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ENFORCING THE LAW

Southern Pines is undertaking a movement to enforce the law. It is generally conceded that pressure of some kind must be brought to bear on the enforcement of law if we are to keep up with the deluge of new laws continually being made. The movement at Southern Pines is undoubtedly wise in so far as the people are getting together with the hope of enforcing the law. Yet just what they can do is one of the serious problems. Two reasons exist for the laxity of law enforcement in this state and it seems we are not alone in North Carolina in this condition. The other states appear to be no better. This allows the inference that a changing habit of thought and manner with our swiftly increasing population requires certain material changes in our ways of creating and enforcing law. We are making so many new laws and introducing so many doctrines of legal assumption that legislative enactment has gone beyond the sentiment of the people in a great many things.

Now that it must be remembered that while law is designed to be a rule of relations between man and man it must be founded on the popular conception of individual rights and of our relations to each other. At the bottom of all law must rest a recognition of the fact that while we may defend ourselves from each other there is no place on which we can hang the right to shape another man's action if it does not interfere with our own rights or privileges. Law to be fair and successful must be founded strictly on justice between individuals. Our trouble is that we have been making too many supervisory laws which the people do not regard as having proper consideration for individual rights. There we conflict with public sentiment. It is nobody's business how fast a man drives on the highway if he does not endanger somebody else. It is nobody's business how drunk a man gets if he does not encroach on his neighbors rights. One man may have jurisdiction over another only far enough to protect him from that other. But in our law making we seem to have reached the point where we assume that we must insist on our own rights and compel our neighbors to have rights that he does not want.

The automobile laws are wise. They defend us from the reckless man, who is a constant danger. The prohibition laws are wise for the same reason. Laws of this kind are absolutely for public welfare and safety. But many men who drive too fast or who drink enough whiskey to be objectionable insist that what they do is their own affair. So the law lacks the support of much public sentiment it should have. Not only these two particular laws lack public support, but all laws, in Southern Pines, all over the state and all over the Union. If Southern Pines wants to enforce the law the first imperative requirement is that the people of the town shall line up with the law in sufficient numbers that public sentiment tells clearly that the law will be enforced. The men of the community who violate the law, and the number is no small one, must show sufficient respect for law and authority to join the movement. If they will do missionary work on a broad enough scale, law observants may be brought about by popular assent. For the vast majority of men are honestly disposed to do right and

to stand by their local, state and national government. It is thoughtfulness and indifference that brings about ninety per cent of the law breaking. If public sentiment observes the law, the small amount of law breaking that will have to be dealt with will not be a very great task.

But there comes another phase of the matter. We have in this state no sufficient law enforcing machinery. The same condition prevails all over the country. It takes money to hire policemen to apprehend law breakers, to secure evidence and to carry a case through court. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and right there is the origin of the Ku Klux. There is the strong point in which the klan is entrenched and declaring martial at Herrin, Illinois, and calling out the state troops to preserve order is the climax of the effort to enforce law by bringing in men who are not officers of the regular organization. Public sentiment would not enforce law, hired representatives could not, according to newspaper reports. The klan took up the work, civil war followed and the soldiers were called out to preserve the peace.

Southern Pines has started to work out a tremendous problem. If the people mean what they think they do, and use tact and diplomacy and are serious enough to stay with the game to the finish they could enforce the law. The first step must be to enlist the last ounce of public sentiment. Then if that does not give law violaters sufficient warning of what will follow Southern Pines must have back bone enough to secure policemen who will carry out the law to the letter. And the town must stand behind them, with money and evidence and influence. And along with this the state must provide machinery for enforcing the law and show evidences of a desire to enforce it. Incidentally it is the opinion of the Pilot that if Mr. Bailey, candidate for governor of North Carolina, will pull his guns off the democratic machine for a while and turn them on lawlessness in the state and say more about enforcing the laws, which is the business of a governor, he will be setting his feet on a firmer foundation for his race. The business of being governor is the enforcement of law. That is the one thing North Carolina needs at the present time about as much as anything else.

LINE UP WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Vass Chamber of Commerce is asking farmers, tenants, land owners, prospective land buyers, or any one interested in apportioning lands for spring use, to let the organization know what is wanted and what is offered, the aim being to get people in touch with each other that trades may be negotiated looking to a good crop year.

