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ANOTHER HIGHWAY ROBBERY
ON SCHOOL BOOKS PLANNED.

Announcement was made in Monday's papers that the text book commission had met in Greensboro last week, after which it was stated that the commission would consider changing the geographies used in the elementary grades from the fourth to the seventh, inclusive. There are 313,458 school children in these grades who would have to be provided with new books, should the text book commission decide to change geographies. This book is, perhaps, the most costly book that is bought for children in the elementary grades.

Al Capone never directed a racket, in all of his experience, that was more brazen than the school book racket worked in North Carolina by the school book commission. The only difference between Capone's racket and that operated by the text book commission is found in the fact that Capone's racket was robbing other criminals, in the main, while the text book commission robs the poorest families in the State of North Carolina.

Will some one please tell why it is necessary to change geography books now? What is the matter with the books used last year? Is the 18th Amendment the cause of this proposed change now?

Why in the world do you not sit down right now and write to Governor Gardner, and tell him that you resent this suggested change. The Governor is a reasonable man. He will hear your appeal. It is far cheaper to spend a postage stamp in writing to Governor Gardner than it will be for you to buy a new geography, when you already have one that was used last year, or can buy one that was used at a low price. But if this change is made, then every geography book in all the homes of North Carolina that have been used by these four grades will have to be discarded and thrown away, while you must then dig down and buy new books.

The very fact that the text book commission met in Greensboro instead of meeting in Raleigh, where the gang has always met before, is indicative of the fact that they were trying to slip one over on the unsuspecting people of the State.

Simply tell the Governor that the text book commission selected the geography that your children used last year, and the year before, and that the commission then said this was a good book. Tell him that you have the book that was used by your children last year, and that you are not going to buy a new kind of geography this year, text book commission or no text book commission. In other words, call a strike upon this text book commission. You must buy new kinds of arithmetic, spelling books and drawing books. That order has already been passed by the powers that be. Now, if they add geography to your new books, you can see what you are up against when school starts next month.

The book publishers are doing all they can to get the commission to adopt this new geography. The sooner you inform the authorities that you are not going to buy new geographies, the quicker this foolishness will end. Most of us do not know where the money is to come from with which to buy new arithmetics, spelling books and drawing books, to say nothing of this new geography that they are trying to cram down the throats of the people.

Of course, if the citizens haven't sufficient interest in the matter to go to the trouble of writing the State authorities about it, then it is o. k. by us. You good citizens are the ones to foot the bill. But we do say this to you: You are not chips off the old block if you stand idly by and permit that text book gang to shoulder you with the additional burden of buying new geographies to replace the one that was so highly satisfactory only last year. Your forefathers would not have stood for such racketeering by such a gang as this text book commission.

Who are you going to do about it? A. J. Maxwell, defeated for the

nomination for Governor in the June primary, warned the people of the State about this very text book racket.

Write to Governor Gardner NOW, and tell him what you think about having to buy new geographies.

WHAT IS BEHIND ALL THIS
PROHIBITION AGITATION?

What is it that certain interests in America are trying to keep concealed behind the smoke-screen of prohibition repeal agitation?

There is something going on that the promoters handling it are anxious to keep from the American people, hence this unusual agitation about repeal of the prohibition law.

The daily newspapers know what it is, hence their general support of this repeal movement, with the consequent wide publicity of everything said in favor of repeal.

There's a nigger in the woodpile somewhere, and we common folks will not detect it until we go out to pick up a load of stovewood someday and the darn little thing will perk up its kinky little head, and grin at us—when it is too late to do anything about it.

Never before, in this or in any other country, have the daily newspapers been so thoroughly in accord on any question as they are now on repeal of the 18th Amendment. What is the real driving force behind this movement? What is the scheme being hatched? The common people are not to know; they are to be kept all het up over repeal of the 18th Amendment, you know, and be given nothing else to read about in the daily press.

For the past two years the daily papers have published and played up every little whippersnapper's statement, if it favored repeal of the 18th Amendment, and have buried in the market page practically every item or statement coming from advocates of the prohibition laws.

What connection is there to be found in the fact that all of the big tax-payers have been coming out for repeal since adoption of the new Federal tax bill, and the long, well directed drive for repeal? It didn't just happen that Rockefeller and others of his kind announced their "switch" to repeal at about the same time. These "switches" were too well timed for it to have been a result of the natural changing of minds and positions.

What is going on in this country of ours?

Something is being held back, covered up, camouflaged, by all this repeal stuff, and that something would not be accepted by the masses, if they knew about it. Whatever it is must be "slipped over," and what better way to do this than that of blinding the people with passions and prejudices for and against the prohibition question?

It will all come out—when it is too late to do anything about it.

THREE ACCOUNTS SQUARED
WITH ONE LOAD OF CORN.

A proof of what can be done without money, in the way of paying up debts and squaring accounts, an incident that happened here last week is receiving much attention. A certain man owed a pressing club bill, the pressing club owed some rent to a landlord, the landlord owed a feed bill at the B. and B.

