is adopted it will au-This being the case and this being tomatically repeal the present road the only reference to Mr. Price I fail law of this county. The other lawto see how he has been dragged into yers with whom I have talked are of the same opinion. Regardless of the Waiving the pleasantries of a per- legal phase it will not be presumptusonal nature which Mr. Price in- ous for me to say that a common sense construction of the law will have the effect of annuling the presfor some unknown reason he opposes ent law, and those who administer the only reasonable proposition that laws, after all, are governed by pracon. For the sake of the trifling oppo- if the application of the new law does sition which he points out, he is will- not automatically repeal the present ing to perpetuate the present rotten road law as it relates to levying taxes, neither can it repeal the proviwhich, in his township, he is one of ions of the OLD LAW in the section the high officials. Of course Mr. that abolishes four days of free labor years of age shall be compelled work the roads, for the old law says there shall be six days of compaisors labor between the ages of 18 and 45 can not abolish four days of free labor because the old law has not been formally "repealed." And if you can argue that this provision will be ineffective you can go further and contend with equal force that NO PART OF THE NEW WILL BE LEGALLY EFFECTIVE simply because the new act does not formally declare that "all lightfully entertain a number of their laws in conflict herewith are repealfriends at a "tacky party" at their ed." and therefore if we adopt it by home in west Monroe township last referendum vote no part of it can be The indications are that Friday evening. A number of enjoy-inforced. I am inclined to believe er has completely recovered able games were played and fun pre-that the opinion of the late Mr.Adams valled throughout the evening. Prizes was more in harmony with practical were awarded to the "tackiest" girl common sense, and I presume that and boy. They were won by Miss his long life of legal and legislative service placed him in better position to render a correct legal opinion than ordinary country magistrates are ca-

The chain gang feature, which Mr Price discusses, is merely incidental and has nothing at all to do when the nerits of this road law, which such world-renowned authority on rural conditions and rural economics as Henry Wallace declares to be the best road law ever enacted (as it is now in written. Mr. Page, who is known to be one of the best informed men among all the men who are really 'doing things" in North Carolina, declared after reviewing the law that with the exception of a few minor

looked to him like the best road law

I feel like making an apology for taking up this much space in reply to those who have discussed with a ligrard running on a lence rail you those who have discussed with a lizzard running on a fence rail you GRAVE WARNINGS the incidental will be industrious throughout the and trivial details of this famous road law, With an important economic proposition like this, that has court (rural) had studied the pro-posed road law for six weeks with the for its purpose the elimination of a burdensome mud tax that amounts to defects, it doubtless occurred to approximately two hundred thousand Squire Little often during all his la-Squire Little often during all his la-borious mental strain, that the hig-gest "booger" he could throw at the which is already diverting a large which is already diverting a large to render the solemn judicial opinion proportion of the wealth which we that the adoption of the proposed law are creating into the trade channels and industries of other counties, leaving us an unsatisfactory portion of the wealth which we are creating. I would much prefer to confine my part of the discussion to the tremendouscriticisms of unimportant details by those who have without exception. failed thus far to suggest anything better than what we already have. Again I would emphasize the importance of considering the measure upon its merits as a proposition to build BETTER ROADS in Union county. nish suits and charge a small fee for Zeb Little and the members of his the privilege of bathing in this nice rural supreme court of opinions hesmisreading, misunderstanding, or by misinterpretating minor details of

his splendid road law. It is unfortunate that the campaign for good roads can not continue sixty days longer, but regard-less of the result of the election tomorrow the cause of good roads has been advanced sufficient to pay a hundred-fold over the cost of this educational campaign and it puts us nearer the time when Union county will begin to lighten the mud-tax burden as other progressive counties are doing. J. Z. GREEN.

Something Ought to Be Done.

About a week ago there was a little old woman, clad in a black dress and wearing a button with the in-scription, "Prison Missionary." on it. soliciting funds for a refuge home at Marshville. Nobody paid much attention to her, not knowing exactly what kind of charity she was seeking aid for, or misrusting her mission altogeher. But it develops that she has established some sort of refuge, in which she has the care of several babies. The following, atken from The Marshville Home, goes into more de-

some days to investigate this situation for ourselves in order that we could properly state the facts. We conditions thought it excusable. refer to the Rescue Home. Orphan it, located in the vicinity of the now housed there some five or six burns one day last week. She was persons, including two or three standing near the fire place when her and want predominates there, that the house is kept in an exceedingly dirty, filthy, condition. It has been Mr. W. H. Benton has been afflictsaid that conditions there are unfit ed for the past two weeks with some for any person to live in. Yet some-sort of serious pulmonary trouble. one has taken it upon themselves to I am not a doctor and am therefore gather a few unfortunates and house not in a position to state the exact them there under the guise of a Re- nature of his trouble. Some people be taken care of through free will at the mouth and at other times contributions by the citizens of swoons away in a trance, from which Marshville, and maybe elsewhere, his people cannot arouse him for The matron, director, or whatever long periods. His parents are doing she may be termed, is unable to care for a single unfortunate if we are to fering and for the last few nights lina Fire Prevention Association has judge by outward appearance and the point we wish to make is this: Would not it be the act of mercy-a service rendered-for the proper authorities to take the matter in hand and return these persons to the county to which they belong and let them be cared for as human beings at the the papers are mailed on time from expense of such county. This seems to us the proper thing to do. We know that the little tots are there, and those in charge are said to be unable to provide suitable treatment either physically, mentally or spirit-Let's not let them suffer longer in our midst."

