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Editorial Comment

The other day we came across
a statement in the magazine "U.
S. News and World Report"
that seemed worth applying to
ourselves right here in Yancey
County. The speaker was Judge
Samuel S. Leibowitz of Brook-
lyn, who was being interviewed
on the causes of juvenile crime.

The judge recalled that in his
childhood small-community life
did exist even in the slums of
New York City, because neigh-
bors did not move as frequently
or travel as far from home as
they do today. Everybody knew
everybody else. Community op-
inion had a real braking effect
on would-be delinquents. But
now, he pointed out, that brake
is gone—except in Chinatown,
which is still a real community
and has practically no juvenile
delinquency or crime. Elsewhere
in New York, one can live in an
apartment house for ten years
without speaking to his next-
door neighbor.

We can be thankful that our
county is one place where
small-community life still
flourishes, and where neighbors
do know each other. But we
have little reason to pat our-
selves on the back when we re-
alize how far from ideal even our
best communities are, especially
in their ability to influence
young people. Juvenile crime, in
the shocking proportions it has
reached the cities, is almost un-
known here, but we do have too
many young people getting into
serious trouble.

The community cannot, of
course, take the place of the
family. But what a difference
it makes when parents can feel

VIOLET RAYS
ON OUR WAYS

By H. M. Alley

Note: This column is written
with malice toward none, but
with the common good of all in
mind.

Well, well, we see in the pa-
pers that "The Easier Divorce
Bill" recently introduced in the
Law Making Body in Raleigh
"came under the axe." So now
all the married folk in North
Carolina who get "fed up" on
wife or husband on general
grounds, will have to endure the

that every effort they make to
teach honesty and respect for
the rights of others is strength-
ened rather than torn down by
the community! The ideal com-
munity would make every mem-
ber, young or old, feel that he is
a vital part of its work, its play,
its learning, its worship. It
would go beyond making him
feel ashamed of "wrong-doing,"
for it would offer so many op-
portunities for interesting and
useful activity that idle hands
and minds would be non-exist-
ent.

It is encouraging that several
local communities in the county
have embarked upon definite
progress of community develop-
ment. If they will remember to
make plenty of use of children
and young people in this devel-
opment—not merely doing
things for them but giving them
a chance to perform useful ser-
vice—such communities will be
helping not only themselves but
the whole nation.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted By

Edith Deaderick Erskine

THE SNOW

Old Mother Goose has been
picking her geese
and bits of white, fluffy down
fell down, down.

They covered our county and
little town

Until we found
a white velvet carpet
all over the ground.

Annie G. Little, Marion, N. C.

(Poetry for this corner
should be sent direct to Edith
Deaderick Erskine, Weaver
ville, N. C.)

required two years of separation
before they can apply for divorce

The above bill had proposed
to shorten this separation peri-
od to one year. One of its op-
ponents insisted that this short-
er time would be a blow to, or
threaten the sanctity of mar-
riage. Humpf! What does the
average individual or couple
contemplating divorce KNOW
or CARE about the sanctity of
marriage? To judge of some of
the flimsy claims or charges
heard in usual divorce actions,
one questions if the contracting
parties were mentally qualified
to assume the responsibilities
of married life in the first
place! For instance:

A wife was granted a divorce
because her husband insisted
upon having his eggs fried just
so, and when they were not, he
forced "the little woman," who
didn't like eggs, to eat them.
The judge, in granting her pe-
tition, stated that "this was
too much youk." (Yoke)

In another case a husband
was given a divorce, because
his wife insisted that each day
upon his return from work he
must kiss her, her old maid sis-
ter, and her Maltese Cat. The
judge ruled: "Too much kiss-
ing."

