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Many Republicans are filing for state office, which is the newest evidence that the new deal has brought about widespread optimism.—Omaha World-Herald.

Mr. H. G. Wells predicts a war about 1940. In these perilous times that is about as valuable a contribution as a forecast of the next ice age.—Columbus Dispatch.

After entertaining a few 7-12-year-olds for an afternoon, a reader of the Sun writes to ask if there are any childish children left in the city of New York.—Detroit News.

T. R. used to throw 'em into the Ananias club, but F. R. just lets 'em testify before a house committee.—Dallas News.

The Slot Machines

"The click of a lever, the whirr of revolving discs and the sucker looks at the speeding pasteboards to ascertain if his nickel, dime or quarter or whatever it may be has piloted him to rainbow's end. The chances are it has not, and that neither the next coin nor the next will do more than whet his ambition to beat the game."

Thus the Wilmington Star begins an editorial on the slot machine. "In a state where horse racing looks as the handiwork of Lucifer, where Sunday amusements are usually under fire, this most exacting of gambling devices reaps its toll each day," the paper continues. "It collects from children at school; from adults whose families may suffer by the orgy, and from all and sundry who imagine an easy way to easy money."

Mayor LaGuardia, of New York City, has won a fight against the slot machine evil of that metropolis, thus setting an example the mayors and those in authority in state or city or town or county might well emulate.

Robin Hood in his day was a piker compared with these machines, says Carl Goerch in The State.

Thus the damnable devices have been characterized as the greatest of all grafts. Most any operator of these machines will tell you they had rather have two or three in their place of business than their regular line.

How a state that bans horse race betting, Sunday baseball and Sunday movies will stand by and permit these so-called amusement machines to be operated is one of those things that challenges the imagination.

Trans-Atlantic Flights

Only a handful of New York citizenry gathered at Floyd Bennett airport in New York Monday to greet Rossi and Codos, French airmen, at the end of their journey from near Paris across the Atlantic.

They had hoped to make a non-stop flight from France to San Francisco, California, but developed trouble with their plane and had to abandon the attempt. And instead of a cheering New York, they found a rather indifferent and almost unimpressed public. The airmen themselves manifested no enthusiasm. A good deal of the reports about their comment was taken up with their expressions of disappointment at their inability to attain their goal.

All of this, however, is not any disparagement of their achievement. It is cited as evidence of the change within the past few years. "Lucky Lindy," the lone eagle, crossed the Atlantic not so long ago and was acclaimed throughout the world. In his path have followed other interpid airmen. The journey across the Atlantic has taken a heavy toll, but many have succeeded.

While Rossi and Codos did not establish a new long-distance record, they have demonstrated anew that trans-Atlantic flights are reasonably safe, just as did the Italian fleet last year. It is probable that within a short time, regular passenger planes will be operated to and from points in Europe, thus bringing the old world still closer to our door. Much stranger things have happened. The inauguration of that service would be a great event. In a few years, it may be more commonplace than the successful trip of the French fliers who were greeted by scarcely a handful Monday.

The Ehringhaus Leadership

We are still much too close to the great year of the Ehringhaus administration to give it final appraisal. Perhaps, it will be years before the prejudices some of the Governor's acts have created is sufficiently removed to judge any part of his tenure of office in a fair and impartial manner.

But it appears to us reasonably safe to say that historians will write that the Ehringhaus type of leadership was a God-send in a critical hour such as North Carolina has passed.

Few of us will ever become reconciled to the sales tax. It is fundamentally unsound. As a permanent basis of taxation it has nothing to recommend. As an emergency proposition, it can only be justified by the sad condition in which North Carolina found itself when Ehringhaus walked into the governor's office in January of last year.

When Ehringhaus took over the reins of government, the deficit had reached the startling total of twelve million dollars. The state's credit had almost reached the zero point. North Carolina bonds were selling at 70 cents on the dollar and less.

