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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," destined soon to filter back into society and become dependent upon it for rehabilitation, Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill told members of the Civitan Club in Raleigh this

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

receive them without prejudice." 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 criminais. The other 85 per cent, he said, "are persons more or less

of the same calibre as the rest of our population.' '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. A majority of people will agree that they should be received back into society, but it is a hard thing for the public to do.

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

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. Maybe sometime his Christian plea will be recognized and until it is the world will really have to pay the price of not using to the fullest extent a number of excellent citizens.

Come Again

Whenever you go outside of Roxboro and Person County people ask you about "Hospit know about it and recognize the fact that it was really a big week. They also know that it will be an annual event from now on and that it will be bigger and better each year.

As we see it Hospitality Week is destined to be one of the most outstanding events in the state of North Carolina. It is a novel idea and one that is full of all kinds of possibi-

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

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

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. You might do well to slow down a little when your watch says five o'clock.

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. Drive the car about 20 miles an hour, then apply the brakes fully. If the bottle remains upright, you'd better have your brakes fixed. If the bottle upsets and the car stops within 30 feet, the brakes are o. k.

Farm Tours

The Person County Farm Tours that are scheduled for today and tomorrow are fine things. Right here in Person | they never fail to make the most 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 most likely to be preoccupied are designed to help their own living conditions.



TIME TO BAIT OUR HOOK!



A Myth Gets Spanked

By GROVER HALL in The Montgomery Advertiser.

It's nice to live in a quiet counry town where you can do as you please without being molested by the law. Monday we saw two little girls riding their ponies in front of the Courthouse, followed by another little girl on a bicycle. Foot passengers were most accommodating in letting the little girls go by, and threw in a smile to boot.-Greensboro Watchman.

"It's nice to live in a quiet country town where you can do as you please without being molested by the law." And so it is, no doubt.

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 con-

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 the smaller communities people are not afraid of the corner policeman, but they wisely stand in holy terror of the woman who lives at that corner and tells everything she knows or suspects.

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 the bigger towns gossip is quoted low, like fodder and last year's bird nests. In the big towns one may do as he pleases so long as he does not disturbe anyone else; if he confines himself to misdemeanors. But in a small town the neighborhood enjoys a compromise misdemeanor, especially if it is colorful, and of the free picnic.

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. In a small town if two women, or their male equivalents, are seen in a huddle, they are with the fun of the latest misde-

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." Actually men love the flavor of petty scandal quite as much as The Ladies-doggone 'em-like it. The only difference is that women slay their neighbors out of spite, whereas men slay them out of envy. And so the Advertiser as a both men and women, hardly knows which side to take.

The Advertiser only knows that the tyranny of the small town gossiper is equal to that of Catfish Hitler, but the corner policeman is free to boss only the pariahs of the community. In the larger cities gossipers are quoted at three for a dime, whereas the corner cop is a tough egg-unless a penthouse wardheelers owns him. Small towners are no better at heart than big-towners, but they are bossed differently.

PERENNIAL GAMBLE. Richmond Times-Dispatch

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. The high price gives the grower a natural stimulus, and with production unregulated, an enormous crop was to be exan enormous crop was to be expected this year, after good prices in five years affected by AAA control programs.

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. Those complaints could easily have been adjusted. But with their preju-

dices fanned by promoters of small-town markets, flue-cured growers voted against the estabishment of a marketing quota for this year. If the 1939 crop is as large as estimated, an election will be called to establish a quota, but this will not become operative until the 1940 crop goes to market-too late to help farmers with this year's probem, if prices go below production costs. Having gone in for heavy to-

bacco 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

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. But for the present, some form of control seems to be necessary to prevent the farmer from enlarging in the perennial gamble that the other fellow is not going to do exactly what he is doing, namely, growing tobacco to the limit.

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

Figures compiled by J. S. Kirk, statistician for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, family newspaper, catering to 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 cenenarians to die was Sarah Gudger, Negro woman of Asheville, who received a government grant for the last 16 months of 122 years of life. Majority of those dieing were between the ages of 66 and 83, the figures showed.

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

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. There were 1,771 who were paid for a period ranging from 12 to 17 months.

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 dependent 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.

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