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Advance Over Moses

Passage by the State Separe of a bill which, would allow prisoners convicted of misde¹ meenors to work outside during the day and return to cells on nights and weekends is a step toward recognition of the fact that the worst punislument often falls not on guilty men but on their wives and children. It is also recognition of the fact that dras-

deterrents but often as incitements to, further crimes. Under George III children convicted of petty thefts, in England were sometimes

hanged or fortured, but these ferocious punishments did not stop the petty thieving. The Winston-Salem judge who last week

sentenced an expectant mother to jail for six months for stealing a 26-cent bag of bananas exhibited an attitude common in the 18th

century-that property; is, more sacred than

human life, We leave an inch at a time, and three centuries have not taught us that so-called deterring punishments do nor deter; and though we call ourselves a Christian nation we still live under an Old Testamment the-ology that teaches retaliation and not the tic and inhuman punishments do not act as ethics of Jesus who said, "Go and sin no more.

Some torul of punishment is bound to follow crime, but guilty men can best make atonement through some form of steady and disciplined labor from which not only their victims but their families may benefit. And this labor can best be done outside.

Advance comes slowly, but one of these days even the law may raise itself one step above Moses.



Sit Down And We'll Talk About It

Free Wheeling

A Kick For Drag Ra thority, and highw

By BILL CROWELL

Reporting From Raleigh DRAG RACING, AGAIN Two items in a single edition of the Raleigh Times last week ought to come like a kick in the groin to some people. The "sanctioned" drag racing enthusiasts and legislators unwilling to tighten up existing laws against such lunacy. The news items, of course, related two separate cases of highway racing in which three persons were killed-one in Forsyth, two others in Franklin.

Presumably the drivers of the death cars were only "high spirited" youngsters. deserving yet of clemency because youth in trouble must not be harshly treated.

Now we have delinquents who cheerfully strangle and knife strangers, who kick-in the heads of citizens encountered at random, who murder with speeding automobiles. And who receive the same leniency accorded, say, a panty raider.

It's incomprehensible to me why a deliberately invited disaster is not punishable in like measure. We're far too socially "advanced" to reinstate the old precept of retribution-that is, awarding criminal conduct with a comparable exactness to fit the crime. But to excuse, and excuse is the right word, the perpetrators of such madness as highway racing with a threat of losing their driver's license or paying off a burdensome fine is absurd.

Draggers aren't without their support, though, and what the more thoughtful of them say often sounds reasonable. "Give us drag strips, supervised by police au-

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(In a meeting of the Current Topics Clab, Rocky Mount) Now that members of the Gen-

eral Assembly have reflected, and the Governor has changed his position and agreed, the duty and the opportunity of this General

Our choice is not between proper

Popular education has been our chief boast; we cannot allow it to continue to decline. The State University has been our pride, we cannot surrender it to mediocrity. Of course we can and should afford a plane for the Governor. Of course we can and should afford \$12,000 salaries for the

Of course we can and should remove any tax inequities that impede our industrial develop-

We can afford these things just as we can afford to support our new Art Museum and our State

But we cannot afford them unless we are determined that we can also afford adequate appropriations for public schools, for state employees, and for a first-

And in these times "adequate"

In 1954 the tide of children born in the US came sweeping across the continent and gress into knots. The State and local communities are not for the first time four million babies were

Facing Forty Per Cent

In a nother to years these children wilk beon the verge of entrance to high school and the Population Reference Bureau estimates that by 1968 10 per cent more students than now will be knocking for admission to the schools. The colleges and universities like-wise will not, even by high fees, be able to bar their doors.

Yet the US, wealthiest "nation on earth, is still piddling with this question. The gov-criment's grants to military preparations and to foreign countries, some of them far removed. are lavishly bestowed, yet a ques-

tion of help for the nation's schools ties Con-

doing much better. Legal questions, financial questions, race questions, cut across every attempt to contrive programs that will meet that to per cent increase.

We spend bitlions for weapons, all of which will in a few years become obsolete and useless, but we can't find a way to train the pupils who will one day have to man those weapons.

We lack the housing, classrooms, and equipment adequate for today's children.

What will we do and say when the tide of pupils tops the present flood by 40 per-

Too Big A Spread

Food prices up 16 per cent: farm prices down 14 per cent.

This is the gist of a report from the House Agriculture Subcommittee at Washington covering the last 10 years.

per cent points to a weak spot in the economy and indicates that while some classes are thriving on the prices being pushed upward. other classes are being punished. Included are not only farmers, but all persons living on more or less fixed theomes.

The report says that in 1947 the average city family spent \$1.000 for food but in 1956 the food budget had climbed to \$1.500. Of this increase farmers received about \$45 or 9 per cent. The rest went to interests other than the producing interest.

