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O. K. By Us

Well, the President has changed the date for Thanksgiving Day. Personally, we have no objections. We can eat our hen on the 23rd. or on the 30th. It will taste just as good one day as it will the other.

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No Ham And Eggs

NEW—Licensing of slot machines of the "play for fun only" type by the last legislature already has meant \$120,500 in "new" revenue to the State since June 1.

Through August 15, the State has realized that sum for licenses on 6,025 of the machines, mostly of the five-cent pinboard type. Such machines were not licensed by the State until the last legislature passed that act.

Included in that section are music machines, vending machines, drink vending machines, etc., which had been licensed in previous years. Since June 1, licenses of all kinds under that section have yielded \$190,050.

In Roxboro, slot machines have proved to be one of the chief amusements that this city offers. At times you can hardly get close enough to a machine to see what is going on. When a man starts shooting the boys gather. Often a person has to wait his turn to get to play.

There's no telling how much money these machines are getting. Many proprietors will tell you that they make enough clear to pay the rent on their places of business.

The State made quite a bit of money when the "slots" were approved, but it certainly did provide a way whereby a huge amount of money is being pushed into a slot and no ham or eggs are coming out.

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About Tobacco

All reports reaching this section tend to prove that tobacco on the Border Belt is bringing a fair price and that the farmers are satisfied. Growers in this section point out that the crop is even better up here and they predict that prices will be just as good and probably better. All of this makes our farmers feel good.

Much tobacco was lost last week. This was due to the fact that there was not enough barn room to care for the crop as fast as it got ripe. If this county is to continue raising this large amount of weed there must be a building program staged on the farms of this section.

However, no one here expects a crop this large for years to come. We may consider ourselves very fortunate to get as much as twenty cents. It may be true that the tobacco is worth twenty cents, but another crop this large will probably find the companies unwilling to pay that much for it.

The price of every commodity is based on the old law of supply and demand. We might disregard this law for a time or two and get by with it, but the practice cannot be continued with any success.

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Keep It Going

Kiwanians and Rotarians have started a program of visiting the farmers of this county. If this program is really worked out it will mean much to the farmers and much to civic club members. If we are interested in our fellowman we should go to see him and if he is interested in us he should be glad to see us.

The business men of this city want to cement the relationship between the town and county. This program will do that if parties of both parts will do all that they can to make the program a success. Remember, both parties must be in accord with the idea.

Finally, the visits should be continued until we reach the point where the man in the county looks forward to them and knows that we are really interested in his friendship.

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And Always Has

From the farms of America will come the men who will steer this country through future crisis, Governor Hody told approximately 2,500 persons attending Swannona test farm's 27th. annual farmer's field day last week.

Because of the freedom of rural life and its closeness to nature, he said, the farmer today is a better



thinker and has a clearer conception of the finer things of life than does the city dweller.

"The farm is a great power house, from which will emanate the power of thought and the strength of character which will save this nation in future crisis."

The governor is right, but the one thing he forgot to mention is the fact that great leaders of America have been coming from the farms since the days of George Washington.

Go into the office of any great leader and ask him where he was raised. If he wasn't raised on a farm the chances are that he came from a small town and has seen plenty of work on a farm.

The farms of America have produced leaders for years and if city life continues with its rush and fight for dollars, the farms will continue to produce our leaders.



Cataclysmic!

Christian Science Monitor

President Roosevelt's proposal to move Thanksgiving Day forward from November 30 to November 23 probably is the most cataclysmic since Ford adopted the gear shift. Its boldness leaves the commentator flabbergasted.

What a precedent? Can't have this broken too often, you know, or we'll have none left. What about Abraham Lincoln who established the "last Thursday" custom? Is this a subtle slap at Republicanism? What about all the university and school calendars, with printed catalogues in the mails? And those on every desk with the figure "30" in red letters?

Oh, yes, the retailers who customarily fill their windows with Christmas goods on the day after Thanksgiving should have another week of business—but what about the "big business" of college football, whose schedules were drawn up a year ago? Merely moving them up a week won't do at all, you know, because on the Saturday before Siwash has a bruising game with State and needs the customary week and a half respite before the holiday encounter with their old rivals. (Possibly this did not occur to Mr. Roosevelt whose alma mater never plays on Thanksgiving.)

Socialize business and the professions? Maybe. Take over the lawmaking prerogatives of Congress? Perhaps. Alter the Supreme Court? Well— . . . But tampering with institutions sacred to turkey and pigskin may be more than a patient people can endure.

