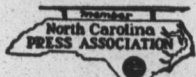


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Two Men in Trouble

Plainsclothes Officer O. L. Smith, of the Raleigh police force, and H. V. Norris, of Fair Bluff, until recently a member of the State Highway Patrol in the Mocksville area, have both been in the news during the past week on account of charges of unnecessary harshness and misconduct while in office.

Technically as well as morally the accusations against Norris, who has been arrested and placed in Davie county jail Thursday, under a \$1,000 bond on charges of accepting a bribe of \$50 and of malfeasance in office, are, we suppose, far more serious than those being brought against Plainsclothesman Smith, who apparently has done nothing but treat a certain citizen named Sellman, who was brought to the Raleigh police station after having fallen on Edenton street, with an unnecessary roughness described as "two punches in the back".

Nothing less than the discharge and arrest meted out to Norris seems possible under the circumstances, granting that ex-Patrolman Norris did actually accept a bribe from the drunken-driving Yadkinville man who turned the tables against him by marking the money and inviting other officers to accompany him to the payoff spot at the county line. On the other hand it seems to us that Chief of Police A. H. Young, of Raleigh, should at least suspend Plainclothesman Smith from duty until the facts in his case are completely washed and on the line.

It stands against the Smith record to recall that he it was who was "spot-lighted in the state press" last August for "bludgeoning a dog nearly to death" on the streets of Raleigh. Smith may have used profanity last week and he may have been too rough with Sellman, as all too frequently police officers of the less responsible type can be, but our natural judgement tells us that the "dog" incident should have been enough and that Smith should have been discharged at that time. A man capable of beating a dog, according to the law of averages, ought to be perfectly capable of beating a man.

There is, however, this much to be said in defense of the two law enforcement officers whose names have been discussed so publicly in print. Officers of the law are, as much as any criminals or law violators whom they may arrest, "marked characters". All that they do or say that is in the least out of line with standards set up for them is noted with severity by the world in which they live. Under such a code, however right and however needful such a code may be, officers of the law are compelled to sometimes possess and preserve an almost super-human reserve of character. Demands are made upon them and upon judges and ministers and others connected with moral preservation departments of the social order, which to the average John Doe citizen would become an intolerable burden.

These demands are inescapable and will continue as long as men live on earth, but persons who are on the outside looking in should not be too critical of officers behind the bars until all facts are known.

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Future of Education

More than a hundred years ago the great Thomas Arnold, of Rugby, father of Matthew Arnold the English poet and essayist, won recognition as an educator of boys and men. He was for his times, far in advance of other teachers, though his classification might today be somewhat lower, but we mention Arnold's name merely to record the fact that some advances and stirrings of thought and method are always taking place in the teaching profession, despite the fact that the profession as a profession has honored tradition almost to the point of extinction.

As a close at home and up-to-date example of "advances and stirrings" we cite for our readers the address delivered here Thursday night by Ray Armstrong, superintendent of schools at Goldsboro. Speaking to members of the Roxboro Rotary club, Mr. Armstrong said he was critical of education and its results in much the same fashion that he might be critical of automobiles which failed to function properly. According to Mr. Armstrong there is today no other business in which a man or woman can "lie down on the job" and get by with it as much as they can in the field of education. According to Mr. Armstrong, the school of today must have attractive classrooms and must have equipment other than desks and textbooks if it is to appeal to students and to hold their attention.

He said much more which cannot be mentioned here, but the important fact is this: his talk, regardless of agreement or disagreement among his hearers, provoked animated post-meeting discussions among them. Three hours after the Armstrong address had been delivered some of his hearers stood in a local drug store and discussed with some heat the ideas the speaker had proposed.

And that, we think, is what Mr. Armstrong will appreciate. The future of education will take care of itself, coming out in the process as neither white nor black, as long as Mr. Armstrong and others like him, together with those educators of a more conservative

'Abe Lincoln' and Wife Visit White House



A railroad accident didn't prevent Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Massey from reaching a dinner party given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Their train stalled en route to Washington from Chicago, the pair completed the trip by plane. Massey, an actor, has won fame through his portrayal of Abe Lincoln.

Stone, can cause parents to think progressively about the schooling their children are receiving. There is hope that learning as a process will shake loose whatever it does not need. We think too that said shaking will mean the loss of some "modern ideas" as well as some brought over from the long past of Thomas Arnold and Horace Mann.

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Milk and Water for Wine

Like many other Roxboro people, young and old, but mostly young, we went to see the film version of Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels", and like them we found it beautiful to behold, in a grotesque and sugar-sweet, stick-candy fashion. As an example of Hollywood lavishness and of the reduction of an adult theme to the levels of what passes as childish intellect, we know of none better than "Gulliver's Travels".

The movie people are, of course, not entirely to blame, since the Gulliver story, properly expurgated, has long since been thrown to the nursery, but we wish some oldsters would dig up the adult version and relearn that Swift intended his tale as a bitter satire on the big and little world and its ways.



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Save The Prop

News and Observer

North Carolina tobacco farmers are accustomed to the hazards of weather. This year it appears to be their fate to be subjected to far different hazards, but ones which affect them just as vitally and over which they have as little control as they do over the weather.

The European war has already laid a heavy hand on the North Carolina tobacco farmer. Great Britain has not only stopped the purchase of American tobacco, but is seeking to "educate" the British public to use a substitute for it in the form of tobacco produced in Turkey, now politically allied with England.

That would appear to be disaster enough for one season. But there now appears a strong chance that Congress will remove any possibility of the Federal government intervening to protect the marketers as it did last year when the British embargo was first imposed. Between forty million dollars and fifty million dollars of government funds were placed in the market in the form of purchases by the Surplus Commodity Credit Corporation of tobacco upon which English companies were given an option. Now when it appears doubtful that the British companies will exercise their option in time to help the situation in 1940, if at all, it is proposed to cut off funds from the only agency which could be of assistance.

