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A FALLACY EXPOSED

After eight months of trying out county control in 37 counties of N. C., one finds a puzzle, a riddle, an enigma, a mystery or something of the sort that is hard to solve. An article in the Wilson Times tells us that after catching and convicting more than two score of the worst bootleggers in the county some time ago, that these same fellows are again selling ABC and bootleg liquor. It seems that about the only thing the law does is to give a few extra jobs and more and better liquor. Yet one of the stock arguments of the wets was that good liquor sold at reasonable prices would put the bootlegger out of business.

Who Got My Liquor?

During the eight months of county AB control the 37 counties selling liquor sold \$4,446,541.36 worth of hard liquor. Down in Bertie county the per capita was only \$1.85, but in Wake it climbed to \$6.92 average for every man, woman and child in the county. Across in Durham, John Sprunt Hill's county, the per capita for the eight months was \$10.36.

The price on many high grade liquors will shortly be reduced, according to statements from the State Control Board. One wonders why, to stimulate business, to meet bootleg competition, or to prevent possible revenue? Commissioner John Swain of Raleigh, tells us that there will be no profit from Wake's liquor stores this year owing to the expending of \$142,000 in establishing the stores. And he also states that the people may not expect any tax reduction because all the profit will be needed for relief work. Who cares just so generous old Wake

makes enough to bury the drunks and care for the widows, orphans and paupers its good liquor makes!

NAME PROTECTED

The name of Adolf Hitler and some other high party leaders in Germany are protected by law. Thus mothers are forbidden to name their babies after these famous persons, which would be considered bad taste. In this country not only babies but live stock are frequently named for a person admired by the one who does the naming. But who would want his son named Hitler? There ought to be a law against it even among the Hottentots.

DATE OF PUBLICATION TO BE CHANGED

For two reasons the date of printing of this paper will be changed, beginning next week. Instead of being printed on Thursday we plan to print each week's issue on Wednesday, and the Record will be mailed on Thursday. Correspondents, reporters of local news, and advertisers are requested to note the change.

We think that an earlier day of printing will work to the advantage of our local advertisers, who may thus be assured of more shopping time for customers during the week their ads appear. We think it will lessen the rush in the RECORD office and shop, where at present the last of the week is a period of stress and hurry. And we hope by this means to be enabled to give a better paper.

ONE LESS GAMBLING RACKET

Some one has said there is always a way to beat the law if one can only discover it. So it seemed with slot machines. But after seeing the "silent salesman" work and deliberating for a while, Judge Meekins has ruled that they are first and last a gambling machine.

We visited one of these wonders of the age a few evenings ago. We saw it hand out "tokens" a handful at a time and then watched till the operator had fed them all into its maw and go away empty handed. Like drink, the slot machine will always get you in the end. No one is fool enough to make these machines and go to the trouble of placing them in public places if they only return a fair profit.

Probably those who like getting something for nothing would say if boys and men do not gamble this way, they will find other ways. True, but the outlawing of slot machines, makes one less means of taking one's money for nothing.

ROAD FOR GOLD SEEKERS

Ogden, Utah.—Road builders are blasting a highway designed to give access to the gold-bearing sands of the Salmon River, which prospectors say is rich in deposits

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YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW

YESTERDAY—telephones were serving a comparatively few residences and a small number of business concerns. The service was often interrupted; research and experience were needed to solve the myriad problems of the industry. But the vision was there, for a Bell document of the 70's foresaw the extension of service to all parts of the known world.

TODAY—the telephone is an accepted necessity, and the quality of Bell telephone service is known as the best in the world. Long distance telephone service is available to almost everywhere on the earth, even to many liners at sea and to some passenger airplanes.

The public demand for service now requires a plant investment totaling 251 millions of dollars in the South. In 1937 telephone employes received about 26 million dollars in wages, and the business paid some 7.9 million dollars in taxes.

TOMORROW—telephone service may reasonably be expected to continue to keep a step ahead of changing conditions. The physical apparatus will change—largely through the dependable efforts of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. But the spirit of telephone people will remain unchanged, and their aim in 1938 will continue to be an unceasing effort to provide more and better telephone service, at the lowest cost consistent with the financial safety of the business.

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