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Loss of words, physicians say is caused by an insufficient blood supply in the brain. When an after-dinner speaker gets out of anything to say, we presume it would be a good idea to stand on his head.

## In Other States

In the recent Democratic primary in Kentucky, the candidate for the governorship who opposed the sales tax in a campaign that stressed this measure as an issue, a levy that had been clamped down by a governor-controlled legislature, won over his opponent by a twenty-five thousand majority.

In New Jersey, where the sales tax had been employed as a source of revenue for meeting relief costs, the result of the primaries in the nomination of the legislative candidates, brings a majority of legislators to the next general assembly who are opposed to this method of raising money to provide for relief.

In both states the governors were strong for the tax on the ground that the state needs the revenue, and the sales tax offers a convenient way of getting it. In both states, too, it was held that every other source of revenue was sterile, that the money could not be obtained in any other way except through a sales levy. But the citizens of both states evidently thought otherwise.

The results in New Jersey and Kentucky will be interesting to North Carolina politicians, and encouraging to sales-tax opponents in this state, in view of the fact that this same issue will be involved in the gubernatorial race. Dr. Ralph McDonald is an avowed opponent to the sales tax, and as a member of the legislature fought its re-adoption, and pointed to sources of revenue to take its place. More accurately than the Raleigh tax-gathering experts he foretold the volume of the state's income, and declared that the budget could be met without the sales levy. But the cards were stacked against him, and he didn't have a chance from the beginning. His opponents in the race are elusive in their pronouncements, blowing both hot and cold on this issue, and not until after the primary ballots have been counted will it be known how the voters stand.

## Juvenile Responsibility

Sheriff Weathersby, of Wilson county, suggests that the counties of the state combine and organize district homes for delinquent children, where they may be sent instead of paroling them in the custody of just any one.

"The juvenile courts of the state," says Sheriff Weathersby, "parole out to farmers and others the children which come before them for correction, because of the fact that the state homes are already overcrowded. Many times the people who are asked to take the children by the court, or who ask for them, are not suitable persons. There ought to be a place where the children can be educated and taken care of so that in later life they will make good citizens."

It is not a common practice in this county to parole out delinquent children to individual families, nor is it a commendable act for any county. Doubtless in some instances the youngster would be hedged about with good influences that would tend to wean him away from badness and that would build character in him, but these would be the exception rather than the rule. Nor is this a reflection on the part of those who willingly would help in this way. It is because in these homes the boy or girl is not impressed with the authority of the law, and their criminal impulses are not subject to comprehensive methods of restraint and correction.

The state owes it to the delinquent youth within its borders to segregate them away from the hardened criminals, and give them another chance; to train them not only to respect the law, but to respect themselves, and thus aid them to become good and useful citizens. The state recognizes the principle of this responsibility, but is meeting it in a most niggardly fashion.

We have our "training schools" for these youths who offend against the law and these institutions are doing highly efficient work with the youngsters put in their care. But they are over-crowded and undermanned and the proper equipment is not provided for handling the increased and increasing number of young people who stray away from the narrow path. And you hear little from political candidates promising a correction of this abuse.

We have been active in securing appropriations for swimming pools and recreation parks and cemetery walls and athletic fields, and in the name of the unemployed the federal government has been lavish in these things, but North Carolina, needing badly these improvements at the training schools for youth, has taken no step for their relief.

While the state is making up its ponderous mind to do something to correct this fault, it would be fine if the counties, individually or jointly, would establish their own institutions. There is enough at stake in the future to justify such action.

## Purposes of the Patrol

Human nature being what it is, North Carolina's newly enlarged highway patrol can best serve its purpose courting the co-operation of the motorist, rather than by purposely leaving the bars down to invite antagonism and spitefulness into the pasture. Which is not to say that the patrolmen should bow to traffic violators in any sense of the word, but they and their hetman can be firm and hard-boiled and determined enforcement officials without going out of their way to invite unpopularity.

