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WITHOUT COMMENT

The following comments were given to the editor by a citizen of another county. We give them as told us and leave our readers to form their own opinions relative thereto:

The county has an ABC store. It has a full-time clerk who gets \$125.00 a month. He also has an assistant on occasion who gets \$75.00. In the community live a man and his wife. They are 60 years old. He is totally disabled. All they have to live on is what the wife makes on a few acres of land, half belonging to another man. Sometime ago she found there was a demand for illicit liquor at profit. Needing funds on which to live she sold some.

A detective was hired for one week, receiving \$100 for his services. He secured evidence to convict the woman of selling one pint of liquor which she probably secured from the county owned liquor store. The county salesman got his \$125.00 for his sale to the woman and other citizens; the detective got his \$100 for discovering that the woman had sold a pint of liquor; and the woman who had sold the pint to buy bread got six months in jail!

WHEN CLOUDS RETURN AFTER THE RAIN

Since the first efforts at crop control when with more or less enthusiasm farmers and stock-raisers plowed under third rows, killed pigs and sows, and otherwise regulated matters mundane we have viewed with mixed feelings the progress of this movement. At present we are thinking of the tobacco crop and allotments thereof. What with the rain and plant diseases and enemies, it appears that the only certain thing about it all is that man knows not how to plan for the elements.

STRANGE TIDINGS

Almost as strange as an editorial that does not criticize, advise, suggest and preach is the following because it is so different! For a change we give it to our readers. It is taken from the Christian Science Monitor.

Curious country, the United States! Telephone poles are growing in Nebraska. Shingles are being mined in New Jersey. The rye on a western farm is too tall to cut. And they are mowing the roof in Washington, D. C.

It's like this: A number of green poles were used to replace old ones along a prairie highway this spring, and rain has been so plentiful that small branches have sprouted on them. Thus far no one has suggested plowing them under.

Giant cedars have been discovered buried in Jersey swamplands, from five to ten feet below marsh level. The logs are still so well preserved after centuries that they are being mined, brought to the surface and cut into shingles.

It was a farmer near Franklin, Neb., who reported the heavy rains had made his field of rye grow to a height of six feet and two inches—too high for the binder, and he doesn't know how to cut it.

And where, of all places, are they mowing the roof but at the White House! When the executive offices were remodeled early in the Roosevelt administration, larger file rooms were constructed at the basement level extending many feet back from the main building. In order

to preserve the appearance of the grounds and to spare the lawn on which the President's office looks out, the rooms are below ground and the roof is sodded over. So any day the farmer from Hyde Park may glance out the White House window and see a workman running the lawn mower over the roof as well as the rest of the lawn.

And hardly any of this year's crop of fishing stories or summer sea serpents have appeared.

POWELL'S FOLLY

Quite a furore in local dailies the past few days over discovery that Charlie Powell's mother has been receiving about \$21.12 a month in a sewing room at Oxford. Mr. Powell is chairman of the North Carolina Unemployment Commission at a salary of \$5,500 a year and the papers profess horror that he should allow his mother to go "on relief."

Mr. Powell's mistake was in not getting his mother a job that paid \$200 a month instead of \$21.12. Mothers and wives of other high salaried persons have these good jobs and nothing is said about it.

For instance: The mother of the solicitor of this judicial district is superintendent of welfare for Wake county at a salary more than ten times that drawn by Mrs. Powell.

The wife of the mayor of Raleigh was for some time on the ERA payroll at a good salary as a supervisor. So was the wife of a former chairman of the board of county commissioners, who is a reasonably wealthy man.

Federal, state and county relief offices employ wives and daughters of high officials and it is apparently the accepted thing.

Salaries of WPA administrators, supervisors, stenographers, ditch diggers, privy builders, sewing room workers, etc., all come from the same source—the billions of dollars appropriated for relief. Custom has established a false rule that if the pay a

government servant on which to subsidize

If Mrs. Powell's \$200 a month is honored and bar official. Such honor the state welfare of a well-known rector of the old is a prominent a

Mr. Powell's connection that if any way which she receives he will pay. If Mrs. Powell the pittance she funding it is for precedent; for sioners of labor have to refund

treasury by their immediate relatives there just will not be room at the wailing wall for them—and money lenders will be stampeded.

