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"EXPERIENCED OUR VERDUN IN 1922," SAYS DRY REPORT.

Methodist Episcopal Church Board Tells of "Terrific Assault" by "Wets" and of Final Victory.

Washington, Jan. 2.—"The policy of prohibition has survived the most terrific assault in the year 1922," the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church points out. "In a very real sense we have experienced our Verdun."

"This attack has consisted, first of an effort to discredit the law by encouragement of its violation, by subtle propaganda against it, consisting of ridicule and slanderous inferences, and of efforts to undermine it by political corruption. The second phase of this attack has been a tremendous political drive financed at least in part by the brewers with the object of so reducing the prohibition majority in Congress as to establish a situation most favorable for its complete overthrow in 1924.

"Despite these efforts, prohibition is as firmly established today as ever before. Incitement to violation of the law is as rife as ever but less effective because more and more the public has been smitten with a great disgust of that vile and dangerous criminal, the bootlegger.

"Bonded liquors are practically not available at all now. Home-brew except the making of wine principally by foreign-born, has utterly collapsed. We have Mr. Haynes' word that the vigorous methods used against smuggling have greatly reduced that source of supply, although in our opinion it still constitutes an outrage and a scandal.

New formulae to prevent redistillation of denatured alcohol and rubbing compounds has cut off another bootleg supply. The production of moonshine is still a terrible evil. In regard to this, Mr. Haynes says, "The poisonous character of moonshine, together with steps to suppress it, is fast solving the problem of illicit distilling. We are not prepared to express an opinion so hopeful but it certainly cannot be disputed that the people in general are learning the fearfully dangerous character of moonshine and also are beginning to know the horrible filth surrounding its production.

"All in all, the situation as the year 1922 comes to a close is distinctly hopeful and no phase of that situation is more encouraging than the utter collapse of the political effort of the anti-Prohibitionists in November."

The following proposals have been made for bringing about a better enforcement of national prohibition in 1923:

"Let every law-abiding citizen report to the prohibition department and to the police the name and location of the liquor law violators. The names of the informants will not be given without their consent.

"More support and appreciation should be given the enforcement officers and less encouragement to the criminal.

"Recognition of the fact that the duty of law enforcement is fundamentally a local problem. Citizens should endeavor to see that the law enforcement agencies of the county, municipal and state governments are exerted to their full extent for effective law enforcement. Local officers who neglect or refuse to enforce local laws, and attempt to pass responsibility to the Federal Government, should be ousted from office or be defeated for re-election."

Mrs. C. W. Brinkley Dead.

Martha Brinkley wife of C. W. Brinkley died Dec. 24. Interment took place at Hollow Springs on Tuesday following funeral services conducted by Rev. Willie Chilton. She was born Sept. 14 1886, aged about 36 years. She had been a consistent member of Hollow Springs church for 15 years. Mrs. Brinkley was one of the best women in the community, ever faithful to her home and family. She leaves a husband and five children who mourn the loss of so true a wife and mother. She had been in declining health for several months and a complication of disease caused her untimely death. Friends and neighbors sympathize with the bereaved family.

The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land.—Emerson.

GOV. MORRISON'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

Through Progressive Farmer He Appeals to Farm People For Many Improvements.

(Reprinted from Progressive Farmer) To the Women Who Read The Progressive Farmer:

Editor Poe has asked me to send a message to the farmers of North Carolina, but I want to make an especial appeal to the farm women of the State. I want you to back up the campaign that is going on to make North Carolina live at home in 1923—and live gloriously at that, as we can certainly do on our own home-raised products.

There is not another State in the Republic where farm people ought to live better than in North Carolina. But too often farmers make a lot of money nevertheless fail to provide their families with that royal good living which fine gardens, abundant poultry, a good cow, and home-raised hogs would give them.

The women of North Carolina ought to make it one of their new year resolutions to put a small home orchard on every farm in the State, including one around every tenant or cropper home. It can be done for \$10 or \$15 a home. It is a shame to raise children, even negro children in any home on a farm without plenty of fruit around it. It can be done so cheaply. It would pay every landlord tenfold for the small outlay. We ought to add a few berry bushes and a grape-vine; and where they will grow, a scuppernon vine.

We ought to add a few nut trees on every farm. The additional cost will be trifling. It would be splendid to see the women organized and leading the people to put these inexpensive fruit and nut trees, berry and grapevines, around every home in the State where children may live.

The garden will also pay. Neither the tariff, the dusts, nor any other age-old goblin of disaster can prevent it. Our people are as yet very poor gardeners. We ought to master the subject and fill the State with the finest vegetable gardens in the world, and then learn to eat vegetables. We cannot grow healthy children, or keep healthy ourselves without vegetables. The garden has been looked upon as a nuisance by the men folks, and tolerated as a feminine folly. We must dignify the garden and get from it 15 or 20 per cent of the food needed to make us independent.

