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Something's Wrong

Another session of the North Carolina General Assembly is gradually drawing to a close, and from this faraway point it appears that the muddle affairs of the State have so long found themselves in will be aggravated. It just seems that the State, as far as the common masses are concerned, has been in a rut, is still in a rut and if certain cliques and politicians can have their way it will continue in a rut.

We are so often reminded about the great State of North Carolina, and possibly in comparison with South Carolina, Mississippi and a few others we are great. It is not the purpose here to detract from the glory of our State, but to point out a few of the shameful conditions allowed to exist legislature after legislature.

If one were to visit the common jails in most of the counties today he would find the mentally sick locked behind bars. Should the investigation be continued on up the line, he would find conditions more in keeping with those allowed by barbarians. Little or nothing has been done to relieve the pathetic, shameful conditions.

North Carolina is near the bottom in education. Its per capita income is pitifully low. Its citizens are denied admittance into hospitals and institutions. It has a law against

confining juvenile lawbreakers but provides no place for wayward youth. It boasts about the cheapness of school transportation costs and ignore almost inhuman conditions surrounding the system. Some few near the top of the ladder receive living wages while most of the State workers do not receive living wages.

These conditions are admitted; yet, one legislature after another muddles along, apparently choosing to do the bidding of those who aren't interested in such "minor" problems.

Something's wrong somewhere. And while there is no charge against all the legislators and all the members of the executive division, it must be admitted that someone is fiddlin' around unconscious of deplorable conditions as they exist in so many places.

Bound And Gagged

Democracy was attacked and bound in Raleigh a short time ago when General Assembly committees voted to deny the people an opportunity to take a stand on the liquor question in a state-wide referendum. More recently, Democracy as it has been held up to the youth of our State by political talk, was gagged literally to death when a majority of the House voted to force into the open a bill allowing the people to govern themselves but because two-thirds of the representatives did not vote to call the bill to the floor the minority emerged in victory. In the eyes of all that's fair and just, the victory was an empty one and just plain mockery.

Thus, Democracy has been bound and gagged at its fountainhead, supposedly, and thereby is created a danger far greater than the outcome of the issue immediately at hand.

Following the trend established down through the years, Martin County, in all probability, would give its support to the wet side possibly by a closer margin than that reported in past votes. However, it isn't right for one man, though duly elected, to deny his constituency the right to vote in a referendum. There's no record where the representative from this county was instructed to take his stand against a referendum. It is recalled, however, that County Commissioner H. S. Johnson of Hamilton expressed the opinion that the people should be given the right to express their views in a referendum.

What keeps the United States together is the tacit agreement of all its people that whether your or my candidate wins, he becomes our official.—Christian Science Monitor.

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Lovely sheer clear 51 gauge 15 denier nylons . . . irregular . . . really a pretty stocking . . . and a real knockout bargain.

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Another shipment of that fine quality print just in time for the big March Opportunity Days . . . buy what you need at this unusually low price.

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NEW SPRING WOOLENS

Absolutely new spring woolens . . . just in for the sensational March Opportunity Days . . . bright colors, smart patterns . . . 100% all wool . . . by all means see and buy these pretty woolens at this money saving price . . .

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Another sensational buy . . . lovely cotton print dresses . . . all sizes and styles. Buy several.

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Never have you seen a bargain like this and we haven't either . . .



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This is something handy and so cheap . . . useful items . . . Sale.

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The one and only . . . Boys' Genuine Red Camel Overalls . . . full cut and well made . . . get what you need now.

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Beautiful floral trays . . . regular \$3.50 value . . .

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Woven handle baskets . . . see them . . .

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Genuine plastic shoe bags . . . full size . . . a real buy . . .

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A lovely boudoir lamp . . . ideal . . . Sale . . .

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Monday, March 21

AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A. M., AS

Board Of Equalization And Review

For the purpose of hearing complaints against values fixed by the list taker for the year 1949.

Martin County Commissioners