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But How?

The most promising hope for success in meeting North Carolina's crime problem is public recognition of the fact that 85 percent of the State's prisoners are "normal individuals."

"We do not ask you business and professional men to embrace these former prisoners and shower on them undue sympathetic attentions," said Gill.

Careful research has shown, the Commissioner said, that only approximately 15 per cent of this state's present prison population are "abnormal" persons, or habitual criminals.

"They are our own people, not aliens," he said, "and we must realize that within a brief period of years, every one of them will be back in society, living among us."

Commissioner Gill has expressed no new thought when he stated that the average prisoner was an average person.

Many people are now serving sentences in our prisons, who would make the very best kind of citizens. For some reason or the other they are in jail and when they get out it is not easy for John Public to forget that they did serve a little time.

Everyone also realizes that there are about as many people outside the jails who should be in as there are people in the jails, but that idea also does not help matters when the prisoner is given his freedom.

We applaud Commissioner Gill for his speech. We think that he is right, but he has asked the public to do something that it just doesn't exactly know how to do.

Come Again

Whenever you go outside of Roxboro and Person County people ask you about "Hospitality Week."

As we see it Hospitality Week is destined to be one of the most outstanding events in the state of North Carolina.

Plans are now underway for the event next year. There will be changes from this year, but the general idea will be the same.

Watch out for "Hospitality Week" next year. It is going to be a nice event and something that will get plenty of attention and publicity.

About Cars

Did you know that one in every 7.7 people in this state owns an automobile? We knew that there were many cars in this state, but did not know that the average was that high.

This must reflect a rather sound financial position of the average citizen of this state. It must prove that the recession here has not been as bad as it has been pictured.

Did you know that the hours between five and seven in the evening are the most dangerous to drive that car you own? This will be a good point to remember when you take that vacation trip.

Officials also say that there is a very simple test that you can make to see if your brakes are in good condition. Take a quart milk bottle, pour in a pint of water, cap the bottle and set it upright on the floor of the car.

Farm Tours

The Person County Farm Tours that are scheduled for today and tomorrow are fine things. Right here in Person county are farm projects that every other farmer should see and he can't see them unless he goes to the other man's place of business.

We have a progressive farming county and these tours will prove to many exactly what is going on. Many ideas can be traded and all will benefit from the experience.

Our county agents try to pass new ideas on to all farmers in this county, but they can't see them all and they can't tell all that they see. There farm tours can take care of all the farmers who want to go and the trips have been arranged so that they will see the very best projects and those that are designed to help their own living conditions.



TIME TO BAIT OUR HOOK!



A Myth Gets Spanked

By GROVER HALL in The Montgomery Advertiser.

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"It's nice to live in a quiet country town where you can do as you please without being molested by the law."

But let us have a look at this pleasant observation. In a small town, we opine—"opine" used to be a fair to middling v. t., but one seldom sees it in these advanced days—we opine that in small towns the law seldom molests anybody except the politically dispossessed, and public opinion is a despot, whereas in big cities—those bigger than Montgomery—the law is relatively severe on cut-ups, whereas public opinion is not at all concerned.

In smaller communities, as the late Ed Howe of Kansas was fond of remarking, gossip is the best of all possible policemen. It makes all but a fraction of the population walk decorously down the street called Straight, however unwillingly they may trod the said beaten path.

In a big town peace officers naturally are more concerned with felonies than misdemeanors. They take a hand in misdemeanor cases only where the citizen's nuisance value reaches par on the curb market.

In a big town one may see two cops in a huddle. If so the cops are either planning a poker game on the next night off, or they are exchanging opinions regarding a felony.

meanor. The softer the whispers the better the story, but the less significant morally it is, in all probability. We said "two women or their male equivalents."

The Advertiser only knows that the tyranny of the small town gossip is equal to that of Catfish Hitler, but the corner policeman is free to boss only the pariahs of the community.

PERENNIAL GAMBLE

Income from the 1938 flue-cured tobacco crop was estimated at around \$175,000,000 and was the third highest return on record; with the largest crop in history forecast for 1939, this year's selling season may bring one of the lowest average prices in many years—barring some unforeseen act of God that may measurably reduce the crop.

