

A Colyum Of Thoughts From Here There, Yonder

(By W. BRODIE JONES)

The condition of the main side streets of the town in the mud and slush brings home the need for bituminous.

Better streets are within the grasp of the people if we will but urge their construction.

The town should match the confidence of its citizenship as expressed in the new era of construction planned for 1920.

Good streets bring trade.

Good streets improve dispositions in lousy weather.

Good streets are to come eventually, but not now?

It is up to you, use your influence!

Public service should win public appreciation—that is the only compensation offered.

With the advent of the war, this service sprang into being as an expression of patriotism. Since the war and the decline of its stimulus the ideas have continued and many workers have met the obligation and quietly worked at the tasks at hand with a patriotism that has been noble.

To these workers is at this time due an expression of appreciation from the people of the county for their diligence for the common good—the thanks of the people of the county are expressed to retiring chairman W. N. Boyd, Treasurer J. Edward Allen and Roll Call Chmn. W. Barham Davis for their labor in your Red Cross during the year just closed.

The good sense of the article on law enforcement upon this page from the pen of Mr. John H. Fleming, one of Warren's good citizens, is commended to the public. The factor that will stop the moonshiner is and is alone the manifestation of public sentiment. The citizens of this county are called upon to rally their influence to the cause.

"What is heredity?"

"Something a father believes in until his son begins acting like a darn fool."—American Legion Weekly.

Where Courage Fails

Man may smile in the face of death
But you will never find
A man who can draw a placid breath
With his collar loose behind.

—Kansas City Star.

Doctor—"Don't worry. Years ago I had the same symptoms as you have now."

Patient—"Yes; but you had a different doctor."—London Passing Show.

Customer—"Waiter, give me some hash, please."

Waiter (ex-army cook,) shouting back to the cook—"Clean up the kitchen."—American Legion Weekly.

Hub—"Why do you wear that costume? It looks like half mourning."

Wife—"Well, every evening when you come home from the office you complain of being half dead."—Boston Transcript.

Visitor—"Do you find that prohibition has depressed Crimson Gulch?"

Cactus Joe—"No, stranger, we're more cheerful than usual. Everybody seems to think it's a great joke on the part of the boys."—American Legion Weekly.

"I've not seen old Mrs. Wiggins lately. How is she?"

"Dead, sir."

"What, joined the great majority?"

"Oh, no, sir! She was a good enough woman as far as I know."—Pearson's Weekly.

"Why did you tell your father you had hatched a cherry tree down with your little hatchet?"

"Because," answered little George, "I rather take my chances on a whip than go through a long and tiresome investigation."—Washington Star.

"What's this I hear about ye gettin' married again, Wullie Tamson?"

"Oh, ay; I'm venturing on matrimonial bonds wi' Jean Cameron."

"Losh me, man! ye've been married three times already."

"Four times, four times."

"Eh, Wullie, ye're awful' wasteful' wi' women!"—Blighty, London.

A visitor was talking with an inmate of an insane asylum. "How did you happen to come here?" he asked.

"Well," replied the other, "you see it was this way. I thought everybody was crazy, and everybody thought I was crazy. The majority of 'em."—American Legion Weekly.

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A SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS PAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF WARRENTON AND WARREN COUNTY

HEADS RED CROSS WORK

MRS. ARRINGTON CHOSEN

Mrs. W. R. Strickland As Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Ella A. Thorne As Secretary

TO EMPLOY WHOLE TIME
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

J. Edward Allen Re-elected Treas. Home Service Work Turned Over To Welfare Officer; Other Officers To Be Named.

At a meeting of the Red Cross Executive committee and other interested members Wednesday afternoon in the office of county superintendent J. Edward Allen, Mrs. Katharine P. Arrington, whose zeal, fidelity, enthusiasm and ability first as vice-chairman and later as chairman of the county organization during the war is well known, not only in Warren but over the State, was the happy choice of the nominating committee as chairman for the coming year.

The body favored the immediate employment of a whole time public health nurse to be paid from the funds now on hand and authorized the chairman and her committee to make those plans which they deemed for the best interest of the county in this work.

This matter has been before the chapter for sometime but because of differences, now settled, between the State Board of Health and the Southern Division of the Red Cross dealing with technicalities, the work has been delayed. Retiring chairman W. N. Boyd presented the members with the gist of the situation thru letters in his possession and in the light of these facts and the authority vested in the new officers, steps are now underway for the employment of a whole time worker.

