

SOME FACTS ABOUT MEXICAN AFFAIRS

As Seen by C. O. Small of Siler City—A Rather Pessimistic Picture of Prevailing Policies, with Blame for Uncle Sam

By C. O. SMALL, Siler City

Every day people read of the Mexican revolution and believe that the revolutionists are desperadoes seeking nothing but to overthrow the Mexican federal government. Greater error never was. Behind the show window something far different presents itself. Mexican masses are fighting for juridic rights. The self-constituted puppet government of Mexico is waging a war of greed, jealousy, and lust. The government of the United States has played the part of ignoramus or knave for a long time in its dealings with the Mexican people. We have spent enough political chatter and money over peace pacts to shatter the whole plan of salvation, and have not been able to pacify a quarrel among next door neighbors. It resembles very much some loquacious missionary in a far off land stirring a truthful follower of Confucius to all the benefits of religion, greed, graft, cannon, and corporations to grab his few earthly possessions, while the folk in his own neighborhood at home are cutting each other's throats.

For 40 years prior to 1910, with no outside influence at all, Mexico demonstrated her ability to govern so well that she reached a place of leadership among all Latin American states. Then in came foreign influence, and since then Mexico has lost more than a half million men in war, more than a million people by famine and pestilence, while her loss in property has gone beyond the billion mark. Today the government is bankrupt. Our own government is largely responsible for much of this sorry condition. These long years of internecine strife have left the Mexican masses so demoralized, that it is questionable whether or not they will ever be able to recover their former prestige.

The revolution is not among the masses, it is in the self-constituted government of Mexico. Since the Mexican people exist, they have a right to happiness and success, and since they are neither happy nor prosperous, it clearly follows that they are victims of misrule and injustice. It is a government of cliques, factions, and greed. First it was Madero against Diaz; then Diaz and Huerta against Madero; then Carranza against Huerta; then the Calles-Obreton faction cleared the way for Obregon by killing off and persecuting all opposition. Finally came the killing of Obregon, and now comes Gil, perhaps of the same stripe. Wilson played a sorry game in sending the punitive expedition into Mexico against Villa, who was a patriot and fighting for the Mexican people. Hoover at this time is openly supplying the Federal government with arms and ammunition, and at the behest of our ambassador, Mr. Morrow. In the face of these facts, is it any wonder the Mexicans have taken up arms against such implacable tyranny and greed?

Mexican people are not whooly different from people everywhere. Leave a people alone and they will work out their own betterment socially and politically and religiously. It is not true that the Catholic hierarchy is responsible for the revolting conditions in Mexico. The Catholic church is not belligerently aggressive. Besides it would be foolish indeed PLEASE TURN TO PAGE EIGHT

MR. SAVILLE IN ROLE OF HERO

Mr. Roscoe Saville, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ray, of Pittsboro, has aroused public interest in Ithaca, N. Y., by the rescue of two children from a burning building. He and Mrs. Saville were locking up his car in a garage in the rear of the home of Jerome Drake when he discovered the fire and that a basement room in which slept two of the Drake grandchildren was afire. He entered the room and rescued the children, though he had to bring them out through the windows about which the curtains were in flame. He took them to the automobile and drove further away in order to allow the firemen full play. The family which was away on being summoned were sure the children were burned up, and it was nearly an hour before they were restored to the frenzied parents.

Mr. Saville is a professor at State College, Raleigh, but is studying at Cornell this year. He will return to State next fall.

Moncure Revival Postponed

The revival announced to begin at the Moncure Methodist church next Sunday has been deferred to a later date. Regular services will be held at this church by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, next Sunday.

JURY LIST

For term of court beginning May 13, 1929

The following citizens have been drawn for jury service for the term of court beginning May 13, for the trial of criminal cases:

D. E. McIver, E. E. Wilson, A. P. Dark, R. F. Sturdivant, June Ivey, J. M. Craven, Charles J. Rives, J. R. Copeland, W. B. Dorsett, W. T. Daffron, J. S. Barker, Wade Ward, J. A. Shadrach, Walter Ferguson, Fred L. Boone, R. H. Johnson, E. N. Richardson, J. E. Bryant, A. F. Harrington, Will L. London, D. C. Kidd, R. M. Gorrell, G. B. Emerson, B. A. Cox, Charlie Moody, E. W. Riggsbee, Sam B. Crutchfield, Fred C. Williams, T. Ed. Williams, Clyde B. Thomas, W. F. Harris, J. J. Fields, R. L. Ward, A. Lee Brooks, H. F. Merritt, J. C. Dismukes, B. B. Webster, P. M. Johnson, J. C. Williams.

