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WAKE'S ABC STORE

Reports are that Wake's Liquor Control Board are planning to open at least five liquor stores in Raleigh. On the first day of sale over \$1,000 was spent for drink. On last Saturday \$4,000 was spent. With a store convenient to every citizen and liquor sold under bootleg prices there is no reason that Wake County can't put bootleggers out of business, if such a process will ever accomplish the desired end.

But the bootlegger has no tax to pay, no rents, no clerk hire. He is open for business all the time and will deliver his goods anywhere. However, Wake county can still keep a monopoly on the business. Just keep good liquor, deliver it anywhere day or night and give it free to everybody. That will get the bootlegger. Poor old bootlegger! And poor old Wake!

SUNDAY SELLING

A merchant in Greensboro was haled into court this week and fined for selling groceries on Sunday. He stated that other business concerns were permitted to keep their places open and sell their supplies and that he was of the impression that there was no difference between the sale of food stuffs and other merchandise.

There may be legally be a difference, but morally there is not. In fact, there is morally more justification for selling food for folks upon Sunday than gas for autos. Neither should be allowed. We have never been able to see just why a filling station may be kept open all day Sunday and sell any service for an automobile any more than any other business may keep open and glean the shekles on the Lord's day for just as necessary sales.

But locally the high school board, all

good church folks, permit if not approve the use of the public school property for sport and profit. We understand that some members of the board objected or did not even know about the permission given. A citizen came to the Record with his complaint about this and the editor agreed to call the attention of the public to the matter once more. This man's opinion was that everything Sodom had Zebulon has. It may be so. However, we know that it is not what it ought to be and when every Christian citizen has done the best he can, it will still be bad enough. Right or wrong, public sentiment may be too strong for anything to be done about it. The columns of this paper are always open for discussion, protest, or the expression of opinion by its subscribers, readers, and the public generally.

REFRESHING AND THEN SOME

We wish we knew his name, but any way we do know his character. The Greensboro Daily News tells the story. The man when a bank closed became a judgment debtor for the sum of \$900. The bank gladly accepted \$600 in settlement in full. That man came the other day and tendered his check for the balance, saying: "I knew that I could pay all of it, and I knew that I would feel better by paying all of it. So here is my check for \$300 in payment."

We would like to know that man. There are perhaps thousands like him in North Carolina so far as unpaid obligations are concerned, but few of them will ever satisfy their conscience of creditor by doing as he did. It reminds us of a man who made a pledge to a church in good times and failed to pay it till hard times hit. He said, "I could have paid this any time after I made the pledge for years but did not do it. Then I was not able to pay it. Now when I can, do you think I ought to pay this pledge?"

Our own opinion is that a debt is a debt until satisfied by settlement. Even after death it is still an obligation standing before the record of a man. One's inability to pay in no wise lessens obligations. We know people who make debts. Adversity overtakes them and they can not pay. Later, prosperity comes, but by a very strange process of reasoning they seem to think because they could not pay in the past, the obligation is in a manner discharged and they are no longer accountable. "For value received" by the laws of God and man creates a debt, that stands through time and eternity until it is discharged justly and conscientiously.

16 Carolina Markets Open Tuesday in the Border Belt

Uncle Jim Says



Terraces are one way to keep good land where it belongs.

SMOKY PARK TO BE FINISHED

The Senate has just passed a bill for an appropriation of \$743,265 to complete the Smoky Mountain National Park. Senators McKeller and Reynolds are due credit for the appropriation since it was through their passage of the bill was secured by unanimous consent.

LIGHTNING KILLS FOUR GIRLS

Near Creedmoor Tuesday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock, four daughters of J. Edgar Hester ran under some bushes for shelter from a shower. All were killed instantly when lightning struck them. Other members of the family were nearby, but none of them were hurt.

The girls were all grown and belonged to 1 of the most prominent families in the community. No marks or burns were to be found on the bodies.

COST OF STATE WELFARE

The 100 counties of North Carolina, spent for their welfare departments last year \$358,151.57 plus \$70,000.00 from Federal funds spent by the state in helping the counties making a grand total of \$428,151.57 for Welfare Administration for the year ending June 30, 1937.

The administration of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children will add to this approximately \$436,438.88 of which \$150,714.76 will be paid by the counties and \$285,724.12 will be paid by the State and Federal Governments for the coming year.

CURING TOBACCO

The time required varies from 84 to 96 hours depending upon the rapidity of the various curing processes. After hanging the weed, maintain a temperature about ten degrees higher than the outside temperature until the leaf is fairly yellow. The heat is then raised 4 to 5 degrees an hour until a temperature of 120 to 125 degrees is reached. This temperature is held until the tips of the leaves are dry and then raised to 140 degrees. This will dry out the entire leaf. The temperature is again raised to 180 to 190 degrees and held until all parts of the leaf stem is dry in all parts of the barn.

AEROPLANE WRECKS

There have been a number of serious aeroplane wrecks lately in the United States and foreign countries. The last occurred at Daytona Beach Tuesday in which four men were killed. Others were seriously hurt. A light line had been strung the day before and the pilot, Capt. Stuart Deitz, did not know about it. He was among those killed when his plane became entangled

The sixteen North Carolina and South Carolina tobacco markets that compose what is known as the "Border Belt" opened Tuesday with a 25c average and heavy selling on all floors. The latest dispatches obtainable listed prices much better than the 1936 opening Carolina sales. Farmers appeared to be satisfied.