The nomination committee composed of Mrs. Eugene Allen, Mrs. J. E. Rooker and Miss Amma D. Graham returned with the recommendation that the same officers be installed for another term with the exception that Mrs. Arrington be made vice-chairman. Mr. Boyd plead that he be excused and the nominating committee retired, immediately returning and placing Mrs. Arrington in nomination as chairman and Mrs. W. R. Strickland as vice-chairman. The vote which elected these two officers and reelected J. Edward Allen as treasurer and Mrs. E. A. Thorne as secretary was unanimous. Other officers are appointive and will be named by the chairman at an early date.

A report from Treasurer Allen disclosed that over two thousand dollars was on hand, that all separate units in the county had turned their funds into the general treasury except Vaughan, and Norlina which is a branch and has its separate officers; that near three hundred dollars of material was on hand; that the Chapter had collected since July 1918 \$5,599.88, and that the funds were equally deposited in banks here and some funds in the banks at Macon and Norlina. At the completion of his report, he paid tribute to the unobtrusive, unpretentious but with quiet and efficient work of retiring chairman W. N. Boyd. He tendered the services of his office to the chapter for public meetings expressing a desire that the public feel that it was a public office for the public good through use.

A field of vast possibilities under the new public health nurse was disclosed by Supt. Allen in a letter from the State department which set forth that if the public school children of the county were examined and application for treatment filed, free treatment for bad teeth, adenoids, defective vision and etc. would be furnished by the State during the coming fall. It was generally conceded that the nurse would work in this capacity as a channel of direct service.

The nurse must have in addition to hospital service four months of intensive training as a public health worker. The State pays in part for her service. The public health worker it was thought at the meeting, could be procured within the next six or eight weeks. The nurse will work under a special committee upon which the County Board of Health is represented in its entirety.

The home service department dealing with government insurance, tuberculosis among soldiers and the gen-

eral welfare of their families was vacated by Mr. Frank H. Gibbs who has served faithfully in this capacity during the past several months. It was decided as unfair to ask that this work be looked into without compensation and the Chapter was empowered to expend funds to have this work accomplished. It was pointed out that this work was in line with that of Welfare Officer Raymond R. Rodwell and decided that this phase of activity should be committed to his care.

Mr. T. D. Peck placed the proposition of a county hospital before the body as one of public welfare. The idea was endorsed by the chair but no action taken at the time. Mr. Peck thanked the chapter for its work at the Mill during the Flu epidemic and paid especial tribute to Miss Coleman who was nurse there at that time.

The general atmosphere of the meeting was optimistic. The expenditure of the funds thru service of a whole time worker in Warren county among the people who contributed those funds was a receptive thought and the election of the officers to carry forward this move, it was felt, guaranteed efficient administration for the good of all.

Relief Drive Begins Feb. 8

Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, Jan. 28.

In response to the appeal for food and clothing and a chance to live, the people of Warren county have been asked to adopt 21 homeless Armenian orphans who are today facing death in a land where hopeless natives know nothing but sorrow. Beginning Sunday, February 8, a campaign of relief will be waged in the county under the direction of W. Brodie Jones as chairman of the drive. The campaign will run for one week.

It is not a war fund that the people of this country are being urged to raise. It is only an act for humanity's sake. Nearly 300,000 naked, starving boys and girls are weeping and wailing for a chance to live. They are homeless and parentless. They are suffering because their parents were murdered and their comforts of home destroyed—yes, all because the Armenians would not discard their christian faith for that of the cruel and barbarous Turks.

Under the leadership of State Chairman George H. Bellamy, North Carolina will conduct its campaign for the adoption of 3,334 orphans in the Near East. \$60.00 will provide for one orphan for one year. Practically every county in the State has been systematically organized for the campaign and indications now point to a successful drive in every county. Some have already raised their quotas. Others are prepared to adopt all their orphans during the first week.

REINSTATEMENT OF W. R. I. WITHIN 18 MO. STILL HOLDS

To relieve any confusion that may exist in the minds of former service men on account of the special provision of lapsed War Term Insurance which authorized reinstatement up to December 31, 1919, regardless of date of discharge, announcement is made by Director R. G. Cholmley-Jones of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance that the provisions for reinstatement of lapsed or canceled insurance, within 18 months from date of discharge, upon payment of only two months' premiums on the amount of insurance to be reinstated provided the insured is in as good health as at the date of discharge or expiration of the grace period whichever is the later date, and so states in his application, still hold good.

The provision that discharged service men are permitted to re-instate at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge by merely paying the two month's premiums, without making a formal application or a statement as to health is also still in force.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually re-instates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently may not be able to secure reinstatement.

