

The Cherokee Scout
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TOLL BY RACKETEERS

One important reason why farmers in the United States receive only 40 cents of the consumer's dollar, while those in Denmark receive 63 cents, is because of the enormous toll taken by racketeers, estimated to be more than a billion dollars annually.

In New York City alone housewives pay nearly \$100,000,000 a year to food industries racketeers who rule fake labor unions and take their rakeoff by boosting trucking charges and coercing merchants, according to William F Morgan, commissioner of public markets of that city

Unwarranted distribution cost borne by farmers and consumers are seen in the case of such products as milk and other perishables. In Chicago, a report revealed that milk delivermen and route foremen received 3.4 per quart, while the producers as compensation for labor, materials, interest on investment, and risk were paid 3.5 cents.

In many cities racketeers maintain their domination through an unholy alliance with crooked politicians and officeholders, which makes it next to impossible to suppress them.

If the government would devote more of it's energies to wiping out these rackets, and expend less effort in the harassing of honest busines, it would be of greater benefit to the public.

It is notorious that while many millions of dollars are wasted in futile investigations for political purposes, racketeering is permitted to flourish, with little effort being made to put an end to it.

ORIGIN OF "DIXIE"

An interesting account of how the South came to be known as "Dixie" is given on the authority of Fred W Thompson, a Richmond banker, who says the term was first applied to money issued by a New Orleans bank before the Civil War, principally in \$10 bills.

These bills, because of the large French-speaking population of Louisiana, were printed in French on one side and in English on the other. On the French side the word "dix", meaning ten, was quite prominent, and the Americans got to calling the bills "dixies."

From that Louisiana came to be known as the land of the dixies, or Dixie Land. Then Dan Emmett, a Northern minstrel, got hold of the idea and composed the song "Dixie" for a show performing in New York. The term Dixie soon came to be applied to the entire South.

And there you are—if Mr. Thompon is right.

THE EDUCATED MAN

In view of much recent discussion of the attributes of an educated man, the points laid down by Albert Edward Wiggam, the author an lecturer, are interesting. They are as follows:

- He keeps his mind open on every question until the evidence is all in.
He always listens to the man who knows.
He never laughs at new ideas.
He cross-examines his day-dreams.
He knows his strong point and plays it
He knows the value of good habits and how to form them.
He knows when not to think and when to call in an expert to think for him.
You can't sell him magic.
He lives a forward-looking, outward-looking life.
He cultivates love of the beautiful.

A WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATION

This week the Murphy Woman's club celebrates its twenty-sixth anniversary.

It is hard to find an organization of any kind that has rendered a better service to its community than have the ladies of this club.

Time after time they take up some new project, offers some new form of entertainment and seek out interesting social affairs that will bring delight and a true civic spirit to this community.

For a quarter of a century the Murphy Woman's club has served the town well, and in all instances they have tried to do so to the best of their ability.

Our congratulations go out to them and we wish them many more years of success.

a death of a child in Danville, Virginia, as the result of eating some candy-coated tablets thrown on the porch of the child's home. The tablets were in packages and were promiscuous samples of a patent medicine being advertised at the time. The tablets contained strychnine, and the child died in convulsions a short time after eating the samples.

We repeat again, drugs of any description should never be left within the reach of small children. The older members of a family who do this are all potential murderers. A child killed from eating drugs carelessly left within reach is just as dead as if he had been deliberately given a dose of poison.

TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, April 16, 1926.
Col. Walter Moore, of Sylva, spent Tuesday night at the Dickey Hotel.
Mrs. I. A. Davidson and her house guests, Mrs. Nan Graddock and Miss Mildred Allen, of Syracuse, N. Y., will go to Atlanta for the week-end.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson and Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Sasser left Thursday for Atlanta for several days shopping.

Miss Bessie Mauney, registered nurse of Fort Sanders hospital, Knoxville, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. T. J. Mauney.

Misses Martha Candler, Elizabeth Brittain, Kathryn Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hoover spent the week-end shopping in Atlanta.

Miss Della Meroney is the guest in Asheville, N. C., of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Meroney.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barclay of Copperhill, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mrs. Barclay's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Mrs. Paul Sneed and little daughter, Ruth left Sunday for Atlanta where they will be the guests of relatives.

20 YEARS AGO

Friday, April 21, 1916
W. D. Burrell, of Violet, paid the office a pleasant call Tuesday.

S. H. Palmer, of Hangingdog, paid this office a pleasant call Saturday. Mrs. L. P. Kinsey and Mrs. W. A. Bryson were visitors to Andrews Monday.

R. D. McCombs, of Sunburst, spent the week-end here and at Peachtree with relatives and friends.

Col. L. L. Witherspoon and little grandson, Lucius, spent the week-end at Marion, the guests of Mrs. P. A. Reid.

Attorneys J. N. Moody, Edmund B. Norvell and M. W. Bell attended Clay County Court at Hayesville this week.

Mrs. S. H. Hale has returned from Baltimore, where she has been under

treatment at John Hopkins Hospital for several weeks.

Miss Mary Candler has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at Dillsboro.

W. H. Griffiths has returned from a few weeks visit with relatives at Maryville, Tenn.

30 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 17, 1906
J. A. Richardson and family went to Andrews Saturday.

Ernest Whitcomb, of Chattanooga, was here Saturday and Sunday.