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Not An Issue

Greensboro Daily News

Raleigh correspondents for the state press are playing with the notion that liquor is going to be a leading issue in the coming gubernatorial campaign.

We don't believe that for a variety of reasons, but the chief one is the difficulty that will be experienced in finding anybody to take the pro end of the question. We can count on the fingers of one hand all the gubernatorial candidates we ever heard of refusing a drink; but the number who cared publicly to confess to a willingness to bend an elbow was even smaller.

You can put it down right now that liquor, state controlled or otherwise, will not have a friend among those who ask the suffrage of the Democratic electorate.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON From The Adult Student

UPBUILDING THE COMMUNITY By Ruby Van Hooser

The word "community" has been set in the midst of the thought life of modern times as one about which great hopes gather, and as one which embodies some of the noblest ideals of human life. The word generally embraces a group of people having certain common needs and interests and desires, bound together by common traditions and customs, and using for the most part the same language. A community has the ability to plan large things for itself, and to carry them through to completion. Today all the richness that can gather about such a common life is being realized much more clearly than it formerly was, and plans for the organization and development of community living have gone far forward.

Citizens work today to make their city one that is characterized by beauty, health, safety, and equal opportunities for all its people. Drawing upon its traditions of the past, seeking to carry forward the vision of greatness that the founders of the community dreamed in might one day achieve, responsible men and women seek to guard its life from all of those things which tear down and defile all that they have tried so patiently through the years to build up.

Drink, One of the Ancient Foes Of Community Life

One of the enemies of a strong individual and group life has long been that of drink. That is no new problem the literature of every nation reveals. For example, Habakkuk, that great prophet of the closing years of the seventh century B. C., turned away from the shifting affairs of the nations, to find, if he could, the God of the universe, who was in the midst of that which was breaking down and being overthrown. And in a meditation addressed to God, the prophet cries out against those things that ruin a life, a city, or a nation, in a series of woes that paint the picture of his times vividly before us. Among those ancient woes we find these words: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink."

In another unforgettable picture the writer of the book of Daniel draws the scene of a rich and sumptuous banquet in the palace of Belshazzar, ruler of the empire of Babylon. Hundreds of

guests were assembled about the board. Then as if to crown the events of the evening, the gold and silver vessels from the Temple in Jerusalem, sacred to the use of service of patience and praise of God alone, are called for, and toasts are drunk from them to the gods of gold and silver, of iron and brass and wood. In the midst of the royal feast, a moving hand writes upon the wall the words of the nation's swift destruction. It is significant that Daniel, who was summoned to interpret the words, had refused to indulge in the luxuries of food, drink, and pampered living by which his Babylonian master had sought to surround him. He, a worshiper of the God of the Hebrews, sought rather to remain strong, clear-headed, and in command of himself. When called into the banquet hall, he announced the prediction of the coming fall of the kingdom—an event that the king and his leaders had refused to see, but whose seeds of destruction had been long in the sowing. Neither an individual nor an empire can eventually withstand failure to observe the laws of right that are written deep into the structure of creation itself.

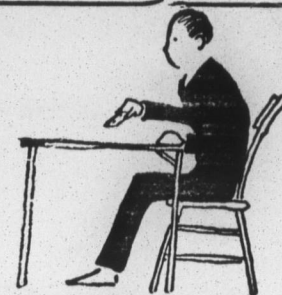
The Responsibility of the Community

A single human being's worth, said the Master, is greater than all else in the creation of God, and for the fullest life of each one the Son of Man went the way of the cross. It is for those of us who follow him to help others understand what science has revealed clearly today as to the results of the use of alcohol in the life of an individual. We must help others see its effects in social group life, and then join with them in banishing beverage alcohol from community living. Above all, those of us who are truly Christian need to care enough for each human being in our city to lead each one to the Master who alone gives joy and satisfaction in individual lives, so that each person may come to desire only that which is healthful and wholesome and fine. Together the followers of Christ can make their community one that is stable and safe and free—one in which life, not death, is the gift of all its people.

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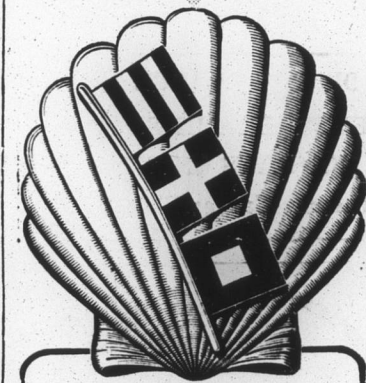
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