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PUT BEST MEN ON GUARD

It is quite evident that the Revaluation Act of the General Assembly of 1919 means a great deal to the future progress and prosperity of N. C. and only men of acknowledged ability should be entrusted with the machinery for putting the plans into effect in the various counties of the State. The State Tax Commission makes plain its intention to select men for county supervisors who will discharge the duties of the positions conscientiously without fear or favor. The Commission is not concerned particularly about the political proclivities of the men they are to entrust with the direction of this service, but it is especially desired to employ those who will not fail to accomplish the purpose for which the Act was written.

The tax dodger has never been a desirable citizen in North Carolina. He will be less respected in the near future, and those who fail to list their property in accordance with the provisions of the new tax law are going to be hunted down and "brought to books" whatever the cost. It is the intention of the State authorities to put every piece of property on the tax books at its actual value and those who are not in sympathy with this policy have no business on the commission of any county. And they will not be unless deception is used in applications for the appointments to the State Commission, which has expressly declared that only men of intelligence, integrity and firmness of character will be selected to administer the law. The Commission wants real men for this work.

Ample time and adequate assistance will be allowed the supervisor of each county and all are expected to approach the performance of their duties with a correct conception of what the law signifies in the matter of taxation. The county supervisors and county commissioners are expected to place only the best men on guard.

THEY ARE DYING HARD

The liquor interests of the country are trying to console themselves in their dying stages with recent election results in Chicago, Baltimore and a few other cities where candidates of their persuasion on the prohibition question were elected to municipal offices. They appear to have overlooked entirely the fact that the temperance forces did not consider prohibition an issue in these city elections, since the President has long ago declared that war prohibition, under an act of Congress, will become effective July 1, and that local option is no longer an issue since more than two-thirds of the states of the American Union have ratified the eighteenth amendment and the prohibitionists do not see the need for further agitation of a question that has been settled so decisively.

Furthermore, in some of the municipalities claimed by the liquor advocates as the result of late election figures only wet candidates were voted for. The city of Baltimore, for instance, had to make a choice between two wet candidates for mayor and both of them could not be elected besides, nobody has ever accused Baltimore of even seriously considering the question of ridding itself of the liquor evil. The Federal amendment will attend to that and it is a bit refreshing to remind the booze interests of the fact that the state of Maryland was the sixth commonwealth to ratify. Nobody questions the claim that Baltimore is still wet, but it will not be so legally for a great while longer.

The wets may work their newly-made slogan, "Make your protest heard in Congress. Vote wet," over time. The Country has voted dry all the same and dry it shall be. The legalized saloon will soon be a thing of the past in this great American Republic, and the sooner the better.

Jas. M. Gray, Dist. Farm Agent, was here from Asheville this week.

MADE A GOOD JOB OF IT

There were scores of applicants for membership on the State Highway Commission created by the Road Law enacted at the session of the General Assembly for 1919, and Governor Bickett spent a lot of time in the effort to ascertain which of the gentlemen mentioned in that connection measured up to his conception of ability and fitness necessary to the accomplishment of the tremendous task contemplated.

The Governor finally named Messrs Frank Page, of Moore county, for the six-year term; John E. Cameron, of Lenoir, for four years; James K. Norfleet, of Forsyth, and James G. Stikelather, of Buncombe, for two years each. Mr. Page was designated as chairman and, along with the others, accepted the position tendered to him. Mr. Cameron, who is the Republican member, is said to represent the eastern section of the State, Mr. Page the Piedmont section, Mr. Stikelather the western section and Mr. Norfleet the State at large.

The Governor had a long list of names from which to make a selection and it contained the names of many men, other than those designated as commissioners, who would have distinguished themselves in road construction had the opportunity been presented. However, there is a pretty general feeling that the commission finally constituted is composed of four gentlemen who realize that the position is no sinecure, but one of great responsibility and possibilities that are well nigh immeasurable.

This section of the State presented a number of applicants for the western commission, but only one of the splendid gentlemen put forward could be named. The honor went to Mr. J. G. Strikeleather of Buncombe, and everybody is saying well done, Governor. Jim Strikeleather is all right and will make good. Mark it.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company blames the trail that other manufacturers will do well to follow in meeting the Federal law regulating child labor. The spirit of co-operation shown by this company is most commendable. It is not going to wait for the Federal authorities to enforce the law, but the company itself will inaugurate a system whereby in the employment of youths the new regulations will be strictly adhered to both in letter and spirit. Under this system the R. J. R. Company will under no circumstances employ children under fourteen years of age, and children between fourteen and sixteen will not be permitted to work more than eight hours a day. The plan adopted was best described by The Journal's news story Sunday morning. We quote:

"The Reynolds Company will open an employment office, which might very properly be termed an age examination office, and a corps of employees will give their time in conducting the most complete and rigid examination of children fourteen, fifteen and sixteen years old. If an employee says he or she is over sixteen and does not appear to be to the examiners, the most rigid examination will be made and every means exhausted to ascertain the true age of the applicant."