E. S. Miller returned Sunday from a business trip to Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Miss Kate Axley is in Hayesville attending the closing exercises of the school at that place.

A. J. Martin returned Sunday from South Georgia, where he spent the winter handling stock.

T. C. Dickey and his son, Fred have returned from Douglas, Ga., where they spent the winter.

Dr. B. B. Meroney after a six weeks trip out west, has returned looking like a new man.

T. C. McDonald returned Sunday from Hangingdog, where he spent several days.

H. B. Elliott of Andrews, was here Wednesday.

44 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 19, 1892
Lawson Davidson was in town again this week shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Bell Farmer spent Friday a Saturday of last week with M. Edith Dickey, of this place.

J. Y. Allen, of Ivy Log, Ga., was in town Friday on business.

Mack Whitaker, of Andrews accompanied by two little nieces, made a call at our office last week.

Mrs. Martin, of Brasstown, mother of A. J. Martin, has been visiting in town for several days.

E. H. Ditmore, of Ranger was a business visitor in town Friday.

HOTHOUSE

We hope every one enjoyed the Easter season.

Messrs. Hubert and Clyde Tilson of Cleveland, Tenn., spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Elias Harris of Gastonia, N. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Harris.

Mr. Idris Mundy employee of Gastonia Cotton mills spent the week end with his parents and friends.

Misses Luella Jenkins and Ruby Montgomery called Monday evening at the home of "Uncle Logan" Lawrence who is ill.

Miss Sadie Foyster was Sunday dinner guest of Miss Luella Jenkins.

Mrs. Callie Crowder spent the week end with her niece, Mrs. W. T. Mont-

gomery.

Miss Geneva Ledford of West Creek spent Sunday with Grace Glasgow.

Mr. Harold Payne has been trading automobiles recently. He seems pleased with his new "chevy".

A number of young folks enjoyed radioing at the home of Mr. Virg Jenkins Saturday night.

Coming as a surprise to many friends was the marriage of Miss Arvie Wallace and Mr. Luther Beaver on Easter Sunday. Everyone wishes them much joy throughout life.

Mr. and Mrs. Quince Allen of Etowah, Tenn., visited their father Mr. J. M. Payne Sunday.

After hunting for each other for 12 years, Charles and Lawrence Thorburn, brothers, were reunited in hospital in Sydney, Australia.

CUTTING A LANE THRU THE DARK

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Murphy, North Carolina, Thursday, April 16, 1936.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN—"

President Roosevelt stopped by Gainesville, Ga., the other day and declared that the tornado-swept city would be given Federal assistance.

Gene Talmadge, Governor of Georgia, "took a run up there to look things over" several days after and said the unfortunate people of that city would be given aid from state funds.

That is fine.

But what we are more interested in than anything else is the forthcoming report of some kind we hope that will give the distribution and collection of Red Cross funds.

The Red Cross, as we all know, is a great institution. When there is suffering of any kind, the sympathetic Red Cross begins its drive.

Recently the flood waters of the Ohio and other rivers drowned out Pittsburgh and other towns, the cry for funds was sent out.

And the South went to it.

There was a howl and cry in Congress for funds to help the poor unfortunate victims.

Then comes the devastating winds that all but wiped the towns of Cordelle, Gainesville and Tupelo off the map.

And the South went to it again.

Finally after all the dead had been buried, professional men of every venture had given their services until their nerves were left in a frazzle, hospitals and charity organizations threw their doors and finances open to the victims, and even rebuilding had been started, there comes these two great men with promises of help.

The South, and particularly this section of North Carolina, was the first to respond.

While we carried a story on the front page of this paper last week to the effect that Cherokee county had been damaged to the extent of \$100,000 or more by recent floods, there was no hesitation on the part of local citizens to give to the tornado relief funds.

It is safe to say that more than \$400 has been donated by the two largest towns in this county to the storm victims at Gainesville, Cordelle and Tupelo. Several truck loads of produce, a generous gift of the merchants, has rolled to the site of the disaster, and nearly as much was given to the victims of the great Eastern Floods.

Yes, we are proud to say the South always gives.

The folks from below the Mason and Dixon know what it is to suffer at the hands of the elements. They know what it means for their fellowmen to be run from his home and business that he has given a lifetime in making. They know the suffering he bears, and understand his wants.

The South should be proud of their record in this instance. It is hoped it will not be forgotten and that fellowmen from the East and West will understand.

But better still is the personal satisfaction of having been the first and the most generous of the givers.

And truly bears out the real character of the South—"Greater Love Hath No Man—".

DEATH OF MANY CHILDREN DUE TO CARELESSNESS WITH DRUGS

(North Carolina Health Bulletin)

Some one has sent us a clipping from the News and Observer giving an account recently of the death of a child in Bladen County as a result of eating some aspirin tablets. We herewith quote the item in full:

"CHILD EATS ASPIRIN AND DIES AS RESULT

"Robert Livingston, the one-and-one-half-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Pait of West Bladenboro, who died yesterday from eating aspirin tablets, was buried this afternoon following funeral services at Oak Grove Church.

"The small child, who was with his mother and others in the house, went into a bedroom, climbed upon the dresser, got a bottle of aspirin tablets and ate a large quantity. Efforts were made by the family to rid the child of the drug and immediately started him to a nearby hospital, but he died before reaching there".

Not long ago the newspapers carried the notice of