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The North Carolina League of Women Voters is now advocating women serving on juries. When that is accomplished, we certainly will have gone a long way from the days when women would not go up town during court week, if they could avoid it, much less be in the court house hearing a trial.

We have become more or less familiar with folks being warmed with hot air and being fed on hot air, but we sure never expected to wipe our hands on hot air. But we have the "Old Reliable's" word for it that such may be the case. They are trying out an electrical hot air dryer for four lavatories in one of the State Department buildings up at Raleigh. They say it will save 150 paper towels a day.

TWO WORTH WHILE OBJECTIVES

The Press Institute, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Press Association and the University of North Carolina and held for the past four years at Chapel Hill, is always worth while. This year the program was a "home grown" one, but the interest if anything increased. Only one out-of-the-state speaker was on the program. Among the North Carolinians who brought a worth while message was Dr. E. C. Branson, editor of the University News Letter. We were interested in what he had to say, for one reason, because he stressed two things which it has been our ambition to help do. The first is to emphasize the importance of the "Live at Home" program for farmers. "No civilization languishes when its agriculture flourishes, and no civilization flourishes when its agricultural languishes," is one of the striking statements made by Dr. Branson. The other matter that he urged upon the newspaper folks was to keep hammering hard on the necessity for improved county government in North Carolina. We have some plans along these lines which we hope to put into effect this year and which we trust will further both of these propositions.

CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS REVIVE TEMPERANCE CLASSIC

While at Chapel Hill last week, the newspaper folks had the privilege of seeing the Carolina Playmakers in two performances. This group of dramatic students is contributing something distinctive to the life of North Carolina. If we had our wish, we would have these players present that classic temperance play, "Ten Nights in a Barroom" from one end of North Carolina to the other. The moral set forth in that play, which they presented for the benefit of the newspaper institute on Thursday evening, is exactly in keeping with the kind of temperance campaign that is needed to help enforce the eighteenth amendment. The Playmakers had in mind when they selected this play, the presentation of something typical of the popular drama of the Victorian era. They chose a drama that has had a wonderful success, number stock companies both in England and America having acted "Ten Nights in a Barroom", since it was first dramatized in the late 1850's. But they

either wittingly or unwittingly chose a drama that carries a lesson that is very much needed to be taught today.

IN INTEREST OF COUNTY HOME ORCHARD

E. B. Morrow, state extension horticulturist, was here recently in the interest of an orchard which is to be undertaken at the County Home. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, County Home Agent, accompanied by Mr. Morrow to the Home where a survey was made of the acreage to be devoted to the orchard. An acre each of apples and peaches was planned, varieties that will make it possible to have fruit from early spring to late fall having been chosen. This seems a very sensible thing to do. Fruits, vegetables and milk are essentials of a well balanced diet, and all of these may be produced economically on a farm. Fruit trees yield well with a little care and attention, including spraying and pruning at the right time. In a few years such an orchard will be of considerable help in giving the County Home inmates the kind of food they should have, and the management is to be congratulated upon starting the project.

For the first time since reconstruction days, the South will entertain the Democratic National Convention, Houston Texas, having been chosen as the meeting place. This selection was quite a surprise for there were other larger cities bidding for the convention, prominent among which are Detroit and San Francisco. The democrats are already laying convention plans, and no doubt interest in these plans will shortly put into the background all speculation and surprise over the choice of a convention city. It will be an opportune occasion for a good many who do not what development is going on in the South to find out.

