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**Editorials**

Tuesday's News and Observer carried the pictures of Thomas Greene Dean and his wife, who was Miss Mary Alice Daniels. This couple has been married for fifty years, and for more than a third of that time have been personal friends of this editor and his family. During the time that the Deans lived in Zebulon they were next-door-neighbors to the Davises; and next-door-neighbors can't help knowing a good deal about each other, when they live in a small town. The fact that we have only the happiest memories of that time is testimony to the fine spirit shown by Mr. and Mrs. Dean and by the younger members of the family as well.

We are glad to have an opportunity to offer congratulations and best wishes to these friends of these and other days.

**TWO NUTS AT ONE THROW**

By voting "No Convention" the Drys not only knocked the Wets for a mighty fall, but incidentally saved the good Old North State some \$50,000.

**SIDE-STEPPING OR STRADDLING—WHICH?**

Governor Ehringhaus said just before the election the other day that he would not say before hand just how he would vote because he did not want to influence the voters either way. Now, Governor, have you been so consistently neutral in your record thus far? And the future—we shall see.

**AND DID THEY?**

Some one said before the election that the bootlegger would surely vote against repeal. Down in Dare county at East Lake, a place notorious for illicit distilleries and wholesale bootlegging, the people voted 10 to 1 in favor of repeal. And so all over the state those counties or communities given most to law breaking in this respect gave the largest vote for repeal. Quite natural and logical!

**BOB AND WILL**

The one is a demagogue and the other a politician. Today both are U. S. senators, but tomorrow—who knows what an election may bring forth? The success of the one lay in his ability to fool the people, of the other in his reading the signs of the times aright and shaping his utterances accordingly; but they both missed the mark. Bob's repudiation is seen in the fact that his own precinct voted 24 against his wetness to 5 for him. Will's home town and county both went dry against him.

**RIGHT OF RETRIBUTION**

Some are already saying that the Dry Democrats will surely punish such officials as voted for repeal. Far from such vindictiveness. However, it would be rank foolishness for them to vote for any man who failed to support the vote for prohibition, since such action would put an enemy (?) in a position of influence where he could continue to exert his personality and influence against what the Drys hold as sacred. And when another election comes, why should a dry democrat support the man who voted and worked against what he conscientiously believed in in this all-important election? This question is bigger and more important than any man.

A little dab of powder and a little dab of paint makes some girls just what they ain't.

**'Twas a Famous Victory'**

In 1908 North Carolina went in alone, in 1933 she again says to the nation that though forty seven states may vote liquor's blight in our fair land, she will stand true and firm to her convictions expressed so emphatically a quarter of a century ago.

By her action Carolina has repudiated nothing and no one. In a real democracy every citizen should think for himself and should act for himself independently of even what the President may request. This action of our state shows a quality of conviction and courage of character grievously lacking in national life.

Carolina, there she stands! In the face of a defeat proclaimed throughout the land, the Dry forces worked night and day for what seemed even to them a lost cause, at least for a time.

But the victors must not delude themselves into believing the war is over. That is why this fight was necessary and if ultimately the war is won, we must go on fighting against this terrible curse to the race for perhaps centuries. This is no time to unbuckle the sword or lay the armor down, but rather a time for renewed zeal and effort to hold what we have. Let us again teach the terrible consequences of drink to our children in our schools and from our pulpits. One battle may win the war, but it will be the last when every enemy is conquered.

Yes, "Twas a famous Victory", but the enemy still lives and fights.

**Holloway's Hits**

By James H. Holloway

President Roosevelt and General Hugh Johnson "cracked down" on Henry Ford a few days ago and Henry promised to be a good boy in future. It was worse than a dose of castor oil for the Czar of the Tin Lizzie. He has so long considered himself the biggest man in the world he thought the President would overlook his disloyalty in refusing to come under the Automobile Code and the wings of the Blue Eagle. The action of the government towards Ford goes to show that the team of Roosevelt and Johnson have no favorites and by taking notice of the biggest pig in the disloyal litter, they have thrown the fear of God into the hearts of other big pigs who think they are bigger than the government of the United States. Calling Ford to account was the best move General Johnson has yet made.

