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Congratulations, Tyrrell

If press reports are borne out, our most sincere congratulations are extended to Tyrrell County upon being chosen as the site for the Navy's new lighter-than-air base. While the location has not been officially announced, it is regarded as practically certain that Tyrrell is to get the big government project, which will entail the spending of several millions dollars in constructing the new base.

Naturally, Washington County people had some hopes of securing this new base, although it was realized that our distance from the ocean was a handicap; but, since it did not come to one of the two proposed sites in this county, there is an abiding gratification here that Tyrrell County was chosen, not only because it is near to us, but because its situation and other general advantages justify earned the location.

Development of this big Navy project in Tyrrell should have considerable weight in bringing to accomplishment the road improvement program so earnestly advocated and needed by this section, particularly extension of Highway 64 to Manteo by the construction of the necessary bridges over Alligator River and Croatan Sound. This road will be urgently needed when the base is completed, and certainly it should be put on the highway commission's "must" list immediately.

There are many reasons why

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Washington County people are glad that the site in Tyrrell is to be selected by the Navy for its new "blimp base," but none is more important than that this section so richly deserves the development proposed. Again, congratulations, neighbor!

The Season for Giving

This is the season for giving, for making others happy, and on our list of favorite worthy causes there is none ahead of the Christmas Joy Fund, now being raised here for the purpose of bringing some measure of Christmas cheer to the homes of needy people who otherwise will be passed up entirely at a time when practically everyone else is celebrating with plenty.

Make your contribution to the Christmas Joy Fund today, and do it without grudging. It will do more to make Christmas have real meaning to the recipients, to the workers who are contributing their time and labor, and to yourself than anything else you can do.

And, while we are on the subject, if you haven't gathered up that bundle of discarded toys for the firemen to work over, do so today; and, while you are about it, collect any children's clothing you do not need and deliver it to the principal of the schools here for distribution among those who do really need it.

Doing your share in these undertakings is just as much a part of your civic duties as paying your taxes and voting; and anyone who neglects or refuses to do his part is not only a shirker but he is also missing an opportunity to bring joy to himself by helping those more unfortunate than himself.

Favorable Fractions

We have been warned of many things that our country is not, but we must not overlook a few of the fractions that our country is. With our present knowledge of what we have in this nation, few of us would exchange our brighthouse. America has, through the past, by means of utilizing her resources and through the force of private enterprise, has accomplished her standing in the following: America, with only 1/15 of the world's population, has 3/4 of the world's autos; 1/2 of the world's telephones; 1/2 of the world's radios; 1/3 of the world's railroads, 2/3 of the world's banking resources, 1/5 of the world's sugar; 1/2 of world's silk; 1/2 of world's rubber and 3/5 of the world's petroleum.

To Laborers

There is a constant struggle, in some sections or other, of labor when organized and forceful, to defeat or declare rights and privileges. The movement of labor to express itself through collective dealing with its employer is supposed to be another form in our democracy. But labor must also accept certain obligations that are democratic as well, of selecting responsible leaders of labor to guide them in their moves for co-operation in industry. There is real cause to celebrate when the heads of large and small industries meet in accord with their employees to consult and confer. There is the right for citizens to organize so that national labor can safeguard its rights—but

DRIVERLESS CARS

By RONALD HOCUTT
North Carolina Highway Safety Division

"A driver's responsibility does not cease when he steps out of the vehicle he has been driving," Ronald Hocutt, director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, asserted this week in calling attention to several serious accidents recently in which driverless cars or trucks which had been left parked on a slight incline without the hand brake on rolled down the grade, struck a telephone pole, and killed a line-man working on top of the pole. A driver delivering a ton of coal this fall got out of his truck to open the coal chute door and left the truck out of gear, with the motor running. The truck rolled down an incline and pinned a woman against the house, killing her instantly. In Raleigh a few days ago, an oil truck driver left his truck parked next to the curb while he ran into a drug store to get some cigarettes. The truck rolled off

down the street, smashing into the side of a house.

"Such accidents as these are utterly inexcusable," Director Hocutt said, "and they are due entirely to the carelessness of the drivers."

"Parking properly is a thing so easy to do," he said. "It is always advisable to cut off the motor and set the hand brake before leaving a parked vehicle. If parked on a downgrade, cut the front wheels into the curb; on an upgrade, cut the front wheels away from the curb. Drivers of trucks should always check their wheels before leaving their trucks parked on an incline, because a hand brake can not always be depended upon to hold a heavy truck. Even air brakes can not always be counted to hold a truck parked on a grade, because there may be leaks. Proper parking is highly important."

does not enslave its employer. The future of labor is no more of a gamble perhaps than the present.

There will be those who speak of the many disturbances caused by fatal labor movements, of unwarranted strikes causing economic loss far in excess of the principles involved. There are always disasters left in the wake of movements. There has been suffering on both sides, for business still has much to keep it occupied when rights and powers are the issue. But unselfish consideration, combined with co-operation between employer and employee, makes the workman's relationship to the "boss" a point for congratulation.