FRAGMENTS

A few days after the passing of the cold wave of some ten days ago, this writer was out in the woods on a little stroll. Before him there sprang up a big husky grasshopper about the size of a pen-knife. A little further along, he stopped in a warm sunny place, and immediately a mosquito came out with his familiar whine. Yet a little further on was a big cotton field with at least half of its last year's stalks covered with crumpled leaves and faulty bolls. There was the unmistakable sign of the slaughter of the last July crop. During the preceding cold snap, the farmer, the banker, the merchant—in short everybody—was elated over the weather as they were under the impression that it was the death blow to the bollweevil. But the grasshopper and the mosquito set this writer a-thinking. If such timid insects as these could weather through such a cold spell, why could not the hard-boiled boll weevil also survive the weather and be ready for business as soon as the farmers could grow him some more rations? It is the opinion of this writer that millions of the pests which took shelter last fall will survive the winter, and in all probabilities we are to have as many weevils ready for the coming crop as we had last year. If this be so, then the farmers have something else to rely upon other than the cold waves of the winter. So far no remedy has beat early planting and rapidly cultivated crop with sufficient fertilizer used at first to insure a good July crop. If the rows are layed off far enough apart to give the sun a chance to shine on the first squares to fall from the stalks, the sun will kill many more weevils while they are in the grub state than the cold weather will kill during the winter.

Crime does not pay. It never has nor never will. It is, rather, one of the costliest things which infest our government. But still it goes on, and this country is now facing one of the most wide spread crime waves that it has ever run counter with. Perhaps at no time has the attention of the public been more steadfastly centered on crime prevention than at the present time, and many theories are being offered. New York state has tried the bill board display. Some of the newspaper are now picturing the ill-fated Ruth Snyder as she sat shrieking in Sing Sing's electric chair ready for the voltage to snap the vital spark, while others are showing our own hideous chair in the death

chamber in Raleigh. One of the best criminal lawyers who visit this county was recently heard to say that the old fashioned gallows on every courthouse green in the state would be the most powerful deterrent from crime that could be instituted. Lynchings long ago failed and that is not so popular as it once was. But crime goes on and the public has just about reached the point when they expect to start a new crime each week and follow it on to its conclusion. The business of committing crime is not the business of the normal person. People of sound mind and discretion seldom commit crime. It is the mental freak who commits the crimes of outstanding horror and danger to society, and the sooner society can place its hand on these warp-brained monsters, and segregate them from an unsuspecting public, the quicker will follow the ebb of the crime wave that is now running like wildfire throughout this land. H. V. R.

The Letter Box

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT HIGH TAXES?

The people of Johnston county will not stand for high taxes any longer—but when the next legislature meets the people of the county will send a man to the legislature to repeal all of the laws that take the privilege away from the people and a man that will make laws that will give every man a right to go to the ballot box and cast his vote and say whether he wants high tax or not. Our county government is being handled in a bad manner and the people of Johnston county will not stand for it any longer. There is a stopping place to everything and there is a stopping place to taxes. "What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?" And what will it profit a man to educate his child and lose his home? The people of Johnston county need not send bob-tail lawyers and cigar-smokers to the legislature to make laws for the people to live under. It will be well organized before the next election comes. The people of Johnston county need relief from taxes and there is not but one way to do it and that is for people of the county to wake up and do our part and not depend on the other fellow too much. BRUCE BARNES, Clayton, N. C.

APPRECIATES HOSPITAL

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness which they have shown us since our little son, Edward, was hurt. Especially do we want to express publicly our appreciation for the kind treatment which the Johnston County Hospital, its nurses, and all of the doctors, have given us. The hospital is certainly a blessing to this community and we feel that if it had not been for the skill of the physicians and the attention given to our boy we would not have him with us now. We cannot say too much. MR. & MRS. PERCY BARBOUR, January 12, 1928, Clayton, N. C.

TO HOLD MONTHLY MEET OF POULTRYMEN SATURDAY
OF JAN. 16.—The Johnston County Poultry Association will hold its monthly meeting in the farmers' room of the courthouse at Smithfield at 2 o'clock, Saturday, January 21. This is the first meeting to be held this year and it is very important for every member to be present. New officers will be elected and the work of the association for the coming year will be discussed and outlined at this meeting.

Two Stills Captured
Federal officers assisted by local officers captured a 150 gallon capacity whiskey still in Buckleberry Swamp in Wayne county near the Johnston county line Monday afternoon. Fifteen gallons of whiskey and six hundred gallons of beer were found. The still equipment was estimated to be worth \$500. The still was in operation but the operators evidently were warned and by the time the officers appeared on the scene, the transgressors of the law were leaving. They attempted to take the outfit with them but failed to do so. The men, however, made their escape.

