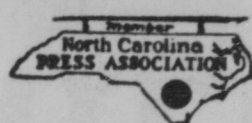


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## ELECTION DAY IN GRAHAM COUNTY

Under the heading "Funny Incidents During the Election," in the Graham County News we read these interesting, but not so funny facts about the election:

The Associated Press in Charlotte called up asking the particulars concerning the killing of five men.

Three State policemen were present to help keep the peace. A candidate decided to go in and help mark the ballots; a deputy escorted him out; the police took the deputy's pistol and put him in jail. The sheriff arrived, ordered the police to release the deputy and return his pistol, which they did.

Boys and girls under age registered and their votes were challenged; one man quoted the law, another said they weren't going by the law; flashing his gun, another said they were; other guns appeared before what very near became a tragedy passed without bloodshed.

A thousand (presumably C. C. C. workers) who had sold out and voted absentee votes were hauled out of the county. So reads the funny incidents of election day in Graham county.

The Graham County News, published by a woman, one who has sound opinions and strong convictions, says it "is opposed to voting dead people, cats, dogs and cows, and to stealing elections. What this county needs is for people to get cleaned out on the inside; then they will want to do the right thing."

The News has already begun a campaign to clean things up and get ready to have "an honest, honorable, upright election" next time.

Fifty years ago this editor, as a small boy, was a spectator at elections in Robbinsville. At times things were pretty bad. Only real live folks voted in those days, much less the sort of human and other varmints the News accused as parading as bona fide citizens. Occasionally differences would arise and there would be a bit of cutting or shooting, but it appears things have gone from bad to worse among our native hills, and also in spots and blots all over our state.

More power to your pen, Sister Hornbuckle! Shedding printer's ink is far better in the long run than shedding human blood. Spread it on, thick and heavy. Presses are more powerful than pistols.

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## THAT WAKE FOREST ROAD!

A man said the other day that he believed the worst public road in North Carolina is the one from Zebulon to Wake Forest. Another said, considering the amount of travel on it, he did not doubt the other's statement.

This link in our highway system has long been considered by our state highway department. So far nothing has been done about it. When the road to Selma was being built some preliminary work was done. A little later when a road was being considered from Spring Hope to Wake Forest, again, for a short time, attention was centered on this route. Markers were placed designating the road as No. 91, a temporary link that would soon become a permanent part of the state's highway system. Then in an unheralded way the road was graded and paved from Spring Hope to Wake Forest.

We understand that although the attention

of the highway commission has been called to the condition of this road and an insistent request has been made to have this road put in at least an average state for travel, nothing more definite has been promised than that it may be paved sometime in or soon after 1940. In the meantime travel shuns this road. Even that going from Wilson and immediate points doubles back toward Spring Hope or goes around by Raleigh. Other less important roads have been built, such as the old Pool road from Wendell to Raleigh, thus giving travel two roads where only one is needed except for local travel between the two places.

Not only would people from Smithfield, Selma and Wilson and immediate points benefit greatly by paving this link, but all the travel from southeastern Carolina going to Oxford, Henderson and other towns near the Virginia line would be greatly benefited by its completion.

This paper believes that if the people of this section, backed by other interested ones, would get behind the proposition, something very definite could be done. We understand that the Road Commission says there are no funds at present available for this road and the best that can be hoped is the next Federal appropriation in 1940. Yet we read of the letting of new road projects almost every week by the Highway Commission. We believe a concerted effort by Zebulon and this community would have great weight in helping to get this needed road before the road authorities. And in the meantime the need is getting worse till it will, as it was a year or two ago, be so nearly impassable that school busses will be forced to detour or cease travel. Our garages and filling stations are losing the trade that would come through Zebulon if this outlet to the north was opened. Then, too, considerable trade from the community north goes elsewhere because there are good roads leading to other trading centers.

Our people ought to do something about this long deferred matter of deep concern to our business life.

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## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AGAIN

A short time ago the Record quoted a fine editorial from the Smithfield Herald. A few days ago we received a communication from one who signed himself "Real Justice," postmarked "Norfolk, Va." While as a rule we do not publish communications not signed with the writer's name, we are making an exception in this case and publishing the article.

"If a life sentence really meant a life in prison that might be the solution, but with the governor having power to reduce the sentence to so many years and then grant a parole, the life sentence does not keep the criminals in check. How about Luke Lea and all those North Carolina bankers Ehringhaus let out? Some states have no capital punishment, but the governors have no pardoning power in connection with a life sentence."

"There is too much sympathy for the criminal and none for the injured. There are too many lawyers who for the sake of the Almighty Dollar will delay the law by every possible means and help free criminals."

In the state prison at Raleigh there are 18 men waiting the day of execution. Probably every one will die as the law has decreed. The state says they are fit only to die. They reached the place where nothing they could do for society or country would compensate for their crime. So the state goes back to the day of Hamurabi and Moses and says "a life for a life." There is no grace and death only will satisfy. We agree to a great extent with "Real Justice." The pardoning power should be taken away from the governor and only where new evidence is revealed that establishes innocence should the state be allowed to intervene between prison and liberty. We believe it is wrong to take human life either in war or peace. But till the race is gripped and held by the spirit of the Prince of Peace, the butcheries of war by nations and capital punishment by the State will continue according to the justice of man.

## SEEN AND HEARD

Wallace Temple looking so sad and forlorn one wondered what tragedy had befallen. It was only that his glasses were broken and he had to wait, headachey and bare-eyed, until Mrs. Temple could rush to Raleigh for the repair job. . . . A housekeeper in a store telephoning directions to her cook, and the grocer advising in an under-"You are telling her too many things at once. She'll forget some. Hang up now and call her again later." . . .

A mocking bird at the E. P. Denton home has formed the habit of starting the guineas on the place off on their days' chatter by rousing them extra early mornings imitating the guinea call enough to excite the fowls make them leave their roosts. The editor of this paper has found red apples on his Early Harvest tree. And they are big enough to eat. . . .

## BUY FURNITURE FOR CHRISTMAS

When you have a joyous Christmas, you are giving a tingling all through your heart till it reaches out and makes you 'most love everybody, that's a forerunner of Christmas. It is then you want to do something nice for everybody, especially those who live with you under the same roof.

There is no better time in all the year than right now for you to go to the Zebulon Supply Company and gratify this feeling by buying that comfy rocker, or possibly furnishings for a whole room. You've planned it so many times. Why not do it now and let the whole family enjoy it for the rest of your lives. They have a variety of furniture for every home at a price to suit any one's ability to pay. Christmas furniture.—adv.

## PRUNING APPLE TREES

The pruning of both young and old trees is an essential part of orchard management. This practice influences the size and shape of the tree, the amount of fruit at which young trees bear, and also governs the amount of pruning necessary in later years. For bearing and mature trees, pruning permits better penetration of spray materials, sunlight and free circulation of air. Instructions for pruning the young and old trees are given in Extension Circular No. 100, "Pruning The Apple Tree." Copies may be had free on application to the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

If you feel down in the dumps, And that the world is filled with strife, Brace up and sing "Uncle Sam's" song, "Wonderful Words of Life"

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Tuesday's heat was almost oppressive, with a threat of storm. No one seems to remember such November weather, and no one seems to be specially enjoying it this time. It is too unnatural to those accustomed to the changing seasons.

New one-piece telephones are being manufactured in mass production in India to replace the old two-piece office models.



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