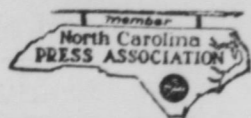


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## BOOSTING THE BARACAS

Probably the most enthusiastic campaign for members ever carried on in this community has just closed at the Baptist Church. Some time ago a membership contest campaign was begun in the Baraca Sunday School class. The attendance leaped up to almost four-score. Men—old and young—who had not attended Sunday School or church in years, have been present at both services for several weeks. The climax came Wednesday night in a fish fry in the Masonic hall.

Now all this was fine. No doubt the campaign was a success from more than just numbers. Many who have not attended religious services in years will continue this good beginning. Others will probably be missing next Sunday.

We hope, however, that this fine class has at hand means to hold these men. The test of the value of the work done is not just getting them, but holding them. This Baraca class has done a great service to their church and community if the campaign results in winning these men to the church and Christ.

## HYPOCRITE VS. COUNTERFEIT

Almost from the beginning among mankind we have had people who were deceptive and insincere. They are dangerous. Society has to be forever on its guard against their disturbing and destructive conduct.

What hypocrites are to society, counterfeit money is to business. Cashier Brown showed us a quarter that was counterfeit. He also had a \$20 bill not genuine. The bogus coin was lighter than a good one, and the die from which it had been cast was imperfect. But the counterfeit bill looked to us like real money. Only the well-informed will notice the difference. We had to be "shown".

With all the paper money being printed by the government it seems the counterfeiters would be discouraged, but it seems the more plentiful money is, the better chance he believes he has of "getting by" with his spurious money.

We are printing in this paper a cut and an article which will materially help our readers to distinguish between bad and good money.

Warning: Beware of hypocrites and counterfeit money! Both seem to be plentiful these days.

## CIVILIZATION'S BARBARIC METHODS

At least three instances lately call to our attention the modern way of revealing (?) crime by the direct method. In Alabama a man was given a new trial because of the barbarous methods used to force a confession from him. In Georgia an officer was himself sent to prison for using a hot iron to get an admission of guilt. In Raleigh a man accused of murder was grilled and no one knows what other means were used to get a confession from him. As soon as relieved from the pressure he denied all responsibility for the crime.

The guilty should be punished, but when they are by cruel means forced to testify against themselves, the very foundation of the law is broken down. We little doubt that many a confession has been made to escape the immediate inhuman methods used to force it. Our own opinion is that no one accused of crime should be examined by any one until he is brought before the court that will pass on the full evidence. There should be a law against such private trials.

## SOLICITOR'S CRITICISM POOR TASTE

A criticism of Wake County's solicitor, hurled at its Recorders' Courts, seems to us to come with poor grace. We have abundant opportunity to observe at first hand the procedure of actions in both the Recorder's Court and the Superior Court. There is always some delay that appears to us to be unnecessary in trials in any court. However, our observation is, just about the biggest tax eater and waster of time we know outside government agencies, are our Superior Courts. Delays while attorneys cavil and argue over insignificant matters, waste of time trying to tangle witnesses and pervert the facts and manage to delay trial from court to court for their clients' benefit. These are a few of the things that make a Superior Court a nuisance and added expense, and actually retard the clear flow of justice. Our observation from time to time forces us to conclude that from 30 to 50 per cent of the cost of operating our courts might be saved if the judge and solicitor would shut down on these "necessary evils" and speed up the court's machinery.

Our opinion is that our solicitor showed poor judgment in his criticism of our Recorders' Courts in the light of what the people know about his criticism as it might apply to his courts. Perhaps good may come to both courts from his statement, for no doubt improvement may be made in all our courts in the particulars mentioned.

## BUSINESS BOOM

Has the European war done much to American prices? It's pretty hard for John Q. Public to tell, just by examining the price tags on shirts or socks, or hefting a 10-cent loaf of bread, or seeing how big a cauliflower he can get for 15 cents. But we do find that wholesale commodity prices zoomed 27.2 per cent between late August and September 22 — when the war was 19 days old. By now, about 40 per cent of that increase has settled down — as has the war — though the general level of such prices is still 16.5 per cent higher than August.

The natural expectation is that, sooner or later, this will be reflected in retail prices, too. But actually it's almost impossible for the layman to spot these results, because the retail price levels of almost all staple merchandise remain the same — except in very drastic situations — and the differential is made up by putting a little less material in the shirt-tail, or fewer buttons, or shorter thread-count. As one merchandising expert puts it: "There'll always be a dollar shirt and a two-fifty shirt — always a dollar sock and a three-for-a-dollar sock."

