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No Time to Hang Back

The movement to secure the paving of the Turnpike Road through Wenona on to Pantego gained the support of another strong organization last week, when the Plymouth Merchants Association decided to lend its support. This group has already gone to work, emphasizing that the program set for March 2 to impress upon highway officials the urgent necessity of providing an all-weather road should be heartily backed by all the people of this section.

Resolutions asking for this work have been passed by the commissioners of three counties, Washington, Hyde and Beaufort, and whether or not anything definite will be accomplished at the meeting on March 2 depends almost entirely upon the response of the people of the three counties in turning out to impress upon representatives of the highway commission the fact that the folks of the section realize the urgent necessity for the road and that they are standing together as a unit in seeking immediate action.

The State Department of Agriculture is another strong supporter of the movement. It has a tremendous investment, probably in excess of \$100,000, in the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, and unless a good all-weather road is secured the future of this important undertaking is problematical, to say the least.

Under present conditions the test farm is absolutely inaccessible in bad weather. Wenona no longer has a railroad and the transportation prob-

lem is serious indeed at times. The experimental station there is the only one conducted by the state department for livestock demonstrations, and it is considered among the most complete in the whole South. Yet its whole value is considerably lessened if farmers are unable to depend upon getting there to see the results of the tests.

No threats have been or are being made, but it is not unreasonable to arrive at the conclusion that the department may have to curtail its activities at Wenona unless better facilities are afforded. Certainly no program of expansion is likely under existing conditions. And just as certainly Washington County is the chief sufferer from this state of affairs.

For this reason alone, Washington County should do its utmost to present the most forceful argument it can for this improvement. And its most forceful argument will be a big delegation to impress upon highway commission officials that a united people are determined upon securing better road conditions in this section.

We need this road; we deserve this road. It remains to be seen just what we will do about getting it.

Hugging Social

Whiteville News-Reporter

Many ingenious schemes have been devised to raise funds for churches and other worthy institutions, but a "hugging social" recently held in Ohio is a new wrinkle in the business.

Of course fair young damsels have at Church box suppers allowed the patrons to receive a gentle platonic kiss. But when the opposite sexes go into clinches for religion's sake, it seems that someone is developing a contorted idea of religion.

The affair was a success financially, having been widely advertised as a scheme to pay off the church debt. Following were the rates charged: Girls under 15 years-of-age, 15c for a two-minute hug; girls under 20 years, 50c; 20 to 25 years, 75c; another man's wife, \$1.00; old maids, 3c and no time limit.

The girls in the congregation set another meeting in this month, but the older members set their foot down, said the bounds of propriety have been over stepped. The "hugging social" was more largely patronized by middle-aged and old men than by young men, it was reported.

On Reducing Taxes

"All this talk about reducing taxes doesn't mean a thing as long as that kind of business is permitted," said a well-known local man last week, referring to the article in "Under the Dome" in Saturday's News and Observer about the trip of several state officials to Massachusetts to bring back Fred Beal, convicted of conspiracy to kill the Gastonia chief of police during the textile strike some years ago.

Attorney General Seawell, Assistant Attorney General Harry McMullan and two other officers had just returned from Massachusetts without Beal, a continuance in the extradition hearing having been granted—with the Attorney General's consent—until February 18. The four were expected to return for the hearing, bringing the total cost to the State and Gaston County to at least \$895.96, according to the article.

"That's a small amount, it is true, so far as reducing State taxes is concerned," this man stated, "but it represents the attitude of the officials in general, and we'll never have any tax reductions while such things are permitted."

He went on to tell the story about a local man who owed a fertilizer concern about \$50,000 or \$60,000 some years ago. The owner of the company called his son in and told him to go to Plymouth and collect the money. The man who owed the account met the young fellow at the train, greeted him cordially, arranged a round of parties for the youngster and treated him so royally while he was there that when he got back he told his father, "Dad, I just didn't have the heart to mention the money he owed us while he was being so nice to me."

So the old man said, "I'll go collect that money myself." He came to Plymouth, and the debtor outdid himself in showing him a good time. They really went places and did things. When the old gentleman got back to the office, the youngster greeted him, "Well, Dad, did you get the money?" And the head of the concern replied, "No Son, I didn't. But I did sell him his fertilizer for next year."