In short, that part of the consumer's dollar going to the original producer of foods is

less than a dime, while go cents is cut up among the distributors.

This situation is far from healthy. It indicates that not all the parasites are to be found clinging to infected foods.

A spread of this kind amounting 40- 30- In the period from 1947 to 1956 the report notes these differences

> Farm meat prices down 29 per cent and retail prices down 5 per cent. Farm poultry and egg price, down 21 per cent

and retail prices down 13 per cent.

Farm wheat prices down 7 per cent and retail prices of cereals and bakery products up 34 per

Farm prices for fruits and vegetables down 12 per cent and retail prices up 7 per cent. Farm prices of milk down 16 per cent and retail

prices down 3 per cent

How long can a prosperity stand up that has one leg missing?

sector of town contains archaeo; logical remains. There is an outcrosping of granite rock across the path to the west of the Health Department building on "Old Frat Bow." Beside these rocks and at the head of the path leading work between Hill Music Hall and the Methodist Church is an almost buried concrete step. This is the bottom step of the onetime Beta House. That house burned down.

(Special to the News Leader)

(continued)

The campus itself in this same

But some future archaeologist can dig up chunks of charcoal and stone footings enough to establish the house and date the fire.

large circular cement foundation. Only an arc is visible, the rest has been covered by the pavement of a parking lot. This circle was the base on which stood the old standpipe of Chapel Hill's first water system. Huge iron bolts show how the cylindrical tower was anchored. Melted tar on the ground shows how it was sealed and protected from rust.

Behind Gerrard Hall lies the neglected cornerstone of the original cavernous and unbelievable may give up profits if necessary, Memorial Hall, a stone dragged like some Stonchenge monolith out ferent story when they are conof the way when the present Memorial Hall was built, and left the depression of the 1930's only

stone is the inscription "W. 1833." His first initial has broken off. Whether he was H. W. and J. W. or some other W. we do not know. A little searching of records might determine who "W. 1833" might have been. But even now he a kind of immortality, for "W" made his mark in college a cen-

tury"and a quarter ago. In gardens' and lawos, up and down Franklin Street are bases and capitals of columns, the scattered pieces of the porch from the south side of Gerrard Hall. The scars of the porch show on the walls of the old building. foundation stones were uprooted

Also on the campus, directly be-hind Swain Hall, is part of a Are Things Too Good?

Carolina Israelite

There is no parallel for this America of the year 1957 in all the history of mankind, including the Xanadu of Kubla Khan; Where Alph, the sacred river. ran through caverns measureless to man, down to a sunless sea." God forbid that there should be even the suggestion of a depression. In the study of world history we have found that people

and even jobs; but it is a diffronted with the loss of Status. In

porch itself, scattered like the ourteen pieces of Osiris, lies here and there in the village for arch-

C. R. Daniel For The News Leader

FOREIG

AID

Thus under our feet are remnants of an earlier day. I am but a superficial archaeologist who has not dared dig up the public sidewalks and the university campus. I have found only what still lies upon the surface. A little digging might discover much more. Somewhere hereabouts is the buried cornerstone of the 1793 Old East Building, and nearby must be the

ings, and the Federal Reserve rediscount rate. Thus a fellow finally bought fifty shares of Skelly Oil at eight dollars a share in partnership with the short-order cook at the delicatessen store. ment. Then came the crash, and the fellow stood at a bar with a fivecent glass of beer in his hand, and told all about how the stock market wiped him out. He thus achiev-

ed a STATUS he had never dream-ed of-identity with J. Pierpont Morgan, who also lost money in the stock market. Today it is entirely different. The slightest depression would automatically "DECLASS" sixty per cent of our population. Six weeks without a pay check to meet the installments, and everything comes out-down to the waffle iron. Millions of our people have entered the middle class during the past twenty years, and they have all the wonderful things this STATUS implies: beauty contests, garden clubs, League of Women automatic dishwashers, Voters. electric refrigerators which open by themselves, a baking oven which turns the roast over automatically, country clubs, swimming pools, and the suburban churches and temples with kitchens, vestments, processionals, book reviews, Mr. and Mrs. Clubs, and brisket, spaghetti, and bingo nights.

Summary Summerfield

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced today that unless Congress granted "it certain dax relief within one week it would abolish information service, cease to accept calls between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., and restrict all telephone conversations to four minutes."

How would that go?

ent's hesitation. The public, Us, you, me, Not the men with whom he had his quarrel, members of Congress. He didn't say there'd be an end to their franking privilege, that sends their mail free.

Summerfield knew long ago how much inducy he had at his service. He also hoped for more, but prudence hews to the line of hope. If it seemed inevita- flat on its back marking nothing a very small segment of our peoledge, no ble, he could have done a bit of paring here and there over a fair period, rather than rushing to an explosive, "Gimme! Or else,

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Village Archaeology, Continued . . .

