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We suggest that banks be camouflaged to represent newspaper offices, so as to fool the bandits.—Detroit Morning News.

An opportunist is a man who, when left holding the sack, cuts it up and makes himself a suit of clothes.

"Skunk Shot At Entrance to White House"—headline. We can think of several snappy comebacks but let it pass.—Roanoke Times.

Nepal natives think the efforts of strangers to conquer Mt. Everest cause earthquakes. Dear, dear, these hillbillies are so superstitious.—Detroit News.

And if General Johnson can't get enough complaints after asking for 'em, he ought to quit and try being an editor for a while.—Dallas Morning News.

There's a realistic novel in the Topeka Capital's item about the young fellow on a Kansas weekly paper getting off the train in a city where he was to take his first job on a big daily paper, and meeting a man who had spent his life on the big daily and was now on his way to achieve his life's ambition by becoming editor of a weekly paper.—Minneapolis Journal.

Most newspaper readers will heave a sigh of relief when the Wirt charges and the Bishop Cannon campaign troubles cease to make the front page.

An Interesting Fact

The interesting fact contained in the advertisement of a local drug store Monday reveals the extent of the poultry industry in Wilkes and surrounding counties.

During the twelve months of last year, it was estimated that 3,300,000 pounds of poultry were shipped out of Wilkes county to northern markets. And in return, poultry raisers were paid about \$260,000.

North Wilkesboro has one of the largest poultry markets in the South and is recognized as a poultry center. Despite the low prices of the past few years, it appears to us that increased activity in the poultry business would be wise.

The Jefferson Road

Wilkes and Ashe counties are again elated over prospects for immediate construction of the Jefferson highway between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs. The latest word is that a portion of the road will be let about May 1.

The Journal-Patriot, which considers this a project of major importance to North Wilkesboro as well as to the neighboring county of Ashe, trusts that considerable progress on this road can be made this summer. We are confident that Mr. Jeffress realizes what the road means to this section and that he will continue to look favorably upon the project, thus assuring completion of the entire link at the earliest possible date.

Announcing For Office

Carl Goerch, publisher of The State, who takes great delight in holding up prospective candidates for inspection, furnishes light on the candidacy of one gentleman for the legislature.

The candidate says, so Mr. Goerch informs his readers, he is opposed to the sales tax, and favors substituting a luxury tax. The inevitable reduction in revenue was, of course, passed over in the announcement.

The would-be solon goes on to express himself as favoring a raise in the salaries of teachers. And, of course, the method of increasing the revenue to take care of the larger appropriation is again overlooked.

And unable to reconcile these differences, Mr. Goerch asks:

"With a reduction in revenue and with an increase in appropriations, how is the resultant deficit to be taken care of?"

Mr. Goerch concludes with the statement that "it would be well for candidates to give some consideration to matters of that nature, before making announcements which are manifestly so absurd and ridiculous."

The Spring Round-up

The Journal-Patriot wholeheartedly endorses the spring round-up campaign which is being conducted by the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association.

Next Wednesday and Thursday should be big days for the youngsters who are looking forward to entering the first grade here this fall. On those days, they will be given the opportunity of a health examination. Dr. Eller and Mrs. Bell will undoubtedly find many defects which should be corrected this summer. There will be enlarged adenoids, diseased tonsils, poor condition of the mouth and other minor defects which, if attended to at once, can be remedied.

The duty of the parents is clear. They want to give their children a chance in life. They do not want their children to hold back the procession or be left behind. It is, therefore, important that these children should be taken to the family physician during the summer months and have the defects remedied.

The two spring round-ups in the past have proven their merit. Children whose defects have been corrected are always better students than those who have to labor under health handicaps, a survey shows. The results are sufficient to justify the hope that every parent will co-operate in the campaign next week.

The Washington Picture

It is agreed by most experienced observers that the administration at Washington is now facing the first real test of its popularity.

Absence of criticism during the early stages of the revolutionary program was deceiving to the average citizen, but was understood by those "in the know." The feeling that better times are ahead, if not now fully arrived, has relieved the tension and the public is beginning to express itself more freely on national problems.

President Roosevelt has proved himself an able skipper and the proverbial ship of state has rounded some dangerous points during the past 13 months. He has had to keep the liberals from going too far and jab the conservatives every now and then to keep them from holding back when necessary changes were sought. The liberals have had the edge. With the first thirteen months already history, our guess is that the conservatives will soon have their day.