Woman's Clubs to War on Billboards

For several years the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce has led a fight on billboard advertising, adopting as its slogan "Protect the beauty of America—the landscape is no place for advertising." The well known writer, Struthers Burt, who lives at Southern Pines has been one of the most active in the movement. Largely through his efforts the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce has bought a picture film showing up the billboard nuisance, and this film will be shown all over the state under auspices of the woman's clubs.

Billboard advertising is of doubtful value at best, and when the unsightly boards obstruct pretty views the effect is exactly the opposite desired.

Shipping Live Fish by the Car Load

Car loads of live hogs, live cows and live chickens are not unusual from North Carolina, but something new comes along in a car load of live fish. The German carp has long been a nuisance in the waters of eastern Carolina and the fish was regarded as worthless. A few months ago a Jewish firm in New York discovered that the carp was highly desirable as food among Jewish families and plans were inaugurated to catch and ship the fish alive to New York. A Pullman car, fitted up with water tank and special ventilating arrangements is used. It is said that the net profit on each car load approximates \$3,000.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Perrell and son, Elvid, of Greensboro, are visiting at Mrs. J. J. Cheek's.

Newsome V. Dunn has moved from the Maggie Smith place, in town, to the J. A. Moody place, on route 2. Mrs. D. H. Johnson and sons, W. Russell, Charlie and Robert, of Greensboro, were visitors at their old home place on route 2. They came down for a sale of farming tools. We were glad to see them.

Miss Lula E. Beal has gone to Lake Dale to accept work.

Miss Dora L. Moody, of Burlington, was a week-end visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Snipes and family, of Durham, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. Snipes' father, J. H. Snipes.

Miss Belle McIver, of the Masonic Home, Greensboro, was a recent visitor at M. F. Emerson's.

T. H. Wilson made a business trip to Wilson Mills last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beal and daughter, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coggins and T. P. Beaver attended the junior service at Mandale Sunday afternoon. The state chaplain of the Jr. O. U. A. M. preached a very fine sermon on "Some of the Tenets of Citizenship" which he most forcefully described as virtue, liberty and patriotism. R. Paul Caudle, a senior at Wake Forest College is the state chaplain. Prof. W. T. Hurst, deputy of the 15th district, which embraces Alamance and Chatham counties, presided, while the chaplain was introduced by A. A. Apple, of Burlington. Several splendid selections were rendered by quartets. Everybody seemed to enjoy the program to fullest extent.

A committee was elected at Meroney M. E. Church, on the Goldston charge, last Sunday to plan and estimate the cost of a Sunday school room annex to this church. The committee is as follows: J. D. Willett, chairman, F. C. Straughan, J. H. Snipes, T. H. Harris, T. P. Beaver, J. L. Johnson, P. T. Beal, and T. B. Beal, secretary and treasurer.

Party to Be Given Saturday Night

There will be a box party given at New Salem church on highway 93, Saturday, April 13. The proceeds will go toward payment on the new Sunday school rooms. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

SILER CITY WINS BOTH SIDES DEBATE

Triumphs Over Leakville to Send Representatives to the State Finals

SILER CITY, April 6.—The two Siler City high school debating teams outargued both the teams of the Leakville high school in the annual state debating preliminaries Friday night. The decision here was unanimously in favor of the local affirmative team.

The local affirmative team was made up of Benton Bray and Miss Florence Johnson. The Leakville negative team that came here was composed of Misses Grace Hobbs and Evelyn Barber. The judges were Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Lank and Miss Mitchell, all of the Ramseur faculty.

The team that went to Leakville to support the negative side of the argument was composed of Stacy Budd and Miss Wava Elkins. They were accompanied by Misses Nancy Crews and Janie Cunningham, of the local faculty, and Frank Paschal.

Following the debate here last night, the two literary societies of the high school entertained the debaters with a delightful reception in the high school. Members of the societies, members of the faculty, and patrons of the school were guests.

