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The Fourth and Sixth

Some of us will remember the 4th this year because it lasted from Saturday to Tuesday. Some of us will remember it because it began a day late. Some of us will remember it because we did not get a holiday at all. However, Julian Harrell will remember it from the standpoint of a king. It is rumored that he was crowned by his girl during the holidays.

About Observing Independence Day

One writer comes along and states that it was a lack of patriotism that the stores remained open on the 4th and closed on the sixth. Yes, when the Declaration of Independence was declared it was done so to meet the conditions that existed in that day. No thought was given to the merchant and his first Saturday. The "hard times" were to be dealt with then and the signers did not stop to look out for hard times now. They were busy trying to pave the way for business, freedom of trade, speech, etc. Theirs was a case of meeting the conditions of that day.

The Picture at the Strand Tuesday

The picture and five minutes lecture at the Strand theatre Tuesday night are open to criticism, or it is our honest opinion that they are. The picture entitled "Who is to Blame" was all right in many ways. However, it did not emphasize the part that the parents of our generation are so totally ignorant of. It touched on the need of having parents inform their children of the dangers which every boy and girl face. It did not stress the points of "living at home".

Condition of Crops

That crops must sell higher or the American farmer will grow poorer is a fact that cannot be denied. Comparing the prices of American farm products with those crops grown by foreign countries, we find that our prices are lower while those of the foreign countries are higher. Quoting figures from the Trade Record of the National City Bank of New York, we find the price of cotton imported from Egypt and China cost our American manufacturers 35 1-2c in April against 30 1-2c in April 1924.

OF INTEREST TO THE FARMER

Some farmers of Cumberland county are finding boll weevils in their fields at the rate of about 200 to the acre. This bears out the prediction made by agricultural extension workers at State College that weevil infestation in the cotton growing counties would be heavy this summer. The first car of lambs to be shipped

Hot, dry weather will retard development of the boll weevil but it is advisable to be prepared to dust when necessary, say insect specialists at State college.

Valuable feed may be saved by culling the poultry flock this summer. Those hens that molt early, that are old and inactive are generally boarders and should be sold or put in the pot.

Tom Tarheel says he is getting ready to exhibit at the fair this fall. Livestock men at State college say that the face of the horse collar should be kept clean. It should be brushed off every night and washed at least once each week. This will help to vent sores.

The use of improved machinery makes the average agricultural worker in North Carolina able to care for three times as many acres of crop as he could handle 75 years ago.

THEN AND NOW

Going back to the times of Elder Redden Rose we find people buying and selling rum right under the court house and while court was going on upstairs. There was nothing secret about selling liquor then.

Now, as we follow the years on down to the present we find the same conditions, but in a slightly altered form. Instead of selling liquor in the open, it is being sold behind closed doors. To say whether more was sold in Mr. Ross's time than now is impossible. But we know that the sale of liquor goes on right here in our own town; so after all we have not improved so much.

When we view the sale of liquor at that time and now, we come to the conclusion that prohibition stands no chance unless it is aided by parents. Prohibition, in a real sense, will have to come about in what might be termed a waning fashion. The results of whiskey seem to have no effect. It makes no difference how many homes are wrecked or how many of our people go into a watery grave; the preacher can appeal to his congregation Sunday in and Sunday out, the prohibitionist can lecture his head off, but to no avail. It will have to be impressed on the mind of the young man and now, it seems, that it will have to be impressed on the mind of our young girls, to refrain from the use of liquors.

While the prohibition laws are the best that might be made, they cannot function without the aid of proper training of the young generation.

Check up on the insane institutions of our own State and see how many were sent there on the account of the liquor trade. Think of men who have had their futures snuffed out on account of the liquor trade. When we stop and think of it, it is as to our town or county and our state, we will see the need of home training and know that we should supplement our aid to that of the prohibition movement.

While on the subject of prohibition, why not mention the causes of the weakness of the movement? The trouble does not lie at the feet of the bootlegger, nor the man who takes daring chances to manufacture it. The trouble lies some place else. To start at the top, you can find judges who use liquor one night and the following day they will send some poor scoundrel to the roads for making it. This is not true with all judges and we would like very well to mention those who "practice what they preach", but in spite of that we know and the world knows, who they are. Coming on down, you can find those who have created the false impression that they are the leaders of society. They are leaders all right, and they are doing their share in leading many to the inner cones of hell. The next step, you will find the young generation being encouraged to start the liquor habit. This is done in a mild way. It is a case of carelessness rather than one of thought. We allow our young boys to go any place, do as they please and never offer a bit

of good advice. It will not be necessary to hold them at home and preach to them, but we can make home attractive enough to keep them at home and give them a chance to learn.