Don't put off reinstatement. Do it now!

I must do something to keep my thoughts fresh and growing. I dread nothing so much as falling into a rut and feeling myself become a fossil.—James A. Garfield.

TO CITIZENS WARREN CO.

JOHN H. FLEMING WRITES

Urges That Public Create Sentiment For Law Enforcement Over The County

SOUNDS CALL FOR LARGER
ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Stresses Fact That Prohibition Law Will Not Enforce Itself and That Public Opinion Must Make Itself Felt.

We have enacted upon our statute books many prohibition laws, among which is one that prohibits the making or selling of drinks that are intoxicating. Surely we are the most blessed of all people: but are we as citizens doing our part to see that this law we have so often hoped and prayed for is being enforced?

Two meetings have been called in Warrenton to formulate plans whereby this law might be made as effective as possible. And the attendance upon the meetings was shamefully small. We have left the impression that we were not much interested in this great prohibition movement that we have pretended to want so long. I know we didn't intend this. We all felt that others would look after it; but if the law is as effective as it might be we must make a personal matter of it. We as citizens have it in our power to see that the curse of strong drink is almost entirely eliminated from our land; or we may stand with hands off and allow those who have no regard for law and order to make and sell the damnable stuff to our population.

We have opportunities such as we have never had before. The time is near at hand when the many death-traps set for the feet of our innocent boys and girls may be done away forever, and when the white flag of temperance may wave supreme in our land. But we may make sure that the prohibition law isn't going to enforce itself. Not for two or three men do all that is needed to be done. I know that Messrs. Green, Ellington, Fagg and perhaps others have done a great work along this line, but if we can get such an organization as has been begun perfected in our county and give these men not only our support, but compensation as well, Mr. Booze and those who must make it will have to seek some dark uninhabited land where common decency and respectability isn't expected. Shall we stand idly by and see the lives of our and our neighbor's boys wrecked, and not lift our voice against it? Not while there is manhood in us to defend our country from this dreadful evil will we allow this monster of all evil to so envelope us and not lift our voice and support again it?

I appeal to you as a citizen to lend your aid and influence to this movement. You may not have been in favor of this law as it now is, but all good lawful citizens are in favor of our laws being respected whether they favor the particular law in question or not.

There is no luxury like telling the truth.

Once you get the taste for it nothing else can satisfy.

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Lies are dirt.

Just as there is something wrong about a man that loves to wear unbrushed clothes and have unkempt hair and grimy hands and mournful fingernails and shoes unshined, when his duty and business do not imply such things, and when he seeks slovenliness from preference; so there is something perverted and repulsive about any human being that takes pleasure in twisting the truth to make trouble or avoid due consequences.

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Liars Sorriest of Folk--Crane

(By Dr. Frank Crane)

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is comparable in importance to the habit of truth. For no other one thing can follow and plague you so much as a lie.

Whoever lies pits himself against the universe. Every stick and stone is leagued against him. His lie waits for him like a robber at unexpected corners, lurks behind doors, hides like poison in his dish, and steals, as a cankerworm into any rose he plucks.

A lie sometimes follows its makers for years, to leap on him and strangle him in the very hour of his success.

The lie is a combination of everything that is ignoble; it is the concentrated essence of cowardice, treachery, and selfishness.

You don't have to talk, but if you do talk, tell the truth and shame the devil.

Lies are they that undermine your health, debilitate your mind, and rob your soul.

If you long for crime, why, burn a hay-rick, carry away a gate, commit arson, mayhem or burglary, but don't lie. That's at the bottom of the list.

We would prefer pro-Germans or Reds, profiteers or anonymous letter writers, to liars.

In the language of the Epic of Old Bill Smith, in the passage where he fires the Office Boy for lying: "Against thieves, robbers, pirates, and their ilk we have defense, bolts, locks, bars and pistols, but against liars we have no defense. Villain, thou art a base and useless prevaricator. Get thy pay and beat it!"

But what if one hates to lie, yet dare not tell the truth?

Well, one might try keeping still.

Few Foreigners In the State

Do you know which is the most really American State in the Union? It is probably North Carolina.

Miss Mary Owen Graham, who is a resident of Raleigh and foremost in educational matters, has found out that the percentage of foreign population is only one-half of one per cent. Miss Graham has been county superintendent of schools and president of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. She has held also many other educational offices in the gift of the North Carolinians.

"Our state is teeming with industry" said Miss Graham. "Every one is prosperous. The negro population is making good use of money and with advances in the wage scale the colored folk are paying attention to education and there are many evidences of race progress. All our industrial interests are developing rapidly and there is the best possible outlook for the coming year.

