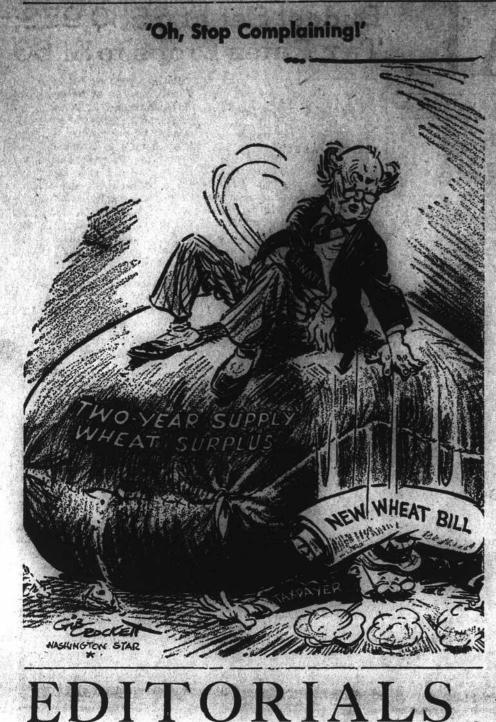
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Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinion Of One Man,

# The 'Professional' Pose

If nothing else resulted from an effort times have changed. to revamp the State School Text Book Com- We do not resent, but admit more amusemission one was able to get a close-up of ment than anyother emotion over this dethe "professional" mind, at work; and the termination to reclassify everyone with a punctuation is deliberate.

Numerous school officials, who should fessional man". have known better, took the stand and alleged that nobody-but nobody except the direction of some "professional opinion" select text books! Well, Well!

There was a day, not so'long ago when the word "professional" was applied with careful discrimination but today it is used asked to do nothing more than pay the loosely to describe any and every trade bills are expected to accept as "Divine or craft that can hire an executive secre-" tary.

Even newspaper folks are applying this distinction to themselves.

clean shirt and a fresh shave as a "pro-

- And He May Be Wrong.

Public officials are always bowing low in "professional educators" were qualified to and one frequently hears, "But, we must accept the advice of our 'professionals'."

But, of course, the "professionals" insist that mere simpletons who are being Commandment" any and every "professional opinion".

We earn part of our daily bread in this manner-writing for public consumption; From one point of view everyone who so take this "professional's" advice and works for hire is a professional-from the pay more attention to simple arithmetic

### Immature Exercises

The new Kinston Board of Aldermen reputliate tomorrow. onday night stormed off into the "Wild The process of education is slow, often Blue Yonder" under the obstinate leader- tedious and this applies to the education ship of Sophomore Robert Curtis and dis- of innocent young aldermen as wall as to played itself in a series of immature exer- kindergarten pupils. cises that cannot help the cause of good government.

Senior Alderman Frank LaRoque repeated'y and with forceful logic tried to halt the pre-arranged steamroller driven by Curtis and peddled by Freshmen Simon Sitterson and Jesse Rayner. The board's other member, Mrs. J. J. Hannibal, also a freshman, displayed excellent judgment by abstaining from votes on the controversial issues this trio kicked up, explaining that she had not been a member of the council long enough to be well informed enough to take sides.

Nobody should have been surprised as a motion calling for the dismissal of Utilities Superintendent Graham McAdams in 30 days.

dismissal of all department heads by the council, rather than the city manager. This exercise aso carried by the 3-1 vote with Mrs. Hannibal's abstinence.

Curtis summarily waved aside suggestions that the city-manager form of govcrnment had been' instituted by a vote of the people, and should not be emasculated except by a vote of the people. He said, "We're not against the city manager form of government." But he did not explain what a city manager would manage in a system where he had no control over department heads.

Actually, in all fairness, these three-Curtis, Rayner and Sitterson-should be forgiven their ineptitudes, because they are all green-green as gourds. They have been given a "mandate from the people" which they have interpreted to mean one thing, and that we interpret quite differently.

They will find, as previous aldermen have found that the public is fickle, and that what the public demands today it may

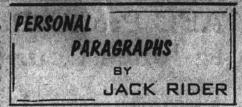
## **On Covering Up Ditches**

Monday night the Kinston Board of Aldermen voted to take \$4,932 from the taxpayers of Kinston to enhance the value of three lots between Cavalier Cincle and Barton Avenue owned by Roy Poole, John Burroughs and Edwin Hill. These property owners have also agreed to spend \$5,960 of their own funds in this "community improvement project".

Each of these men has good vision, and neither is classified as unable to take care of personal affairs. The ditch they are concerned with was there when they bought their lots.