Reports from all over the nation have been rather discouraging as to business improvement. The NRA will be speeded up shortly and the various activities contemplated will soon be under way. It has taken time to plan intelligently in order to get things started but it seems to an onlooker that several departments in Washington have been needlessly dilatory in getting their plans in shape for the great drive. There is too much studying being done by block-heads who should be capable of understanding the problems presented to them without so much delay. Whenever the so-called Brain Trust begins studying a problem you may expect them to always arrive at impractical solutions. What is needed now is immediate action without red tape and deliberation. If the crowd now in Washington is unable to act with more promptness than they have been acting, because of their dumbness and ignorance, they should be kicked out by the President and capable men should be given charge. Washington is said to be overrun these days with an army of crooked, favor seeking lawyers who are doing all in their power to defeat the aims of the NRA and secure for their clients favored treatment at the hands of the authorities. Not all of these lawyers are acting in a professional capacity but a large number of them have succeeded in getting on the government payroll, from which vantage point they are serving big business more effectively than they could possibly do in a private professional capacity. There are too many of this class of lawyers in the United States Congress for the good of this country. They will make their presence known when Congress meets in January by violent opposition to the President's program.

The press of the state has started an active campaign with the purpose to make Congressman Bob Doughton the next Governor. This movement doubtless has the enthusiastic support of big business and most especially the active support of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco

Company. Farmer Bob has never been known to antagonize the special interest and he is regarded by them as a safe and sane statesman. He and his brother, Governor R. A. Doughton, have always rendered invaluable service to the reactionaries and they are now seeking to reward him for his loyalty. Both Doughtons are smart men but neither of them will ever be the Governor of North Carolina.

The question of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment has been discussed by three prominent speakers before Raleigh audiences the past week. Clyde Hoy started the discussion with an able address last Sunday. Post Master General Farley followed on Friday and Ex-Senator Cameron Morrison went to the bat against repeal Saturday night. All three of the speakers acquitted themselves well. Farley had the largest crowd but it is in no sense a reflection on the other two speakers to say Morrison made the best speech of the three. The old Mecklinburg Warrior was at his best. If his speech had been heard by the voters in thirty cities, repeal would have been defeated by a substantial majority. He was generously applauded by his audience and even Senator Bailey, who was the target for some of his most pointed remarks, pronounced the speech the best he had ever heard Cam make. His heart was in his effort and his hearers enjoyed every minute of his address. Cam is coming back and he is going to be one of the most powerful factors in the democratic party in the next two years. Four years ago he broke with his life-long friend, Senator Furnifold M. Simmons, over Al Smith, but now he and Simmons have crawled together in the same political bed and covered themselves with the warm prohibition blanket. Politics and prohibition make strange bedfellows. Senator Bob Reynolds may be forced to again meet Senator Morrison in a contest for the Senatorial toga. Governor Ehringhaus was on the platform while Morrison was speaking and it was quite evident that he enjoyed himself immensely. Senator Bailey was in the audience but obviously was not so happy, as he appeared to be, while Post Master General Farley was overwhelming him with praise. No sane major or minor prophet will venture a prediction as to the probable outcome of the election on November seventh. Most of the members of the Fourth Estate think the vote will be close, with a slight advantage in favor of the repealist, but not one of them will bet a nickel on the outcome. The Drys have been working like demons for the past thirty days while the wets have been marking time. Thirty days ago, all indications favored the success of the repealist by an overwhelming majority, but by almost super-human effort the drys have succeeded in upsetting the wets apple cart. This scribe is ready to concede the drys the victory. If the day is fair it will probably help the dry cause but if the elements are stormy, the wets will be benefited. The contest on November seventh is only a preliminary skirmish anyway, the real fight might come when the attempt is made to repeal, or modify, the Turlington act. Every office holder and politician in North Carolina, is looking forward to that fight with fear and trembling.

It is said that a King once offered his kingdom for a horse. Every democratic politician in this state would gladly give his good right arm for the power to foresee the trend of sentiment on the Liquor question so he could get on the winning side. They are all busily trying to pick the winning side and it is almost impossible to get a state official to express his preference for or against repeal. Mr. Farley brought a personal message from President Roosevelt to the people of this state. This message will have much weight with a great many democratic voters next Tuesday, who desire to follow the able national party leader.

