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THE FOUR COUNTY FAIR

The Record wishes to express its approval of the way the Four County Fair has been conducted. We have been to a great many fairs during nearly a half century, and this is one of the best and cleanest we have ever seen. The exhibits are unusually good, especially so when one considers the haste in which the fair was put on and the unexpected demand for various kinds of produce and other things required to make an attractive exhibition.

Mr. Roberts, the manager, ably assisted by Messrs. R. E. Pippin, Alonius Hinton and other men not to mention a number of women who gave their time unstintingly made the fair a success. They are to be congratulated. The exhibition hall was attractively decorated, the booths were attractively arranged and there was a great variety of exhibits. The amusement features were good and entertaining. Of course the concessions, where chance games were, were as clean as such features of a fair can be. Those operating these were courteous and well-behaved so far as we know. There are many things to be said in favor of a fair in a community, especially one where there is such paucity of entertainment during most of the year as we have in Zebulon. To be sure much money is carried away, but so long as the people feel they have got their

money's worth, no one will complain about that. It is the one time of the year when the whole family may go on a splurge and enjoy it together.

It is our hope that this fair will become an annual affair in Zebulon for the four counties that join nearby. If it is known early in the year that the fair is a certainty, then the farmers, clubs, schools and others may have ample time to prepare their exhibits and we shall be able to have a Four County Fair that competes well or excels other small town fairs in the State. We hope the organization will be made permanent and that plans will get under way soon for a bigger and better Four County Fair in 1935.

COMMON HONESTY

It is impossible for one connected with a business that preys upon his neighbor's money and morals to carry on such business honestly. A good church member once told his Sunday School class that the Volstead law was wrong, for it led a man who otherwise would be honest to be dishonest. He himself rather boasted that he was converted from a barroom. He probably was speaking from self interest.

The discovery that instead of 3.2 per cent beer being sold in North Carolina the alcoholic content has been found to be as high as 7 per cent. This does not surprise the dry folks. It was to be expected if that crowd got half a chance. Those who were selling it admitted that they knew it was above the legal percentage. Of course they knew. As a rule a man who will even make it possible for his fellow man to put the bottle to his lips, is not only dishonest but he will steal, does steal something more valuable than money. He not only steals, but in many instances kills.

No business operated at the expense of one's fellowman and to his physical and moral hurt can possibly be honest no matter what argument the operator may advance in defense of his transactions.

SEEN AND HEARD

ABLE AND INDUSTRIOUS

Miss Cornelia Herring, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Herring, is not quite thirteen years old, but she has crocheted a beautiful bedspread, which is large enough to hang over the sides of a full-sized bed and almost touch the floor. She says she did the work in two vacations, finishing the spread on Saturday before school opened this year, and not working on it when she had lessons to prepare.

Mrs. Henry Baker taught Cornelia to make the first piece for the spread giving it an added value for the owner.

If any other girl younger than Cornelia, or as young, has crocheted a bedspread, the Record will be glad to be told of it.

Through Capital
KEYHOLES

By BESSIE HINTON SILVER

Penny Wise—Hearing before the State Advisory Budget Commission in Raleigh revealed that much of the legislative economy effected at the last session is coming home like the proverbial cat. Of course there was a general demand for higher salaries but an impressive item in budgets of most State institutions was the increase for repairs. Behind all of them was a story of leaking roofs, falling plastering and damaged interiors and exteriors of State buildings. The next Legislature is going to have to dig up money to put State buildings in shape or lose all the pieces. Admitting that the last General Assembly had a tough time, the next one has nothing to which to look forward.

Prohibition—At least one prominent member of the State Senate is of the opinion that the Federal Government is trying to make prohibition so obnoxious for North Carolina that the State will be whipped in line with the repeal policy of the Roosevelt administration. This legislative leader believes that this is the idea behind the drive against the stronger beers.

Slight Blessing—Raleigh Cafes are taxed \$65 annually for the privilege of selling bottled beer. One proprietor states that he could make about enough profit selling

high-test beers to pay for the license and trouble of handling the stuff but adds that since the drive against stuff more potent than 3.2 he has lost business at a rate that will not earn him taxes. He indicated that he will not renew his beer license next year. What that will do to State revenue depends on how many dealers are of the same mind.