"This Week In Washington" offers the basis for this observation. The weekly column from Washington always gives some interesting sidelights on the Washington situation and this week presents the new picture.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS

Lesson for April 15th. Matt. 18:15-35. Golden Text: Matthew 6:12.

Peter thought, no doubt, that he was extremely generous in suggesting that forgiveness be multiplied seven times. The common rule was "Forgive three times but not the fourth." Jesus, however, with a handsome gesture of spiritual imagination, dispensed with petty, arithmetical calculation and proclaimed the principle of unlimited reconciliation. "Not seven times over. I tell you, but seventy-seven times over!" And then, to reinforce this advice, He narrated the picturesque parable of the unmerciful servant, notable for its sharp contrast between unusual generosity and shabby ill'berality. Here is a king whose servant owed him the impossible sum of ten million dollars. Of course he could not pay, so his master ordered him, his family and all his property to be sold for part payment. But the slave pleaded against this decree so imploringly that the monarch's heart was touched, and he cancelled the debt. Immediately, however, the servant met a fellow-slave who owed him a paltry \$20. Seizing him by the throat, and almost choking him, he demanded instant reimbursement. Naturally the king, when the news reached him, was very angry and threw the impudent fellow into jail.

It may be objected that the parable is an over-statement, and therefore not a real transcript of actual life. It must be granted that the unmerciful servant is an exceptional case. Nevertheless he does exist. Here is a business man who pleads with his creditors for more lenient terms, but makes no concessions whatever to his debtors.

Obviously the central point of this famous tale is that it is sinful, to cultivate an unforgiving spirit. Now it is quite customary for folk to cherish a grudge, or resent an insult. Many a person has not spoken to his next-door neighbor for years because of some trivial altercation or imaginary affront. All such need to ponder upon the meaning of this searching parable.

A baby was born in London the other day with a two-inch tail. Considering the present state of civilization the child begins life with a decided advantage.—New York Sun.

Cuba's new President has been in long enough to sit for his photograph. His predecessors of the past six months were snapshots.—Savannah Morning News.

This Week In Washington

Washington, April 10. (Auto-caster)—The new "strong man" in the Administration is W. Averell Harriman. He is practically running the NRA now, and is slated to be its head when General Hugh Johnson retires or is moved out of his present post.

People always speak of Averell Harriman as "young" Harriman. He is 48, which is about the average age of the men who run things in Washington. He is the son, however, of the late E. H. Harriman, and old-timers who remember his father, the great railroad builder and financier, still think of the present head of the family as a boy. But before he was thirty he had proved himself a man of great administrative ability in his own right. The great shipbuilding plant which he constructed during the war was his first single-handed entry into the world of affairs. Since then he has proved himself a sound and far-seeing business man in many directions.

Already, under "young" Harriman's direction, the administration of NRA is shaping itself more to the liking of those who come under its jurisdiction.

Davis and Agriculture

Much the same sort of thing can be said for the new management of the AAA under C. C. Davis, successor to George Peek as the manager of the Government's relations with agriculture. Some of the agricultural groups, at least, seem better satisfied, though there still is the probability of some sharp clashes between the AAA and the milk co-ops.

There is an acute realization here, even among the President's strongest supporters, that the Administration's program is not quite as popular with everybody as the earlier absence of criticism led many to believe.

The first real show of opposition to the Roosevelt policies is beginning to make itself felt. The result of this, serious in some quarters, will be a letting-up in the pressure to put some of the more radical social reforms into immediate effect. It is also having an effect upon Congressional thinking which will be reflected in Congressional acts between now and adjournment.

Congress is far more conservative, left to itself, than the President is. So long as Congressmen got reports from their districts indicating that the people were unanimously behind the President, they felt that they were only doing their duty to their constituents in accepting everything that came from the White

House without question.

The Picture Changes

Now many of them are getting a somewhat different picture from the home districts, and the tendency is to listen to advice from other quarters and make their own decisions as to what to do about such things as amending the securities act so as to make it easier for industry to finance itself, modifying the stock exchange bill so as not to cripple legitimate trade in securities, and scrutinizing such proposals as the compulsory five-day, six-hour-a-day proposed in the much-heralded Wagner bill.