In drawing this parallel, the local citizen may be doing the attorney general and his assistants an injustice, but he is expressing the sentiments of a lot of folks in his belief that these state officials "will not wear themselves out sitting around on the soft chairs that are provided for them up there in those Massachusetts offices."

Rambling R...About
By THE RAMBLER

Unusual Burial Request—

Most folks want more or less of an elaborate "putting away" when the time comes to leave this vale of tears. But D. O. Patrick, from down Creswell way, has a different idea. He was in the office last Friday and, after stating about all he received in life was thorns and that lightwood might have some significance as to his ultimate destination, asked us to publish his wishes for burial as follows:

"When I die, bury me like I die; don't change my clothes or change my looks. Put me away as cheaply as possible. Put upon my grave just an armful of thorns and at my head a piece of lightwood, with a message: 'Dead and forgotten; gone and don't know where.' This will show the future how I had to live the past."
—D. O. Patrick.

Typographical Errors—

The bane of existence to newspaper folks—at least to folks on small newspapers—is the typographical error. It is eternally bobbing up in the most unexpected, not to say embarrassing, places, regardless of the care exercised in reading proofs and checking copy.

Practically every small-town newspaper, at one time or another, has wished for the earth to open up and swallow him when an irate subscriber barges through his office door, brandishing a copy of the paper and demanding to know, in a voice that can be heard in the next county, what in the name of forty-seven different varieties of blue profanity does the dot-dash-blanked editor mean by calling his wife's party a "smell" affair or saying that he "lies" on West Main Street.

Under such circumstances it is difficult to make convincing the explanation that it was written "swell" or "lives"; but that when the Linotype operator came to this particular part of the article he was still ruminating upon his folly in trying to fill an inside straight the night before, and that the editor, reading the proof, was worrying about Saturday's payroll or a late ad, or something else equally calamitous, resulting in another "just one of those things."

to write from memory or maybe you can't read your notes; occasionally someone with a grudge, about which you know nothing, maliciously induces you to print an innocent-appearing article with a double meaning.

Everything considered, it is not as astonishing that errors occur as it is that so few occur.

Why Editors Leave Town—

Corrections almost invariably make bad matters worse. One editor had occasion to write a piece about a rather pompous ex-soldier who had been wounded during the war. He referred to him as a "battle-scarred" veteran, but the linotype dropped an "r" and it came out in the paper "battle-scarred." Purple with rage, threatening mayhem, public horse-whipping, and suit for libel, the ex-soldier demanded correction. Obligingly, the editor fixed it up but hasn't been heard from since the paper came out with the explanation reading as follows:

"Last week we referred to Colonel Blank, our distinguished townsman, as a 'battle-scarred' veteran for which we are very sorry. All those who are familiar with the record of this leading citizen, knew this was a typographical error and that what we really meant to say was "bottle-scarred."

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Cash and due from banks	\$5,381,383.02
Obligations of the United States	9,595,896.30
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F. I. C. and F. H. L. Bank Debentures	1,239,758.55
North Carolina Bonds	357,663.97
Municipal and other marketable bonds	2,291,146.82
Other stocks and bonds	19,606.00
Loans and discounts	\$19,798,458.18
Other Assets	2,215,542.96
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Real Estate, less Depreciation Reserve	8,190.97
	\$22,247,507.95

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	396,000.00
Surplus	400,000.00
Undivided Profits	482,281.70
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CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION
State of North Carolina
Department of State

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Altemarle Mutual Exchange, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. — Street, in the town of Roper, County of Washington, State of North Carolina (E. R. Lewis, president, being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 31st day of January, 1938, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1938.

THAD EURE,
Secretary of State.

Chances For Error—

In defense, consider the chance for error in just one line of printed matter. From a mechanical standpoint alone, these chances multiply into fantastic figures for a single issue of any newspaper.

Take the typesetting machine, for instance. It turns out approximately seven lines a minute. There are, in this paper, an average of about 38 characters to the line. When an operator is "hanging the elevator," or keeping ahead of the machine, he is hitting about 15,960 keys an hour. Any one of a hundred things may cause a key or matrix to stick or fail to respond, and, the English language being what it is, any of them may result in a blunder, which if it gets past the proof reader, will make somebody want to commit one of those messy murders you read about.

Then, consider human frailties. An "unimpeachable source of information" is impeached. You may misunderstand a word in an interview; a correspondent fails to write plainly; your notes are lost and you try

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TIME: 2:00 P. M.

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