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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1933

115 DRUNKEN DRIVERS

During the month of November the State Highway Patrol alone arrested 115 drivers on the North Carolina highway system for operating motor vehicles while drunk.

Large as this total is, it is only indicative of the great amount of drunken driving on the highways of the State. The State Highway Patrol is admittedly too small to adequately police all the roads of the State. The great majority of drunken drivers never come in contact with the patrol. Those arrested by it represent only a fraction of the drivers who operate their cars while intoxicated, to the danger of themselves and the public at large.

There is no difference of opinion between wets and drys as to the danger of drunken automobile drivers. All sensible citizens agree that the mixture of liquor and gasoline is one that cannot be tolerated on the roads. Yet obviously gasoline and liquor are mixing on our roads.

With 155 persons brought into the courts on this charge last month, the courts had an opportunity to demonstrate, as it must be demonstrated in North Carolina, if the courts month in and month out, would give to drunken drivers brought before them the severest punishment permitted by the law, there could be created in North Carolina an understanding that drunken driving was an unhealthy business, even when it did not result in accident or death.

One hundred and fifteen examples in North Carolina of the determination of the courts to clean the State's highways of horse-power propelled by arunks would be a healthy lesson at this time when the death and accident toll on the roads of the State is mounting at a rate which should alarm every thoughtful citizen.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Patrolman A. B. Smart informs us that beginning at midnight Sunday night he will start "embarrassing" drivers with old tags. This year no extension of time has been given motorists to get their new tags. One reason for this, according to Raleigh news articles, is that the state can save a considerable amount on interest if the tags are bought before January first. The revenue derived from this source can be used to meet obligations instead of having to borrow funds for a short time and pay interest on it.

BETTER BE CAREFUL

It's always a pretty good idea to keep in mind that the man who shows a fountain pen in your hand and says "Sign here, please," may be robbing you more effectively than if he stuck a gun under your nose and said "Stick 'em up." Indeed, the money lost to the grizzled bandit is only as good as the money lost to the grizzled bandit. True, the pen is lighter than the sword, but it is also more dangerous if misused. Loss through fraudulent contracts is small compared to the amount of business transacted safely by contracts and is that fact which serves to make people careless. No person should sign a contract without reading it, even the fine print. Don't trust the verbal promises of a stranger. Make him write it in the contract. If it is anything you don't understand, ask someone who does—and don't sign until you know the full meaning of the document you are signing. Keep always in mind the fact that you are bound by your signature.—Ex.

In case you didn't know—the public debt of the United States on November 1, 1933 was only \$23,544,059,376.

Harvar's football team used 134 footballs the past season. They were valued at \$1,000—something for the team to kick and something for the paymaster to kick about.

WILL EHRLINGHAUS RUN FOR UNITED STATES SENATE?

Several close observers of political developments in the state have predicted that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus will oppose Senator Josiah W. Bailey for that office in 1936.

No statement has come from the executive office at Raleigh, however, and there might not be any foundation for the rumor. Whether there is anything to the rumor or not, it seems that with over two years to fill the office of governor, and with the situation in the state as it is at present, that it should be enough to keep one man's mind occupied, without being bothered with discussing plans for another political office two years hence.

It might be that by the time Governor Ehringhaus has filled the office of governor of this state four years that he will be glad of the opportunity to go back to his quiet home in Elizabeth City and resume his practice of law.

We had hoped that the Governor would be content with his present office and not seek any other, and in that way he could devote his entire time to the state up to and including the last minute he is in office and not have to divide his time with the state and with personal aspirations for another office.

NOT TODAY, THANKS.

The movement to do away with capital punishment in North Carolina finds us without preconceived ideas on the subject—finds us, indeed, with a woeful lack of conviction either way. Every time arguments as to its barbarity and gruesomeness are put forward, we become converts to the cause of abolishing executions; but just as easily do we revert to a more savage state upon the news of some particularly revolting crime.

Today, it happens, we are all for capital punishment and especially for the immediate execution of one Teaner Autrey, Alabama Negro convicted of having held a struggling four-year-old child in a tub of scalding water until it died. Tomorrow we may be open again to argument, but today we are of the opinion that capital punishment is too good for some alleged humans.—Charlotte News.

