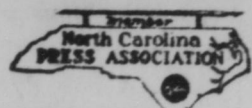


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LIQUOR SALES

The 27 counties in North Carolina that permit the sale of whiskey, points out The Biblical Recorder, had legal sales of liquor amounting to \$6,798,407.66 for the 12 months ending June 30, 1938. These counties have a combined population of 923,324. The per capita sale of liquor in this part of the state therefore amounted to \$7.53.

Some of this money, of course, went to the state in the form of taxes.

If such a sum as that represented by this more than six million dollars could have been turned into some channel for the betterment of humanity, how much better off these 923,324 people would be.—Exchange.

TOBACCO CONTROL DEFEATED

Although it is none of our business, as a farmer said some time ago, yet we are deeply interested in the results of that election last Saturday. We believe the best thing for the farmers is to join hands, independent of the government, and control themselves, which is another way of

saying control the tobacco market. But this has been tried often and each time seemed to fail. Till such time as it might succeed, it appears to us that the proposal of the government is the best thing in sight.

It is probable that 1939 will see one of the largest tobacco crops ever grown and the price about the lowest, unless the farmers have some plan of their own which will limit production. Then nature, in the form of blue mold or some other destructive agency, may take a hand at what otherwise would be a bumper crop.

Some one was telling us of a farmer who did not cast a ballot in the election. Perhaps he had not come to a decision as to which way he should vote. Or possibly, as some one remarked, he did not vote, so no matter what the result, he could criticise either side. With most of us such a privilege is some satisfaction.

NEIGHBORS

This heading appears in the News and Observer of Wednesday to the following news item: Sharing the fifth floor of the new State Office Building are the State Welfare Department and the State Liquor Commission. Partners, chums, bed fellows, neighbors—just what is the exact relation of these two state agencies? Let's see. The Liquor Commission sells drink to fathers and sons that make them papuers and their children orphans. The Welfare Commission tries to provide food and clothing for the paupers and orphans. Then the Liquor Commission must be father to the Welfare Commission. For if we did not have the one, we might not have the other to care for the victims of drink. But "neighbors", does not sound just right. We read somewhere that a neighbor is someone who loves you. Seldom does one deprive those really loved of the money that should pay for necessities and comforts to spend it for strong drink. The Greeks probably had a name for such actions—and so do we.



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