Perhaps the placing of Mrs. Betty G. Powell on the sewing room roll at Oxford is hard to justify. Perhaps the criticism leveled at Chairman Charlie is proper. But why make such a hullabaloo about it, when the payrolls of relief agencies are and have been all the while packed with mothers, wives and daughters of other officials? Is it really true that the man who steals a dollar goes to jail, while the man who steals a million goes to Congress? Is it shameful to accept from the government relief funds a pittance for honest work, and honorable to draw from the same fund a salary twice as large as the recipient could earn in private industry?

This writer does not know Mrs. Powell. He professes no love whatever for her son Charlie. But simple justice revolts at the policy of holding up one person to scorn and another to honor for doing exactly the same thing.

Speaking of knowledge, the poet once advised his readers to drink deep or touch not the spring. The same advice applies to getting money from relief. Dig deep and you'll be honored; dig up just what you need and you'll be scorned.

— The Courier Journal

Alvin S. Bridges

Last rites were held for Alvin Sterling Bridges of Zebulon, Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Wakefield Baptist Church.

Scripture, prayer, and beautifully telling words by his pastor, the Rev. Carl L. Ousley were followed by a loving tribute spoken by Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest.

Mrs. Percy Pace and Mrs. Clifton Pippin sang "The Pearly White City" and a choir of voices selected from Wakefield and Zebulon sang the hymns "Sun of My Soul" and "Saved By Grace." Commitment was in the Wakefield cemetery.

Mr. Bridges was a Baptist, a Junior, and until illness became his lot a Rotarian and Legionnaire. He was the beloved letter carrier for the people of Zebulon route 1, who brought a very large circle of flowers. Many, many flowers were banked in the church. From the eleven brothers and sisters came a wheel with a missing spoke.

After a long period of illness death came to him of a heart ailment in the Veterans Hospital at Columbia, S. C., where his last weeks were spent, every attention being given him by capable physicians and nurses, and with his wife and a number of relatives from time to time there to cheer him on.

The eleven remaining brothers and sisters are: W. S. and Charlie Bridges of Raleigh, Early and Henry Lee Bridges of Greensboro, Thomas Bridges of Fuquay Springs, Julian Bridges of Winston-Salem, Edward Bridges of Morganton, Miss Etta Bridges of Carolina Beach and Willow Springs, Mrs. R. R. Pendergraft of Durham, Mrs. N. A. Bailey of Wake Forest and Mrs. Frank rumpler of Raleigh.

Nov. 26th, 1919 Mr. Bridges was married to Miss Lida Howell Page

Morrisville, N. C. She survives him, with a daughter, Edith, n, and a son, John Howell, ght.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop Number 40, Zebulon Boy out Troop, met Saturday evening at the Woman's Club. At our meeting we were given some first-hand camp information from three of our Scouts who have just returned from spending a very valuable week at the new Scout camp Lake Sycamore. The boys were so very actively interested in it at camp that in no case was there a chance to become homesick. The result has been that every boy is sick for camp and all have definite plans to return for

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an additional week at camp this summer if possible and have high hopes of spending the entire season there next summer. Each boy has been able to work off some of his requirements for advanced rank in Scouting and each engaged in some handicraft. Our boys all have taken up handicraft work in leather. Each boy was instructed in swimming, life-saving, canoeing, and in ceremonial procedure. The values derived from the contact with other Scouts, the discipline enforced at camp, and a full week of supervised play offer our troop a real opportunity. Wilbur Debnam, Donald Massey, R. H. Brantley, and James Robert Fowler, Harmon McIntire, Dave Finch, Jack Liles, and Jack Gregory have all spent a week at the camp. Jack Gregory is spending a five week period at camp. It is hoped that many other of our boys may go soon.

A week end camping trip is planned for the coming week end under the leadership of the Scoutmaster. All Scouts see Charles Hinton for information. Charles is acting as troop scribe during the absence of our troop scribe, Jack Gregory. Our next regular Scout meeting will be held at the Woman's Club on July 2 at 7:30. The Scouts wish to express their appreciation to all of those who have made possible transportation to and from Scout Camp.

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