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Never forget that the editorials in the Journal are the opinions of one man, and he may be wrong.

THE OTHER HALF

One half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. This is a statement heard over and over again and it is eternally truthful. Last week Jones County Nurse Mrs. Ruth Simmons carried eight members from the same family to Durham where they are now receiving care in the Rapid Treatment Center for varying stages of syphilis. Five adults and three children. This, the modern 20th century, the age of science, the so-called Welfare State, and yet things like this still exist. Is man his brother's keeper? Medical science has the weapons to wipe out these crippling and killing venereal disease but social science lags in the rear, permitting medieval situations to exist in our midst.

SHE THINKS

A mid-west mother has sighed with relief over the capture of the confessed rapist-murderer who fiendishly killed her small child. The grief-stricken mother has been quoted as saying she was glad that he was captured so he would not hurt any more little girls. What assurance does she have that this will be true? Under the absurdities of our present laws a so-called insane man cannot be put to death for his crimes—consider the Jersey character who practically wiped out a neighborhood and the North Carolinian who chopped his wife into fine bits later to be reprieved from a richly deserved death sentence and committed for life imprisonment—a term much abused these days. Capital punishment may or may not be practical from a crime-prevention point of view but so long as we as a state and nation practice this form of punishment there is no good reason why an insane person cannot be put to death for the same crimes that cause sane persons to be put to death. There are instances—in most cases in fact—where so-called sane murderers have reasons—at least to themselves for their crime—but the crazed men and women who run wild on a community kill for pleasure. Let's change the law.

"IT'S A FREE COUNTRY"

It is the inherent privilege of all of us to declare, "It's a free country," and then to proceed on a completely individual, and sometimes very odd, course of behavior, such as cutting our own throats. Sometimes they are not for us, but the end result is just the same. A visiting New Jersey jurist last week lectured to a club gathering near Kinston and emphasized well the free country theme. A great many theoretical Democrats were thrilled by the well-calculated attack on the "Welfare State" and the opposition of the Democratic Party to the Taft-Hartley Law regulating labor.

No one of us likes to be told what to do by an impersonal boss. "It's a free country." The haunting specter of Socialism even today excuses our politicians to turn just a little pale. Not too long ago it caused them to burst blood vessels. The visiting speaker stressed the effect, but not the cause of the situation facing the body politic in the policing and care of itself. The effect can be seen any day right here at home in our local government. It is in the regulation of agriculture, Social Security and Unemployment Compensation benefits, required welfare care, and so on, in our ruthless economic pattern.

To our way of thinking the New Jersey jurist cited the justification for the growing social program in cold statistics. It was in the numbering of the rapidly growing population, restricted in the framework of individual endeavor. The problems before the population reached the 100 million mark were largely taken care of by small groups of individuals. Now they are not. With the fast-multiplying population mass they seem to have become problems to be solved only by an authority of comparable size—the county, state or national governments.

Most of us feel the burden of the social problem in the payment of tax dollars, and all of us feel the encircling arm of socialized government in the nowadays expenditure of those dollars. We see the trend, not as desirable, but as a continuing one. Socialism seems to be the legitimate child of bigness. If so, it is better to have such controls based on the will of the whole people than on the autocratic dictatorship of an unsympathetic few. The declaration is true. "It's a free country"—within our means.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education Department of the Trenton Woman's Club, directed by Mrs. James Henderson, chairman, was hostess Wednesday evening to the Trenton School personnel and their families when the club met in November session at the clubhouse.

Mrs. A. V. Thomas, chairman of the International Relations Department, introduced Mr. William Wothers, executive secretary of the Craven County chapter of the American Red Cross, who spoke on "The Importance of the Red Cross," emphasizing the need for Red Cross volunteers and more interest in Junior Red Cross projects. The speaker referred to the Red Cross as a means to combat communism. In concluding his talk, Mr. Wothers showed the film "Together".

Preceding the program, Mrs. Myrtle Brock, club president, presided over a short business session. At this time the club voted to assist Mrs. D. M. Griffin, chairman of the American Home Department, and her committee in making plans for Family Night observance.

Mrs. G. N. Noble, chairman of the Literature Department, invited the club members and guests to visit the Book Fair at the Trenton School during National Education Week, sponsored by Miss Hildegard Brock, elementary school librarian, and assisted by the Literature Department Committee. Mrs. Noble reported that sales on the first day from the 500 books on display had been most gratifying.

A social hour concluded the session during which the hostesses directed the group in various forms of informal entertainment. Merriment was at its height when the male guests raised their lusty voices to send the strains of "Sweet Adeline" echoing across the Brock Mill Pond. Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Jr. and Mrs. G. N. Noble, accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Pollock at the piano, rendered special music during the evening.

The clubhouse was very attractive, decorated in Spanish moss, with mantel arrangements of magnolia foliage and chrysanthemums in fall tones, flanked by white tapers in crystal holders. From a beautifully appointed table, Mrs. James Henderson assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hammond and Mrs. W. W. Mallard served lime punch, sandwiches, cakes and nuts.

MAYSVILLE

The Maysville - Pollockville Varsity girls played a hard-fought basketball game against Alliance last Tuesday night. At half-time, the Alliance girls led 17-14, but the Jones County girls came from behind to win 31-22.

Dollie and Letha Trott were the scoring aces but the passing and floor work of Dot Jones, center forward, Nancy and Melba Banks, Beulah Riggs and Louise Mattocks, guards, contributed greatly to the victory. Stevenson was high scorer for Alliance.

The Maysville - Pollockville boys took a beating from the Alliance boys but remained in high spirits and fought until the end, even though they were out-classed. The score at the end was 49-10 in favor of Alliance. The Junior girls and boys also played. Alliance won over both teams.

OAK GROVE NEWS

Alva Mallard spent last Sunday afternoon with Virgil Mallard in Mallardtown.

Mrs. C. P. Banks visited Mrs. Grover Mallard last Thursday morning. With Mrs. Banks was her granddaughter, Mary Lindel Cox.

Macy Mallard visited in Clarks and Cove City last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrison and sons, Douglas, Ronald and Bill, visited the E. V. Scott family last Thursday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Grover Mallard and Mrs. E. V. Scott visited Mrs. Tom Mallard last Wednesday afternoon. Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Scott, went to New York Thursday for a few days. While there Mrs. Scott was to attend the Carolina-Notre Dame football game.

Mrs. Wardell Mallard visited Mrs. A. J. Mallard last Thursday morning.

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IT PAYS TO LOOK AHEAD




That's mighty good advice Charlie gave "Ole" Jack, and the beer industry of our state thinks that "looking ahead" is just as important in business. It is using foresight and good planning in working with the Malt Beverage Division of the North Carolina ABC Board so that North Carolina citizens may be proud of the brewing industry.

One person who looks forward to Thanksgiving as much as anyone else in Tarheel is "Ole" Jack. "I probly eat too much," he says, "but a big meal never hurts me."

But that's where Jack's reasoning is wrong. As his friend Charlie reminded him the other day: "One of these days you'll really overstuff yourself and be sorry. I believe it always pays to look ahead so you won't make mistakes now."

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