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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR READERS

Many newspapers have found it profitable to themselves and interesting to other readers of the same publication to invite criticisms and suggestions from subscribers. The HERALD has never made any serious attempt to secure a general expression from its readers, for what reason the reader is left to judge. However, it is going to temporarily adopt the school of thought that a newspaper should be just what its subscribers want it to be—and ask for expressions.

They need not be high-sounding, nor commendatory; free and frank opinions are desired, either verbal or written, preferably written, in order that others may study them and compare tastes in news values. Insofar as space will permit, the responses we receive to this invitation will be printed from time to time.

Write us your opinion, both as to the present service given by the paper and also offer any suggestion for improvement. If there be any feature, or any class of news you think neglected, say so plainly. In your letter, tell us exactly what department you like best, what next, and on down the list. Pick out all the flaws of whatsoever nature, and tell the newspaper about it. Women readers are urged to dissect the columns of the newspaper and render their decisions and pass judgment. If you read the advertisements, this office wants to know it.

The information we gain in this way can be of inestimable value to us, and possibly some feature may be added, or another neglected department strengthened through this opening of the gates and extending the invitation for criticism, favorable or unfavorable. Don't hesitate; scratch off your thoughts on a piece of paper and spend two cents to tell us and others about them. Sign your name, and if you don't want your name to appear over article, if it should be published, request it to be withheld. What is wanted is your frank opinion. Let's have it.

Christmas is but a few weeks off now, and its approach reminds us of the lives that have been saved and the persons who have been restored to strength through the sales of Christmas Seals by the National Tuberculosis Association. The one-cent stamps will soon be on sale again; and it isn't necessary to say they should be popular "stickers" for our envelopes, parcels, and other mailing matter.

It is not unusual to hear some person talk about what our State should do for its disabled and diseased citizens, often condemning it for not appropriating more tax money to provide this or that accommodation for its wards. But, the trouble with many of us, including those who do the talking, is we are apparently unwilling to be taxed to provide the money for the State. That is one reason why the kicker against taxes should be more careful about maligning the State for its shortcomings in providing public institutions and public utilities.

An article recently published in a New York City paper telling of the vast sums of money North Carolina was spending on the education and uplift of the negro race can't but help assuage some of the ill-advised talk sometimes coming from New England that the South exercises a grade against its one-time servile race. The fact is, this State and others of the New South are real friends to the colored people, and that fact is recognized by them in a majority of instances. The article referred to was written by William H. Richardson, private secretary to Governor Morrison.

A leading attorney and one who has been through many sessions of court, talking in the HERALD office Tuesday, spoke distressingly of the amount of cash that was wasted in useless and frivolous lawsuits. He also called attention to the habit

OFFICE CAT



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That advertised barbecue didn't have any taste for me Wednesday. Few farmers weathered the cold, and the muddy roads to get here for it, but found no barbecue. I've done made protest against cutting me out of the scraps of a barbecue, and Chamber directors have assured me that they will kill the pigs and fix 'em up in barbecue style next week. It's going to be pulled off—I'll see to it.

K-A-T

I ain't much on calling attention to what the other fellows on this newspaper are writing. I'm rather partial to my own pet column and I want you fellows to read what I have to say. But, for this once I direct your attention to what the reporter on this newspaper has to say about that barbecue, because I'm interested and I know you are. I am pretty positive there's something in here about it.

K-A-T

Do you know I've about lost interest in the road board in our county. Not because it ain't working, but because it has just about settled all matters of policy under the new lottery scheme they've hatched up, whereby the boys (six of them) get their monthly dues from the \$11,400 notes payable by the purchasers and holders of the bonds our good folks have voted upon themselves. It's an individual affair, more or less, now.

K-A-T

The Editor says he dropped in their meeting a few minutes Monday and while he was there the fellows on the board were making history. Commissioner Garrett of Ahooskie got downright gracious with his other belabored co-workers, and handed them \$44,000 right off a silver waiter. It represented the amount Ahooskie township had to the good from the money that's already spent. Spent money ain't much good anyway, and I don't guess we are any worse off.

K-A-T

Friend Worrell, of Maneys Neck, while admitting his bailiwick was drawing the runt's share of the monthly lottery, sat right there and grinned in the face of it. He was moved to say he was certain now that his was a "lost Colony" of Hertford County.

K-A-T

Somebody suggested that they move over to this side of the Chowan or dry up the river and swap places with it. I haven't heard yet what he and his fellows expect to do about it.

K-A-T

I overheard the two much-amucks of this sheet in deep conversation the other day. I heard "taxatic" passed in this talk, and up went the black Cat's tail—the whole feline body drew into a knot, keenly alive to the fact that something interesting was going to be said. You know, you may always count on that subject to furnish lively interest. Here's about what they said and did: One said to the other, "Now, that we've played fool for so many years, and having had to pay for it dearly in 1923 (they were talking about that five years' taxes they had to pay), let's go right out now and see Sam Vaughan and Collector Gerock (the Ahooskie tax man) and get "ducks" on the first tax receipt for 1923 taxes." "All right," said the other, "we'll do it, and be the first to pay our taxes." And, do you know, one of them fellows went out and did that thing.