On Thursday of last week, Federal officers, also, took a still on Buffalo in Selma township. This was a hundred gallon capacity still. Only about a gallon of whiskey was found and sixty gallon barrel of beer. Two negro men were arrested and brought to jail, but they gave bond for their appearance in Federal court.

The Trash Pile

By A. RAKE

In my youthful days I used to inveigh against the heinous practice of placing a certain amount of hemp around the necks of certain specified persons and then taking the floor from under them. At various times I quoted excellent New Testament scripture by the ream in support of my argument. Later, during my years of "intellectual retirement" in college, I became quite absorbed by the notion that a prime mission of my very important life was to show this very great country the error of its ways. Of course I would wait until I arrived upon the threshold of the chronological age sufficient to become the temporary owner of a certain very white building situated in the city of Washington. So I threw the idea of my mission in the world back into one of the many dark and seldom used corners of my mind along with a lot of other junk.

A few days ago, having nothing of life and death importance to attend to, I started rummaging around in the unsightly pile of ideas that clutter up a corner of my brain. In the course of my rather aimless search I happened to notice this ancient idea of mine. It was trying desperately to hide behind "Dollar Diplomacy" and the "Nicaraguan Policy" but neither of these was thick enough to hide it completely. And so I dragged it out into the light of the present.

Of course it was ignorant of some of the major occurrences of the past few years and I was forced to mention some of them briefly. I told this idea that some time ago in a certain part of our country two young men of very excellent reputation and possessed of very excellent families and pocketbooks, kidnapped a harmless little playmate, killed him, and stuffed his dead body into a ditch. And because the greatest criminal lawyer in the country didn't believe in extinguishing the very smoky flame of life in any sort of individual, these two young men plead insanity and were allowed to spend the rest of their days in prison. I told it also, that last year one of these same youngsters, although he was insane, managed to let six of his fellow prisoners out of jail and came very near getting away himself.

After that fact had made the proper sort of impression, I told it about the man in Chicago who killed his wife and then argued quite intelligently and successfully that he was insane and that therefore he ought to be committed to the insane asylum. Of course, now that he is no longer in danger of having the floor removed from under his feet, he is contending that he is no longer insane and therefore should be allowed to walk out of the place where he is now being detained.

Then, as a sort of climax, I began to tell this once very active idea about the young fellow in California who kidnapped the little daughter of an excellent man, but before I could get through with the first sentence, the idea vanished completely. Whether it shriveled away altogether or took flight and lodged in some other human being's cerebrum, I am unable to say. I do not think it at all wise for any one who may happen to find it to attempt to return it to me!

HONOR ROLL GLENDALE SCHOOL FOR 3RD MONTH

Beginners: Pauline Davis, S. A. Boyett, Jr., Nancy Earp, Mamie Lee Hinton, Agnes Minshew, Marie Radford, Virginia Stancil, Edell Watson, Norman Wellons, J. P. Narron.

High First: William Holland, Rudolph Woodard, Norman Brown, Kuther Stancil, Ruth Davis, Hazel Hill.

Second Grade: A. W. Boyette, A. V. Boykin, Ray Boyette, Norwood Starling, George Pope, Hue Boykin, Elva Godwin, Hazel Riley, Hester Collier, Doris Woodard, Alice Blue Atkinson, Mavis Johnson, Irene Glover, Gladys Pope.

Third Grade: Mavis Hill, Selvia Davis, Sallie Gooch, Braxton Godwin, Algia Renfrow, Roland Brown, Lola Whitley.

Fourth Grade: Helen Minshew, Vernon Hales, Melissa Godwin, Marvin Godwin, Herman Godwin, Hazel Godwin, Odell Stancil, Marvin Atkinson, Pauline Pittman, Nevell Pittman, Clifton Ballance, Woodman Cockrell.