The patrol has been enlarged, at considerable increased expense to the state, for the purpose of making the highways safer for all motorists. In this objective the patrolmen will want and need the sympathetic support of the driving public. The recent instructions from Raleigh to arrest all drivers of cars with faulty lights, and those without their registration cards, regardless of the circumstances, had so much of the possibility of injustice in them, that there was criticism instead of condemnation, even from those who have been clamoring for strict enforcement of the traffic laws.

The fact that a light can be jolted out without the driver knowing it would seem to justify a "first offense" consideration rather than the summary punishment by fine, for after all the "intent" to violate should have weight in determining the punishment for violating. And if the driver actually has his registration card at home in his vest pocket, he should not arbitrarily be made to ante up a heavy fine, because he forgets to change the card with his clothing.

Captain Farmer can well afford to keep his men to their purpose—to keep them on the highways to which they are assigned. The Raleigh News and Observer points to a deviation from this objective in this way: "once more the state highway patrol, now much enlarged, is upon the dangerous detour of intervention in an industrial dispute. Technically in forming a cordon around the Mooresville Cotton Mills where a strike is in progress, is on safe enough grounds as the patrol is said to be engaged in the business of keeping the road before the mill open to traffic. Actually, as everyone knows, the duty it has assumed about the mill has more to do with strikers than automobiles.

In the paramount task of creating safety on the highways, those in authority over the patrolmen should realize that they need the good will of all North Carolinians; a consideration that will not be forthcoming if they are ordered to do police duty along industrial avenues that are not a part of the highway system.

There is much criticism for the patrol because it is frequently used as an "escort" for funerals or individuals. This criticism is unjustified, in the main. If danger is greatest where traffic is heaviest, then the presence of patrolmen along the course of the funeral procession is not only desirable but necessary, and we cannot join the chant of censure because Captain Farmer elects to place them there.

North Carolina will be expecting much of its highway patrol. Maybe the people of the state will be expecting too much, but those in authority will be judged, as to their generalship, by the manner in which the patrolmen are kept to their job, not forgetting that a co-operating public can best be maintained through consideration and courtesy that in nowise nullifies the intents and purposes of the law.

## Two Ways To the Same End

Farmer Jones, by frugality and hard work has accumulated a good many acres of land, his rights to which have been properly established. In the course of the years he has also accumulated a large family, most of his offspring being boys. These young men have come to know much about the ways of the soil, probably to the extent that they would be a misfit in any activity other than agriculture.

Farmer Jones, eager that his boys have a place of their own, yet with insufficient acreage to portion off adequate plots for each as he marries off, seeks to add to his boundaries. He is willing to go in debt, if needs be to become the owner of the two-hundred acre tract across the creek, so he approaches his neighbor for a trade, and if he finds it is not for sale he looks around for other desirable property. If he can't buy, he simply advises the boys to seek other channels for their future activities.

The point is that Farmer Jones doesn't shoulder a gun, doesn't stake off as his own a boundary of his neighbor's property and dare the owner to interfere. If he did the whole Jones family would forfeit the fellowship and good will of the neighborhood.

Benito Mussolini could well follow the Jones plan. In the past decade he has discouraged birth control by offering bonuses for babies, and as a consequence his national family is increased and increasing. He wants a place in the sun for his nationals, and employs cave-man methods to get it.

Theoretically nations are supposed to abide by rules and regulations arrived at jointly with other nations, just as individuals surrender some liberties in exchange for others as provided by society and economic laws. But nations, some of them, insist on being a law unto themselves. They grab what they think they are strong enough to hold.

How less costly in the end it would be for Italy to get by barter and purchase what she proposes to obtain by force; less costly in dollars and cents to say nothing of the misery and death that will come with conflict. If Italy needs room for expansion, the League of Nations is more or less familiar with real estate conditions, and could save her dictator some money by shopping around among the big colonial holders for a desirable slice to add to his empire.