The outlook is that the stock exchange bill and securities act amendments will be passed before adjournment, which is now tentatively talked of as around May 15th. There may, also, come out of the legislative mill some new inflationary measure, such as the Dies silver bill which provides for acceptance of silver at a premium in payment for farm exports.

In short, Congress is in a temper now to resume its prerogatives as a co-ordinate branch of the Government. It mustered strength enough to re-enact the Federal offices and veterans compensation bill over the President's veto, and the skies didn't fall. It may take the bit in its teeth and bolt, but that is hardly likely if, as is anticipated, the pressure from the White House is relaxed and the general feeling of the folks back home is still one of admiration for the President. And nothing as yet indicates that there is not a pretty large majority of the people who still feel that way.

Federal Relief Continues

The ending of the CWA does not mean the end of Federal relief for those in distress. But the new policies to be pursued under the \$550,000,000 available for aid to those in need will not be disbursed haphazard, but the effort is to be made, according to Harry L. Hopkins, administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, to spend this money where it will put the recipients on the way to self-maintenance.

For this purpose, the needy of the nation have been classified into three groups, rural, "stranded" and urban. Rural relief is expected to take the landless, homeless, cashless farmer and set him in business again on a piece of land with adequate equipment for maintenance and intelligent supervision and instruction to enable him to gain at least a livelihood from the soil.

The so-called "stranded" people are those who have been left high and dry by the shifting of industries away from the centers where they formerly worked, and the substitution of machinery for man-power. The program

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for their relief is to set them up, as far as possible, on subsistence in their place is one of the industrial center where there are some expected to be jobs at some time in the future. Meanwhile, they, also, will be put in the way of being self-supporting when there are no jobs.

Real Work Now

In the cities the relief program is expected to be under state direction, in most instances. It will be carried on somewhat on the lines of the CWA, except that the work to be done and paid for in a twenty-four hour week for each worker, will be either genuinely necessary public work or in cooperation with private industry. Demolition of unfit habitations under the wide-spreading slum clearance projects and the build-

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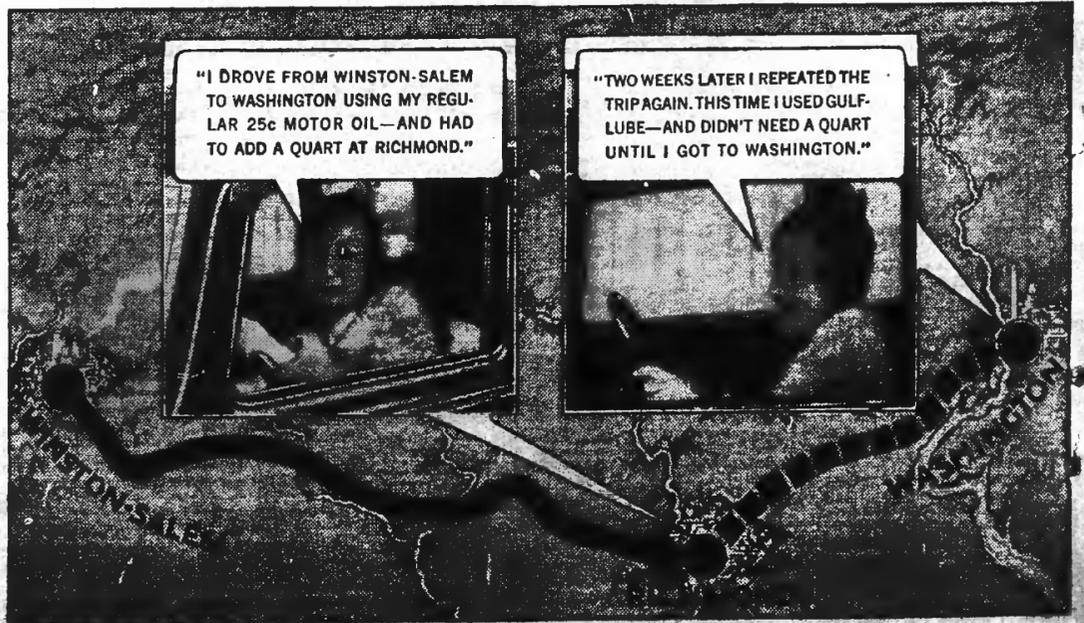
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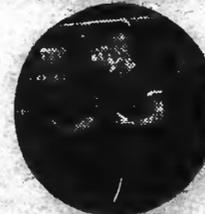
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