Colored Youth Held Under \$700 Bond

There was considerable interest among the colored population Saturday in a preliminary hearing of the charge of attempted rape against Lillie Burnett, wife of Clem Burnett, colored, by Clem Farrar, a colored youth. The prosecution was represented by W. P. Horton and the defense by D. L. Bell and Wade Barber. The hearing was before Squire Lysander Johnson, who bound Farrar over to court under a \$700 bond. The alleged crime was ascribed to the 17th of January. Illness was the reason given by the complainant for delay in taking action.

East Carolina Show Now on at Farmville

The East Carolina Exposition opened Monday at Farmville. This is an annual affair conducted by the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and is held in a different town each year. Thousands of people attend and the show has done much to advertise the advantages of the state.

GUINN-BICKERSTAFF

A marriage of much interest to the friends of the fine young couple will be celebrated at the Pittsboro Presbyterian church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Carrie Guinn will become the bride of Mr. Malcolm Franklin Bickerstaff.

The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Jonas Barclay. Miss Catherine Johnson will render appropriate music at the piano, and Miss Jennie Connell will sing.

Miss Guinn is the charming and cultured daughter of Mrs. Alice Guinn. She is a graduate of Pineville College, Salemburg. The groom is principal of Bell's school and a young man of fine character and of much promise. The bride-elect was a teacher in the high school department of the same school.

After the marriage and a few days' travel they will be at home at the groom's old home in Forest City.

New Elam News

Mrs. C. M. Johnson of Varina visited friends in this section Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lassater Thursday, April 4, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jones of Fuquay visited the former's parents Sunday.

Mrs. Bynum Tysinger and little son have returned to their home near Lexington after spending last week with Mrs. Tysinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunter of Broadway visited Mrs. Gunter's mother, Mrs. Adelaide Hart, who is very ill, last week.

The New Elam choir have purchased new song books and are invited to practice with the Ebenezer choir next Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Bettie Thomas, last Sunday.

Miss Ruth Holt spent the week-end with Mrs. Newton Mann near Mt. Gilead church.

The "Fiddler Crab" is so called because the male has one brightly colored claw of immense size, which, when he runs, he waves as if he were playing a tune on a violin.

LAWRENCE TO HAVE CHARGE OF PLANT

Herbert Lawrence, Notable Chatham County Prisoner, to Head State Auto License Plant

The recent session of the legislature provided for the establishment of a factory in the penitentiary for the manufacture of the hundreds of thousands of auto license tags needed by the state. A \$30,000 appropriation was made for the installation of the plant. John R. Wald Company of Nitro, W. Va., has the contract for installing the plant at \$25,000.

The recent law requiring two plates for each car doubles the number of license plates needed and makes the installation of the plant all the more important. With an ever increasing prison population, it is essential that plants for the manufacture of state used articles be established in the prison, and this is probably the beginning of a series of establishments. It is estimated that it will cost the state less to make the two plates demanded by the new law for each car than the one formerly used cost, and at the same time the prisoners engaged in the manufacture are employed at a profitable wage to the state.

Herbert Lawrence, serving a thirty-year term for the murder of Mrs. Annie Terry, is to be placed in charge of the plant. Lawrence has had long experience in working men, as he was a prominent building contractor.

MR. JOHNSON'S FUNERAL

The following people from a distance attended the funeral of Mr. W. B. F. Johnson which was held at Ashbury Methodist church last Monday afternoon:

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Haire, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Haire and Misses Margaret Marsh and Elizabeth Pate, Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Haire, Mrs. R. J. Haire and Miss Swanie Haire, Cedar Creek; Mr. H. M. Johnson, Raeford; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckner and daughters Ruth and Edith and Mr. O. S. Johnson and Miss Juanita Johnson, Siler City; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin and daughter, Miss Esther, Apex.

Kimblton News

Mrs. John Hancock and children of Swepsonville are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McMath.

Ava Lee Justice of Greensboro spent the week-end with her parents.

Marcus Harris came home from Durham after undergoing an operation there a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McManess of Bear Creek were at the home of Mr. A. V. Ferguson Sunday.

Oscar Dorsett and family, of Charlotte, spent last week with W. B. Dorsett.

