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## THE PROPOSED COMMISSIONER'S BILL

Representative John Cabe proposes to introduce a bill in the legislature which would reduce the board of commissioners from seven to three members. This is become effective after the expiration of the term of the present commissioners—namely, December 1, 1938.

Haywood County has had three member board, five member board and for the past two years has had seven members, and of course a seven member board will be in until December, 1938 providing the pending bill is passed. And present indications are that the bill will be passed.

In connection with making the board of three members Mr. Cabe proposes to make the chairman a full-time man.

For several years this newspaper has learned through observation at commissioner's meetings, that a full-time man is needed to handle the vast amount of routine matter that the board must pass upon. Not that we mean one man should run the county. No. Not by any means, but there are hundreds of small matters that need a certain amount of investigating that one man could do without having to take the time of an entire board.

The board should pass on all matters, but the chairman could have the facts right at his finger's tips and dispose of these matters more quickly, and many times in a more exacting manner.

The time has come when the number of matters requiring the attention of the commissioners has grown to an inestimable number.

This county has been fortunate during the past four years in having a chairman who devoted a large part of his time to the affairs of the county, althought his salary did not warrant him spending the time that he did on the job. We speak of W. A. Hyatt who spent four years as chairman.

Succeeding Mr. Hyatt was J. A. Lowe, who is well qualified to serve in that capacity, and Mr. Lowe is already spending many hours each day looking after county matters that he knows needs attention sooner than the board will meet. And again, may we repeat, that neither Mr. Lowe or Mr. Hyatt ran the county but devoted a lot of their time in getting together facts to present to the board on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Representative Cabe has the right idea, we believe, in putting the chairman on a full time basis. After all, Haywood County is a twenty-two and a half million corporation, and a full time man is not too much to have. In fact, such services are needed.

In the proposed bill, unless recently revised, Representative Cabe has set out a salary of $1,000 for the chairman, and five dollars a day for the other two members. At present the chairman gets $600 a year, and the other members $500 a year. Haywood County is now paying $3,600 a year for the salaries of the commissioners. Under Mr. Cabe's plan, this would be cut to less than half the present amount.

To us, the proposed salary for the chairman seems to be just a little out of line, when compared with the salaries of other officials in the court house. Even if the full-time chairman was paid the same salary of the tax collector—$1,800 a year, the county would still save approximately $1,000 a year commissioner's salaries over what is now being paid.

But let that be as it may, we trust that nothing will prevent Mr. Cabe from getting his proposed commissioner's bill through the legislature.

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It has been two weeks since a marriage license was issued in Haywood County. Evidently these showers have kept Dan Cupid at home.

## GOVERNOR HOEY AND THE LIQUOR QUESTION—

When Governor Hoey declared in his inaugural address, "You will never build a great state or a great county upon profits derived from the sale of liquor," he expressed the belief of many North Carolinians.

What to do about liquor has long been a controversial question. Saloons were a menace and were abandoned in the state before national prohibition. The dispensary system tried in many localities was not satisfactory and state-wide prohibition followed. And now prohibition does not prohibit. North Carolinians are again faced with a new solution of liquor control.

The commission appointed by Ex-Governor Ehringhaus to study the problem is divided upon the matter of referendum, the majority being against a referendum; but Governor Hoey, in his campaign speeches and since, has taken a stand for the right of the people to express their will, and there is likely to be a stiff fight when the matter comes up in the legislature.

The governor's stand on the matter of a referendum and also his declaration concerning profits from the sale of liquor encourage those who recognize the liquor evil as a social menace that needs to be held in check for the greater good of the public safety.—Smithfield Herald.

## FILLING A COUNTRY WOODBOX

On an old farmhouse a big woodbox was built at the side of the huge fireplace chimney in which to keep wood either for a fireplace or the wood-burning kitchen stove. Ten bushels of wood are required to fill it.

During the past summer two different men have had the job of keeping the kitchen supplied with wood. The first man brought in wood only when he was asked to do so by his wife, the cook. Usually she had to call him from some other task. He would bring in one armful, toss it down, and say, "There, I guess that will hold you until I get around to bringing in more."

The kitchen workers would then have to reach far down into the box to get what they needed.

A more sensible system was used by the second man. First of all he had the woodbox thoroughly cleaned. The bark that had accumulated at the bottom was taken out and burned. Then he brought in basketload after basketload until the box was filled. Since then he has merely kept it filled, bringing in no more than one or two loads at a time.

Should the second man be busy at work, or absent for several days, the kitchen workers do not have to worry about their supply of stove wood. They always have more than they need. There's a reserve supply on hand.

The two men represent the people of the world. There are those who are improvident, who live from hand-to-mouth, who never think ahead, who cannot even think in terms of building up reserves, who make no savings, whose work is always crowding them, who are hard workers because they are bad planners.

Then there are the people with forethought. They think ahead. They plan to make their work easier. They work hard to build up reserves so that they are prepared for emergencies. They are like the wise farmers who work hard during the growing season to provide food with which to stock the cellars.

We are always a bit suspicious of people who talk about being overworked. Overwork is usually the result of inefficiency and inefficiency is the result of sloppy thinking. The first man who never kept the woodbox filled, was always rushing hither and yon. He was the busiest person. Anyone seeing him moving about would be tempted to exclaim, "There's a real worker. Watch him hustle around." The fact is he was no good at all and had to be discharged for his utter incompetence.

Great activity does not necessarily result in great accomplishment.

Now that we are entering the twelve brand new months of 1937, let us all clean out the woodbox of our business and fill it to the top with what we need. The time to do the hard work is right now. Let us get our equipment in shape, our supplies where they can be handled efficiently, and then go to more important tasks with minds that are free to be concentrated on what is most profitable.