If all industrial establishments in North Carolina will adopt a similar plan, in other words will fall in line, not only to carry out the letter, but the spirit of the law, they will redeem the State from the bad reputation it has in this respect, whether justly or unjustly, and at the same time will open the door of educational and spiritual hope for many children who otherwise would grow up in ignorance and live without vision.

Under the plan adopted, the R. J. R. Company is meeting the requirements of both the State and Federal laws on the subject. The State law unfortunately does not go as far as the Federal. There is nothing in the Neal Law passed by the last General Assembly regulating the number of hours children between fourteen and sixteen may labor. Were it not for this difference between the two laws there would be no necessity for more than one set of officers. But as it is, the Federal Government will have its inspectors no matter what steps the State may take to enforce the law. So that both Federal and State officers will be on the trail of violators—the Federal in reality and the State theoretically.

As a matter of fact the State law makes no adequate provision for machinery to enforce the statute and we do not expect much to be done from Raleigh or from anywhere else except Washington. Our hope is that all other manufacturers will show the same fine spirit that our own greatest manufacturing establishment has demonstrated. If they should there will be little for inspectors, either Federal or State to do.

After all is said and done, and

whether some of us like it or not, the moral judgment of America seems to be against working children under fourteen years of age, and all of us might as well adjust ourselves to the new regime. It has come to stay. Child labor in industries as it was once known has gone the way of slavery, property suffrage, and the saloon. One is just as dead as the other in this Republic. Neither could live in the same country with the public school and a public press.—Winston-Salem Journal.

THE PRAYER CORNER

PEACE

Peace is a promise for the future. It is a final goal or aim. It never is behind us. It is always ahead and up above; the prize of intense spiritual effort; the term and crown of God's creative energy and will; the one far off divine event; the consummation of the end. In His good time, when discipline is finished and trial triumphantly endured, and character perfected by sacrifice, then, and not till then, God will give peace.

It will be a difficult task to make a world at peace out of a world of pieces; how difficult we are beginning to discern as these momentous days pass by after the signing of the armistice. Thank God for victory; thank Him with full hearts and loud strong voice, but remember in thanking Him for victory, that the victory He has given us is not a finished and complete achievement, but an open door of opportunity, a chance to vindicate the cause for which we took up arms, a chance to build now that the ground is clear—Bishop Rhinelander.

Let us pray for the True Love of Peace.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men, the true love of peace, and guide with Thy power and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Thy kingdom may go forward till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, the Lord of all kings and kingdoms: let Thy strong hand control the nations and bring out of the present discord a harmony more perfect than we can conceive, a new humility, a new understanding, a new purity and sincerity, a new sense of reality, a new hunger and thirst for Thy love to rule on the earth, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen. C. D. C.

YOUR HEALTH

Now that the season approaches when the fly and kindred pest appears it is well to call attention to ways and means of dealing with them. It is estimated that the offspring of a pair of flies, I speak of the house pest, during a single season reaches into the millions, so great is the power of reproduction. Realizing this it is well to consider means to control their propagation, incidentally much can be done by destroying the first fly that appears, by cleaning residences and premises adjacent in order to eliminate breeding areas, stables, closets, cesspools, woodpiles and piles of wet leaves. We know that the fly is at one minute immersed in filth unmentionable, the next minute on food-stuffs, on our tables, in our faces, in short anywhere and everywhere. In view of this it is common sense to destroy him and abolish this menace to health. All out door closets should be constructed in a sanitary manner, plans for which are furnished by the State, houses should be screened to prevent the entrance of flies and other insects. The United States Research Department for destruction of flies and other pests, states that pulverized borax sprinkled in, and on manure piles prevents flies from breeding when it is used. These things mean care and labor—but what is worth while that does not?

W. J. WALLIS, Co. Health Officer.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
 11:00 A. M. The Ethics of the Atonement.
 8:30 P. M. The Ethics of the Dance.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach at both the morning and the evening hours on, "The Sins that Crucified Jesus."

James Mills has a new buggy and harness. He didn't "order off" for it. He C'd Doyle about it and they traded in a few minutes.

We have about 25 3 piece suits in sizes from 34 to 37 that we can sell you for less than \$10.00 per suit. Some of them are all wool.
WEIT'S GENTS STORE

Personal Mention

Look through these columns; see if the names of your guests are there. If not, you have neglected your duty toward them. It does not cost anything. Telephone, write or bring your news to News office.

R. W. Jackson of Mars Hill was a visitor here recently.

J. E. Ferrell of Raleigh was a Brevard visitor during this week.

L. A. Dunn of Toxaway was in town Saturday.

G. L. Mabry of Harrisburg, Pa., has returned to his home after a short stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carrier spent the week-end in Asheville.

L. G. Thompson of Asheville was a visitor here Saturday.

R. K. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y., is spending several weeks in this section.

T. L. Little of Baltimore was a recent visitor here.

Miss Annie J. Gash who spent last week in Louisville, Ky., attending the general convention of the U. D. C. has gone to Cincinnati, O. for a visit to relatives.