Immediately after entering office, Ehringhaus set about the task of balancing the budget. He pruned here and there and almost everywhere. He put over an unpopular tax. But the important point was that the budget was balanced. The state's credit improved immediately. Bonds became worth 100 cents on the dollar. And the state tax was taken off land.

The point we are making, however, has no relation to the system of raising revenue. It is that the Ehringhaus leadership guided the state into safe and sane channels and to the port of intelligent financing.

North Carolina has no mysterious way of raising money. That money which is used must come from taxes and a state, like any individual, which spends more than it takes in, is headed for the rocks. Ehringhaus has at least guided the ship of state away from the shoals of financial disaster.

Clearing Away The Debris

The weakness of the NRA program, as seems to have been discovered, lies in its magnitude. The effort to cover everything of a business nature under one blanket perhaps was costlier than first anticipated.

It does not follow, however, that there are not values in the basic idea. Co-operation within industrial groups for common benefits not antagonistic to the public interest is a conception that has merit in it, and under favorable circumstances would operate decidedly to public as well as private advantage.

The onslaughts of the Darrow review board served to call attention to certain features which have proved harmful, but there is pretty general agreement among the people most seriously affected that NRA has not only served an emergency well, but has some excellent features which ought not to be discarded.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

JESUS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS
 Lesson for June 3rd. Matthew 26. Golden Text: Matt. 26:39.

Our Golden Text pierces to the heart of the lesson in its vivid picture of the prostrate Master, in agony of spirit, praying fervently that He might be spared from the ordeal of the Cross and yet willing to yield to God's Will.

That natural desire of Jesus to be saved from an untimely end was not destined to be realized. The forces arrayed against Him pushed Him swiftly toward the dreadful woe of the crucifixion. As we watch the impending drama we are reminded that the Cross is the most convincing revelation in history of the reality and solidarity of sin. Here we have indeed, as Pres. Coffin points out, "the exposure of a murderous world."

Now who were the crucifiers of Christ? As we think of the scene in the Garden we at once see Judas, the unfaithful cynic, whose kiss of betrayal led to the Master's arrest. Then we picture those soldiers.

We remember, too, the Sadducees, wealthy, priestly, aristocratic, favorable to Rome. Conservative in temper, they make us think of the Victorians in nineteenth century England, who upheld the Bible and the throne. Jesus to them was a dangerous agitator.

And we recall the Pharisees, those pillars of orthodoxy who disliked Jesus because He broke the Sabbath, associated with undesirable folk, upset people.

Then we turn to Pilate, that skilful politician who was so eager to keep on good terms with Caesar. And we encounter Herod, that sophisticated product of the smart set.

And now we see the fit, irreligious crowd, passionate with the heat of blood, shouting, "Crucify Him!" Finally we note the apathetic, indifferent public.

All these hurled the Master to His doom. And remember they were not unusually corrupt. They cherished the conventional ideals, and so were like you and me.

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Journal Patriot: Please publish. In regard to my article, in answer to Mr. Wiles.

Wish to state that in referring to the Rural Policeman, I should have stated that Mr. Cowles refused to revive the bill allowing Mr. Wiles the \$50.00 per month to act in this capacity. I am no journalist and a few errors could be expected.
 T. H. SETTLE.

BOOMER NEWS

BOOMER, May 28.—Boomer graded school closed a successful year on Friday night, May 18, with a splendid program which consisted of short plays, recitations, songs, etc. It was enjoyed by a very large crowd of people. At the close of the program seventh grade diplomas were given to about twenty pupils.

Miss Nolene Greer, operator of the Lawndale Beauty Shoppe, spent two days last week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Somers, of Statesville, visited Mrs. Somers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Swanson, during the week-end.

Mr. Hamp Parsons, of the Little Rock community, is ill at the Wilkes Hospital. Everyone wishes for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Mary Russell is ill at her home here.

The members of the Young Ladies Class of the Baptist Sunday school met at the home of their teacher, Miss N. Elizabeth German Saturday afternoon, May 26, to quilt a quilt they had made for one of their members, Mrs. W. J. Earp, a recent bride. After their work was finished tempting refreshments were served.

A Blessing

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