Fifth Grade: Estelle Price, Mamie Lee Pope, Mary Woodard, Grace Gooch.

Sixth Grade: Beulah Pittman, Dessie Johnson.

Seventh Grade: Odell Boyette, Stephen Harold Alford, Rosa Godwin, Beulah Starling, Gladys Johnson, Alma Creech.

Eighth Grade: Ollie Pope. Ninth Grade: Hazel Cuddington, Pauline Boyette, Mavis Holland. Tenth Grade: Bertie Hicks.

The Baptist Column

Edited by S. L. MORGAN

The Minutes of the Johnston Association have just come from the printer, and have been mailed to the church clerks—in several cases to the pastors. Some figures they present are interesting. The 45 churches now have a membership of 6,215 as against 6,061 as reported a year ago. During the year 409 were received into the churches, 263 by baptism, and yet the net gain as reported was only 154. The churches showed a strong tendency to cut off dead or inactive members and to pare down their rolls to the actual membership—a healthy symptom. The 45 churches reported 43 revival meetings held, two of them reporting two each. No church reported any mission Sunday school, and none had held a daily vacation Bible school. The Sunday school enrollment as reported was 5,657, with an average attendance of 3,197. Only 20 of the 45 churches reported graded Sunday schools, and only six reported their school as standard A-1. Of the 459 officers and teachers only 132 held normal diplomas. A very significant and distressing fact is, that only 279 copies of the Biblical Recorder were reported as going into the homes of more than 6,000 Baptist church members.

Only 14 of the 45 churches had B. Y. P. U.'s. These 14 reported an enrollment of 546 young people, 268 of these being seniors and 171 juniors. Of the 25 unions, 10 were reported as standard. Seventeen of the churches had

missionary societies with 384 members enrolled. Including the junior organizations of the W. M. U. there were 44 societies, with a total enrollment of 335. These 44 societies reported gifts to the amount of \$8,226.52, of which \$4705.67 was for missions and benevolence.

The 45 churches reported total gifts of \$50,355.41, of which \$9,046.33 was for missions, education and benevolence. Undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program were \$4,911.44, while designated gifts to all missions, benevolence and charities were \$4,059.96.

These facts indicate what a mine of interesting matter can be found in the booklet that has just gone out to the churches. Reports on all the objects of Baptist beneficence are chock-full of the latest information. This suggests that the Minutes would furnish to any church or any group matter for one of the most interesting programs that could be had. It is a handsome booklet, printed this year on fine paper, aiming to put the churches to the test, whether by making the booklet as attractively as possible sufficient use of them will be made to justify so large an outlay. One thousand copies have been sent out—about one to every six members. A copy should be put into the hand of every officer, teacher and leader of every group in each church. If any church fails to receive its supply report to the writer.

The Clerk is anxious to know whether the booklets sent out to the churches are actually used enough to justify the cost—\$125.00. If not, tell him to cut it down another year.

In Remembrance of C. M. Stanley
Dear husband, how I miss you
For I am so lonely here—
Life is oh so dark without you,
Are you listening husband, dear?
In my heart your memory lingers,
Sleep sweetly calm and true;
There's not a day my dear husband,
That I do not think of you.

One year one month has passed
And still I miss you;
All the world seems sad and dreary
And I miss you every day and
everywhere.
One by one our days are numbered,
One by one the leaves do fall;
One by one to Christ we gather,
One by one God calls us all.

We cannot; Lord, the purpose see,
But all is well if done by thee;
Our trials are hard—we'll not
complain,
But trust in thee to meet again.

Gone from this world of sorrow
Never to return again
But I hope some day to meet you
Where all is peace and love.

One year one month ago today you
left me,
Sad has been my life since then,
But the memory of my dear one
Will be with me till the end.

ROBERTIE STANLEY.

Harry: "How long have you been married?"
Harold: "Let's see. I bought this suit I'm wearing four years ago."

Convict: "I am in here for having five wives."
Visitor: "How do you enjoy your liberty?"

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