WHAT WILL BE THE OUTCOME?

It appears that several times as many people have applied for jobs in this county on the CWA projects as can get work. It is really surprising to see how many people desire to do this kind of work. Some of the applicants no doubt have no employment but it is evidently quite true that some are willing to give up the work which they know how to do and for which they are fitted, in order to get on the government payroll. No doubt this sort of thing is going on all over the United States. Of course many thousands will not get jobs but others will and the question is how will the government ever get rid of this army of job holders?—Beaufort News.

PUTTING PEOPLE TO DEATH

We read with keen interest last week that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has discontinued the practice of paying the man who pulls the switch to the electric chair at the state penitentiary the usual fee of \$25. In the future the superintendent or someone named by him will pull the switch. At present Guard J. L. Perkins will do the work and only receive a five per cent increase in salary.

Governor Ehringhaus takes the position that "the wretch" in the chair does not care who pulls the switch.

It seems most peculiar that people would seek such a job as putting someone to death, but all indications are that there are plenty of people ready and anxious to be given the job if the present plans are ever changed. Some would even be glad to do it, no doubt, without any compensation whatever.

Do your Christmas swapping early.

Autograph collectors say that Col. Lindbergh's signature is worth more than President Roosevelt's, as those of the Colonel are so rare.

In Canton, China, it is against the law for a woman to wear a short skirt or a slit skirt, because they distract the attention of automobile drivers and cause accidents. And to think that we were under the impression that China was uncivilized.

Frank Courtney says there was a farmer living in the Waxhaw section and he planted Irish potatoes and it was so dry they refused to come up. Then Frank says he thought of the idea of planting a row of onions between. He did so, and the potatoes got the onions in their eyes and it made them water so that a good crop of potatoes was produced.—The Monroe Journal.

Random SIDE GLANCES
 By W. CURTIS RUSS

Written Friday night after the banquet for Freddie Crawford.

Until today, I was one of those two-fingered typists—the fore finger on each hand—but now I am just left-handed—just took hands with Freddie Crawford and what a shake—I mean crash—he squeezed and I grunted. He is not only an All-American football star, but champion hand-rusher. (Mr. Lindtype of main please set "hand-crusher" in black letters.)

About the happiest group I have ever seen in a long time was at the Christmas tree at the England-Walter Tannery last Friday night. There is one company that is certainly doing "this part" in more ways than one.

Chief of police Jim Stringfield carried a man in such a way that the prisoner almost likes it. Thursday he carried a man to Sheriff Low's building for shooting fireworks on Main street with such ease that the celebrator looked as if he enjoyed it.

Christmas is over but there are few things that create as much of a Christmas feeling as reading letters to Santa Claus. How well a member when we spent hours, pouring a letter to the old man.

The nearest thing to a robbery was made last week when a youth offered another \$1.00 for an old dollar bill up at John Boyd's Pool Room. The owner of the bill did not want to part with it for any sum but the "profit" involved was too great a temptation.

Tom Jimison, editor of the Charlotte News, tells the following yarn for the truth:

One time when Tom was not quite so old a bachelor as he is now, he did some work for the power company in our city's beloved mountains. He engaged in a carrying all-around job on the creek. The day came that he called on a customer in a room in which he had a bed and a trunk. Way back in the room, in his old man's bedroom, he saw a figure sitting on the bed. Finally the old man came out of bed and said, "So, he's a stranger. From then on, he picked up. In a horror Tom saw the father's face from his pocket a long knife. Tom was too scared to move. His exit was cut off by the man and the distance to the door and then the old man. It was no use. Hypnotized he sat and watched the mountain parent cut bloodlessly when that knife on the sole of his foot.

At each stroke of steel against leather Tom would clutch his throat. He would almost feel the cold steel and trickle of warm blood from his jugular. He offered a silent prayer for his immortal soul when he saw the knife become sharp enough to cut hair from the giant's arm. Just as he was about to make a dash for the door, he heard this sharp command:

"Minerva, stick your feet from under that cover. I'm going to cut them to-morrow."