"We are doing much along all educational lines. North Carolina has the best public health laws in the United States and their effect is being more and more apparent."

Miss Graham is the head of Peace Institute, the famous southern seat of learning, which was founded in 1857. During the world war it was used as a hospital. It is of especial interest at this time when women are so much in political prominence that Mrs. Joseph Daniels and Mrs. Lee Slater Overman both attended Peace Institute, which has sent many distinguished women into the world of action.—Selected from Washington, D. C., Bulletin.

NORLINA VICTORIOUS OVER WISE BY SCORE 20 TO 17

The best basketball game of the season was played on Wednesday afternoon of last week between the Norlina and Wise teams.

The game was called at 3:30 o'clock. At the close of the first half the score was in favor of the Wise team but the good team work and the determination of the Norlina boys to win gave them the victory.

The second teams played between the halves. The Norlina boys won by score of 17 to 2.

The game was well attended and enjoyed on account of the sportmanlike spirit between the rival teams.

WARREN PLAINS ITEMS

Miss Annie Mat Twisdale and sister Miss Ethel Twisdale, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Twisdale, left home on the 7th of January to visit Spring Hill and Scotland Neck. They returned after a two weeks absence and report having a grand time.

A good many people here are nearly through sowing their plant beds.

Miss Viola Perkins from Wise is visiting Miss Annie Mae Twisdale.

AFTER THE TAX DODGERS

MUST NOT EVADE ISSUE

Some Kind of Evasion Is Made Criminal; Must Swear To No Evil Conversion Intent

PROVISIONS FOR LISTING
PERSONAL PROPERTY

Authority Given Supervisors To Institute Investigations and Require Full Disclosure of All Personal Property.

(By State Tax Commission)

Every taxpayer, in giving in his list of personal property is required to subscribe to an oath, prescribed in the revaluation act, which provides affirmation that the taxpayer has not "converted any of his property for purposes of evasion."

This strikes at a practice that was known to exist, to some extent, and which the present tax laws do not intend to tolerate when it can be discovered.

Certain forms of "conversion for purposes of evasion" are made criminal and punishable, such as fictitious exchanges for nontaxable securities, to be reexchanged after tax-listing day, the giving of fictitious notes to be used as deduction from credits, etc.

There are a number of other subterfuges equally as immoral and illegal. Some of them are:

Sending money for deposit in banks out of the State and sending notes and mortgages outside of the State over the period for tax listing.

A resident of this State is just as liable under these circumstances as if the property had remained in the State, and is guilty of a most palpable evasion.

Some people have been able to satisfy their conscience by taking certificates of deposit from their favorite bank endorsed "Payable in U. S. Treasury Certificates." That was entirely too clumsy to have gotten by on, even under a 4 per cent tax rate, and of course cannot be tolerated under a tax system that gives everybody a fair chance to be honest.

The tax supervisor in each county is given extraordinary power to require full disclosure as to ownership of intangible property—not only the power to issue summons for, and examine under oath, any person whom he has reason to believe has not made a full disclosure, but in any such case to summon and examine under oath any third party whom he may have reason to believe has any information as to the affairs of the party under investigation. This is extraordinary power which the supervisors have been instructed to use only with care and caution, but nevertheless to use in any case where they have substantial reason to believe that any taxpayer has not made a full and fair disclosure of his taxable property.

The true value of tangible property is being found.

The ownership of intangible property must be disclosed.

LOCAL NEWS FROM WISE
AND SURROUNDING VICINITY

The regular meeting of the Betterment Association will be held on Thursday, February 5th at the schoolhouse. Our new county demonstrator will be present.

Mrs. L. L. Coleman, teacher of the school at Paschall, announces that the money necessary for a State aided school library has been raised, and that the books will be ordered soon. Mrs. Coleman expects to organize a Betterment Association in that part of the school district soon, and it is hoped that the patrons will evince much interest in their school and its improvement.

The following students of Mrs. Coleman's school deserve honorable mention for having committed the ten commandments to memory, in addition to their regular studies: Maggie Bolton, Mattie Bolton, John Wesley Bolton, Kate Coleman, Bettie Coleman, Oliver Coleman, Minnie Fleming, John Fleming, Turner Felts, Alice King, Lizzie King, Willie King, George King, Gerstan King, Marion King, Roy Bolton, Luther Perkins, Ethel Pitts, Lonnie Pitts, Carrie Shearin.

"Difficulties in the Christian path are really stepping stones."