K-A-T

Now, what do you think of that? many have of postponing docketed cases, even though the court was ready for trial and witnesses were on hand to testify. Every single time a court action is delayed or postponed under these circumstances, some litigants are out of pocket a nice sum of money, which sometimes runs into the hundreds—eventually under such procrastination, to the thousands. How much better off would we be if trivial grievances could be amicably settled man to man, and the litigants converted into friends, with the natural accompaniment of low costs. There's no telling what benefit mankind could reap from the shekels so spent in useless lawing.

Paid six years' taxes, including 1922 dues, already this year, and come right along and added another year to it. I haven't the heart to render my opinion of such a trick; I leave it to you.

K-A-T

Not by way of kidding anyone, but in seriousness, boys, when's that Wall Street combine coming down here and put up that cigarette factory? I ain't heard much about it lately. What's the matter? I am over-zealous about this publicity stuff, but writing's easy if you work one cog in your noodle and hit a typewriter, but building a cigarette factory seems to be something else.

K-A-T

"They say" Ahooskie prospective buyers of stock got "skeeared" when somebody read the other day's News & Observer about how Jo Daniels' friend (?) Buck Duke had throttled all the other little fellows who tried to get in the business. Now, "they say" Ahooskie folks are talking about the millions as a sinking fund to match the Duke's many millions.

K-A-T

Anyhow, I ain't going to lose any sleep over it. I'll wait, "stand by" as they say in the Navy, and see what the other fellows are going to do.

K-A-T

An Oklahoma man was given a dose of salts for lost memory. It worked.

Not he who laughs last, but he whose laugh lasts is the one to meet.

Women are going to wear longer skirts so men can read their newspapers on their way to work.

Correct this sentence: "If I did not depend on mankind for my living," declared the orator, "I would feel no less interest in its welfare."

And what—we are all het up to know—what will be the correct thing in monogrammed automatics for ladies to kill husbands with the coming open season.

The Man-With-One-Joke should be required by law to keep a list of the people he has already told it to.

Kipling A La Providence

Loving a fake, it's really not
Worth what it costs by far,
For every time you hug a girl
You break a good cigar.

Ever Notice It?

The softer, smoother, whiter
daughter's hands are the rougher and
redder mother's hands are at to be.

"How's that for a meaty line?"
asked the butcher, as he cut off 37
links of sausage.

Ballad of Insanity

Her mouth was always open,
Like a caak without a bung;
Till at last her man went buggy
On account of her waggin' tongue.

Dewey Cherry wonders what susper-
maker do for a living.

At twenty you blush when a man
praises you; at thirty you think him
a clever fellow, and at forty you wonder
what he wants, chirps Sam
Vaughan.

A married man wants a "den" as
soon as he begins to realize that he
has a keeper.

Another version: Get rid of the
dimes and the dollars will get rid of
themselves.

A MAN'S AFFECTIONS ARE
NEVER STOLEN SAYS HUMAN
NATURE WHEN KEPT WHERE
THEY BELONG.

Pullman porter killed a train robber
in the west. Jealousy, exclaims
Dan Boyette is a terrible thing.

One Excuse

I stole a kiss the other night,
My conscience hurts, slack
I think I'll go around tonight,
And put the blame thing back.

Footloose

"Let's go walkin', Miss Johnsing. I
feels kinda pedestrian tonight." "All
right. I feels kinda walkative mah
own self."

This is a funny country. A man
deliberately fills up on hooch, deli-
berately steps on the gas, then we call
the result an accident.

One way of improving farming in
North Carolina is to think over what
you have seen at the fairs this fall.

Tom Tarheel says that it is better
to preserve a farm building with
paint than to build a new one at
present prices of lumber.

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Crude Egyptian Irrigation.

include a great variety of cereals, fruits and vegetables. The total capital investment in irrigated land amounts to \$700,000,000.

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Electrical Irrigation Efficient
The Shasta valley, in California, yields annual harvests of \$480,000 from land irrigated entirely by electricity. The Prickley Pear irrigation project, near Helena, Mont., where the General Electric Company installed three 600-horsepower motors, is producing big harvests of peas, oats, wheat, potatoes and alfalfa.

Along the Snake River, in Oregon and Idaho, there are several electrical pumping installations, some of which



Modern American Style.

elevate water as high as 150 feet and irrigate as much as 15,000 acres of ground.

Egypt Irrigates by Sweet
This is all in strange contrast with Egypt, where the unprogressive farmers irrigate their fields by the same tollsome, ineffective methods that were used thousands of years ago. A favorite device is the shaduf, operated by men, or the sakiyah, operated by oxen.

The shaduf consists of a leather bucket, holding about two and a half gallons, suspended from a weighted pole fastened to a horizontal rod between two uprights. When a man's weight is thrown upon the bucket the latter is lowered into the water, and upon being filled the weighted pole lifts the bucket high enough to allow it to be emptied into a trough or channel. The workers go on duty for two hours at a time, and two men will lift about 1,200 cubic feet of water in ten hours.

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