Citizens of Martin county seem anxious to know who it is that claims the reward offered by the State for the Needleman mutilators.

It has already shocked the people around those parts to see the fabulous sums paid in the case. They are looking for almost anything to happen, losing their outlook on the queer things already "pulled off."

The Parson Remarkd

"It's a serious thing this having a sense of humor. The other day on Main street some one asked me the difference between a preacher and a pastor. I remarked "One is and pastors—the other is and didn't pastor."

"Notice advertising professional Evangelist's meetings.

"Hell, is location and absolute certainty."

Thomas Jones, song leader will sing "Tell Mother I'll Be There."

"A reform preacher, one who is always kicking about something, shouting "I tell you we need reform in business, we need reform in politics, we need reform in women's styles, some regular fellow" shouted, "what you need is chloroform!"

"The college president" was speaking on the proposed movement to change a co-educational institution into a strictly boys school. "Why my friends" he said, "if we take the girls away and put them in another institution, what will follow? I ask, what will follow?"

A cake eater on the back seat said "I will!"

"Eden House, a fine place for weak legs and cut feet."

"Sunburn, freckles, bobbed hair, kickers—Bah! Bah! Bah!"

"The rain Sunday, eased many consciences—"too wet to go to church."

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North Carolina, Martin County. In the superior court, before the clerk Venice Macon vs. Charlie Macon. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, wherein the plaintiff is asking for an absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required by the law to appear at the courthouse of said county on the 20th day of July, 1925, and answer or demur to the complaint of said action, or the defendant will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 20th day of June, 1925. R. J. PEEL, Clerk superior court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Lewis H. Peel, deceased late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, North Carolina, on or before the 26th day of June, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 1925. E. S. PEEL, Administrator of the Estate of Lewis H. Peel, Martin and Peel, Atty's. 6-30-6

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust made and executed by Joe and Lucy Purvis to the undersigned trustee and bearing the date of February 10, 1922 and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book 31 at page 454 said Deed of Trust having been given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith, and the terms and conditions therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said notes,

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the undersigned trustee will on Tuesday, July 14, 1925 at 12 o'clock M. in front of the Bank of Hamilton, offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to-wit: One certain tract or parcel of land containing 33 acres more or less, same as purchased from Ben Robertson and known as Lot No. 3 in the Land Division of Simon Brown, Bennett Station and Joe Purvis, and more fully described by reference to Land Division Book No. 1 page 476, said land being where Joe Purvis now lives.

This the 13th day of June, 1925. T. B. SLADE JR., Trustee. 6-16-4

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the superior court. J. W. Watts vs. Stewart Sullivan. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, Aug. 3, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Stewart Sullivan, defendant, has in the following described property:

Adjoining the lands of C. C. Fagan, Geo. W. Blount, Vida Bynum, E. W. Warden, et als, and being located on Tar Neck road in Jamesville Township. This the 20th day of June, 1925. H. T. ROBERSON, Sheriff. je 23 4tw

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What Girls Talk About As Heard on the Streets of Williamston This Week. Not Censored. "You didn't look very cheerful at the party last night, Betty?" "What happened? Some fair flapper walk off with your Romeo?" "No, worse luck. Wish that that were all that had happened. No wonder I didn't look cheerful. You wouldn't either, if you had ruined your most becoming party dress—and nothing to wear to the dance Friday night." "As bad as all that?" "What happened to it?" "Bob and Edith, more interested in each other than in where they were going, danced right into my glass of lemonade—and the drink was on me." "Is THAT all? Why, that is nothing to get excited about. Rush it down to the cleaners and you'll have it back in time for the dance Friday night." "You really think they can clean it? That's wonderful! I'm going home now and send it right down to them. You're a life saver." "A live saver"—that's what many people in Williamston say about us. We call for and deliver if desired Satisfaction, promptness, and reasonable prices guaranteed. Pope's Service Shop Phone 242