Mr. H. G. Johnson was given a surprise birthday party last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudia Pickard spent last Wednesday in Apex.

"LOVE AND THE DEVIL" GORGEOUSLY STAGED

Adjectives, superlatives and expletives may be used carelessly in describing the filming of pictures but the fact remains that when "Love and the Devil" is seen for the first time at the Carolina Theatre Friday, April 19th, fans will realize that it is probably the most elaborately staged picture of the year.

A roomer at a hotel annoyed the other roomers by jumping and skipping around his room until the proprietor objected and demanded an explanation. The guest explained by saying: "My doctor gave me some medicine for my rheumatism with instructions to take it three nights running and then to skip a night. This happens to be my skipping night."—The Pathfinder

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. W. B. F. Johnson and Family.

OUCH, GET OFFA MY FINGER! "Have an Al Smith cigar?" "Why do you call it that?" "Because it came up from the streets."—The Pathfinder.

Mrs. Knagg—You promised to love me for the rest of my life.

Mr. Knagg—Yes, but I didn't realize what little rest there'd be.

Lena—I hear you married your boss. How long did you work for him?

Lola—Until I got him.

The orator who deals large in quotations speaks volumes.

NEW GARAGE NOW OPEN

The new building for the Chatham Chevrolet Company has been completed and is quite creditable. The company is now ready for business. It was the intention to call the company the Mills Motor Company, but there was found to be so many companies in the state by that name that in order to avoid confusion, the name of Chatham Chevrolet Company was chosen. The members of the company are R. H. Mills, well known automobile mechanic, Sam Griffin, and D. C. Beard. Mr. Mills will manage the business. He has an additional mechanic Mr. Raymond Desern, who has several years' experience as an automobile mechanic and is recognized as a competent workman.

Messrs. Griffin and Beard will give attention to the Chevrolet sales. However, the former will retain his position with the Chatham Hardware Company.

See advertisement in this issue.

Items of Interest from the State and Nation

The body of Ambassador Herrick, who died in Paris last week, is being brought to the United States on the finest ship of the French fleet under high military escort. The late ambassador was one of the most popular of all the American diplomatic representatives.

An effort is being made to have the government a special stamp commemorating the sesqui-centennial of the battle of Guilford courthouse, which will occur in 1931.

Double daily air mail service will be instituted between New York and San Francisco on May 1, according to announcement of the post office department.

Any cut in income taxes will give first relief to salaried workers and those who earn their incomes, rather than to incomes derived from investment, if President Hoover's plan is adopted.

The Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Gastonia, with branches at Cherryville, Mount Holly, Kings Mountain and Lincolnton, failed to open Friday. The bank had a capital stock of half a million dollars with deposits of two and a half million. No details of the reason for closing were given, but it is understood that what is known as "frozen assets" brought about the decision to close.

Germany is planning a great aviation program that will place the nation in the lead among world powers, according to newspaper reports from Berlin.

The Thalian Society, local talent dramatic group, has been revived at Wilmington. In the days just before the civil war the old Thalian Society delighted audiences over eastern North Carolina and it is proposed to develop new interest in the drama.

A Russian soviet official, arrested for driving a car while intoxicated, offered the most ingenious excuse known. He said the gas fumes made him drunk.

W. H. Lawrence, Durham contractor in the penitentiary for the murder of his paramour, Mrs. Terry, last year, has been selected by prison authorities to superintend the new automobile tag plant at the prison. The plant will be ready for making tags by the first of July, it is said.

The beautiful azalea gardens, eight miles this side of Wilmington, will be open to the public Saturday of this week. The gardens were open Tuesday and thousands of people visited them. They are said to be as lovely as the famed magnolia gardens of Charleston, although not so widely known.

George Pritchard, republican congressman from the tenth district of North Carolina, has refused to take the office assigned him by the superintendent of the house office building. Mr. Pritchard was given an office next door to the negro congressman, DePriest, from Chicago. Mr. Pritchard says he represents an all-white district and he is not going to park next door to a negro.

Twenty-killed and more than a 100 injured was part of the toll of a series of storms that swept over Minnesota and Wisconsin last week.

Leaders of the two houses of congress can not agree on the program for a special session to convene next week. The lower house wants to consider farm relief only, while the senate would open up discussion on all sorts of matters.