Experts declare that 18.4 percent increase in the North Carolina weed crop is to be marketed this year over last year, or an estimate of the state's crop placed at 541,620,000 pounds. Four other marketing belts in North Carolina open later.

Speaking at the Lumberton ware houses, Governor Hoey said, "From a hasty inspection and judging from the estimates of experienced tobacco men, the farmers in this section are engaged in harvesting the best tobacco crop in recent years in both quality and quantity." He commented also that "This is a significant occasion. Tobacco is North Carolina's greatest money crop and this state leads the whole nation in the growth of flue cured tobacco."

WARS IN THE EAST

Continued fighting goes on between the rebels and royalists in Spain. Battles rage on three fronts. While insurgents claim gain's there is little change in the lineup. Each day just a few more to die.

In China the Japanese have occupied Peiping. Heavy forces have been massed outside Peiping for an offensive into Chabar and Suiyuan provinces. Both China and Japan are making feverish haste in preparation for what will be the greatest war since the World War. It is thought that Japan will subjugate North China before beginning a campaign against the rest of the country. It now appears that there will be no way to prevent a major war between the two countries.

BOOTLEGGING GOES ON

Thirty-six individuals and six corporations from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were recently indicted for participation in the largest bootleg ring since repeal. But the bootleggers only furnish illegal drops which do not cut in very much on the tremendous production and consumption of liquor over old prohibition days.

And so, even in North Carolina we read of distilleries destroyed and bootleggers arrested. A B C stores do not quite bring in the millenium.

NOW DO SOMETHING

Congress, according to reports, is at last showing signs of "economy mindedness." It is no secret that the towering national debt, which recently reached an all time high of \$36,600,000,000, is worrying legislators.

They certainly should be worried for the principal adverse affects of a gigantic debt, with its necessary accompaniment of rising taxes, falls on the poor and the moderately well-to-do. Every laborer, every professional man, every white-collar worker, every storekeeper, today can buy less than he could otherwise—because a great part of the cost of everything he buys or uses is tax levy included in the price of every article.

Concern over the debt, now exhibited by Congress, should be followed by "doing something about the debt." A policy of budget balancing, and regular debt reduction, would do more for real economy than all the expensive political pan-

SEEN AND HEARD

CALL HIM DUGGER

We have heard W. D. Spencer spoken of and to as Douglas or Doug until it has got on our nerves. For the man's name is Dugger. If that happens to sound odd to you, take a trip through a certain section of Virginia which has more Duggers than you could shake a stick at — unless you're an extra good stick-shaker. Should you not like to call our fellow-townsmen Dugger, try Dug, but leave the o out of it even in speaking. Or, if you must use it, say O, Dug, and not Doug.

TRIPLE TOMATO

Mrs. Clarence Kemp brought into the Record office Monday a triple tomato, or three tomatoes grown together. We are not sure which is correct, but the three measured eighteen inches around and weighed one and one-half pounds. They were grown together only at the base, seeming to have developed from a triple bloom.

GIANT MELONS

In a store in Fremont Monday, I saw fifteen not just large but immense water melons. Asking the

merchant how much the fifteen weighed I found they weighed just "eleven hundred pounds". The largest weighed over ninety. They were grown by a Mr. Finch who lives in the community. He is known as the water melon king. The largest grown so far this year weighed 114, but he has others growing that will really "get their full growth before they're picked." Graham Finch on the Cliff Pippin farm has some big melons too. Kannon's Cafe has one that looks as if it would weigh 75 lbs. Graham has larger ones in his patch.

ONE WAY

We clip the following from a state publication in its free ad column where one may see "For Sale" or "Wanted" anything 'most from a pup to a pony, an onion to a farm, a shawl to a wife. WANTED: A nice, good woman to live in motherless home, work with children — two boys, two girls. Must know how to cook and be kind to children; age 30 to 40, good looking, weigh around 130; no children. K. F. —

FINE FIELDS

We went 'cross country to Eureka Monday morning. Around Fremont one sees some of the finest farms in the state. They are equal to those along the N. C. —

ton. I haven't see finer cotton, tobacco and corn than I saw between Kenly and Fremont and between Fremont and Eureka.

A LIFETIME JOB

Mr. Geo. W. Duke, owner of the buildings housing the Record and Post Offices has had trouble with the roof for years. He tried patching it for months and finally had an entirely new roof put on. The new roof soon leaked, so another roof was put on by a new man who guaranteed it against leaking. Before long, however, Mr. Duke was informed that his roof was full of holes, maliciously torn by some unknown person. Another roof was put on. A better roof, and barbed wire was strung around the edges of the building. A reward of \$100 was posted to be given for information leading to arrest of anyone trespassing thereon. Apparently his troubles were over. But only last week the roofing man went up to inspect and found it full of man-made holes again! At a cost that will run his roofing bills past the \$2,000 mark, Mr. Duke is having a new roof put on. Mr. Duke certainly has either a Jonah, or a nigger, in the woodpile, however, we seriously doubt if that is what Mr. Duke feels like calling him.

H. T. Creech of Snow Hill sold 28 hens for \$241.24