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Sometimes we have a fear that the Administration is not hoping that Senator Glass is the unbreakable kind

"Bail details train" Yes, and bail sometimes does more damage than that, and causes greater smash-ups.

While it is reasonable to limit production of hogs, why not extend the policy to apply to all kinds of hogs, including wild hogs?

There are three criminal actions on the docket of Jackson county alone growing out of deaths by automobiles. And the slaughter goes on.

Somebody can see two young women hounded, as spies, in peace time, without a shudder. Well, maybe that is Kultur.

"An interests demanding aid from Congress", allows a headline. Well, we take it that Congress has plenty of aid to spare.

Somebody will security that might be looked in for the security of the people who want to use the highways for lawful purposes and in a lawful manner.

That woman warden in Oklahoma, who was fired off the job, after part of her prison escaped, refuses to quit, and she has the best word.

We wonder what it would be like if the people of the State could put their minds on the job of making a better North Carolina.

It is a pity that the Governor, Mr. S. B. Hays, died in the hospital in Detroit, of erysipelas. The body will be brought here and taken to Farmville, Ga., for funeral and interment.

The Supreme Court held, in effect, what we said last Fall, that the Constitution isn't being violated by the New Deal. Its provisions are merely being spread out so that all the people may enjoy its benefits, in fact, as well as in theory.

An Americanism: Scientists working the day and night to search out truths of nature and thus cut down the death rate among the people. Other scientists busy at the same time working out more and speedier automobiles to increase the deaths on the highway.

If the "King of Kings", over in Ethiopia, who claims descent from Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, had his troops well armed and equipped as has Mussolini, dictator of the Italy where Caesars once ruled, that would make a sizable scrap they are brewing in Africa.

We also wonder just how much money Dr. Townsend has made selling his pamphlets, and raising false hopes of \$200 a month in the breasts of the aged? Not that we don't believe that an adequate pension should be paid, for we do believe that it should.

Tom Boyd, veteran newspaper man, and well-known student of affairs and human nature, is the only one who appeared before the committee, in Raleigh, favoring the enactment of the Hill Liquor Control Bill, to whose argument we would pay a great deal of attention; and, in our humble opinion, even Tom was wrong, this time.

After it is all thought through carefully, and weighed in the balance of human experience, about all that liquor is good for is to get a man into trouble. If you don't believe it, ask any solicitor, any judge, or any defendant in any court in the State. It is an old law, but always been and always will be. It never has obeyed any law, and it never will, and there is no reason for believing that it ever will.

The act, passed by the last General Assembly, allowing defendants in criminal cases to enter pleas of no contest, and then let the presiding judge hear the evidence, and, if he sees fit, have a verdict of not guilty entered, has done more to save time of the courts and cut down court costs to counties, than any one thing that has happened in our recollection. At the same time, it results in far more convictions of law-violations than was formerly the case. It speeded up the slow-grinding mills of justice in this State.

The Supreme Court confirms Shakespeare. "All that glisters is not gold".

Judge Rousseau, hailing from North Wilkesboro, is a young man who is holding his first term of Jackson county court. The people, like him, and his manner of disposing of the criminal calendar, mixing courtesy with firmness and tempering the surity of his justice with gentleness and a degree of mercy. Those who violate the law know that they have to pay the penalty of their violations, yet there is no harsh or rash judgments meted out, and they can but feel that they have had a fair deal. Any county is a better place to live after this new jurist Wilkes has given us has held court in it.

The passage by the General Assembly of the slot machine act, brings to mind the question of whether it will be effective or will be just another law to clutter up the books. It is now unlawful to possess liquor, yet liquor is possessed by people all over North Carolina. The passage of the bill gives the crys another argument. The chief stay of the wets is that the law isn't enforced, yet the General Assembly, considering the repeal of liquor laws, continues to make other prohibitory and regulatory statutes, not a whit less unenforceable, and based upon the same general principles as the anti-liquor laws.

