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A Good Law

We see by the Raleigh News & Observer that the state's new lien law, as it effects recipients of Old Age Assistance grants, is causing some concern among those recipients and their relatives.

In a nutshell, the lien law calls for repayment of all old age assistance funds received by an individual through a welfare grant, providing the recipient is owner of property. The repayment to be made upon settlement of the recipient's estate.

To our way of thinking this is a good law, and one which should be retained upon the statute books so long as welfare grants are continued. No doubt, there may be some pressure on the next General Assembly to repeal this law, but that pressure, if applied, should be resisted.

According to the News & Observer, reports from over the state reveal that some recipients of Old Age Assistance are resentful of the law, and some are confused; their reactions being something like this: "We have been led to believe that old age assistance is a right" or "we have been led to believe it is a pension."

In our opinion both lines of thought are entirely wrong, and correction should be made in cases where recipients are of this opinion. Old Age Assistance, we believe, was established as part of the Social Security program to provide partial care for the aged who were without means of support; not for individuals with property or relatives sufficient to provide the necessities of the individual.

Somewhere along the line, it appears, the welfare program went off on a tangent; and with the federal government apparently attempting to convince everybody it was the horn of plenty and the individual had only to look to Washington for subsistence the whole thing got fouled up to a point where the public came to believe old age assistance grants were a right or a pension.

We don't know whose job it is to correct the thinking, but it should be done. Our nation grew strong and great upon the assumption that each individual had opportunities to work and prosper and by personal effort could look to a happy old age with means to provide the necessities of life.

There should be a return to this way of thinking because the apparent attitude of today, that "the government owes everybody a living" is false, and we believe that this lien law will be a means to that end.

Prevent Fires In Hertford

If your little boy or girl comes home from school this week and tells you that the family home is a fire-trap—stop, look and listen, for he is doing his best to help observe annual Fire Prevention Week, which this year runs from October 7th through the 13th.

Parents are urged to give their homes a careful inspection, with the view to eliminating all possible fire hazards. Some of these include worn or frayed electric wires, accumulations of paper and rubbish in attics and cellars and the storing of oil or kerosene in closets or cabinets. Faulty chimneys or flues are also well known causes of fires, as well as open fireplaces, which are left unattended.

Hundreds of thousands of dwellings are destroyed every year by fire and experts assert that most of these losses could have been prevented. The same observation applies to industrial fires and particularly to forest fires.

An official of the Department of Agriculture estimates that a fire occurs on a farm somewhere in the United States every fifteen minutes, destroying houses, barns, equipment and crops. Eighty-five out of every hundred of these result from carelessness or thoughtlessness and could be avoided.

To prevent these fires, it is necessary for all of us to be impressed with the great loss which can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care. It is more than common-sense today to prevent fires, in view of the strenuous efforts being exerted by our nation in defense against war. Every American understands the danger of fire and it is high time for all of us to put into practice the methods of protection and prevention that are well known.

This is, of course, not a one-week out of the year obligation. It is a matter of which should be attended to every week, but especially at this time of the year when cold weather makes it necessary for us to use heat. Furnaces, chimneys, stoves and all equipment used, after a summer lay-off, should be carefully inspected before being put to use.

Modern Prison For Women Prisoners

North Carolina soon will have one of the most modern women's prisons in the nation, featuring windows without bars, private rooms for honor prisoners and a varied interior color scheme instead of the usual monotonous gray or white.

The expansion program, which will cost over a half-million dollars, is the first in the country to be planned with consideration being given to all the factors from a nation-wide study of prison construction, operational methods and new developments in inmate rehabilitation.

It is part of the \$1,120,500 improvement program launched by Governor Scott and Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan and now being steered toward reality by Prisons Chief Walter Anderson.

Preliminary plans for the expansion program at Women's Prison in Raleigh have been approved by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The architects—Holloway, Weber and Reeves of Raleigh—now are preparing working drawings for the project's construction.

The architects' master plan includes buildings to be erected in the current phase of construction and structures to be added in the future. In drafting the over-all plan, they worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to take advantage of latest developments in prison construction.

All of the new buildings will be of fireproof construction with brick exteriors. They are being designed to avoid looking like a prison. Windows will be of a new detention type without grilles, bars or other treatment normally associated with prisons.

Included in the list of buildings for immediate construction are two honor cottages, a combination gymnasium-chapel, an administration building and a central heating plant. Future plans call for a cannery, an industry building, a hospital, a dining hall and new inmate quarters.

