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Parking Tickets

The town commissioners of Hillsboro are to be congratulated on their attempts to improve the parking habits of its citizens — habits which through the years have become haphazardly inconsistent because of the lack of any enforcement of even the most simple of parking regulations.

The hope is expressed, however, that the town officers will be consistent in their enforcement of the laws and not excuse one because he drives the town's biggest car or because he's going to the post office for his mail, while a few feet down the street another driver is tagged because he parked long enough to run

into the store for a loaf of bread or purchase a newspaper.

Then, too, we hope to see the laws enforced equally on all the business streets in the town and not just on Churton Street because it happens at this time to be carrying a large amount of traffic because of the construction work going forward on the Hillsboro-Durham road.

Proper enforcement of the laws is necessary for the welfare of all the people and we hope to see the laws properly administered in this Hillsboro's latest attempt to regulate traffic.

Too Many People Vs. Too Little Food

Restoration of the food supply to prewar levels will not be enough, writes Lester Walker in the February issue of Harper's Magazine. It will not be enough because the world's population is increasing at the rate of about 20 million each year. People tend to think of war as a force of destruction—yet each year of the past decade has seen 17,000,000 more people added.

Mr. Walker asks the question, "What is happening, then? Is the world actually getting too full of people now for its own good? Man's history on earth has always been a race between his population and his food supply."

Geographers will tell you that there are 4 billion acres of arable land. The well-informed will tell you that it takes 2 1/2 acres of land to feed and clothe each individual on earth. If, by simple arithmetic, you apportion the 2 1/2 acres to each of the 2 1/4 billion people (on this planet) you will find that you fall far short. There will be only 1.77 acres per person. We come to the startling realization that there is already a gross deficiency of land without the half billion additional inhabitants which authorities say we will have in 25 years.

After Mr. Walker sets up such a dismal picture for his readers he then goes into detail to try to solve the problem.

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Such things as developing new strains of seeds so that the world's grain output can be increased, increasing the existing crops by more and better commercial and natural fertilizers are mentioned when you say that there must be an increase in the food production else our population will deplete itself. Then, there are those who verse the opinion that before long we will have "sea farmers" who will use the floors of the ocean to grow edible aquatic plants. It can be done, we are told.

All of these theories can be utilized and put into operation, the author tells us, and still we will not have the necessities for the peoples of the world. The brunt of the problem cannot be placed on the farmer to solve this problem for the world.

But the farmer will be called on to help through the methods mentioned above. He can work in developing crops that yield a greater output, break new soil and fertilize his lands to increase his acreage, but still there will be starving in the world. The eyes of the world are on the farmer until the world is educated in birth control. The only population control today that is known to the world is war, starvation and destruction.

Beer Selling Permits

When renewal of retail beer outlet permits come up on May 1, municipal and county officials have a definite responsibility to make every attempt possible to deny licenses to lawbreakers and undesirables.

The North Carolina Division

of the United States Brewers Foundation through its director S. M. Blount has written 450 mayors and chairmen of county commissioners in North Carolina pointing out that the new year for retail beer permits begins May 1. In his letter he urges the officials

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

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THE KIND OF HOME WE WILL LIVE IN—



WHAT OUR LIFE WORK WILL BE—



WHAT WE WILL DO WITH OUR LEISURE TIME—



WHAT WE WILL DO WITH OUR MONEY—



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PERSONAL OPINIONS

A FLORIDA QUERY . . . This column got an inquiry the other day from a Carolinian transplanted to Florida—wanting to know what chances Kerr Scott has in the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

"You don't seem to think he has a chance for election majority in the East. What are your odds for a State majority?" My questioner knows as much about that as I do, and if anybody believes this column, "doesn't seem to think Kerr Scott has a chance for election majority in the East," said somebody may as well back up and start all over again.

INTERPRET YOUR WAY . . . Whether such a state of affairs is good or bad, whether in Johnson's favor or against him, whether it means there is a machine at work for Johnson and against Scott, make the deduction for yourselves. I relish being left severely to my own thinking and voting. You are entitled to the same.

FUTILE BUSINESS . . . In political contests, nothing is for certain. In this one, not even geography is the same; it depends entirely on whether you are for Scott or against him.

WAY DOWN EAST . . . In the area where this column is written, which is about as far east as you can get from Haw Creek and still trod Tar Heel sod, not many of us, as far as percentages go, will give any thought to the longitude and latitude of farmer Kerr Scott's dairy farm. We are a sight more

interested in his personal success in the farming business and in his proven ability to direct the agricultural interests of the whole State into a proper balance with multitudinous other factors that add up to full living in North Carolina. The longitude or latitude

tudeousness of Haw Creek we will leave to the political bushwhackers. A PERSONAL NOTE . . . Back yonder in the days when the up-staters called us "Provincials", and when our corner was known as the "Lost Provinces," I cast my first gubernatorial vote for O. Max Gardner. His longitude was sure and certain—he was from the West all right. Yet, as I remember some of the things that have taken place since those days, Governor Max Gardner, an industrialist of the West, performed greater service for the agricultural East than any successor he has yet had in Raleigh.

PICKING UP PIECES . . . This week the column was pledged to Spring flowers, trees, shrubs, farm crops, garden plantings, birds and bees. The opinionated trivia of a week ago didn't register with my close-at-home audience. Some of them drove out and made personal protestations. They were promised a return to normal this week. Geography has interfered.