There is a question whether the alderman have legal authority to spend the taxpayers money to improve every frogpond or ditchbank. But no matter how the legal the foreward as a "Great Southern Editor" question may be answered there is no who has called the foreward writer a moral ground upon which the aldermen can "Great Southern Editor". Are you with us? stand in such an action.

Such careless expenditure of city funds Aside from our kindred "spirits" Johninvites people to buy discounted property son and I have the same purple nausea and then come with hat in hand to the city, for the professionals on both sides of the begging or demanding the city to "act". racial issues. He desc ly expect others who have bought better ers who snatch the innocent negroes' purse lots to underwrite their mistakes, or deliberate adventures.



I suppose no one remembers the Tom Johnson Era in Kinston so well as myself, since Tom and I were fellow presstitutes, giving our all for news and breathing it out over local radio stations. We had similar Alderman Curtis exercised his spleen in tastes-beer in the morning, gin in the afternoon, bourbon after dark and Scotch for wakes and weddings. Johnson is now assistant editor of the Montgomery, Alabama Everybody, however, quite properly sat Advertiser, a paper that occupies roughly up when Freshman Sitterson "made a the same position-but for different rearesolution" calling for the appointment or son-in Alabama that the News & Observer holds in North Carolina.

> Tom is an unpredictable type, if it's possible to type him. He wandered in last week just as if he'd been around the corner to lick a postage stamp and not a change has been wrought in the "Ole Tom" of some years back who held forth with such careless ease on any subject.

> Wednesday he jolted Catherine Cooke by protesting the higher taxes on whisky that are being whispered by some Coke drinkers. "How'd you like it if you had to pay 85 cents for a Coke?" he demanded of Coke Drinker Cooke. That's roughly the relation that taxes hold to five cents worth of whisky, since the tax is between \$12 and \$14 per gallon and it costs the distiller roughly \$1 per gallon to make acceptable "spirits". Catherine hasn't thought of an answer to this question yet.

> Johnson is also noted for such epigrams as, "Opium is the opiate of the people!" and once drove a city editor in some Tennessee hamlet daft, or more daft trying to set up a picture at a college track meet that would show the timers standing all in a row, and for which Johnson had created the headline to end all headlines, "The Souls That Time Men's Tries." If you can't understand that one you've no business reading this far on this page, so turn over to the funny papers and get in your proper element.

Johnson says his latest effort in this direction was a review of a book by Harry Ashemore with forward by Harry Golden, or something roughly comparable to that if one can imagine anything that would compare to such a sickening pair between two bookcovers. He explained the book as being the kind that praises the writer of

People who buy cheap lots cannot moral- "The thick-lipped burr-headed hymn singiem thusly. and the hoarse-voiced, slobbering imbecils who sell memberships in white citizens' councils." In between these hucksters on the extreme ends of the racial squabble the vast majority of the people are not very interested unless they're hit in the face themselves. Most folks are too busy fighting the mortgage battle and keeping installments paid on time to worry about such inconsequential things as state rights, constitutional principle, divisions of power and racial integrity.

prostitute to the presstitute, but in the once- and plain common sense and less attention accepted use of the word only an elite corps to the principles' practices and plans of the was dignified in this manner. Doctors, law- "professionals" who spin their web more yers, university professors. But now how tightly each day about the body politic.

Judge Not, Cletus

Cletus Brock, editor of the Mount Olive sharp knife-classifying everyone who sup-Tribune, is one of our best friends in the ports the ABC system as immoral, classifynewspaper racket. But Cletus is a fanatical ing everybody from Jesus on down as imdry, that is a man opposed to the legal sale moral who has ever touched his lips to an of whisky. Of course: we must add that alcoholic beverage. Brock is opposed to whisky-legal or illegal,

with or without ginger ale.

gains from opposing the evils of strong drink he sacrifices with such judgments Nature creates nothing immoral. Man's as this which was in his Tuesday paper: "The most regretful angle to the anti- everything is moral or immoral. ABC campaign which is being decided to- Freedom of the press is a prec "The most regretful angle to the anti-ABC campaign which is being decided to-day by voters in Wayne County, is that such a campaign should have been neces-tary. When an issue so definitely moral in charactur has mough supporters who are indifferent to the mortility involved as the ABC question has, it is a sad commontary en, the general time of our pepulation." Cletus is dividing the world up with a

Cars used wrongly are immoral, sex used wrongly is immoral but who would But all of the righteousness that Cletus say that either driving a car or propagation of the species is immoral per se? use or abuse determines whether any and

inherent points of the true Christian concept but are absolute requisites in a free society.

Judge Not, Cletus. The world is not made up of saints and scoundrels but of mere mortals none saintly and few absolutely bad.

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For an editorial writer, especially large newspaper, Johnson is sin