The chamber has been established to serve the community, and it can serve only to the extent that people make use of it. No matter how big or how little the trade you want to make, the Chamber of Commerce wants to help you if you need any help or information along any line. See the secretary or any member or any prominent man in Vass as to how to proceed.

OUR FINE COLLECTION OF TIN CANS

The allusion last week to the appearance of the country roads has brought out a little comment, and along with the rest is that roads leading out of Vass need no further decoration with tin cans and junk. We are getting good roads, but we seem to go on the principle that a road side is provided for a junk pile.

Vass should provide a public dump and see that trash of all sorts that is to be disposed of is taken to that place. A convenient way to settle the matter for the household is to dig a good sized hole in the sand not far off where trash can be thrown and when it has accumulated, be buried. A hole not very big would hold a lot of trash, and

when buried would be unobjectionable. But if the village is ever to be proud of its appearance it is time for it to arrange some scheme of rubbish disposal other than hauling it out to the handiest place that can be found along the public roads. Look at the tin can collection any time you drive out of town, and see if such a method meets your approval.

WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Woman's Club entertained most delightfully at the club room last Thursday night, in honor of the Chamber of Commerce and the husbands of the club members. The room was unusually attractive with its Valentine decorations, the red and white showing off to good advantage used in connection with long leaf pine, the emblem adopted by the club. Hearts on the window drapery, showers of hearts suspended from the lights, an improvised serving table with snowy cloth and a cupid centerpiece surrounded by red hearts, lent added attractiveness and charm.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. W. B. Graham and Miss Mazie Rast. The entertainment feature had been so well planned that there was not a dull moment during the evening. The first contest engaged in was a heart tossing contest, in which the men defeated the women and won the honors. Partners were then found for a heart guessing contest in which each question was to be answered with a word beginning with heart. Mrs. S. R. Smith and Mr. A. M. Cameron won the first prize, the consolation going to Mrs. A. G. Edwards and Mr. C. J. Temple. Miss Georgia Conley and Mr. J. M. Tyson proved most efficient in mending broken hearts and were awarded a prize. The next, a heart pinning contest, in which only the men engaged, was very interesting. Mr. C. L. Tyson was the successful contestant. Paper and pencil were given each one with instructions for the men to write advice to the ladies and vice versa. These were read, to the delight of all. A few contained good sound advice, while others caused rounds of laughter. A game of crossed questions and crooked answers ended the amusements.

Delicious block cream and home made cake were served by members of the club. Just before the party ended, Mr. Guy H. Simpson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, had a paper read, "A tribute to woman," which was indeed a beautiful tribute. The women showed their appreciation by hearty applause. This was one of the most enjoyable events in the history of the club. About seventy people were present.

NOTICE TO CO-OPS

To the members of the Tobacco Growers' Association:
This is to notify you that the Co-operative Warehouse at Vass will close Friday, February 29th. Get your tobacco ready before the closing date.
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Mr. Barrett, tative of the business visito. Mr. and Mrs. White Hill Sat. and Mrs. W. B. Misses Ann. Overton, of S. with their cou. Miss Lula B. on, was a visito last week.

Mr. G. W. C. Hamlet, Tuesd. indisposed.

The Vass bo in a game of Friday afterno. Mr. and M. Pinehurst, wer. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Borst. Thursday.

Mrs. Bryant route one, is friends in Vass.

Mrs. J. D. Miss Margare spent Thursda. Lean.

Mr. W. E. Y. ford last week. ness of his lit. better at the.

Mr. Jarvis I in town last w. chased a coup. tor Co.

Mr. and Mr. children and. and Mas'er F. visitors, Satur. Miss Ruby, of little Miss, of this week with Joyner.

Circle No. 2 sionary Societ. S. R. Smith at. ruary 22.

Mr. and Mr. as their guest. Mr. B. Cox, o. and Mrs. Cox. them Tuesday.

Messrs. Har. as, of Raleigh. spent the nig. Mrs. J. R. Th. Thomas, Miss. accompanied o. spend Sunday.

Deacon Dar. Center, State. pects to be i. next month. C. ple will most. Watch The Pil. ments.

Mr. Charles. Gschwind and. motored to Al. to meet their. wind, who wa. week-end at. Parker, of Ro. accompany he. that place.

The senior school is plann. library a very. costing about. have been wor. than Gold," w. week. They. with which to. this way.

Little Miss. fully entertain. the friends fro. ning at the ho. and Mrs. J. W.