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WE REALLY DID NOT EXPECT IT

Roxboro did not get the Veterans' Hospital and to tell the truth we know of no one here who expected it to come to this county. Roxboro is not quite large enough to land projects of this kind. Then too, we suppose that Fayetteville did deserve the building. There may be several advantages that will come to the government by virtue of the hospital being close to Fort Bragg. Fayetteville is a good city, not too large and not too small. The people there are very friendly and it is a good trading center.

All this does not mean that this city would not have been a good place. We are in love with Roxboro, but we cannot fail to see many advantages that Fayetteville offers. Perhaps Roxboro can try for another project in the near future and we hereby commend those who did all they could to land this one.

Sounds Like A Good Idea

The directors of the Roxboro Country Club have agreed to reduce the dues for club membership to \$25 a year. This will take care of a man, his wife and children under 18 years.

Many have wanted to join the club, but they did not feel like they could afford to pay the higher membership dues. Now that it has been reduced there will be an increase in membership.

This is as it should be. The dues should be as low as possible in order that a large number might be able to enjoy its benefits. The club is a community project and now the community will be able to enjoy it.

It is understood that work will start as soon as the project is given a number. This should not require much time. In six or seven months everything may be finished and then you can drive out to the "Club" for a round of golf, tennis, boating, bathing or fishing. Sounds rather good.

Better Do It Now

Once again this paper would like to call to the attention of Roxboro officials the parking situation on Gallows Hill. On Saturday nights the road there is lined with cars on each side, just a little off the road, but too close to it for safety. People who visit this section on Saturday walk in the road or very close to it and there is constant danger. Someone is bound to get hurt unless something is done about parking and jay walking.

Cars should not be allowed to park close to the road and pedestrians should not be allowed to walk on the hard surface or close to it.

A few dollars spent there for a walk and a parking lot might save a life.

Better Marketing

Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott told the Wendell grange last week he would ask North Carolina congressmen to draft a bill giving the south an "adequate" marketing program. Such a measure, he explained, could provide that states match federal funds "dollar for dollar." It could be made similar, he added, to the "well-known and appreciated Smith-Lever act for agricultural extension work, the Bankhead-Jones act for research, the Smith - Hughes act for vocational agriculture and other similar acts."

Commissioner Scott has been advocating better marketing conditions for some time and the Commissioner is on the right

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The Mode of Death

Now that the curtains have been closed on the current political season, down in Raleigh they have dug up the old issue of method in capital punishment.

This state is using poisonous gas after a quarter of a century of successful results with the electric chair, but Governor Hoey and some other prominent officials of the state think that the electrical method is more humane.

After all, the state doesn't kill its dangerous criminals to be humane, but does kill to remove from society those who have committed one of the crimes for which death is prescribed by law. Theoretically, the state kills to make object lessons. The theory is based upon the presumption that those inclined to crime will profit from the experiences of those who did crime before them, but the presumption is weak and the theory doesn't stand up in reality.

The state does not and cannot kill humanely. The state cannot create life; therefore, the state, theoretically, has no inherent power to take life. But the state guarantees protection of life and property and in that guarantee is imbedded the authority to take life.

There is nothing pleasant in an execution. The electric chair is not far removed from the noose and the gas chamber is in the class with the electric chair. Each functions in its way, snapping the cord of human life.

Capital punishment has become too classy to act as a deterrent of crime. The executioner, doing his duty on yon hill, is not pleasant to think about, but surely it must be more objective than the present deterrent that doesn't deter.

It's a case of "seeing is believing."

THE RANDOLPH TRIBUNE

Too Late—

Bill Payne and Wash Turner, partners in crime, are said to have prayed diligently the day and night before their legal execution in the gas chamber. They are said to have, also, professed the faith. In both instances, they were but human. It is a human trait, when events are going satisfactorily, to neglect God; but

when in dire distress, beyond human aid, there is almost always an appeal to a higher power.

As to whether Payne and Turner were cleansed of their sins, and in the "twinkling of an eye" made as white as snow, we have no knowledge. Maybe it is possible. But it occurs to us that these Tar Heel criminals waited until the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour, waited until all hope of reprieve or pardon was gone before they turned to God for succor.

George Penn, highway patrolman whom Payne and Turner shot and killed, was given no opportunity to pray before he was ushered rather rapidly and rudely into the great beyond. His murderers didn't think to give him time to make ready to meet the Master; but, their hour of death marked, they prayed for forgiveness.

There may not be any difference, we are not theologian enough to speak with authority, between last-minute repentance and Christian living, but somehow a heaven filled with those who have lived a life of deliberate sin and crime, who at the last minute were cleansed, isn't our conception of the life hereafter.

DURHAM MESSENGER

Promise — Performance

In election years farmers are promised all sorts of relief by the politicians who are seeking office. And when the candidates get in office, experience has shown that few, if any, of the promises are ever fulfilled, and if any attempt is made the result has been a series of crackpot laws that failed miserably and left the farmer worse off than he was before.

Wide-awake farmers, whether they deal in milk, fruit, vegetables, stock or anything else, are placing less trust in political panaceas and more trust in their own efforts and their marketing cooperative organizations. "God helps those who help themselves," is as applicable to farming as to any other enterprise. The politicians who manifest so great a concern for agriculture at election time have shown their true colors too often in the past to make safe to trust them too far in the future.

PWA GRANTS IN STATE BENEFIT LARGE NUMBERS

Quarter Million North Carolinians Affected By \$3,242,117 Sanitary Program

More than a quarter of a million people in North Carolina municipalities, ranging in size from Winston-Salem to Pikeville, will be directly benefited by the \$3,242,117 water and sewerage improvement program made possible through PWA grants, said Warren H. Booker, director of the State Board of Health's Division of Sanitary Engineering.