Next, poultry and eggs. Here the women must take the lead. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves not to give the children of North Carolina more chicken than we do. The little fellows expect chicken on Sunday, and when the preacher comes or other company. They ought to have chicken every other day, and eggs every morning.

We must become more ambitious. Why, we only aspire turkey Christmas and Thanksgiving Day. We ought to have turkey dinner in every thrifty country home every other Sunday, and invite the poor town friends and relatives out to a good meal.

We ought to raise every pound of hog meat we eat. The women are not the natural leaders in raising hogs. It suits men better. We understand hogs better than women do. But the women must see that we attend to it.

Next, milk cows. We cannot grow healthy children without wholesome milk, butter, etc.

Fruit, nuts, grapes, vegetables, poultry and eggs, milk and butter, cheese, bees and honey—these and kindred things will make the people of North Carolina independent and happy. We would be strong enough to raise cotton and tobacco in large quantities without disaster if we had all these other things.

Then, last, but not least, women of North Carolina, fill the State with flowers, vines, shrubbery, and beauty. This is your work, too, but I need not enlarge on it. You know its importance. Let's make North Carolina most beautiful as well as the most fruitful state in the Republic—and make a great start right now as 1923 begins.

Yours truly,
CAMERON MORRISON,
Governor of North Carolina.
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1, 1923.

The state warehouse system has grown from 32 warehouses having an aggregate capacity of 49,050 bales of cotton last year to 78 warehouses with a total capacity of 212,620 bales this year.

BUSINESS BASIS FOR PRISON ASKED.

Kansas Warden Urges Legislature to Send Earnings of Inmates to Their Families.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 23.—M. F. Amrine, warden of the Kansas penitentiary, has proposed to the coming session of the legislature that it place the prison on a business basis and use the profits for the relief of the destitute dependent families of the prisoners. In a report to Gov. Henry Allen, Warden Amrine shows that the prison receipts could have been brought to a total of \$512,259 and made a net profit of \$78,145 in the last year if the prison had been permitted to charge a reasonable price for its products.

The prison has a big coal mine and furnishes the coal free to the state institutions. The market price for the coal was \$5 and \$6 a ton during the year. The prison did not get a penny. If it had charged only \$5 a ton the total receipts would be \$356,548 from the coal alone in a single year. The prison has a big brick plant but it furnishes the brick free to the institutions. If it had been permitted to charge a little lower than the market price for its brick it would have collected \$34,860 from the brick furnished last year. The twine plant is operated at a profit, the last year showing a net profit of \$23,570 on the 3,000,000 pounds of twine sold to farmers of the state.

The proposal of the warden is that the prison be allowed to collect about the standard market price for whatever materials it produces and furnishes either to the state or the institutions. This money would more than pay the cost of operation, and the profits would go into a fund to be known as the earnings of the prisoners.

"The man who gets sent to prison is not the only sufferer," said Warden Amrine. "Frequently he suffers less than the members of his family. He has good care, a good place to sleep, good food and plenty of it and some amusements. But he frequently leaves a wife and several children at home without a penny, and they must depend upon the county or charity for food, fuel, and clothing.

"Why not take the profits which this institution could make and allow each prisoner with dependent families a certain wage per day? The money would not be paid to him but to his family. He could earn extra money by doing more than the allotted task for each man and could increase the allowance which his family would receive.

"A man who does wrong should be punished. But the state is wrong in punishing to even a greater degree the innocent members of his family. We have one particular case, a man who forged \$70 worth of checks. He has a wife and three children. The wife and three children suffer more than does the man. If we could take the earnings of this man in the prison and pay them to the family it would be of real value to them and reduce the demands upon the county and charitable people for their support."

Talley Probably Will Get a Light Sentence.

Greensboro, Jan. 6.—Indications are that Carl Talley, now in jail here, the "brains" of a party of three in an automobile from which Policeman Thomas McCuiston was shot and killed here on May 4, 1921, will get off the lightest of the three.

A review of the evidence by the solicitor, J. S. Spruill, shows that in all probability all he can be tried for is having whiskey in his possession for sale.

Lewis Edwards, Tommy Robertson and a man said to be Talley were in the rum running automobile when McCuiston was killed. Robertson was killed in the chase the same day; Edwards was captured and convicted of the murder and given 10 years in the state prison. Talley escaped and stayed at large until two weeks ago.

During the trial of Edwards it was testified that the shot was fired from the front seat; the state built up its case around that, and it was also testified by several witnesses that Talley was on the rear seat. For that reason it is thought that the only charge that can be brought against him is having whiskey for the purpose of sale.

The power of the press goes into the kitchen! Several newspapers under the oilcloth on the kitchen table make the oilcloth last longer.