Remnants Of Earlier Campus Days from remodeling. Carved into the only a few years ago. But the By RAYMOND ADAMS

aeological reconstruction.

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Assembly is made clear:

tax adjustments and proper teacher salaries. Our choice is between meeting or failing to meet a real crisis in public education, both in public schools and the University. That choice should be clear.

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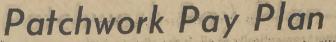
It would't go, at all!

Yet the Post Office Department and the telephone system are in many ways alike, as untionwide communications monopolies. and where the Post Office is part of the government. AT&T is under strict governmental regulation. Yet. Postmaster General Summerfield issued an ultimatum not unlike the one quoted as something the telephone company never would dare say.

He suddenly upped with a threat of drastically reduced service, closed offices, fewer deliveries, elimination of third-clais mail which, though often a muisance to get, is, the foundation of some businesses. And who'd suffer? You guessed without & moni-

Postal service is something that's provided. often at a loss, for public benefit. Congress reckons how great that loss shall be. It tells the Postmaster General what figures it has decided on, and then it's up to him to tailor accordingly

He sent out a dead letter - dead to the odorous point - with the attempt to blackjack Congress by making it hard for the commonfolksing say, by mail, "I love you," "Please remit," or "Do come over for tea."



Bonds are best issued for specific, tangible projects. It these are of the sort that will take in revenue, and pay the securities off. so much the better. Governor Hodges' plan to shuffle around \$10,000,000 in bonds to provide pay increases for teachers and other public employes isn't a bit like that.

It's a tricky sort of deal, in which money is lifted from the fund for permanent improvements, which is then reimbursed with a bond issue. That would make the bonds conform to a proper formula, but they'd still actually be issued to hike pay

What would happen when still higher public salaries were desired? More switching, more bonds?

It seems fiftely that the State will have " enough money to grant the increases, anyway. There wouldn't be enough, though, for

that and to revise taxes to attract new industry, a project dear to Mr. Hodges. It's a question whether business men would rush to move to a State that juggled money as proposed, even though tax rates - which always can be changed again - were low at the moment.

Taxes are far from the main determinant in setting up plants. Availability of raw ma- = terials and of labor, nearness to transportation lines-those come ahead. North Carolina isn't the scene of tobacco factories because of tax rates, for instance, but because it's central tobacco-growing region.

Perhaps the General Assembly will try to do everything for all people, and adopt the bond stratagem. It still seems a muddled way to reach the goals.

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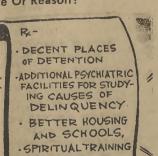
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Other stones have been moved, boyrowed, and built into new structures. For instance, the top stone in the abutment of the steps leading to the Carolina Inn from Cameron Avenue is a broken piece buildings, a bit of rubble left over New York Stock Exchange, Sten-

folks actually achieved a STATUS they had never known. The decline had been preceded by a period during which the two-dollar bettors were no longer interested in the results of the sixth race at of a brown sandstone window sill Havre de Grace. They now waitfrom one of the oldest campus ed for the closing prices on the

Will It Be Force Or Reason?



SUPPORT OF SOCIAL AGENCIES



STAND OF JUDGE HARRY LINDEMAN PRESIDENT OF NATL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Partymiller-York Gazette & Daily

At no time in the history of the world have so many people had so much; and in a way this is frightening. I suppose this comes from something my mother dinned into my head night and day: "It's bad when things are too good."

QUESTION OF STATUS

The Gentile women do not seem to have the yearning for STATUS that the Jewish women have. The Gentiles sit there smug and happy in their thirty-dollar hats; they are on all sorts of committees and appear to be enjoying themselves, and I believe they are. The natural interference is that

support means more than a grudging gift of the necessary dollars to make up a 19.31 per cent inrease to meet what the State Board of Education believes the essential minima.

It means that we need to renew our faith in public education; to renew our determination not only to support but to increase and strengthen and improve our publie schools.

We need to plan now for the predicted "tidal wave" that the next decade will bring into our schools and colleges

We need to make it clear that we recognize this "tidal wave"

QUIZ CHAMPIONS

The Quiz Champion is part of the current decline of the intellectual and the distrust of the scholar He is our new knucklehead. He has succeeded in reducing " scholarship" to the level of knowing the population of Tokyo, and the batting average of Babe Ruth,and thus, unwittingly perhaps, he has helped to shut the door a bit tighter on-Original Thought-and the exploration of a New Idea.

their men are not so desperately essential to them, and their culture is that of a matriarchy. They sit comfortably without that bereft, forlorn, conspicuous, and self-con-. scious feeling that you easily recognize in the lonely Jewish woman, Carolina Israelite

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