Four New Varmints

Some strange varmints are roamand western Anson. A citizen from that section reported in The Journal citement prevailed. A writer in The Ansonian thus tells of them:

"A large number of men with guns and dogs have been chasing strange animals in the Deep Springs community, in Lanesboro township, while the women and children remained at home behind locked doors Several people have seen the strange animals and a number of shots have been fired at them. Some think they are wolves, others mountain lions. They are swifter than any dog and are making war on fowls, cats other small varmints. One of these animals came on a porch and carried away the faithful family cat before the owned could get his gun and shoot it. Much excitement prevails in that community.

A shabby old cottage on the outskirts of a village was suddenly transformed by paint and paper into an attractive little house, and a sum-mer resident who knew the occupants to be a poor widow and her ne'er-do-well son, was curious about the change.

He inquired about it at the gate. "Yes, sir," replied hte old lady smilingly, "my son's in work now. Makes good money 'e does, too. All 'e 'as to 'isself."-Tit-Bits.

Items from Indian Trail Route.

Correspondence of The Journal. Indian Trail, Route 1, Jan. 31. Well, I saw one running on a year. rail last Saturday and I hope the tradition will hold good in my case. But if this old traditional saying does not hold good, I still have an old rabbit foot in my vest pocket that may ef-

roe last Saturday on account of the bad weather.

Miss Mamie Dixon is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Roberts, in Winston-Salem.

There is a family in the run-school district in destitute circumthe new road law and better roads without stepping aside to answere Besides the parents, there prived of the opportunity of securing an education because of lack of sufficient clothing. Besides this, some of the children have been sick and have lacked adequate medical attention. But do not blame the children. The father is either the victim of circumstances or either drinks, and throws his money away for other I was a visitor in this home several days ago and it was real pitiful to hear those poor little children crying for something to eat. If their want is traceable to their father's insatiable desire for liquor, then he is guilty of "criminal folly." Or any other man who allows his family to suffer on account of his appetite is guilty of the same crime. I do not say that the father of the children is directly responsible for their plight, but if he is, I think some punishment ought to be meted out to

has gone to Peachland for a visit to

her kin-people.

Mr. Calvin Mills and family of north-west Monroe township have moved into our midst, occupying the widow Smith's place,
Miss Della Pressley of Charlotte

visited her cousin, Miss Eva Benton, last week.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, a hog of Mr. Calvin Mills got out of its pen and corporated town where the streets wandered into the stables, where are worked entirely by taxation, and Mr. Mills was currying and rubbing "free labor" in the rural districts down his horses. The hog received a saves me from paying to help work kick from one of the horses on the the roads. The business men in Mon-Marshville Home, goes into more detail:

"There is a situation in Marshville which, according to what we hear is deplorable. We have intended for some days to investigate this situation."

"There is a situation in Marshville and butchered right away, so Mr. Mills, with the assistance of Messrs. John and E. W. Griffin, prosent days to investigate this situation."

"There is a situation in Marshville and other incorporated town will also saye some tax money by retaining the present the following states on the locals. The locals. The locals in the locals. The locals in the local in Montality is the local in Montality in the local in t these gentlemen did not hardly like run will retain all the corporation

Mr. M. C. Simpson of Charlotte ty. The cotton mill, oil mill and othspent last week here with her parents. er corporation tax will also be retaincemetery. It is said that there are near being the victim of serious babies neither of which is yet a year dress caught from the flames, but by old. We have been told that poverty the timely aid of her eldest daugh-

> Mr. W. H. Benton has been afflicteverything possible to ease his suf he has been resting easy.

view with them some time ago must be with the postal employes as the 9th instant. the office every Tuesday and Friday Be patient, friends, the trouble will be remedied in due time.

home from a visit to his brother, mercantile building church, and Mr. Ransom Furr, at Thachery, Va. school house will be inspected from his brother. Dr. J. A. Austin, in as well as the question of careless-Charlotte.

Well, Sunshine, I believe you have ing the woods of north-easten Union | Scotland county, and Wild Rose has annual loss is about \$250,000,000. office a few days ago that great ex- again. Sunshine, and let us know hour. where thou art.