A QUESTION . . . The Houston (Texas) Chronicle asks— "Isn't it time that we had some foreign policy other than an invitation to other nations to form on the right and approach the United States treasury for their handouts? "The policy that we are pursuing appears to be governed by the theory that the only way in which we can have friends is to buy them."

NORTH CAROLINA TOO . . . The same Texas newspaper writes this week's ending to this column—

"GET AWAY FROM IT ALL" "If the headlines bother you, don't let them. Good advice, you say, but how does one go about putting current events behind? "Look out the window of your home, whether it is a mansion or a hovel, and notice the dogwood that is blooming and what is left of the redbud blooms. They are putting out new leaves mostly, but there is still some color left on them. The wisteria is in full bloom, not to mention the azaleas that

have been so well publicized. "Then get out the old jalopy and drive down to the San Jacinto Battleground, the bay, or perhaps, up into East Texas where you should find a number of native trees and flowers getting ready to bloom into fresh Spring or Easter Galley 2—Personal Opinions . . . attire. "Go 'way back into the woods and listen to the crickets; lie down on the grass and look up at the fleecy clouds as you did when

a child and lose yourself in nature. Life is still sweet and God is still in His heaven. "Commune with nature; watch the kids fly their kites and listen to them planning their vacations. "Such a few hours of vacation from the work and worries of a bustling city will make most of the heavy cares of life diminish greatly in their proportions and will refresh you for the next morning's grind."

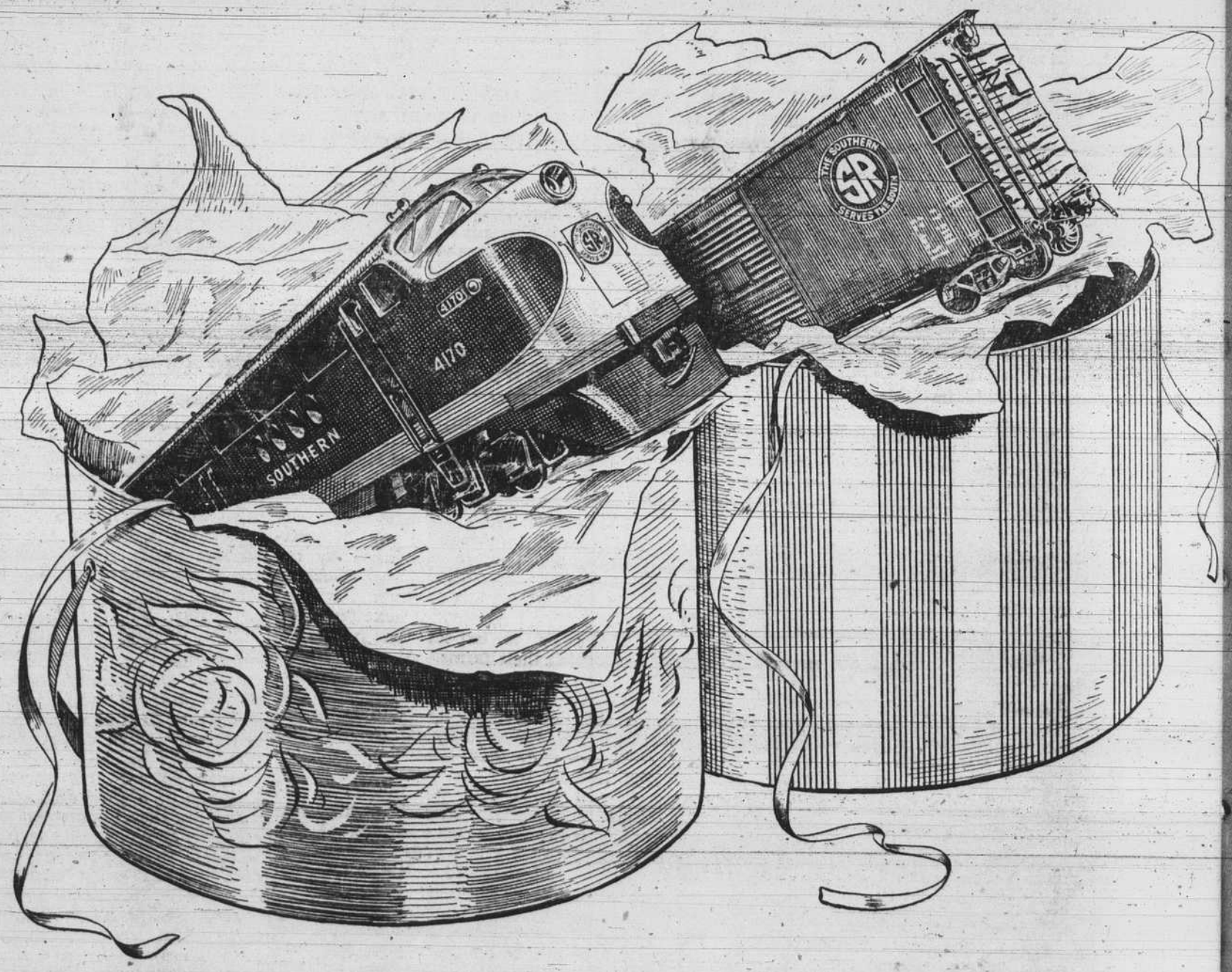
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