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## MR. HUTCHES LOVES THE COUNTY, BUT HAS NO LOVE FOR THE ROADS.

Mr. C. C. Hutes, Florida's cley king and Transylvania county's best booster and press agent, who lives at Bradenton, Fla., and has his summer home near Rosman, is emphatic in his constructive criticism of our county roads. The main state highways running through the county are o. k., he says, but the county roads running from these main highways into the rural sections of the county are a disgrace, and an indictment of the citizens of the county, he says.

"Every spot in Transylvania county is a beauty spot," Mr. Hutes says, "and all the rural sections would be filled with tourists and people owning summer homes, if you would only make it possible for people to reach these sections. Why in the world this county permits its county roads to remain in the condition they are is something that I can't understand. It would seem that your citizens who live in the rural sections, off the main highways, would revolt against payment of their taxes until the county does something to the roads running through each town-

ship. "I do love this section, and talk it all the time down home, but I am just about ready to give up the ghost and seek new quarters. North Carolina is noted everywhere for its fine roads, and then to come here and start driving over your county roads that still have all the deep ruts that were made last winter is enough to disgust the old scratch. There's something wrong, somewhere, and unless you people right this wrong and give some attention to your county roads, all the big advertising that you have done will be wasted, and all the headway you have made will be lost."

## ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW A CRIME BREEDER AND INCUBATOR OF THIEVERY.

Of all the rotten conditions existing in modern political life, those resulting from operation of the Absentee Ballot law takes the cake when it comes to downright, stinking, rotteness. People have long been deplored the fact that respect for law and order is on the decline, while crime increases and criminals multiply. Is it any wonder that respect for law and order is on the decline when many lawmakers cheated their way into the legislative halls, while many men charged with enforcing the law won their offices through trickery, cheating and thieving?

Can you imagine a more hypocritical and impossible position than that of a man who rears back on his hind heels and talks about the necessity of obeying the law and enforcing the law, when he himself is the recipient of honors that were either bought or stolen.

Among all the crooked politics played in this political age, none is more deplorable or detestable than that played through misuse of the Absentee Voters law. Often we have been informed of dead people voting in elections through the Absentee Voters law avenue, while it is charged that a cow was voted in a recent election out in Swain county, an absentee vote going in the ballot box in that good old cow's name. Heretofore, however, charges of irregularities have been made by one party against another. Now, the plot thickens, and one faction is charged with using the absentee ballot in wrong'ful manner against another within the same party.

The Charlotte Observer, in an editorial last Saturday, tells of how a woman, the county welfare agent of Robeson county, voted 40 inmates of the county home in the June 7th democratic primary. Of this number many were crazy. But let The Charlotte Observer tell the tale. It is a widely read democratic paper and is talking about its own household. Read it:

## VOTING CRAZY FOLK

The Lamberton Robesonian points out another developed defect in the absentee ballot law that might come in for correction. It submits that "absentee voting of 40 inmates of the Robeson County home, in Raft Swamp township, in Saturdays pri-

mary by Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, gives the most marked example of the abuse of the absentee ballot yet demonstrated in this county." The rucus over the circumstances, however, appears to have been stirred up because of local interests. While the votes were cast for United States Senator, objection was aroused mainly on account of the vote on county officers, and charges are flying thick and fast that the welfare woman voted people who were "mentally incapable" of knowing anything about it. In short, crazy people were voted in Robeson County—and everybody knows that the absentee ballot was not intended to operate to privilege of that kind.

Robeson county recently furnished the state with a governor, and a good one at that. It doesn't seem possible that a public official, in connivance with other public officials and leading citizens, would be guilty of voting crazy people in a primary election. But that is the degrading influence that an unjust, unfair and foolish law has upon people.

The Absentee Ballot Law ought to be repealed, and it will be repealed one of these days. Common decency demands its repeal.

## BREVARD BAND UNIQUE IN MANY RESPECTS.

Next Saturday night the Brevard Municipal Band will give its first concert of the season. It is believed that hundreds of people will gather for the event that really marks the opening of the summer season. The band is in fine condition, it is said, as the boys have devoted much time during the past several weeks to practice.

The Brevard Municipal Band is unique in many ways. First, it is supported by the town and county government, that is, the town and county pays a modest sum to Prof. F. J. Cutter to stay here and direct the band. In the second place, the boys who play in the band do so without charge, and furnish their own instruments, at that. The Brevard band is one of the best to be found in any small town in the country.

As a result of the work of the band, several Brevard and Transylvania county boys are now occupying places in bands and orchestras where they make a good living. All their training was had under Prof. Cutter in the Brevard Municipal band.

People from all sections of the county, as well as the large numbers of tourists spending the summer here, enjoy the band concerts during the summer season. It is hoped that some day Prof. Cutter will be added to the faculties of the Brevard and Rosman High schools, and that his instruction in band music will become a part of the regular school work of the county.