Illegal registration of voters is charged in the municipal election at Raleigh. It is said that the present city administration has had cards distributed on which prospective voters write their names, ages, etc., and that the registrars are taking these cards and putting the names on the book. The law requires that a voter apply in person to register.

The situation in money circles with respect to loans for speculative purpose is exactly what it was 25 years ago, says Senator Overman. He recalls that the panic of 1907 was caused by just such conditions and that resulting from it legislation was enacted that held good until the federal reserve act was passed in 1913.

Interesting minds are far rarer than pretty faces, probably because they're less in demand.

MRS. V. R. JOHNSON DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Pittsboro Lady Chosen Head of Eighth District U. D. C. District at Roxboro Meeting

Her friends are delighted with the elevation of Mrs. Victor Johnson of Pittsboro to the leadership of the eighth U. D. C. district, which occurred at the meeting at Roxboro last week. An account of the meeting, which was attended by quite a number of the members of the Winnie Davis follows:

ROXBORO, April 6.—Mrs. Victor Johnson, of Pittsboro, will serve as director of the eighth district of the North Carolina division of the United Daughter of the Confederacy during the coming year. She was elected to head the district at the annual district meeting, which was called to order at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Jones hotel here.

The 1930 meeting will be held in Pittsboro with the Winnie Davis chapter of that place serving as hostess. The chapter at the Chatham county seat is one of the oldest and one of the largest in the state.

Mrs. M. R. Long, retiring district director, presided over the meeting here Wednesday. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. S. B. Davis in behalf of the Person county chapter. Mrs. W. S. Bernad, of Chapel Hill, who is state historian, made the response.

The principal address was made by the state president, Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, who was introduced by Mrs. Long. She made an interesting address on the work of the U. D. C. Mrs. John H. Anderson, of Chapel Hill, told of the work of the U. D. C. in marking and beautifying the Jefferson Davis highway. Annual reports were given by the presidents of the four chapters in the eighth district. These are located at Chapel Hill, Durham, Pittsboro and Roxboro.

The music of the program was an especially delightful feature of the meeting. Two beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. James A. Long, Jr. She sang "Pirate's Dream" and "In Maytime." Mrs. H. W. Newell sang "By the Waters of Minnetonka" and "Mighty Lak a Rose."

The delegates were guests of the Person county chapter at a beautifully appointed luncheon, which was served in the hotel dining room. Confederate flags and beautiful red and white flowers were used in decorating the tables. Between courses, Mrs. Bernad made a talk in which she stressed the historical work of the U. D. C.

Quite a number of visitors were present at the meeting. These included representatives from each of the four chapters in the district.

Mill Employees on Strike in 3 States

Strikes of mill employees in Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina have marked the past three weeks. Gastonia is the center of disturbance in this state, and, unfortunately, a communistic disturber from the North has been on the ground there, preaching a doctrine that has intensified matters, and is hindering the onlooker from understanding the real complaints of the strikers, and making it difficult for the contending parties to approach each other in a manner conducive to the harmonizing of their differences.

In South Carolina, it seems that the strikers have a real grievance in that an attempt to introduce efficiency schemes has resulted in placing too much responsibility, or work, upon the individual employee. Something of the same kind is, presumably, the trouble at Gastonia. In Elizabethton, Tenn., labor organizers have also confused the situation and brought about such a spirit of opposition that two of them were kidnapped and carried out of the city last week, which action has aroused a greater hostility in labor centers.

At Gastonia the strikers last Thursday became so rampant that Governor Gardner was asked to call out troops, and for a week now several military companies have been on guard in that cotton mill center. Recent dispatches from the area of disturbance suggest that the strike will spread to other North Carolina towns.

MRS. JORDAN BEREAVED

Siler City, April 4.—E. H. Jordan returned Wednesday night from Rome, Ga., where he attended the funeral of his wife's mother, Mrs. I. F. Davis, who died Sunday. Mrs. Jordan, who was with her mother at the time of her death, will remain in Rome for a week or two longer. The deceased leaves her husband, who is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Tysor, of Greensboro, three sons, Elmer and Charles Davis, of Rome, and Waldo Davis, of New Orleans, La., and two daughters, Mrs. E. H. Jordan, of Siler City, and Miss Anna Davis, of Rome.—Daily News.