Cottages for honor grade prisoners will have individual sleeping rooms and centrally-located recreation areas which can be sub-divided for large or

small groups. Interior colors will be varied, selected according to exposure and other factors.

The gymnasium, which will serve as a multi-purpose building, will have movable seats so that it can be used as a chapel, auditorium or theatre as well as a gymnasium. This building also will contain four classrooms, and the lobby will have space to display handicraft made at the prison.

In addition to office space, the administration building will have classrooms and a visitors' room. Instead of the usual long counters with benches on each side, the new visitors' room will include furniture groupings that will enable up to four visitors at a time to sit apart with the inmate they visit.

At present, there are several different heating systems for the prison buildings. The new central heating plant will handle all heating requirements for the existing structures, the new construction and the future construction.

TWO MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, October 14, at 9 and 11 A. M., the latter a high mass, each including sermon on "Instruction On the Rosary," Holy Communion, followed by Sunday School, with confessions for half hour before services, in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, who invites everybody to all services. Week-days at 7 A. M.: Mass, Rosary every day.

Bulletin Discusses Sale of Livestock

The North Carolina Experiment Station announces publication of Bulletin No. 376, "Livestock Marketing Practices of North Carolina farmers."

The report was prepared by Walter P. Cotton, associate professor of agricultural economics. It is 52 pages in length and contains several pages of tables and a number of charts.

Sale of livestock, says Cotton, has not represented a major source of farm income in North Carolina. Livestock and livestock products, not including dairy products, poultry, and eggs, represented only 4.0 per cent of total cash farm income in 1930 and only 7.3 per cent in 1949. It is estimated, says Cotton, that four-fifths of the State's supply of meats sold through grocery stores and restaurants comes from outside North Carolina.

WINS 4-H HONORS

Jessie Lee Norman, a member of the Negro 4-H Club of Perquimans Training School, Winfall, won district honors of first place at Bricks' Rural Life

School, in a contest recently held, and also first honors in the state contest held at A & T College, Greensboro. Her demonstration on dairy foods consisted of dressing up milk with different fruit juices. As the winner of the contest she will receive a gold filled medal and wrist watch as awards. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norman of Winfall.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Leroy Nixon and Mrs. Walter Symons were hostesses to a miscellaneous shower given Friday night, September 28 at the home of Mrs. Nixon, honoring Mrs. Jack Symons, recent bride.

The home was beautifully decorated with fall cut flowers. Games and contests were enjoyed by the forty guests present after which the guest of honor opened and acknowledged her many lovely gifts. Refreshments of ice cream, individual cup cakes, mints, and nuts were served.



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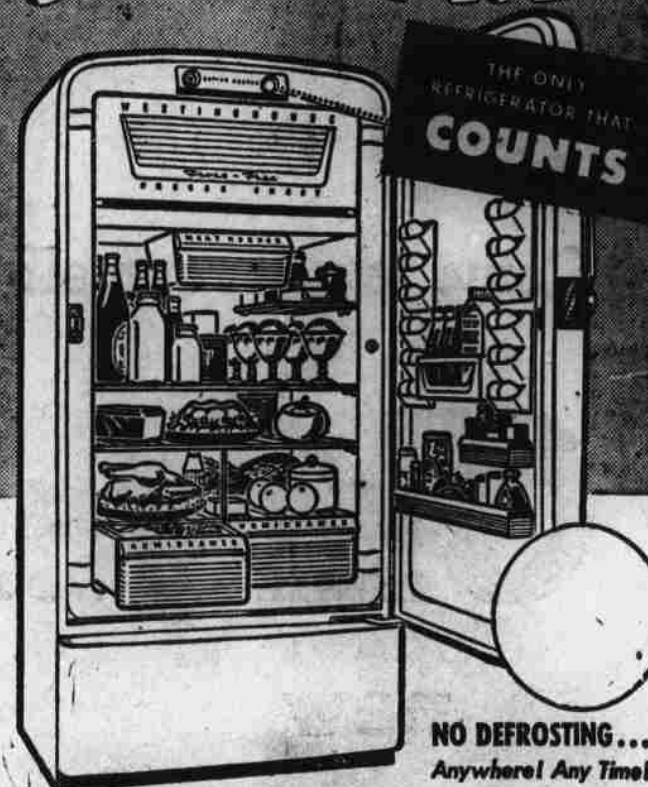
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