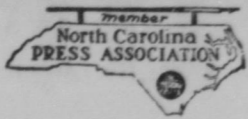


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CUSS FIGHTING

Sometime ago a pacifist preacher stated that the reason the nations fight one another is because they do not understand each other, that if they had a universal language that would promote peace. Yes, just like us Americans—we cuss one another out and that ends the matter, because having the same language we understand each other. A mouth spouting billingsgate and profanity may be very offensive to one's moral sensibilities, but it is simpler and less hurtful in the long run than a machine gun pouring shrapnel and bullets.

WHY LAUGH AT TEXAS?

We are told that the great State of Texas should blush with shame for nominating a man who did nothing in his campaign except entertain the crowd with hill-billy music and a how-do-ye-do. Other states may laugh, but when the people of North Carolina remember how a certain candidate for the United States senate rode a diapidated Ford from the mountains down to the sea with a smile that reached all the way, accompanied with honeyed words and hearty handshakes for everybody, one's thoughts turn other than to Texas. And that same O'Daniel type gentleman was elected to represent North Carolina among our statesmen at Washington. And we still have plenty of folks who will vote for such a man before they will for a consistent, cultured, talented man who would represent our state brilliantly, unselfishly and sincerely in Washington.

THE SPECIAL SESSION

The calling of the General Assembly of North Carolina in special session is just about the most short-sighted thing that our Governor has done during his fine administration. Probably the strong influence of school men had much to do with his action.

Here is the situation if we understand it: In order to get from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for permanent improvements among the state educational institutions, the state will have to raise through loans or bonds more than \$6,000,000. Or, for every \$55.00 supplied by the federal government, the state will have to match it with \$45.00. Every college will seek to get every dollar possible under this arrangement, whether they need it or not. If this was the end of it, it might be justified, but we doubt it.

For the people pay the taxes, federal and state. So North Carolina will indirectly have to repay every dollar thus obtained from the government. Every cent of the borrowed money will

have to be repaid with interest. Thousands of dollars additional will be asked for and provided each year to pay expenses and salaries for added equipment and professors.

If the schools of North Carolina need more equipment and buildings, then the state itself is able to finance the proposition on its own credit and on just as favorable terms as Uncle Sam can do it. As an additional thought for the people's consideration, we might say that until something more is done for the public schools of our state we are in favor of letting the state institutions continue as they are. We already have a top-heavy situation that needs no pyramiding.

THE A. B. C. OF IT

The city court in Raleigh convicted 24 people of drunkenness in a late session. This did not include those before the court for handling illicit drinks.

PLAYING UP PROFITS

We have read with interest the several reports from the counties of North Carolina showing how the profits of liquor stores are cutting down tax assessments. On close scrutiny we suspect there will be found "a nigger in the woodpile" in almost every county that claims tax reduction. When the costs of law violations and crimes resulting from the business of selling liquor by the counties is estimated, we believe the A. B. C. stores will show a big deficit. We republish from the Smithfield Herald the following which we believe expresses the situation quite generally among the counties engaged in the liquor business:

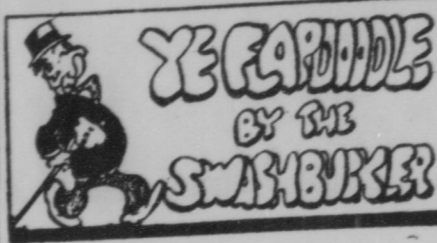
Lower Tax Rate For County

The dry forces of North Carolina are watching the counties that operate A. B. C. stores to see whether or not the liquor stores yield enough revenue to make good their proponents' argument to reduce taxes. In a number of instances, such counties have not reduced the tax rate, and in a few cases the rate has even been increased.

Johnston county will be cited as an A. B. C. county that has reduced its tax rate after the first year. Last year the tax levy was \$1.40. Yesterday the tax rate was fixed at \$1.35, a reduction of five cents. The county board of commissioners anticipates that the A. B. C. board will turn into the treasury during the new fiscal year \$35,000.

As a matter of record, a part of the five cents reduction which has been made in the tax rate is due to a reduction of the amount levied for schools. Last year the levy for schools was 72 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property while this year the amount for schools has been fixed at 70 cents. It is evident, therefore, that only a three cents reduction can be claimed by the A. B. C. board.

A tax cut is usually welcomed by every taxpayer, and no one in Johnston county is going to refuse the cut that is being offered for the new fiscal year. But there is going to be a sharper scrutiny of government expense, which, it has been predicted, will go up in proportion to the amount of liquor consumed. The dries see in the A. B. C. store, an agency that will increase drunkenness rather than curb it or promote temperance, and they know that crime and disease and poverty follow in its wake. The A. B. C. stores must do more for the public good than reduce the tax rate, if they are to remain in existence.



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tion rate of the red-hot weekly was \$1.50. The number of pages was 4. The number of mistakes was unlimited. Compare that with the present paper you receive. There are eight pages, the price is \$1.00, and it has fewer mistakes.

After several efforts at correcting a notice the July 29, 1932 RECORD ran this:

FINAL EFFORT AT CORRECTION

Mr. Evans preached at Bethany on What Christ Saw From The Cross. (If we don't get it right this time his text will have to be whatever the linotype says it is.)

If you notice the paragraph you will find two errors in it. It was final, though.

"This, That and the Other" began in the spring of that year and "The Flapdoodle" by Yours Truly, started some time later. After pulling all those things out of the files I am getting fairly dusty and—uh-oh—I just pulled out a ghost, so if anyone wants to see me I'll be under my bed.