Retribution

Bill Sharpe in Thursday They say that Haile Sellassie is back on the frontier of Ethiopia, ready to lead a rebellion of his former subjects against the Italian invaders.

As the little brown African sits in his jungle headquarters, he must often think of that dramatic moment a few years ago when he delivered his final speech to the nations of the world.

Maybe you've forgotten that speech. It was not important; it was made by a man whose insignificant kingdom had been wrested from him, and who was no longer even so much as a pawn in international affairs.

But on that day, the little emperor leveled his deep, tired eyes upon the representatives of the world's nations and warned them of what they had done. They had failed to fulfill their solemn oaths to protect a minor nation against aggression. He turned to France, and her allies, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Rumania. He lifted his hand and pointed to Denmark and Norway, and to Holland and Belgium.

"Because you," he said, "have per-

mitted this crime to be committed, you have not only ruined my empire; you have at last breached your own last defenses—the support of moral law. Some day, the little orator prophesied, "all of you, too, will pass away, even as has Ethiopia."

The important representatives of those nations stared impatiently at their tables, and went on with their business.

But the little emperor's prophecy has come true. The nations that refused to enforce sanctions on Italy in that critical year have all passed away—Denmark, Norway, France, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania—all of these, and many more, have lost their independence and sovereignty.

"He Will Be Missed"

The Progressive Farmer "He will be missed," writes a sister on the old home farm about a school mate of long ago . . . and we thought for what a multitude of good citizens that simple phrase has been an adequate epitaph in country conversation.

No, our friend had not lived for himself alone. He had unselfishly helped others, had helped in social life, the religious life, the rural organizations of the community . . . and so with his passing he will be missed. And then we got to wondering whether it might not be well perhaps for all of us to ask ourselves a question . . . the question as to whether when our own time of passing comes, somebody will use that good old country phrase so suggestive of the fragrance of a well-spent life "He will be missed," or "She will be missed."

Or will somebody merely remark, "Yep; knowed pretty well how to make and save money; left the family pretty well fixed."

NOTICE

Due to the increased cost of materials and supplies, we, the undersigned, have found it necessary to establish the following laundry prices:

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Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Maybe So—

About 10 or 12 times each week, the Rambler is approached by someone who comments on something that needs to be done or which the someone believes needs to be done.

"If I had your column, these someones assert, 'I'd take the hide off about that matter. I'd call a spade a spade. I would place the blame directly where it should be. I would get something done at once.'"

The Rambler is merely bored by such suggestions. In the first place, he knows that even if the someone had the right to write the column about the subject he would not do what he says he would do.

In the second place it is not quite so simple as it seems. It is not always easy to find exactly the truth about an issue and once the truth is established it is even more difficult to put the finger of blame on the official or person at the bottom of the trouble.

A person on the street can make a lot of bold assertions and unproven charges against the administration, against some member of the administration or against some individual and risk little difficulty.

A newspaper has to have more evidence and more proof before it can go off the deep end that way.

There is a strange difference be-

tween the spoken and the printed word and that difference goes much further than the mere fact the spoken word is heard by only a few and the written one reaches the many.

There is a peculiar permanence about the printed word, a permanence that is often over-exaggerated. What the Rambler may write in this column is just the opinion of one person and has no official backing whatever and is of no more weight within itself than the spoken word of any other person.

The Rambler, however, can write what a hundred other folk may say and the Rambler will be in hot water up to his chin. If what he writes is not provable beyond the proverbial reasonable doubt, then the Rambler has established himself in most uncomfortable position, whereas the verbal comment goes unchallenged.

Probably there is no business in existence so subjected to criticism as the operation of a newspaper.

It is bound about, handicapped, curbed and restricted by a maze of laws, customs and rules probably hamstringing it more than nearly any other activity of a semipublic nature. Newsmen are trained men who operate their business just as another business is operated. They are fully aware of the barriers that encompass them and their job is to carry on as best they can despite these difficulties and to do the best job they can with the broken tools at their command.

There is no such thing, please remember as absolute freedom of the press.

You can't go hog wild no matter how wild-eyed and enthusiastic you may be and say whatever happens to be in your mind about this or that.

If you do, you'll either wind up in jail, out of business or stretched out

on the table in the local morgue. Bear that in mind next time you advise your reporter friend on how to write some story in which you are interested.

That newspapers are as effective in operation as they are; that they do manage to crystallize to some degree the vagrant public sentiment for this or that oftentimes, mark you, creating exactly that sentiment, if such creation is essential to a worthy end is little short of miraculous when you consider the maze of restrictions, reams of rules and miles of red tape that abound.

Your newsmen learns, too, that each suggestion from "faithful readers" must be weighed with meticulous care to determine whether that suggestion is not weighted down with personal angles rather than public concern.

Too often the average person, because something seems to him to be of paramount issue, believes that the matter is of equal interest and concern to all.

Stripped to its bare bones, the lack of public concern is only too apparent. The newsmen views it thus and calmly forgets the matter.

And the faithful reader, thoroughly convinced the newspaper is a spineless, gutless institution, vents his anger in the assertion:

"I wish I had a newspaper. I'd do so and so."

He wouldn't.

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