Christmas passed by in the good old fashion way in Clyde. Every one apparently was in good spirits, especially the children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Green and family spent Christmas day in Asheville as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Robinson and family.

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Christmas holidays in Canton with Miss Ruth Mofford and children spent Christmas day with Mr. C. P. Clark and family.

Everything in and around Clyde seems to be on the upward trend. Several men working on the new bridge that is being built across the river to connect the school grounds with the working room in the West. The up-to-date working room for the West has three sewing machines and is busy seven hours a day making clothes for the people of our county.

Mr. C. B. Jones delightfully entertained several of her friends in Clyde last Friday with an old time quilting party. Several beautiful quilts were made. A most delicious luncheon was served at the noon hour by the hostess assisted by her niece, Mrs. Donald Jones. Among those present were Mrs. R. L. Penland, Mrs. Mark Leach, Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Mrs. J. R. Pate, Mrs. Charlie Mosney, Mr. Grady Rogers, Mrs. Neal Carr, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Sentelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers and son Mark of Canton spent Sunday in Clyde visiting relatives.

Miss French Haynes, teacher at Haver College, Birmingham, Ala., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haynes in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. H. and children from Clyde Jan were visitors in Waynesville Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Anderson and children, Sybil and "Buddie" spent Saturday in Asheville visiting relatives.

The following young people of Clyde are expected home this week from different colleges to spend the Christmas holidays: Miss Anna McCracken from Mrs. Hill College; Ralph Freeman from Weaver College; Miss Raymond Moore from Virginia College; Mrs. Frank Leatherwood and Ottis Freeman from Western Carolina College; George Holloway, Mr. Louis McCracken from Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parry of Waynesville were visitors at the Clyde Inn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Spear of Canton visited with friends in Clyde Monday.

Mr. McKinley Green and Mrs. Jack West were Waynesville shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Rebecca Knight of Tarboro, N. C. is spending the holidays in Clyde with Miss Annie McCracken, Mr. Knight and Miss McCracken are schoolmates at Mrs. Hill.

The Ladies Bible class of the Clyde Methodist church held their December meeting on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Mack Fish. Mrs. George Rogers was joint hostess. Twenty-four members were present. A very interesting program was rendered as follows: Devotion by Mrs. Freeman; reading by Mrs. George Rogers; poem, Miss

Robinson.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. George Rogers; vice president, Mr. Gerld Fisher; teacher, Miss Willie Robinson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Grady Rogers; social committee, Mrs. Thad Cathey, Mrs. John Stamey, Mrs. Kate Haynes; orphanage, Mrs. Helen Mofford; Mrs. Minnie Spencer; Mrs. Mack Leatherwood; flowers, Mrs. J. M. Anderson; Miss Willie Robinson; Miss J. Mae Enslay.

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24 Years Ago
 in
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From the 24th of December 1889.

A very delightful house party, being held this week at the new home of Mr. James Atkin, on Boardman street. Mrs. J. H. Way is the hostess. The guests are Misses J. Pierce of Faison, Ethel Taylor, Williams, Margaret Ashford, J.phine Gilmer, Bessie Sloan, Ruth Way and Messrs. James Atkin, Branner Gilmer, Richard Holman, Hilliard Atkins, Dr. J. R. Motracke, and Clarence Miller.

Mr. Edwin Fincher of Knoxville, Tenn., representing Deaver Knott Company of that city spent the holidays with his people at Clyde.

Miss Sylla Davis came over from Asheville Christmas day to spend a few hours with her people. She was accompanied by her cousin Mr. Douglas Davis.

Mr. W. T. Shelton superintendent of the Indian Training School at Shiprock, New Mexico, spent Christmas here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Shelton.

Dr. E. W. Gudger, professor of biology at the Normal and Industrial College, Greenboro, spent the holidays here visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Quinlan.

Sunday morning, December 24, at ten o'clock Mr. William Queen and Mrs. Maggie Ferguson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferguson in Fines Creek. Just after the ceremony had been performed and the newly wedded pair had received showers of rice and congratulations from their friends present, they set out for their future home in Iron Duff township.

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