Words and names suggested by the word "Cannon":  
Big Bertha,  
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Methodist,  
Virginia,  
conference,  
Dallas,  
investigation,  
bucket shop  
Catholics,  
war,  
Al Smith,  
Herb Hoover  
Furn Simmons  
Charles Robinson  
Asheville Times

## KUDZU SAID TO BE BEST FEED CROP.

Kudzu, a feed crop somewhat new to the South, is making many friends through Piedmont Carolina, and is especially recommended for hilly, rough, or rocky lands. Among those who are enthusiastic about this new crop is Mr. J. Paul Lucas, vice president of the Southern Public Utilities company, and one of the most scientific farmers in Mecklenburg county.

Kudzu, a bean plant quite closely related to the velvet bean, is a native of Japan. It is, of course, a legume, and is a perennial—one planting and the crop remains as long as you want it to.

Kudzu is the fastest growing, highest yielding forage crop known. It will produce two to five times the pasture or hay that velvet beans, sweet clover, alfalfa and all other forage crops now being grown in this country. Kudzu is palatable, both in the green state as pasture, or cured and used for hay. All forms of livestock devour it greedily.

Some of the advantages that are bringing kudzu so rapidly into popularity are these:

It is a perennial and has to be planted only once.

It produces two to five times as much pasture or hay on a given area as any other crop will produce.

It will grow just as well on rough,

rocky, or hilly land as it will on level fields.

It improves the soil and produces constantly increasing yields.

It is drought-resistant, sending its roots several feet into the earth and securing necessary moisture from great depths.

It will redeem washed hillsides and "turn out," abandoned fields, and make them more valuable than the now fertile fields adjoining.

It can be established on land at reasonable cost by seeding.

Mr. Lucas, in writing to Mr. Eugene Ashcraft, Monroe, about Kudzu, told of the success which he had with in the following manner:

I am sure that you will be interested in having a report of my experience with kudzu seed I purchased from you last spring. We have a considerable area which we desire to establish in kudzu and figured that our best course would be to plant the seed on good soil and produce a large number of plants which could then be replanted on the rough land which we propose to establish in kudzu pasture. You had warned me that probably not over 25 per cent of the seed would germinate. I was agreeably surprised. I believe that we got much better germination than that. The seed were very lightly covered and we had good seasons so that we now have more than an acre of fine plants. Some of these we shall transplant this winter and some we will keep over until next season.

Allow me to say that, in my humble opinion, you have rendered this entire section a wonderful service in demonstrating that kudzu can be established from seed and at reasonable cost. Personally I figure that you have rendered me a very worth while service and I want you to know that I appreciate it.

I believe you will be interested in a demonstration I have had this year in the value of kudzu for pasture. I became interested in kudzu several years ago, and paid \$40 for sufficient roots to plant about half an acre during the winter of '23, the plants being spaced ten feet apart in rows that were also ten feet apart.

Only about half of the plants lived and the next three or four summers were unusually dry so that

the plants that did survive did not have a normal opportunity to cover the area and fully establish itself on the land. However, I did notice that during the unprecedented drought of 1925 it was the greenest thing and made more growth than anything on my place.

At the beginning of this year I determined to see just what this kudzu was worth as pasture. I had the little field fenced, taking in some additional land which had been partially covered by the extending kudzu vines. After the kudzu had gotten a very luxuriant growth we put 25 sheep on it. They remained on the slightly more than half an acre for three weeks. We removed them for four weeks and put them back for two weeks. Within another four weeks there was sufficient growth to have maintained the flock for an additional two weeks. I wanted to show the kudzu to a number of friends, however, and did not put the sheep back. When it was finally killed by frost there was ample grazing for the flock for a period of three weeks.

We disposed of a few sheep during the summer so that the average number of sheep grazing was probably about 22. To sum up: We grazed 22 sheep on slightly more than half an acre of kudzu for an aggregate of eight weeks and left three weeks of grazing in the field—a total of 11 weeks of grazing for an average of 22 sheep.

I do not hesitate to say that as enthusiastic as I had been over this crop I was utterly astonished at the results I secured in this grazing demonstration. I have examined the land upon which the kudzu is growing and it has become the richest and if I should turn it this winter it would produce cotton at the rate of a bale and a half to the acre next year under normal conditions.

I am just getting started with kudzu. I am planning to plant 50 pounds of seed next spring and I shall appreciate it if you will reserve that quantity of seed for me.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN PAUL LUCAS.

"King Carol overworked; takes rest," says a headline in a daily paper. About the only place that that renegade and libertine has been overworked lately is on the front

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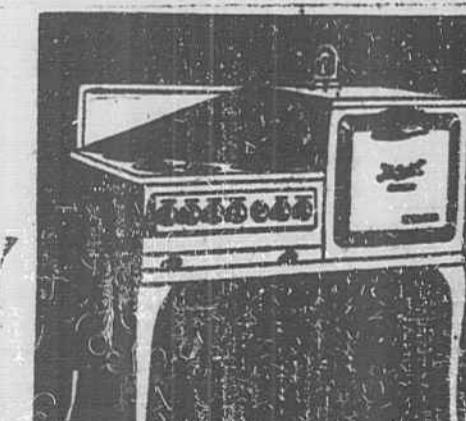
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