"It is interesting to note that 24.4 per cent of the projects in the entire country were for waterworks and sewerage, but that in North Carolina the 22 projects that were allotted grants represent 46.8 of the total number for which allocations were made", Mr. Booker pointed out. "From this," he continued, "you will see that we are nearly twice as well off in the number of projects for waterworks and sewerage as the other States."

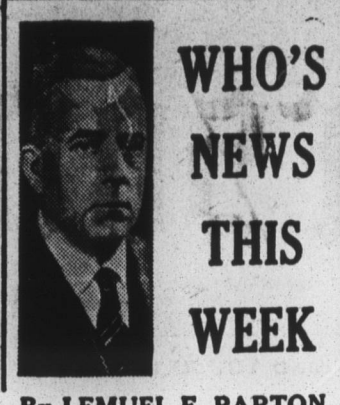
Over three years, he said, the State Board of Health, through its Sanitary Engineering Division, began working in behalf of this improvement program, designed to promote public health. Representatives have addressed civic clubs, mass meetings of citizens, and various other groups, giving information as to what a waterworks and sewerage plant should be, in order to

meet the minimum requirements for adequacy the promotion of public health, always urging the importance of extending water and sewer systems to eliminate the "fringe of privies" usually found on the outskirts of towns and cities. "A privy has no social or sanitary standing in any incorporated municipality in North Carolina," is the slogan of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Mr. Booker said. "There are a few 100 per cent watered and sewerated towns in North Carolina, including Boone, Chapel Hill, Cooleemee, Crossnore, Highlands, Carolina Beach, Kures Beach, Proximity, Roanoke Rapids, Roaring Gap and Sanford. Asheville rates 99.5 per cent in this respect, Winston-Salem 99.1, and Charlotte 98, among the cities in the larger brackets."

WOOLWORTH HEIRESS SUES MATE

London, England — Following institution of suit for divorce from her Danish Count, filed in Denmark, Countess Haugwitz, formerly Barbara Hutton, \$45,000,000 5-and-10 heiress, has her 2-year-old son Lance formally declared a British ward in Chancery, which places him under the protection of the courts until he is 21 years of age. It is rumored that her action is the result of threats of kidnapping on the part of her estranged husband, who is under \$10,000 bond in England.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—As a token of good will, President Kemal Ataturk of Turkey sends his bomb-tossing adopted daughter on a flight over Greece and the Balkans. She holds a diamond medal for bombing Kurds, having out-scored veteran male fliers in a recent work-out.

When the timid and demure Turkish women started coming out from the harem, they kept right on going. They seem to be out-distancing our girls who are merely coming out of the kitchen.

Turkey's "Flying Amazon" is Sabiha Gueekchen, twenty-four-year-old daughter of a Turkish army captain who was killed fighting Greeks in 1921. She is a pretty little thing.

An admiring woman correspondent described her as "shy and demure," with quick recourse to her "modish little vanity case," as she climbed from her plane after a hard day's bombing. That was in the Derisim area, in eastern Anatolia, in which she had been blasting the Kurds out of their caves.

She is a first lieutenant in the Turkish army, the only woman air force officer in the world.

Her French flying instructor says she is the most gifted woman acrobatic pilot in the world. She was trained in flying and gliding in Russia and later was a cadet in the Turkish army air force school. She rides a single-seated military plane, handles all types of planes and is especially accurate and skillful in bombing.

It is said no aviator in Turkey can match her in diving and stunting, but she shrinks modestly from all such, possibly unfeminine, exhibitionism, and sticks to her humdrum bombing tasks.

HERE is another diverting little news note, in sharp contrast, however, on the emergence of the modern woman. At her home in New York, Mrs. Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler presents prizes of \$750 to the winners of the annual "Intellectual Olympics," conducted by her new history society.

Happily the flying bomb put is not included in her deathlist. She has been for many years a diligent and earnest advocate of peace and brotherhood, working through the international Bahaiist movement, of which she has long been a leader. She derives from the Blue Book and has turned from society to religious and humanitarian concerns.

Her husband, now retired, is a great-grandson of John Jacob Astor, and a former lieutenant governor of New York. He is a big, gray, silent man, walking a small white poodle dog, rarely seen at his wife's salon, but a loyal partner in her endeavors. He is the brother of the late Bob and John Chanler.

The flaming-haired Valeska Suratt was an instrument of fate in the life of Mrs. Chanler. They were jointly engaged in a Hollywood script enterprise when Miss Suratt introduced her to Mirza Ahmed Sahrab, descendant of Mohammed and a disciple of the Abdul Baha. He was her tutor in the esoteric faith whose followers, like those of the Oxford movement, fervently believe the world can be saved only by a religious and cultural internationalism.

DOWN in Peru, this writer knew some dilatory natives who frequently used a word which meant, "not tomorrow, but day after tomorrow and maybe not then."

Dick Gets Degree 20 Years Late From a ancient parchments, Trinity college dons lift the reverse expression—"nunc pro tunc," which means "now instead of then." With this high academic sanction, they are enabled to deal a bachelor's degree to Richard Barthelmess, who failed to touch second when he was there 20 years ago.

Baseball moguls could now say "nunc pro tunc" and hand Fred Merkle that run he didn't get in 1908. If the custom gets going, it might open the way for some European debt payments.

Mr. Barthelmess is one of the thinning line of the stars of the old silent screen who remain in the public consciousness. His mother was Caroline Harris, an actress of the Biograph days. She gave Nazimova English lessons and in return Nazimova gave her boy his professional start in "War Brides." "Broken Blossoms," with Dorothy Gish, was his last big success.

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