MUELLER PLEADS GUILTY

Herbert Mueller, charged with being the hit-and-run driver who killed little Mitzie Ruth Baumgarner, plead guilty of involuntary manslaughter, in Superior Court, this morning, and was sentenced to serve two years on the roads, suspended upon payment of the costs of the action, and \$750 for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baumgarner, father and mother of the child, \$500 is to be paid now and \$250 twelve months from now.

E. E. FOWLER DIES IN DETROIT

S. R. Fowler, citizen of Sylva, died Monday in the Henry Ford hospital in Detroit, of erysipelas. The body will be brought here and taken to Farmville, Ga., for funeral and interment.

Mr. Fowler leaves his widow and six children, all of Sylva, his mother, Mrs. Ginn, of Beta, and other relatives here and in Georgia.

He made his home here for a number of years, and has lately been employed in Detroit, his family remaining here.

CLAUDE COWARD IS DEAD

Claude Coward, 49, died at Webster, this morning, after a long illness.

Funeral and interment will be held at the Keener cemetery at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Claude Coward, a member of one of Jackson county's oldest families, was one of the brightest young men ever reared here. He left his native heath years ago, and lived in Alabama and later in Illinois. He returned here a few years ago in poor health, and remained here until his death, this morning.

He is survived by his father, O. B. Coward, his step-mother, two brothers Capt. M. R. Coward and O. B. Coward, Jr., of the United States Merchant Marine, a half brother, Rogers Coward, of Sylva, a half sister, Mrs. C. E. English, of Hazelwood, and other relatives and friends.

SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

At the 11 o'clock service at the First Baptist church, here, next Sunday, Rev. J. M. Tucker, of Cullowhee, will preach.

Rev. W. C. Reed will fill the pulpit at the evening service, which will be at 7:30.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our friends our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy to us during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

Haynes Ertley and Family

Raspberry plantings made in Burke County last Spring seem to be in a thrifty condition. Demonstrations in handling the plants for highest production were made recently over the county.

Wilkes orchardists report that prospects are good for an excellent apple bloom this spring. The crop of 1934 has been sold at satisfactory prices.

A definite effort to increase the number of good family cows in Wilson County has been started by the farm and home agents. Over 250 families having no cows at present have expressed interest in securing them.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Cohou, 23, Henderson, to Gertrude Wilson, 19, Haywood. Joe Loudermilk, 32, to Pallie Shuler, 18, both of Dillsboro. Wesley Coggins, 22, to Ivalie Ertzberg, 14; both of Speedwell. Claud Warren, 29, of Jackson, to Florence Brooks, 23, of Haywood. George Trantham, 22, to Zelig Buchanan, both of Jackson. Ernest Dills, 23, to Mattie Jacobs, 19, both of Dillsboro. Elroy Bryson, 27, to Jessie Zell Bryson, 27, both of Jackson. Clayton Constance, 21, of Polk, to Mattie Jones, 19, of Dillsboro. Glenn Barnes, 30, to Frankie Edwards, 22, both of Jackson.

LAY PLANS FOR SECOND COUNTY SCHOOL TOURNEY

According to announcement from Coach Poindexter, plans have been perfected for staging the Second Annual High School Basketball Tournament for the Jackson county schools.

The tournament is scheduled for March 1 and 2. Play will begin early Friday afternoon and will run through Saturday night.

A class B tournament will be run in connection with the regular high school tournament. The B teams will be composed of high school players who do not play on the regular varsity teams. The eight boys and nine girls that compose the regular teams, will not be allowed to play in the B teams. The tournaments will be run in conjunction with each other. Each of the four high schools of Jackson county (Cullowhee, Glenville, Sylva and Webster) are expected to enter both boys and girls teams in the various divisions. The county championships were won last year by the Sylva teams.

Championship trophies will be again awarded to the two teams that win in the regular tournament.

It is also part of the plan to run a consolation series for the teams that get eliminated in the first round. The tournament is sponsored by Western Carolina Teachers College.

Coach Poindexter is in charge of arrangements.

Interest is always keen in this tournament and promises to be even greater this year due to the fact that the various teams will be rather evenly matched in strength.

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