Let us start the year, no matter what our jobs, with a full woodbox.—Linotype News Bulletin.

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After standing for 1,132 beatings from her husband in 22 years, Mrs. Delia Toomey, of New York City, recently filed suit for divorce and was granted it, with $20 a week alimony. From such practice she should be able to make more than that in the prize fight ring.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY

# Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

It would surely be fair to mention any of my readers if they six or eight children all were whipped Christmas eve—whether would it be fair to their parents, or anyway, she is just three of the eight that all quarters bring into memories due to many readers.

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One man boasted he was true to the traditions and his mother what had happened when he got home from school that day. Little did he expect that she would display the same punishment on the teacher, but she did. It seems that he took it like a little man until he thought it over and then he was all puzzled to find that he had been punished at home for being punished at school.

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But such is the life of a little first grader.

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Can you imagine the feelings of a woman who had taken extra care to look her best at a formal gathering in which she was to take part on the program, when all of a sudden she looked down at the frills in her new frock (or dress) and discovered the price tag showing in full view. It so happened that she was in such a conspicuous position that she could not very well take off the tag, and there she sat, literally living hours as the clock ticked off minutes.

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Perhaps this has been mentioned before, but the man had paid his bill, and was given quite a bit of small change in return. He carefully counted the change twice, and had an expression on his face that something was wrong. The man who handed him the change inquired if the correct amount was there, and the man coolly replied: "Yep, but it just was."

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Things I never knew about moving picture films, until Jim Massie told me—there are sixteen frames, or pictures to a foot of film—the average full length picture is about 11,000 feet long—each foot of this film has to be inspected for scratches and defects before it can be shown—if a theater damages the film in any way, they are charged nine cents a foot for same—and, if the 11,000-foot feature should burn, why it would mean just a mere $990.00 bill to pay—and bank night at one time was used by over 11,000 theaters in the United States—the man who originated the idea gets the same amount from each theater as the theater gives away weekly—what an idea—

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Another thing I never knew until now, is that because people ride more and walk less the umbrella manufacturers estimate their business has been hurt by $20,000,000 annually.

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One thing that has puzzled me for a long time—some people loaf and seem to thrive, while others work hard all the time and seem to just exist.

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Mose was told by his white friends that it was not right to leave his wife working hard over the wash tub while he just wasted his time away fishing. To the rebuke, Mose replied: "Mah wife don't need no watchin'. She wuk jest as hard as if'n I was dere."

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And in case you are interested, it is said that Harlem is the largest negro city in the world, claiming a population of over $250,000 negroes.

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C. E. Ray's Sons have in stock, an inlaid tie rack which was purchased from a jobber in New York. The jobber in New York purchased the rack from Erkraft Industries, Waynesville. The racks were shipped to New York, and then back to Waynesville—yes, back to within a block of where they were made.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting At Oak Grove

Program for the Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with the Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 31:

10:00 to 10:40—Song service.

10:40 to 11:00—Devotional, Rev. F. F. Owen.

11:00 to 11:20—"Should we wash up our Character?" Rev. Tom Ewin.

11:20 to 11:40—Sermon, Rev. R. Lee Gentry.

12 noon—Dinner.

1:00 to 1:10—Song service.

1:10 to 1:20—Devotional, Rev. H. Ward Hall.

1:20 to 1:40—"What is wrong with our Churches today?" Rev. F. H. Leatherwood.

1:40 to 2:00—"Should Baptist do more indoctrinating?" R. P. McCracken.

2:00 to 2:20—"The scriptural plan of financing a Church," Ray Chambers.

## Seventh Catholic Lecture Will Be Given Tonight

The seventh in a series of lectures on the Ten Commandments will be given on Thursday evening at St. John's Catholic church at 7:30 with the Rev. Father Henri Blanc, Chaplain at Oteen preaching the sermon. His subject will be "Immorality." Miss Mary Ruby Davis will be guest soloist. Mrs. Evander Preston will be at the organ. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Read the ads–It pays**

# 19 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of Jan. 31, 1918.)

Mrs. Clinton Burt, of Asheville, came over yesterday to visit her parents.

Second Lieutenant Hilary Crawford, of Camp Jackson, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant.

Will Frazier was a Saturday arrival from Camp Sevier.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Council of the committee on National Defense this afternoon.

Mr. Grady Rogers, who is a member of Mrs. Silver's stenography class, spent the week-end at his home near Clyde.

The Sunday school at this place is about to go under, but I think when it is warm weather it will start again.—Dellwood correspondent.

The 40th Company, N. C. reserves, met in the armory hall last week and called to order by Captain L. M. Killian for business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed, of Waynesville, attended the wedding recently of Miss Helen Reed in Spartanburg. Miss Mary Gwynn played the wedding march.

Mr. J. F. Brawley, who is with the American Tobacco Co., with headquarters here, started out over his territory Monday morning with orders from his company to put in the whole week in patriotic service for Uncle Sam selling thrift stamps exclusively.

J. T. Bridges, our linotype operator left on Saturday for Washington, D. C., to accept a position secured in the government printing office by W. L. Hardin, private secretary to Congressman Weaver. We hope Tom will make good.

Buy a thrift stamp if you cannot buy a Liberty bond or a war certificate. A few cents which you throw away on crash will help your government and soon amount to a considerable sum.

You can't expect aid and comfort from a German because we are at war with his country, but we should expect and do expect every American who claims allegiance to the stars and stripes to be loyal and true on the open and behind a curtain.

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