Little six-year-old Gaither Hartsell waste is preventable; in other words, is some fisherman for a boy of his it is either due from

Miss Elsie Mills and her brother. Mr. Martin Mills, have both contracted a severe case of queumonia. Here is hoping they will both soon get well and be up and about.

relatives at Wingate. Mr. Lee Rowell of Ellerb spending some time with homefolks here.

To Every Member of the First Baptist Church of Monroe

A great movement is on foot to in stall a pipe organ and provide adequate Sunday School equipment. Last night the church organized 30

clared after reviewing the law that 'e has to do is to go twice to the the ery night until every member of the heundred people were aboard and with the exception of a few minor circus every day and put 'is head in church has donated. Come—let all church has donated. Come—let all church has donated. L. M. WHITE, Pastor.

HUGGINS WITHDRAWS.

Says That If We Stay In the Mud He Will Save Some Tax and Has to Give No Free Labor.

Some of my friends in the rural sections seem to be inclined to criticise me as a townsman who uses the public roads very little for exhibiting too much zeal in behalf of good roads. Their plea has aroused my interest in self and has put me to thinking and viewing the proposition from an-

It is true that, baving been raised on a farm myself, my interest and zeal did get the upperhand of my selfish interests and I proceeded to argue the question from the standpoint of the farmer. But since my friends have called my attention to this suicidal policy for a townsman to pur-sue, I have about come to the conclusion that it is not very much to my interest to have good roads. I own neither horse, cow, calf, bicycle, automobile nor anything that travels on legs or wheels, do nearly all my riding on the train and can go through the woods when I wish to take a stroll to see my friends in the coun-

If those who think I am taking too much interest in good roads want to haul one bale of cotton over rough, muddy roads where they could as ea-sily haul five bales over good ones; if they want to spend a whole day making a trip to town instead of making it within a few hours; if they stick up in the mud and have to prize out with pine poles; what does it con-cern me? And as to the tax, if a man who owns \$400 valuation of taxable property prefers to work the roads four days in the year to paying \$1.45 extra road tax, and upward in proportion to the valuation of his property, what business is it of mine! Mrs. Sallie Hathcock, who spent Perhaps he enjoys being in bondage some time with Mrs. J. W. Hartsell. for that length of time, as the free labor system is a sort of recreation, swap yarn system anyway. If the school boys are kept out of school to work the roads, what care I? daddies have managed to exist and perhaps they can do same thing.

And by this old method of throwing more mud in the already muddy roads with "free labor" I will save some tax money, for I live in an ined in the townships in which these enterprises are located.

What I want is better streets in Marshville. What Monroe wants is better streets in Monroe, and so with all the other towns of the county. Let's get busy with our own places of abode and let those who don't want our assistance alone. They have to do their own hauling and driving, and if it were not for the sake of those in the rural sections who do want conditions bettered I would be willing to apologize for ever making treat, Orphanage, or what not. From call it the night-mare and some call an attempt to use my influence for sewhat we have seen these people must it the night-horse. At times he foams curing better roads in Union county.

Fire Inspection Here Monday.

In order to assist in reducing the waste in this State, The North Carobeen organized and during the past four years has inspected nearly all of Beasley Brothers for not getting our the principal cities and towns in the Journals on time for I had an inter- State. Monroe is the text city on the in list for inspection, and the Associawhich they stated that the trouble tion will meet here on Wednesday,

In order to have our city put in good condition as to order and cleanliness, it behooves each citizen to bestir himself and have a thorough Squire H. M. Furr has returned eleming up. At this inspection every Mr. D. W. Austin recently visited basement to garret, and every defect, ness, will be noted.

Did you ever step to think what been deported to join Student in the fire waste is in this country? The been selected as the victim to repre- Here in our own State, the fire loss is sent your section of the county. Come \$3,000,000 annually ever \$300 per

At least 70 per cent of all this causes that Recently he caught a big could be prevented or from carelessbunch, enough to give a family of ness. As a comparison, our losses in six a big meal of the fresh water dollars and cents are thirty times per capita more than in Italy. It cost the United States more to sustain its national ash heap than Germany spends on her standing army. Our fire waste approximately equals cur Now, why is this so? Mr. John Benton has returned Why should Americans, one of the from a visit to his friend, Mr. Fred most shrewd and progressive people Smith, at Midland. Mr. Brue Hartsell has returned a terrific waste of wealth and of the from an extended visit to friends and energy which produced it?

The explanation may be given in four words carelessness and lack of knowledge.

Germans Bring Big Prize Into Amer-

Much to the surprise of the world, a German prize crew bove into the port at Newport News Tuesday with a big British liner which had been captured somewhere in the Atlantic near committees. They are at work today. the African coast. No one knew that Tonight (Friday) at 7:30 every mem- a German raider was anywhere on the ber of the church (young and old) is seas. But a mysterious one had capinvited to come to the church and tured several British ships, including hear the report of these committees. the big liner, Appam, which latter There will be a similar meeting ev- they sailed into port. Nearly five