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ELECTION REFORM

The Democratic party in North Carolina needs purging in more ways than one. There are probably more good men in the Democratic party than all others in our State. There ought to be — there are more of them!

We would like very much to see three things done in this connection:

1. Our election laws so revised that every citizen regardless of party may have equal and impartial rights at the polls.
2. Congressional districts adjusted to geographical lines regardless of party interests.
3. Officials, such as all court judges, appointed on merit without respect to political party.

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UNMORAL CHARITY

In the President's balls held all over our land, many of them were sponsored by the leading people of the communities. And some of these are leaders in the churches. Those who attended and took part did not care a whoop for the cripples at Warm Springs, but their chief and first consideration was their own social pleasure.

Out in Texas five big movies will give a midnight show next Sunday night. There will be no charge, but the people are asked to give an offering for the flood sufferers. They are asked to come on this Sunday night thirty miles to see the show and incidentally to make a gift.

In Louisville a big distillery is distilling water for the refugees from the red flood. In another month perhaps this same distillery will be making liquor to destroy the bodies and damn the souls of these same people.

Human nature is a peculiar sort of animal.

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"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

North Carolina will not let its citizens sell intoxicants or even advertise them. But through its counties it sells liquor across the bar unblushingly to its people. Not only that, but it permits the big distilleries to advertise "Wally Whiskey" and Old Bourbon in our magazines and newspapers. These go into the homes of our people where our children read about the delicate flavors and delectable effects of these drinks that are sold by the county next door to the grocery store where the child is sent for groceries.

The State will not sell liquor, but without protest or restriction it permits any who desire to cover page after page with attractive pictures and enticing words to induce men and women to buy.

No, the great state of North Carolina does not advertise intoxicating drink, but sells it. It will not let it be manufactured within its borders, but thousands of gallons are shipped into its borders every month. It permits outsiders to spend thousands of dollars in advertising liquor in our state, because it sells it and the state profits most by such nefarious business.

It pays North Carolina to advertise whiskey!

THE CHURCH'S CHARITY CHANCE

"I was sick . . . I was hungry . . . I was naked . . . In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me".

With nearly a million of men, women and children actually suffering for food and shelter and many of them already sick, the words of the Savior come with a new emphasis to all people and especially Christian people. For four years the government has been caring for those in distress through relief agencies. The church has been marking time in its charity till many have felt there was not even the necessity for the usual offering on communion day for the poor. We have believed all the while that the church should have been doing much of this work and should not leave it to the State.

Perhaps God has sent the greatest flood in our country's history on our land to test the love and generosity of His people. If ever we have had the need of ministering to the sick, hungry and naked it is now. Money is needed millions of dollars. And clothes, too. The need will be for months yet.

We hope every citizen of this community will respond to this call of God through human need. If you have clothes of any sort, send them to Mrs. J. E. Gill. If you have money to give, any minister in Zebulon or the mayor, will be glad to receive it and forward it to the Red Cross.

When the sun shines bright again for our land; and we look back to this day, shall we rejoice in the knowledge that we "lent a helping hand to Him in feeding and clothing the hungry and naked?"

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STRIVING FOR BIG THINGS

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

Now that may be nature's way, but men seldom imitate nature successfully. Mature men may be drilled into a mighty army of hundreds of thousands, but they are first in squads of a half dozen or less. Moulding character and developing the mind in children requires the personal touch like that of the potter on the clay.

A few years ago orphanages housed hundreds of children in a single building, but today they are conducted on the cottage plan, each with its own matron and housekeeper. The smaller the group and the more personal the supervision, the better it was found to be for the child.

Not many years ago little one-teacher school houses were in every community. They were of wood, had fire places or cast heaters. The seats were boards and sometimes even split logs. The black board was a plank blackened with paint. The teacher was fortunate to have a desk. The best teachers held what today would be lower than high school certificates.

How different are all today! Fine brick buildings with a score of rooms, large assembly room, library, steam heated, comfortable desks and chairs, blackboards and everything else needed for efficient instruction. And the children are hauled to school every day.

But—with all this wonderful and complete equipment of our present educational system, we believe the old system of the one-teacher school lasting three or four months in the fall was superior to our modern educational program when one compares every factor involved — the teacher, the money, the length of the school term and the expense involved. Our educational system is top-heavy, it makes education too easy. It has lost the teacher-parent contact and often even the community contact. It is weaning many a child away from its home, church and rural life.

GENERAL NEWS

Young Girl Killed In Accident

Miss Winifred Matthews of Campbell College on last Monday with three friends borrowed a car in which her brother had driven to the school and the four left for a ride. In some way the car turned over and Miss Matthews was killed the other three being injured. The dead girl was from Godwin.

Killed In Bus Accident

On last Monday 19 persons were killed when a large motor bus on the Tamiami Trail in Florida left the road and fell into more than 12 feet of water in a canal. They were on a sight-seeing tour. It is said that a wheel on the bus broke. All the dead were trapped inside under water. Twelve of the passengers survived.

January Surf Bathing

Not only Florida can boast of surf bathing in January. Along the coast of North Carolina and South Carolina, certainly as far north as Beaufort, bathers have enjoyed the ocean waves during the past week. Their pleasure may have been heightened by the novelty of the action.

Floods and Fire

Floods in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas and Mississippi have wrought untold damage and have brought death to an unknown total. Minor floods in North Carolina, Louisiana and Maryland have done damage. To date almost a million persons have been driven from home by the rising waters and disease brought on by exposure and lack of sanitation is adding to the misery of the situation. A fire in Cincinnati last Sunday cost the city more than a million dollars. The area burned was along the Ohio River front.

The Red Cross has gone to relief of the sufferers. Local organizations have been asked for contributions and larger towns near by are already sending donations. The disaster is the worst for years from rains.

Schools Reopen

All schools in Wake County were to be open on Monday morning of this week, several having been closed for some days because of impassable roads. Repairs to both roads and school buses and a slight lessening in the rainfall allowed County Supt. Lockhart to order that work be resumed in classes. Wakelon was fortunately one of the schools not affected by the closing order.

THE WEEK IN BUSINESS

Armour and Company voted a dividend of 15 cents per share to 40,000 holders of common stock, the first disbursement on common shares in eleven years. The West Coast shipping strike has increased lumber prices throughout the East and forced a total of a billion and a half feet in unfilled orders in the mills. By purchasing a 40 per cent interest in the Virginian Railroad, privately built and long personally owned by the late H. H. Rogers, Andrew W. Mellon enters the railroad field as a possible contender for the big coal haulage so long dominated by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

CONDITION OF TREASURY

(For Last Fiscal Week)

Receipts	\$56,171,989
Expenditure	\$242,064,713
Balance	\$1,765,147,321
Deficit, Fiscal year	\$1,678,572,000
Public Debt	\$34,506,450,869

M. I. T. REVERSES RULE

Boston, Mass.—For 70 years, graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had to complete a two-year course of military training to qualify for a degree. Congregational churches have long protested the requirement in behalf of conscientious objectors of their faith, and made a test of the

case of Kenneth Arnold, who declined to take the course and was graduated without his degree. "Tech" has now abrogated the rule and beginning next September will exempt objectors "on sincere religious or moral grounds." Arnold was also made eligible for his degree.

BUILDING BOOMING

Washington, D. C.—The Department of Labor announced that building permits during 1936 in cities with 10,000 population and over amounted to \$1,328,714,000 an increase of 61 per cent over 1935. Residential building increased 114 per cent.

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