In submitting his budget to Congress, President Roosevelt reduced the funds for this and other farmer agencies. Now a committee of the House, in the throes of an economy wave, has recommended the complete elimination of the \$72,000,000 recommended by the President for this purpose, although the recommendation itself was \$40,000,000 below the appropriation made last year.

This additional cut should be restored. This is the only agency of the Federal government in a position to minimize disastrous and sudden developments which may, under the present world conditions, have a disastrous effect upon other farm commodities as well as tobacco.

North Carolina members of Congress would do well at the moment to concentrate their efforts upon restoring this appropriation, which can be justified fully by existing circumstances.

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Snow Man Mixes Deliveries

Christian Science Monitor

While idle skiers in "snowless Boston" have been hopefully scanning the skies, boys and girls in America's Southland, have been revelling in drifts, many for the first time their lives. Skate and sled manufacturers have found a new outlet for their wares; snow that stays on the ground in Georgia and Middle Texas is as unusual as November apple blossoms in New England. Dixie's youngsters have unearthed the snow and ice equipment their elders last used in the winter of 1917-18—and probably will hang it up again shortly for another quarter of a century. Weather plays queer pranks. Snowbound Southerners may have heard radio reports of rain in Canada. Imagine Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire being practically bare while skiers whoop with joy on the slopes of Lookout Mountain in Tennessee!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

From The Adult Student

"Every man has his price."

That is true or untrue according to who makes the statement and why. On the lips of one who holds man in high regard it points to the infinite worth of the soul. On the cunning lips of the betrayer of souls it becomes the deceptive indictment—"all that a man hath will be given for his life." From the lips of the selfish who hold no honor sacred, it is confession of small, value of self, and less of others; and from those who have much of this world's blessings it is a confession of snobbery and mean appreciation of human personality.

There are all sorts of ideas about the true value of the human being, and each shows the breadth of truth known and accepted by the holder. The ancient adage, "Only the true can recognize truth, and only the great can know the great," should be considered. The scientist who is awed by immensity and begins to be sorry for man's insignificance, should be alarmed at the inability to keep his thinking balanced. He has no way of knowing greatness or immensity except he is possessed of such qualities. If he doubts, let him try to impart his awe of immensity to some unlettered and ignorance imprisoned soul. The experience will quickly convince him that his conception and respect for greatness cannot be passed on to another until that person has paid the price of greatness by which to receive and judge.

What Makes Life Sacred?

When does human life and personality become sacred in the eyes of man? The selfish who seek every pleasure and fear all discomfort are no nearer true value than those who have lost reason's balance by focusing on one set of faces. Judgment by any group is limited to the extent facts are known and respected. The religionist cheapens his evaluation when he ignores or refuses the facts of science, philosophy, and other fields of learning, and the learned scholar or scientist can miss right values through ignorance of spiritual truth.

The three brief selections of Scripture for our use in this study present an amazingly up-to-the-minute message dealing with the basis for human evaluation. Across the centuries from Genesis to Corinthians there were men who thought to make their gods. They fashioned the image, dictated powers, and determined the place in their midst. Awed by a material world such people set a material image before them instead of a living personality. Their successors today fashion their own thoughts and set them up in place of a living personal God. They still substitute the handiwork of man for an eternal God, and man shrinks accordingly.

Genesis, written in the midst of a people whose god was a man-made image, sounds the warning that this is all wrong. Truth is the other way around. God made man in his image.

The message is always up-to-date, for man is ever tempted to begin by creating symbols and materials to remind him of truth, and then he loses sight of the truth symbolized by the adoration of his skill creation. By skill man may make images—material or mental—to remind him of the truth, but Genesis challenges him to remember that man himself is a living image or reminder of the Master Creator.

Here is a call to keep our thinking clear: "Male and female created he them," and in our common expression, "he saw to it" that the image was well made. Biologist, physiologist, and chemist have brought from their fields many proofs that the image is well made.

One common tragedy of life is the misuse of possessions and privileges. However, we have capacity to regret misuse, for we are

pained when some valuable thing is used for a cheap purpose. The mockery stings when a sublime opera is used to advertise dime cigarettes, or a masterpiece painting to encourage sale of cheap beer. It should sting more when that which is noble enough to house the Spirit of God stoops to shelter the cheap, tawdry, degraded levels of human ambition and deeds.

Created to be a temple of communion and fellowship for the Holy Spirit, misuse is sacrilege, for the promised dwelling place of God is defiled. Therefore Paul calls upon us to be clean from all filth of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the awe of God. If we are aware of the sacredness of personality, the body as its dwelling place and means of expression becomes precious, and its functions are considered and exercised in respect for personality. What is it worth to be the conscious possessor of the indwelling Holy Spirit?

Sale of Electrical Appliances Good During Past Year

Electrical dealers sold more than \$5,000,000 worth of electrical appliances of all kinds in 1939 in the territory served by the Carolina Power and Light company, according to a report just released by the utility company.

The report shows that more than 1,202,000 electrical appliances were sold to make 1939 one of the best years in history for the sale of appliances in the company territory, according to S. P. Vecker, vice president and general sales manager of the power company.

Mr. Vecker pointed out that of the more than five million dollars worth of appliances sold in his company's territory independent electrical dealers accounted for more than 90 percent of all sales. Five years ago, he said, the dealers accounted for only about one-third of all sales of appliances in the company's territory, but that their annual sales have climbed steadily since the institution of the coordinated dealer-company sales program in 1935 while sales of the company have dropped from year to year.

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