The story of the seesawing tobacco prices—in its essential features—is as old as the growing of the crop. Ever since the days of the tobacco riots in early Virginia, there have been efforts to control production, and years of good prices followed by tragic years of over-production.

That is why this newspaper argued so persistently for a control program for 1939, at a time when the farmer's grievances against methods of administering the Agricultural Adjustment Act were being played up to such an extent in some newspapers.

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dices fanned by promoters of small-town markets, flue-cured growers voted against the establishment of a marketing quota for this year.

Having gone in for heavy tobacco growing this year, the farmer stands to lose on all sides. Prices at the warehouse may sag, and he may lose the benefit payments he might have had under the soil conservation provisions of the farm act, had he devoted less acreage to his soil depleting crops.

When the world market is wide open, and the farmer has that economic equality which has been promised him, then we shall no longer need to worry about flue-cured tobacco control.

Death Ends Aid Grants To 4692 Aged Carolinians

Death terminated the government grants of 19 North Carolinians 100 years old or more during the fiscal year ending in June, Nathan H. Yelton, State director of public assistance announced this week.

Figures compiled by J. S. Kirk, statistician for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, disclosed a total of 4,692 public assistance cases closed during the year with death being reason assigned to the 1,827 men and 1,511 women marked off the lists.

Oldest of the 19 Tar Heel centenarians to die was Sarah Guder, Negro woman of Asheville, who received a government grant for the last 16 months of 122 years of life.

One hundred and seventeen old people became self-supporting during the year, while 200 were admitted to public institutions and the relatives of 413 more assumed responsibility for their care.

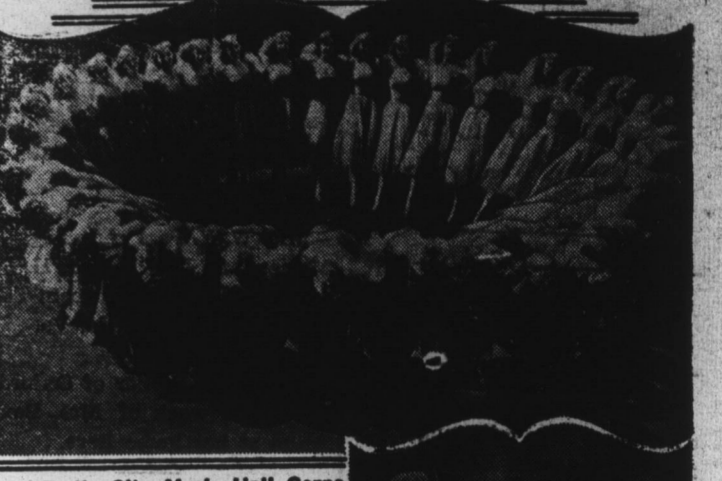
One hundred and thirty-one persons never received a government grant before death closed their case on the rolls, while 19 received their payments from combined Federal, State and county funds for two years or more before their death.

Of the 2,148 white persons dying during the year, 1,202 were men and 946 were women. Nine men and 11 women made up the total of 20 deceased members of the Indian race, while the 1,170 Negro deaths were accounted for by 616 men and 554 women.

Relatives of 2, 298 dependant North Carolina children became able through their own efforts to take them off the government aid rolls. Nine deaths of the dependant child were listed among the total of 4,155 cases closed during the year, Kirk's figures showed.

Seventy-five children were admitted to public institutions, while 120 reached the maximum age under which the law allowed payments to their relatives. Children averaged 2.44 per family in the 1,703 cases closed.

30 Girls...and a Man!



The Radio City Music Hall Corps de Ballet go into an intricate routine to entertain a group of visiting beauty editors. At right: Arthur S. Allen, color expert, tests lip makeup and natural complexion coloring on a ballerina with color chart.

NEW YORK: Nine New York beauty editors "ohed" and "ahed" last week when Arthur S. Allen, color expert, showed them what one orange-colored lipstick could do to 30 girls.

After performing the intricate Blue Danube Ballet on the Music Hall stage, the dancers lined up before Mr. Allen who, using color cards as guides, determined that sixteen shades ranging from rose to red were produced by the matching color-change principle in the lipstick.

North Carolina's cash farm income, including payments, totaled \$33,137,000 during the first

five months of 1939 as compared with \$38,872,000 for the same months last year.

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