## OUR DEADLIEST WEAPON

During 1939 of the 8,133 persons killed and injured on the streets and highways of North Carolina, 685 suffered fractured skulls, 189 sustained fractured spines, 3,258 suffered severe general shock with contusions and lacerations, 301 had internal injuries, and 264 suffered from concussion of the brain. Those are violent deaths in the strictest sense of the word; those are injuries more painful in some instances than those of the medieval torture chambers.

The automobile is a deadly weapon, especially in the hands of an incompetent, reckless or drunken driver. It is, in fact, the deadliest weapon now in common use. Confirmation of this statement is to be found in the fact that motor vehicle deaths in North Carolina last year were 50 per cent above all the homicides and suicides combined.

North Carolina started out in January as though they mean this year to top their 1939 traffic accident record, which showed a toll of 943 killed and 7,190 injured in the state.

Figures released by the Highway Safety Division reveal that 62 persons, 51 males and 11 females, met their death on North Carolina streets and highways last month, this figure representing a 7 per cent increase over the 58 fatalities recorded in January, 1939.

An unusual item on the January record is the severity of fatal accidents. Seventeen people were killed in six accidents during the month; four being killed in one accident, three being killed in each of three accidents, and two being killed in each of two accidents.

Forty-seven of the fatalities last month were in rural areas, and 15 were in cities. The 15 killed in cities included seven pedestrians, one bicyclist and seven occupants. Two children on sleds were in this number.

The January, 1940, fatality record was the fourth highest for January in ten years. Sunday, January 14, was the worst day in the month from a highway safety standpoint; 10 fatalities occurring on that one day, or an average of one fatality every two hours and twenty-four minutes.

Charles Debnam, who lives on the Temple farm just west of Zebulon, lost a hand saw from his car between the farm and town on Thursday. He will be very glad of its return if found.

## SEEN & HEARD

No matter what the weather says, Spring is here. The clump of orange crocus at the corner of Mrs. Victoria Gill's yard is in bloom. For years these brilliant blossoms have served as official notice that winter is about over... Maples glowing with scarlet bloom that is beautiful when inspected at close range... Indecision on the part of many feminine wearers of hats as to whether to put on the old winter felt and look in tune with the weather or to sally forth in the new spring hat, regardless... Still occasional failures on the part of the P. O. box holders to get them open, and gumbling because the combination is forgotten or "just won't work"... High school seniors becoming more and more excited as commencement with all its implications is approaching at a rate that seems faster and faster... Weekly washings flapping wildly and wetly on lines that sway and bend with weight and the wind... About as many girls as boys among the kite-fliers — and numerous electric wires bearing kites or strings that got tangled or broke... Dogs, small and larger, earnestly sniffing at garbage cans, some more enterprising of their number making the rounds of chicken yards... Cows licking themselves and each other in the bovine spring cleaning... Continued discussion of how weak the victims of influenza find themselves even after having been up for some time... Seed potatoes still coming into town and fertilizer going out... Loads of junk lying around begging to be carried off.

## UNUSUAL RECORD

Mrs. Ollie King, in the office last week to give publication to notice of administration on the estate of her mother, Mrs. Cynthia Rodgers, stated that Mrs. Rodgers was 83 years old when she died. Mrs. King also said she is forty years old and had never stayed away from her mother more than five years in spite of the fact that she is married and has three children. The five years immediately after marriage Mrs. King was away from her mother, moving back to the old home at the end of that time. While away from her mother she visited Mrs. Rodgers at least once a week.

## A BIG GOVERNMENT

Of course we know that our country is growing. In 1933 there were 563 thousand employees on the Government payroll and now there are 933 thousand. There is nothing in all the political disputes that shows more clearly than the above figures the extent to which the Government of the United States is being centralized under Administration control at the National Capital.

## INTERESTED

Martin County growers are more interested in securing lime under the AAA program this year than they were last year, with six cars expected to be brought into the county.

## BEAUTIFUL EASTER PICTURE IN FULL COLOR

An attractive painting by a distinguished American artist depicting a charming type of feminine loveliness in a timely setting of Easter bonnets. Don't Miss this feature in the March 24th issue of **The American Weekly** — the big magazine distributed with the **BALTIMORE AMERICAN** On Sale at All Newsstands

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