GIRL SAYS SHE WENT TO HEAVEN

Strange Story Comes Out of the Little Mill Town of Piedmont in South Carolina.

Anderson, S. C., Jan. 3.—A strange story comes from the mill town of Piedmont. Did pretty little 15-year-old Lena Sweet go to heaven? She says she did, and tells of what she saw there, and is disturbed because her parents and other friends would not let her alone until she received a direct message from Jesus.

This young girl lay in a trance from Wednesday night until Saturday night in the little church, which is built in an out-of-the-way spot between two hills, and is called the "Church of God." The girl had been "saved" a short time before, according to the pastor of this church, S. C. Chambers, and was striving to get the Holy Ghost. She had been to the church three successive meetings, each time going to the altar and praying to "get the Holy Ghost." Finally on this Wednesday evening she again came to the altar, and fell into a trance. Some of the members stayed with her in the little church the parents came, but were told that something dreadful would happen to them if they touched her when she was in the power of the Holy Ghost, and that she must not be moved. She was given a small amount of food, and called for water often, otherwise showed no signs of life, and lay in a corner near the altar.

Had Been to Heaven.

Friday night she told some of the watchers that she had been to heaven, had seen the angels, and described the beautiful place, and said that she was going to receive a message from Jesus, but when she was touched or spoken to she could not get it. The second time she told of going to heaven, and she was told that she must return to earth, but for a short time. She said she could not open her eyes, for the earth was too dark after seeing the bright light of heaven. She did not open her eyes for three days and nights.

The preacher said that she had the "power of the Holy Ghost," neighbors said it was more like "the power of the devil" to them, but the parents were nearly crazy, for they did not know what to do, and they wanted their child at home. Finally they appealed to the law, and the sheriff of Anderson county sent an order to have the girl removed, and 10 men went and took her to her home by main force.

The preacher was asked the direct question of whether he thought Lena's soul had gone to heaven while in the trance; he answered, "Why not sister? Nothing is strange with God, and she was under the power of the Holy Ghost."

The girl now lies in bed and moans and begs to be taken back to the church, saying "I have to go back. Her face is very white, the dark circles under her eyes showing that she has been under some strain, her hair is dark, and she is a pretty girl. Her mother stated she had always been a normal, bright girl, and she was heartbroken over this trouble.

At this little church, over on the hills, members, when under the power of the Holy Ghost, dance and throw their hands and have an incantation which sounds like nothing on the earth, nor nothing under the earth. This the preacher said was the "spirit talking to God, and nobody knows what the spirit is saying, not even the people themselves."

A quiet little woman sitting near the altar began to shake and tremble, at first it seemed that she was laughing, then her face changed and it seemed that she was about to weep. The baby sleeping in her lap did not awaken when she jumped up and began to prance and dance, and it looked every minute as if the baby would fall to the floor and a man in the back of the church also began to dance up and down, and calling out "Glory to God!"

Then the members gathered around the preacher and the reporter and questions were asked and answered. The preacher gave Biblical references for every part of their worship. Another phase of their belief is that they may be healed by prayer, and a woman said she knew this was true, for her boy had fallen out of a tree and broken his arm, and it was healed in 10 minutes. That woman over there stopped a big fire raging in the woods by her prayers, and they cited many other instances.

Sunday night at this little "Church of God" they will have communion,

more of their kind of dancing, and "will gird themselves with towels and wash each others feet," according to the preacher.

Old Suspension Bridge Cause of Big Tragedy.

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 4.—Names of eight missing persons were known while estimates of the number lost ran as high as 30 when rescue parties today resumed their search of the wreckage strewn flood waters of the Cowlitz river into which the old suspension bridge here, bearing scores of men and women, collapsed last night.

From 50 to 100 pedestrians, one truck and at least 10 passenger automobiles were on the bridge when it fell. The structure gave way in the midst of a terrific jam caused by a stalled motor car. A cable support buckled and the bridge threw trucks, automobiles and wagons and their passengers into the torrent; swollen by recent floods. Many leaped to safety as the span sank.

Survivors told almost identical stories of the snap and crash of the falling structure, the sudden plunge into the raging waters and the battle for life in the muddy current.

To swim ashore, encumbered with heavy clothing, was a test to be met only by the strongest and most adept.

Most of the persons on the bridge were thrown into the river and many were picked up by boats or swam ashore. After darkness efforts to recover bodies were futile, although the river steamer Pomona, lured by the hope that there might be life in the debris, breasted the swift current during the night to play a searchlight over the scene. But early this morning no bodies had been found.

Early today there was a rush of frantic relatives seeking some word of lost loved ones and a constantly growing list of missing persons.

The exact death toll may not be known for several days, as the swollen waters of the Cowlitz and the Columbia, into which it flows about two miles below the city, may carry the bodies of the victims many miles.