Kay: Have you heard the Olive Song?  
Margaret: No, what is it?  
Kay: I Love You Truly.

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**Washington Current Comment**

There seems to be some incoherent adverse criticism of the President's recovery plan, and it requires no great measure of perception to discern that the Republican party, thoroughly discredited a year ago, and still in the dead insect stage, is behind the complaint. The situation is not new, nor does it come as a surprise to the wise and efficient officials of the administration. Something of a similar sort must have happened years ago in Israel, to the annoyance of Solomon, for it is recorded that he remarked: "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor."

The desire of the United States to purchase gold at a fixed price represents a determination to settle the value of the American dollar, but the value of the dollar, considered by itself, is not the end immediately sought. The end ultimately in view is to raise the price of commodities by lowering the value of the dollar, and an increase in the price of goods is part of the present recovery plan. In other words, a corner on gold is desired. The efforts of individuals to control the price of a commodity has been met with failure in many instances which the past records show. The situation is highly complicated, but the matter reduces itself to two questions: Can the United States carry out this gold-purchasing program alone, and if it cannot, how far may it safely count on foreign aid, particularly on the help of England. We are planning big things. The new movement of the government in the direction of absorbing gold and fixing the value of the dollar, relative to the price of commodities, is one of them. With so many wise heads at work, most of us can do no more than wait, watch the potency of the pay envelope considered relatively to the market basket, and see whether good or evil follows in the wake.

By the action of President Roosevelt, a man named Washington has been saved, temporarily at least, from the electric chair in the District of Columbia. He is said to be resigned to his fate. Recent biographers have put the memory of another Washington in the electric chair. They would have us believe that he was no more than a good militiaman and an ignorant, hard-fisted, country aristocrat. If General Washington knows what is going on, perhaps he is simply looking down in calm content, resigned to his fate, like his namesake. He has no reason to be disturbed. It will take more than professional historians, magnifying the incident and incapable of broad survey, to convince the public that General Washington was not a man whose reputation will remain large, even in the perspective of time.

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When King Pharaoh of Egypt was having an interview with Joseph he asked: "How old art thou?" The Civil Service people are asking the same inquiry, but not merely in courteous wonder. It is proposed, though in the face of some opposition, to shut the gate against certain applicants who own up to the age of forty years.

In bringing about a reform of criminal procedure, more has to be accomplished than appears on the surface. A court should be a place where a criminal can tell his story and then be judged. The law to the contrary notwithstanding, courts too often are places which a criminal enters with the presumption of guilt against him. He is not there to bring out the truth, but to get out of something which it is already assumed that he has done. The prevailing disrespect for law arises in no small degree from the fact that the law promises to act in one way, and really operates in one that is quite different. Most persons hate a law court like a pesthouse. When the courts come to be recognized as friends in need and as wise and impartial arbiters in the instance of doubt, reform will have arrived. There is something radically wrong in a system under which a litigant or prisoner rejoices not in the fact that his cause is to be heard in court, but rather in the circumstances that he has a "good lawyer."

A hen is credited with 357 eggs in one year! The fact that her roost is in Canada frees her from the charges of over-production under the terms of the NRA.

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that Mr. Insull need not be returned to the United States for trial. Greece may have thought that it was a fair bargain to give Homer to the world, take Mr. Insull in exchange, and call the account square.

Some aspersions used to be cast upon the late President Garfield because in his youth he worked on a canal. The canal boat and the canal mule long have been a rich mine of joke material. Mariners have scoffed at canal navigation as "ditch crawling" and chafed for the blue deep and the far horizon of the sea. The latest government project is a canal across Georgia and Florida,

which will shorten by twelve hours, the passage from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico. The attention that is being given to sheltered navigation is noteworthy. It is promised that in time it will be possible to go from Texas to Massachusetts by an inside route. The old salts were strong and useful men, but like the trans-continental stage drivers, they may have to see their ancient calling go down before something simpler, more expeditious and void of hazard.

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