The pressing club man called upon the man who owed him, and was informed that money was somewhat scarce, but that he pay the bill if the pressing club man would take corn for it. This man went to his landlord and asked if he would take some corn on the rent. "Let you know in a minute," was the reply, and he called the B. and B. and asked if they would take some corn on account there. "Sure," came back the ready reply. "We are wanting corn all the time."

Well, that load of corn was brought in, delivered to the B. and B. and three accounts were squared with it.

All of which brings to mind the fact that many local accounts could be so settled, with just a little bit of figuring. It matters not how much one man owes, practically everyone else owes something to somebody else about him. That was demonstrated when the Five-Dollar checks paid \$3750 in debts with \$150 actually invested in them.

Why wouldn't it be a good idea to issue another batch of those five dollar checks, and let the community square up some of the little accounts of purely local nature? It is nothing but swapping accounts, after all, and getting them off the books.

Thoughts smut and rust has been found in the small grain fields of piedmont Carolina, the harvest is now in full swing with good acre yields reported.

AS TO THE HOMICIDE
RATE IN THE SOUTH

The Literary Digest and other national periodicals and newspapers are making much of the census showing that the homicide rate in the Southern states is much larger than that in the upper end of the country. Even Chicago, with all of its gang killings, falls far short of fame of the Southern states in murders committed, per thousand population. Southerners who like to think of our church-going, peaceable, home-loving Southern people read the record with astonishment. Much of the high percentage is caused by the homicide rate among the colored people, as the records show that an unusually large number of Negroes are killed by members of their own race.

Most of the murders committed by the white Southerners are shown to be the result of the hot-headedness of some one man in each instance. Some fellow gets a grudge against someone else, and nurses that grudge, heaping insult upon insult against the hated one, until the day and hour comes for a show-down. Then one or the other is hauled away to the graveyard, and the survivor to prison or the electric chair.

Many editorial writers in discussing the question of homicide have urged upon all people the importance of thinking the thing out before rushing into an event that may prove of most tragic results. It is pointed out by some writers that if the average man would have five minutes to serious thought of his wife and children, the serious consequences to follow, the heaps of heartache and suffering that his loved ones would have to endure, in event he kills or gets killed, his hot-headedness would cool off, and the homicide rate would be materially reduced.

Practically all murders could be averted, with use of just a little practical common sense. This can be proven by a study of the murder cases tried in most any court in North Carolina. The South ought to be more deeply interested in the matter of reducing the homicide rate than it is in boasting about manufacturing records and highway construction achievements. Killings are costly, and heathenish, impede community progress and add as nothing else can do to the sum total of human suffering and anguish.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
TO CONTINUE IN FULL
SWING

It is a mistake to believe, says the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, that the American people have let down in their celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's birth, on the supposition that there has been celebration enough. The Federal Commission is in daily touch with hundreds of thousands of local committees all over the United States, every one of them more active than ever in carrying out the celebration over the period planned from the beginning—that is, from Washington's Birthday until Thanksgiving.

The other day the United States Commission received a letter from a member of one of these committees which voiced exactly the spirit which has kept these committees unremittingly active. Said the writer of this letter: "We need this Bicentennial Celebration. It is a spiritual tonic of hope, of courage, of faith."

From another quarter the Federal Commission received a communication, also from a member of one of these local committees, which said that for years the community in which he lived had been torn by two factions. The town having committed itself to a proper celebration of the Washington Bicentennial, a committee was formed from both factions. And getting together in the work of planning this tribute to George Washington had so filled the community with Washington's spirit that not only was the breach between opposing committee members healed, but the entire community was welded into a lastingly united whole. The residents of that city had learned the truth so movingly stated in the letter regarding this celebration as a spiritual tonic to the nation.

From countless other sources, the United States Commission receives daily testimony of this return of Washington's influence. Everywhere Americans are turning from personal problems and local differences to join in community and national effort, as if in an instinct to make Washington again their leader in a new nationalism. The prevailing economic perplexity, far from proving a distraction, is instead the chief incentive moving the people into this new thought of country. They find present times a close copy of the doubt and perplexity and experiment that confronted Washington, and look to his ideals and wisdom to lead them again on the road to security.

Not one individual, or one community, is finding this celebration "a spiritual tonic of hope, of courage, of faith." The discovery is general. It is why the celebration of Washington's bicentennial has not lagged but is only now gathering its real momentum. Every school commencement this year has been or will be a George Washington celebration. As for the 693,371 local committees scattered over the country, they are not static

W. O. W. NEWS

HONOR ROLL LAST WEEK

No. 391, Canton, 4 applications;
No. 891, Murphy, 2 applications; No.
560, Sylva, 2 applications; No. 116,
Brevard, 1 application.

MONUMENT UNVEILED
SUNDAY

A large crowd of sovereigns and friends attended the Clayton Unveiling at Addie last Sunday. State Manager E. B. Lewis and Hugh Monteth addressed the gathering. Sylva Camp No. 560 assisted Balsam Camp No. 631. Flowers were placed on graves of all deceased members of Camp No. 631. Sovereign J. K. Kenney was master of ceremonies.

