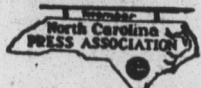


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Wrong Is Not Right .....

Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, whom we have long known as one of the few "speak-my-mind-at-any-cost" occupants of the bench, has during the past week had his name in headlines because of his thorough disposal of Fayetteville's vending machine magnate, Joe Calcutt. Aftermath of the judgment giving Calcutt jail sentence of one year for alleged violations of anti-gambling laws was receipt by Judge Parker of an anonymous letter containing a threat upon the judge's life. Reportedly from a friend of Calcutt's, the missive displayed the illiteracy usually associated with such messages.

We are not disturbed by the threat any more than Judge Parker has been. Judges worthy of the name frequently receive backhanded "fan" mail. We are, however, more than bothered by unsavory aspects of the case concerned.

We suppose that it is quite right for Joe Calcutt and - or any one of his several henchmen to go to jail for selling gambling devices (which must have been wanted, else they would not have been sold) but we think the State of North Carolina has been and still is in a most embarrassing position because it has as a State taken large sums of license money from Calcutt all during years while legality of the vending business was being questioned.

Personally, we have never understood why intelligent people should want to waste money "playing" these machines, but even their desire to get something for nothing cannot be condemned so strongly as can the State's two-faced attitude toward what is wrong and what is right. People may commend Judge Parker's determined finishing off of a sorry business. Can they respect the law he has invoked? Knowing human nature, we think not, but we hope lawmakers will hereafter be more consistent.

Time To Change.....

Not having lived in the City of Roxboro during a municipal election, we were recently somewhat shocked to learn that nomination of city officials, presumably including mayors and councilmen, has in the past been done viva voce at a town mass meeting held at the court house or city hall. Our aged politicians are surely old enough to remember when the same mass meeting principle covered over with the dignified name of a State Democratic or Republican convention was employed to nominate state officials from governors on down to lowliest ward-heeler hangers-on. Same politicians, if they search memory thoroughly can likewise recall that such conventions could on occasion be "packed" and swayed in this or that direction so that persons not fitted for office sometimes crept in with official sanction.

We are not saying that political conditions in Roxboro have ever been so low as to be conducive of evils unfortunately associated with the originally super-democratic mass meeting: we do know that any such mass meeting held in a city as large as Roxboro has become could be "managed" by persons having their own rather than municipal interests at heart.

It is our understanding that the present Roxboro City Council at its December meeting held last week discussed charter changes necessary to abolish the election mass meeting here in favor of a primary system similar to that now in use in state and county elections. We are not so damp behind the ears as to believe that mere substitution of one system for another would be a cure-all, but we are forthrightly of opinion that corruptions of the primary system are more manageable and less dangerous to public good than any sort of mass meeting could be. For this reason we hope the City council will see fit to be slightly more articulate than it has been to date.

Sportsmanship At Home .....

It has come to our attention that certain members of Person's hunting fraternity, numbering quite a few, have been verbally set upon by owners of lands fortunate enough to contain coveys of quails. Supposition is that these hunters have in most instances entered upon previous agreement with said landowners as to when and how much hunting could be indulged in on said properties.

It is no concern of ours what happens between owners and hunters. We are, nevertheless, constrained to remind persons in both classifications that nothing is so unsportsmanlike as wranglings of this character. If a landowner has told so and so that he or she may hunt upon his lands he has poor taste indeed if he complains overmuch as to methods or frequencies of the hunting engaged in, it being supposed that any landowner who makes such commitments knows the characters and habits of persons whom he grants privileges and on

such knowledge is willing to have visiting sportsman on his acres.

On the other hand, granting of hunting privileges carries with it responsibilities which must be assumed by those who receive favors. No true sportsman would presume to violate any prescribed rules laid down by those giving permission, nor would he consider his personal invitation as a come-one come-all for his friends, much less would he presume to hunt on any lands more than the number of times justified by quail thereon.

We mention these double-sided aspects of sportsmanship not in accusation against any persons who may consider themselves open to accusation, but because we hope that in the future no such misunderstandings will recur.



Greek Art and the Moderns .....

Christian Science Monitor

At Harvard University a group of students are being taught to "think in design." One student is painting a mural on the walls of Hunt Hall. Others are busy with similar art projects. All this is commendable, since it stimulates initiative and resource, and is a forward-looking venture.

Samuel F. Hershey, instructor of architecture and painting at the School of Architecture and Design, who gives the course, feels that the conventional arts and crafts are defunct, and that while archaic Greek temples were splendid in their time, they have "no more place in the modern world than a Greek chariot." This sounds a bit harsh on the ancient arts, the virtues and advantages of which have come down to the present day. Is it not possible to pay homage to the past without necessarily living in the past?

There is much in the modern world that will pass while the best of the art of the past will endure. When Gray, in his Elegy, said, "Let not Ambition mock their useful toil," he was no doubt thinking of something more than the products of field and workshop. Perhaps art also was implied.

Financial Aid To Britain.....

Durham Morning Herald

The series of conferences between Sir Frederick Phillip, British Undersecretary of Treasury, and Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau appears to have resulted in the two gentlemen and their respective Governments reaching a clearer understanding of the question of financial assistance to Britain, but to have left the whole question of when and how open. And that isn't surprising or disappointing to those who view the situation realistically and accept the conferences as sort of preliminary spade work.

Both Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau and Secretary of Commerce Jones have said in so many words that they have no inclination to extend Britain credits or other financial aid banned by Congressional statute, and Secretary Morgenthau adds that no responsible Briton has asked him for any sort of a loan.

Apparently, the British attitude is that in the not-distant future they may have credits and the Morgenthau-Jones attitude, presumably shared by the President, is that at that time credits should be extended, but the issue is one that ought to be submitted to the Congress.

So we suspect that the immediate objective at Washington, so far as loans to Britain is concerned, is to get things in shape for a Congressional showdown on credit-banning laws and work out procedure and strategy to be used in advance of convening of the new Congress.

That seems to us the sensible, the expedient, and the orderly procedure.

If Britain keeps fighting and British financial resources become too scant to support to Britain's greatest war effort, this country is going to extend financial assistance. There isn't now and never has been much doubt there. The argument now is over how nearly Britain has exhausted her liquid financial assets and how long it will be before we will have to start giving the support we know we are going to give.

Sir Frederick's talks with Morgenthau and others should provide the basis of answers to those questions. Time will, we think, provide the details, such as when, how much, and what kind.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of I. G. Baynes, deceased, late of Person County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them

to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of November, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 22nd day of November, 1940.

A. H. Baynes, Administrator of estate of I. G. Baynes. 11-24-40-S.

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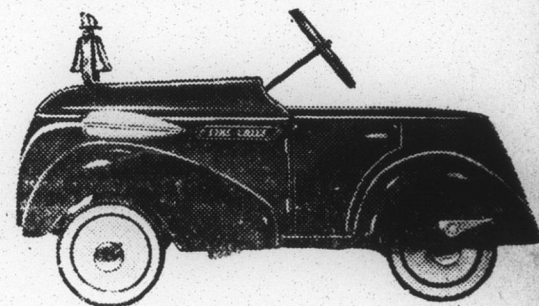
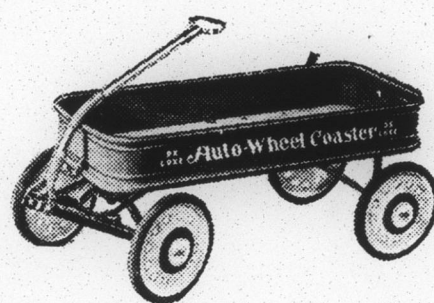


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