Instead of making it any
easier or quicker to get divor-
ces, we would suggest that an
exhaustive course on MAR-
riage and HOMELIFE be
made a required subject to be
taught in separate classes to all
boys and girls of High School

age. And further that this
course shall be taught ONLY by
a married teacher who is known
to have made a happy success
of married life for at least five
years. In case no such teacher
could be found on the High
School faculty, then let the
Board of Education in each
County appoint an extra teacher
wherever needed, who would be
competent to teach such a course

Some overly pious individuals
may condemn this idea, insist-
ing that such a course would
cover too delicate and intimate
subjects to be made general
knowledge among those of High
School age. To further offend
and challenge such false piety,
the writer would say that the
average High School pupil of
today knows vastly more about
these delicate and intimate
subjects (without the benefit
of text books) than his grand-
parents did at double his age.

The principal value of such a

prescribed Course of Study as
suggested above would be to
help boys and girls to learn
about these things in a whole-
some, dignified way; to help
them understand how to wisely
choose a life companion; and to
impress upon them the sacred-
ness and solemnity of the mar-
riage contract and the mutual
responsibilities it imposes.

Hurrah, for the good news in
last week's Record, that The
Yancey Railroad Company is
now a reality, in possession of a
railroad, including roadbed,
freight cars, and a Diesel en-
gine, and the "rightful heir to
all the problems, headaches, and
profits that attend the opera-
tion of a railroad. This column
ardently hopes that the head-
aches may be few, and the prof-
its far in excess of the stock-
holders' expectations.

With the good will and best
wishes of all Yancey County's
citizens, the backing of the sev-

eral capable business men con-
stituting the Company and
Board of Directors, and the ex-
perienced general management
of Paul B. Young, THE YAN-
CEY COUNTY RAILROAD is
off to a good start. Again we
say, POWER AND SUCCESS
TO THIS LOCALLY OWNED
AND OPERATED ENTER-
PRISE. May its pay loads to and
from the main line steadily in-
crease as the years advance.

Uncle Josh says: "Me too!
Only hit sorta gits my dander
up to think 'bout 'em a-havin' a
railroad up to Burnsville, unless
we'uns can have one down to
Cedar Crick, U. S. A. Here we
bin ice-lated all winter long,
'thout eny way to git outside.
Jus hafter sit here in my ole
rockin cheer before the fireside
a-spittin terbaccer juice, an a-
pendin on newspapers, rodeos,
an Tellit-Visions to know what's
a-doin in the outside worl. Me, I
likes to git out whar I c'n meet

up an ilk with common folks.
Come's spring, I aims to saddle
up my ole mare an ride inter
Burnsville, no'th Caliner, an see
fer myself what's a goin on.
Shucks, a-body c'n sit a spell in
the sheriff's offis up ther a
chewin an spittin with the boys,
er a-ridin the sway-backed iron
raillin' out frenent the Courtin
House, an see an larn more
bout what's takin place than
cud be crammed inter a dozen
papers. 'Course mought be
some things a goin on what the
Yancey Record dasset print.
They'uns tell me a newspaper
haster be kinder kerful 'bout
th-langwich hit uses. Reckon
thet's the reason they's more
advertisin in most papers than
news;—so much of the news
ain't wuth tellin."—Nuff Sed.

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Troy's Variety Store

BEHIND THE COURTHOUSE

DON'T
LET THE
POP
TAX
PICK
YOUR
POCKET



HOW DO YOU FEEL
ABOUT
NUISANCE
TAXES?

There is a proposal before the Legislature to
impose a nuisance tax on soft drinks in North
Carolina. This proposed tax would raise the
price you pay for soft drinks by 20 per cent.
In other words, you'd be taxed extra for enjoy-
ment of a low-priced, wholesome pleasure! How
do you like the idea of paying a 20 per cent
penalty on soft drinks? What are you going to
do about it?

Help us defeat this unsound, unfair tax that
would fall hardest on groups—such as children
and working people—least able to pay it . . .

THIS IS YOUR FIGHT, TOO!

Here's How the Bottling Industry Stands:

"We ask no special favors and we seek no exemptions. No business has the right to expect to escape fair taxation
—but every business has the right to expect that it alone will not be singled out for a special tax: no... ying
to other products on the merchants' shelves."

North Carolina Bottlers Association, Inc.