Wouldn't it be fine if nations could subject themselves to the same principle of law under which the individual must operate, whether he likes it or not.

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### Offered Financial Backing To Oppose President Roosevelt

Washington.—Interests seeking to block President Roosevelt's re-election offered to finance Huey P. Long with at least \$5,000,000 in a third-party movement next year, it was revealed today.

From sources here and in Louisiana a story of midnight conferences in New York, secretive conclaves over campaign strategy and promises of adequate financial support was pieced together.

The plan, nurtured in the months preceding Long's assassination, died with the senator.

The extent to which it would have changed the American political situ-

ation in 1936 will, of course, never be known.

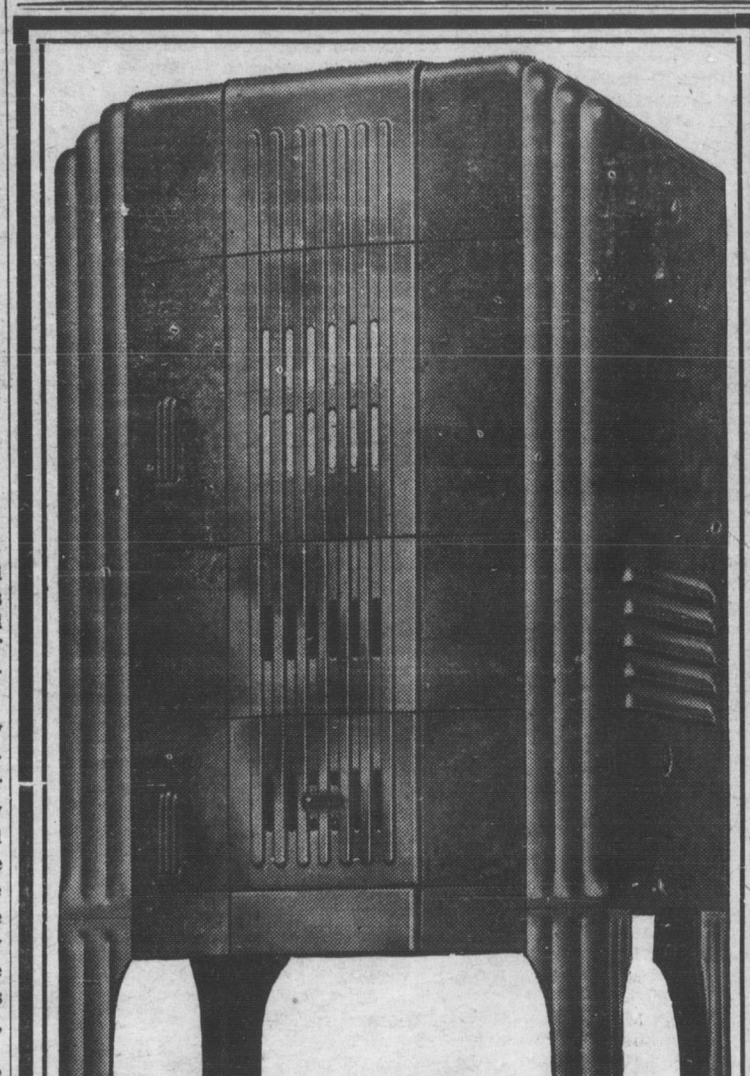
Last spring and during the summer Long spent frequent intervals in New York. The ostensible reason for the visits was to work in seclusion on writings based on his imagined occupancy of the White House. On the occasion he delighted New York by showing how to make gin fizzes in the New Orleans manner.

But there was a serious phase to the trips which has not hitherto been revealed.

Long was approached early in the spring by a man claiming to represent "business interests." The visitor asserted that he could guarantee adequate financial backing for the presidential race.

Long refused to talk to the intermediary. The lack of apparent interest seemed to excite greater activity among those who wanted Long's co-operation.

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