Hitting The Bumps—Governor Ehringhaus long ago expressed the opinion that "even being Governor ain't no bed of roses." He is willing to go stronger than that after his experience with the textile strike several perplexing capital punishment cases and matters of State finance. A friend promised to drop in and see the Governor "in between times." Mr. Ehringhaus replied, "Come anytime. There aren't any between times. I just go from one agony to another." Persons desiring to occupy the red leather chair in the southwest office of the State Capitol will please note.

Missed His Cue—More than one North Carolina politician and lawyer is laughing up his sleeve at Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and his direct-action attack on the proposed revised State constitution. While Mr. Brummitt was making speeches against the measure the Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional to vote on the basic law measure this November because the present constitution provides that all basic law amendments must be voted on at the first "general election" following the session of the Legislature submitting them. What the wise boys

want to know is why the Attorney General, counsel for the State, didn't remember that the repeal election last November was a "general election" before the Supreme Court reminded him of that fact. It would have been a master political stroke if he had and would have saved him many speeches.

Not Much Hope—If your road is going to the bad you may as well become resigned to mud-holes and bumps, according to some opinion in Raleigh. Everybody and his brother is figuring on getting some of the taxes paid by motorists when the General Assembly meets. The anti-sales taxers want some to pay general expenses. School teachers and other State employees would like to have about \$3,000,000 for salary increases and county commissioners want a million or so to help pay county debts. If they all get what they want the highways will have to go hang as some folk think they have been doing for the past two years.

Praise vs. Criticism—While labor leaders were attempting to hold Governor Ehringhaus' foot to the fire for calling out troops in the recent textile strike the Chief Executive was receiving much praise from other quarters. He has been highly commended for the manner in which he handled the situation and what many people consider his apparent determination to remain impartial and use troops solely to maintain law and order.

Bailey Threat?—Political mouse-smellers around Raleigh think they see a potential Eastern Senatorial candidate in Representative Bay-

ard Clark of the Seventh Congressional District, these days. During the recent unsuccessful flurry for abrogation of the Bankhead compulsory cotton control law Senator Josiah W. Bailey held his place at the head of the opposition table while Congressman Clark came out four-square for retention of the act. Capital City political wiseacres applied their yardsticks to Mr. Clark and measured him as Senatorial timber. They whisper that somebody is grooming Representative Clark for a real race. Your guess is as good as theirs at this stage of the game.

Talking About Huey—Raleigh partisans of both men no longer express any doubt that Clyde Huey and Congressman R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, both intend to run for Governor next time in spite of heat and high waters. Gone is the talk that these two Democratic stalwarts will not oppose one another for the highest honor that can be paid a citizen by the electorate. Around the Capitol these days the bets are no longer on whether either of the two men will run but on which will win. Use your own judgment.

Boys Get The Money—A prominent member of the past two sessions of the State Senate who took a leading part in taxation measures but who is not returning to the next session, wondered aloud where the next General Assembly will find the money to meet the needs of the State. He foresees need of about \$2,500,000 for increase in public school teachers' salaries in addition to boosts in appropriations for State Institutions. The only solution presenting itself to this veteran legislator was elimination of exemptions from the general sales tax. Having been through the mill, this ex-solon refrained from seeking reelection and expressed satisfaction that he will not be burdened with filling the State's coffers next January—until.

Some Compensation—One of the strongest advocates of the selected commodities or so-called "luxury tax" in the past two sessions of the legislature waxed confidential and expressed the belief that if the bill had become law it would have resulted in the tobacco companies leaving North Carolina in the near future. He even admitted, "I would have felt 'kinder' bad about that." He added that he felt the luxury tax fight made the path of the general sales tax smoother and said that since North Carolina has become "socialistic" he thinks every man should be made to pay his share of the freight. Which just goes to prove that you can't always tell what a man is thinking by the words he speaks.

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