OUR DISTRICT STILL LEADS

We were glad to have our state manager, E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, with us Sunday and trust he will be able to spend the month of July with us Western North Carolina Choppers. Mr. Lewis said our District led in production again in May for which he thanks all of us that had a part in the splendid increase in membership.

FIRE AT HENDERSONVILLE

The W. O. W. Lodge room at Hendersonville was so badly damaged by recent fire that it has been condemned until repairs are made. We trust the repairs will be made at once so White Pine Camp can resume their regular weekly meetings. The social meeting last week was called off until a later date.

STATE MANAGER E. B.
LEWIS SAYS

"Spring time is over. Summer is here. The crop is growing—our crop. Will we get the Harvest we ought to have? Your efforts will show whether we do or not. The people's necessities are our opportunities. WORK—and preach PROTECTION. Our Association provides the easiest way possible to give Security these trying days. Keep your Camps alive and active. Tell them what other Camps are doing to arouse interest. Don't let them sag and sleep and slip."

Dr. W. C. Terry of Hamlet, Richmond County, has an excellent stand of the Cotralaria legume which he is using for improving sandy land.

bodies, formed to be mentioned in the papers; they are earnestly at work, as evidenced in newspaper reports of what they are doing. Their activities are represented in 500,000 press clippings covering the progress of the celebration, the greatest number of references ever recorded in the American press on a single subject.

THE PRAYER CORNER

(From the files of long ago)

WHEN SORROW COMES

A poem by Edgar Guest of the above title has helped me. I am sure it will help others, and so I make it the subject for "The Prayer Corner." May God bless it to my readers as it has been blest to me.

When sorrow comes, as come it must, In God a man must put his trust. There is no power in mortal speech. The anguish of his soul to reach; No voice, however sweet or low, Can comfort him, or ease the blow. He cannot from his fellow men, Take strength that will sustain him then

With all that kindly hands will do, And all that love may offer, too, He must believe throughout the test That God has willed it for the best. We who would be his friends are dumb;

Words from our lips but faintly come; We feel, and we extend our hands, That one Power only understands. That truly knows the reason why So beautiful a soul must die.

We realize how helpless then Are all the gifts of mortal men, No words which we have power to say, Can take the sting of grief away— That Power which marks the spar-

row's fall Must comfort and sustain us all. When sorrow comes, as come it must, In God a man must put his trust. With all the wealth which he may own

He cannot meet the test alone; And only he may stand serene Who has a faith on which to lean. "Oh! There is nothing in the world so sad as to see men and women suffering without God, nothing so noble as have been the sights which the world has seen of men and women suffering where Christ suffered—in obedience to the will and in the comfort of the Love of God's."

If God calls upon you to suffer, go where your Savior went for His sufferings, into the Holy City where God is more manifest and so, and there, your suffering shall be to you what His suffering was to Him—the Crowning Completion, the Success of His Life.

A PRAYER FOR
WHEN SORROW COMES

Our Father God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank Thee that when sorrow comes, as come it will to us all soon or late, we can put our trust in Thee, and in Thee alone, for there is no power in mortal speech that can reach the anguish of our soul. No voice however low or weak that can

comfort us or ease the blow. We cannot take strength from our fellows that will sustain us then, with all that kindly hands can do, and all that love may offer. We must believe throughout the trial that Thou our Father, hath willed it for the best. We are dumb in the presence of the sorrow of our beloved friends. Words but feebly come from our lips. We feel, and we extend our hands, but one Power only understands, that truly knows the reason why the beloved and the dearest friends must die.

We realize then how helpless all the gifts of mortal men are. No words, which we have power to say, can take away the sting of grief. The power which marks the fall of the sparrow alone can comfort and sustain us all. In Thee, and in Thee alone, O God, we must put our trust when sorrow comes as come it will. Had we all the world's wealth we could not meet the test alone, and only they can stand serene, who have faith on which to lean, the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Grant us grace to see that there is nothing in this world so sad as the men and women suffering without God, and nothing so noble as the men and women suffering where Christ suffered in obedience to the will and in the comfort of the love of God.

O God, our Father, if Thou dost call us to suffer, give us strength to go where our beloved Savior went for His suffering—into the Holy City, where Thou, O God, art most manifest.

And so, and there, our suffering was to Him—the crown, the completion, the success of our life. And unto Thee, Father, Son and Spirit, shall be all the praise and glory, now and ever, Amen.

C. D. C.

Ends Life With Pistol

The lifeless body of Samuel J. Sykes, 46, was found Saturday morning in his filling station east of Greensboro, a revolver bullet wound in the head. Domestic trouble led to the act.

Roosevelt Wins N. C.

With scarce a dissenting voice, the state Democratic convention, June 16, instructed its national delegates to cast 2 votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt at Chicago. The convention overwhelmingly adopted a platform which included a compromise, harmony plank on prohibition refusing to commit the party to resubmission or repeal of the 18th amendment.

A group of Edgewood farmers sold 218 hogs weighing 40,300 pounds for \$1193 last week.



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