Clyde Ashworth has returned from overseas to his home here.

M. M. Chapman is here from Va. for a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Charlie Lee of Toxaway spent Friday here.

Miss Lela Brooks of Toxaway spent Friday in town.

Rev. Raymond Browning has returned to his home at Hendersonville from Nashville, N. C. where he has been engaged in conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. Mr. Browning has spent much time here and has many friends in this section who are always interested in his activities.

C. E. Orr spent the week-end in Asheville.

Ralph Duckworth has returned from France.

L. M. Brock of Oakland was in town Monday.

Miss Susie Preston of Asheville spent the week-end with friends here.

T. N. Felker of Knoxville, Tenn., spent a short time here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Fillion and Miss Delphine Hilmer of New York City were guests at the Aethelwold last week.

P. G. Harzog of Asheville spent a short time here on business this week.

W. M. Dodd was a visitor here from Greensboro, N. C. recently.

J. A. Anderson of Augusta, Ga. was here for the week-end.

W. L. Callahan of Bristol, Tenn., was here for a short time recently.

B. C. Crawford was a recent visitor here from Memphis.

Miss Margaret Hill is visiting her uncle, T. P. Bowen, at Norfolk, Va.

At the close of the Clean Up Campaign recently conducted by the Betterment Association prizes were awarded to Martha and Peter Breesse, John Doyle and Hayes Shipman, John Reece and Garland Sledge, Deling Booth.

H. L. Young of Shelby, N. C. spent Monday and Tuesday here.

C. C. Southern of Bulls Gap, La. is a guest at the Aethelwold.

W. J. Hodgins was an Atlanta visitor here this week.

J. L. Philips of Knoxville, Tenn., has returned to his home after a short stay here.

J. F. Stafford was an Asheville visitor here Tuesday.

Mrs. Trammell and son, Will Hodges, of Birmingham, Ala. have returned to their home after a visit to Col. and Mrs. C. C. Hodges. The latter is Mrs. Trammell's aunt.

A. R. Taylor of Asheville was in town Tuesday.

H. H. Gambill of Asheville was in town Tuesday.

R. F. Glazner of Rosman was in town Monday.

J. A. Lawrence, representing Kelley Buckley Shoe Co., of Brockton, Mass., was in town this week selling Cygolf Shoes.

E. W. Blythe will take a vacation of two weeks and will be relieved at Macfie-Brodie's by Dr. P. H. Dinmiedie, a registered pharmacist of Bear Mountain.

SOUTHERN AVIATOR DIGS FROM PRISON AND SWIMS RHINE

Calls "Y" Work in German Prison Camp "Life Saver," While Confined At Villingen.

New York, Feb. ...—Lieutenant George Puryear, of Memphis, Tenn., an aviator, was one of a trio of hardy American adventurers who were successful in a wild dash for liberty from the Villingen prison camp on October 6. Sixteen men made the attempt, but only Puryear, Lieutenant Harold Willis of Boston, and Naval Lieutenant Isaac of Portsmouth, Va., got away. Word has just been received at Y. M. C. A. headquarters here concerning their almost hopeless escape.

The men brought back remarkable accounts of Y. M. C. A. work even at Villingen.

"The 'Y' sent us books of all kinds and even sporting goods," said Lieut. Puryear. "We played basketball and volley ball incessantly—our space was too small for baseball and football. I tell you, those games were life savers to us, and they kept us in fair physical condition."

It is reported that Puryear and his comrades slipped out of the camp through a tunnel under the wire. All but the three named were headed off before they reached the river Rhine, but the intrepid trio swam the river—a terrible feat in itself—and made their way into Holland.

MONEY SENT HOME BEFORE BIG BATTLE

Doughboys "Cleaned Pockets" for Home Folks, When Return From Fight Was Uncertain. Y. M. C. A. Has Delivered Millions of Dollars For Amex.

Paris, Feb. ...—The steady unselfishness of the American soldier, shown by the way he "cleaned his pockets" of money before going into action, to be sent home if he didn't come back, is told by W. J. Baker of Portchester, N. Y., who served eleven months as a Y. M. C. A. worker with the 26th Division. His particular charge was the third battalion of the 103rd infantry. He joined that unit on the St. Mihiel front, went with them to Chateau Thierry, and later was in the famous St. Mihiel clean-up and the drive before Verdun.

"It was just before that action began," said Baker, "that I saw the finest example of the characteristic unselfishness of the boys. They 'cleaned their pockets' for the folks at home. They knew they were going up against the real thing, and they wanted all their money to go home in case they never came back. In all, I was entrusted with \$5,000,000 francs—upwards of \$1,500,000—before that attack. We handled such funds through the regular Y. M. C. A. service established for sending money from soldiers to relatives in America."

Baker lived with his battalion, and saw lively times, as the "Yankee Division," as it was called, was kept on the fighting front almost continuously.

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