Sincerely yours,
THE SWASHBUCKLER.

THE LOW DOWN FROM MURRAYTOWN

I see where it says in the Record that our Number One trouble in this country, it is in the South—and we have got to fix it right away.

I don't always read the News and Observer from cover to cover, but I kinda had the idea that everything had been fixed—both north and south. But I reckon I musta missed some of the news, somehow or other.

Anyway, the latest excitement at our Capitol, they call it our economic problem number one. Sounds big. Sounds like it would take a mighty good man to fix it, someone like "Our Bob" if there's any runnin' 'round to do, or Senator Bailey if they need a sure enough smart man.

But if it was me who was accusing 'em down south of being problem number one, I would have the storm-cellar door wide open and I would stay nearby and be ready to run—and run fast. When these rebels down South get their dander up they sure hit acomin' and goin'.

I'm a peacable man, I am, and I don't hanker or crave any fracas—by word or gun—with any Hon. Pat Harrison or any other southern gent. And us Southerners are mild and polite and peaceful down here, but, stranger, callin' us problem number one—not on your tintype. Pardner Franklin, you dealt us the wrong hand. Shuffle and deal again.

Your, with the low down,
JO SERRA

WHEAT QUOTA

North Carolina's 1939 acreage allotment for wheat has been set at 363,117 acres. During 1938, farmers of this State seeded 524,000 acres.

Ground limestone is beginning to move into western North Carolina counties as farmers plan to earn their soil buildings goals through the use of this material.

The man at Manteo will not be content with reading only the Bible. The world of print has been opened to him.

Community Schools are still far from adequate. But they are becoming a vital factor in North Carolina life today.

\$43,000,000,000 IN THE RED

One year from now, the federal debt will be in excess of \$43,000,000,000. If relief expenditures continue, which seems likely, it may go far beyond even that stratospheric figure.

In the light of that fact, is it any wonder that business is worried—that the investor is discouraged—and that unemployment is near the record level? Government, like an individual, can spend its income just so long. Then comes bankruptcy.

If the next Congress wants to avert that end, it will give thorough and immediate attention to the tax and debt problem. Until an honest start is made toward a balanced budget and regular debt reduction, we can't have good times in this country.

"RELIEF BUMS"

A news item tells of a Negro taxi driver who was unable to work for a time because of illness. He obtained \$50 from a government relief agency to tide him over. Now he is back at work, and is trying to return the money. When it was pointed out to him that he was not legally obligated to do this, he observed that "that was the way I was raised—and that's the way I'm raising my child."

A great many other Americans can learn a lesson from this Negro taxi driver. One of the most ominous portents on the horizon is that fact that thousands of people have apparently come to look on relief as a "profession." They plan to make it their "life work." Productive jobs in private industry hold no attraction for them, when they can take it easy at the taxpayers' expense. They figure someone owes them a living.

This isn't a criticism of those people who have turned to relief only as a last resort, and are eager to get off the rolls as soon as opportunity for a real job comes along. Nor is it a criticism of relief per se. The hungry must be fed, the homeless sheltered, the naked clothed. Honest beneficiaries of relief aggressively seek real employment. Professional "relief bums" are a new menace to democratic government.

The Negro's statement was news because his attitude was so unusual today. It should be printed on every relief check and public grant.

WATCHING THE LEAFMARKET

Farmers, warehousemen, and business men are watching closely the opening of tobacco markets to see the effect the new AAA program and adverse weather conditions on prices. North Carolina farmers will get their first chance to offer this year's crop when the Border Belt warehouses open August 4.

TRY FLAVORED VINEGAR

Mrs. J. S. McInnes, county demonstrator, at the meeting of the Home Demonstration club last week showed a jar of flavored vinegar and gave directions for making it. Most readers are familiar with the pepper-vinegar used as a sauce for meats and vegetables, but few use onion, garlic, sage, thyme, mustard seed, and tarragon for giving other appetizing mixtures. Try them, using the dried herbs, and making your own combinations. Garlic may be bought in powdered form, which is simpler than preparing the bulbs or cloves, as the portions are called. After using the vinegar from your herb mixture, you may again fill the jar and enjoy the seasonings, as they have strength sufficient for this.

Seventeen Ashe County sheep growers sold 125 lambs last week for \$833.65 net to the growers. The average net price for all grades in the pool was 8 1-4 cents a pound home weight.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Why do grown-ups go to school? In a nation-wide survey made at Columbia University it was found that the chief interests of adults are self and home improvement, jobs, community relationships, and recreation. Men and women who go to Community School in North Carolina have an opportunity to learn about all these topics. For the WPA adult education program is organized around the students' specific purposes and based on their interests and problems.

Self improvement in some form or other is the most usual reason given for attending adult classes. One direct result of this is that almost every month four or five students from over the state report better jobs.

"If I had not gone to night school I would not have my new job," a man from High Point recently stated. Another High Point student who entered adult classes at second grade level and reached sixth grade with ten months study, has been made assistant overseer in a textile plant. He was a loom fixer

in the same plant when he enrolled in Community School.

Other students have other purposes in going to school, and the seven phases of the WPA program are designed to meet these varied needs. "I wanted to learn to read the Bible", an adult student said at Manteo last week. "I could spell out the words, but I couldn't put them together."

Recognizing his desire, his teacher started him off with the Bible Story Reader. Of course the program takes care of the expanding interests and growth of students.