The bridge connected east and west Kelso.

Negro Shot While Standing at Grave.

Rosewood, Fla., Jan. 6.—A new grave was dug in the negro cemetery at Sumner, near here, late today and in it Sheriff Elias Walker placed the body of James Carrier, whose death at the hands of several white men this morning was the sequel of the clash between the races at Rosewood Thursday night.

He was shot to death while standing on the graves of the four other negroes who fell in the fighting that followed an attempt of a crowd of white men to enter a negro house in search of Jesse Hunter, wanted for alleged implication in an attack on a white girl at Sumner.

According to information received by officials, Carrier was seized by several white men this morning and accused of having been in the house from which negroes fired on the approaching white men, killing two of their number. When he is said to have refused to reveal the names of the negroes who did the shooting, the white men, officers were informed, led him to the negro graveyard and made him stand on the newly dug graves of his brother and mother, also victims of the fighting, while they riddled his body with shots.

Meanwhile Hunter, search for whom has resulted in the seven deaths, still is at large. Sheriff Walker has been informed a negro answering his description is under arrest in Lakeland and has sent a man who knew Hunter by sight to try to identify the prisoner. Tonight he still was without word as to whether the prisoner was Hunter.

Officers stated tonight that the situation in the entire vicinity was quiet and they said no further trouble was to be expected. The negroes of Rosewood have been in hiding in the woods since Thursday night and those in the nearby villages do not venture from their quarters, it was reported.

Winston-Salem Wants New Courthouse Constructed.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 3.—The county commissioners, in session yesterday, adopted a resolution authorizing the chairman to secure legislation empowering the board to erect a new courthouse suitable to the needs of the county. It is expected that a bill will be drawn and introduced in the general assembly at an early date, giving the commissioners authority to build on a site best suited for a new temple of justice.

SEEK TO PLACE SOLICITORS ON SALARY.

Say Solicitors Have Been Making High as \$15,000 Yearly.

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—With preliminary organization completed, the North Carolina general assembly today had its first batch of bills introduced, and among the most important measure being sponsored was the proposal of Senator Walter E. Woodson, Rowan, to place all superior court solicitors on salaries.

The senator stated he expected the bill to be introduced in the house by Representative Lindsay C. Warren, Beaufort, and Representative H. G. Connor, Jr., Wilson. The measure is a part of the legislative program of the North Carolina Bar association, and also is being supported by Senator L. R. Varner, of the 11th district, who is chairman of the organization's legislative committee.

Advocates of the bill are contending investigations made throughout the state have developed that present incomes of solicitors range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 annually, under the fee system. A straight salary of \$4,000 a year, with the present fees to go to the school funds of the several counties, is proposed. Traveling expenses of the solicitors would be paid by the counties at each term of criminal court.

The full program of the association probably will include legislation to increase the number of superior court judges in the state to 24 or 30, with the possible provision for a division of North Carolina into three judicial districts instead of two and changing the residence of a judge in one district from six months to a year.

First Gun in Legislature Against Ku Klux Klan

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The first gun in the expected legislative war against the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina was fired in the senate today, when Senator J. R. Baggett, 12th district, introduced a bill making it a felony for a person to appear off his premises disguised so as to destroy identity, and at the same time announced he had received a number of abusive letters since it became known he would attack the organization.

"I have also received many letters commending the fight I am making," said the senator, "and numbers of people are giving me their support."

He laughingly displayed a letter which accused him of being "so crooked your wife can't tell you from the bed spring" and urged him to "clean up and be a man."

"Your bill about the K— will never get out of the committee," the letter continues. "But go to it and tear your shirt. You will hardly go back to Raleigh again to the senate. Sure, the people will not send a fool a second time."

Grayson Banner in More Trouble.

Greensboro, Jan. 5.—Grayson Banner, young white man, with unashamed tears rolling down his cheeks, plead with Judge D. H. Collins, in municipal court this morning, to give him "just a chance."

Banner was found guilty on the charge of having morphine in his possession for the purpose of sale. He took the stand, admitted having had the morphine in his possession, but claimed it had been given him by a physician in Durham. He stated that he was a morphine habitue, and that he had the morphine for his own use, solely.

Judge Collins reminded him of the many chances he had had, and said "If I gave you all the chances in the world, you wouldn't take advantage them."

Banner promised that if he was given a chance he would "try to get off the stuff just as soon as he could." Judge Collins declared that he believed there was only one way in which the young man could "get off" of the narcotic, and sentenced Banner to three months in the county jail.

Notice of appeal was fixed, and bond was fixed at \$500.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Francis J. Love, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the estate of Francis J. Love to present their claims to the undersigned within one year from date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This Dec. 1st, 1922.
L. F. Love, Administrator.
T. B. McCargo, Jr., Atty.