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The dime chain is just another proof that a lot of people still haven't learned you can't get something for nothing.

Financial experts agree that the depression has been routed, and let us all hope that there is no return route.

Chief American Hoodlum Huey Long gets far more publicity in the daily press than a man of his type deserves.

Often we have been inclined to wonder just how wide a highway would have to be for convenience of a road hog.

And at that, we'll bet that the people in the "Land of the Midnight Sun" don't have to have Daylight Saving Time.

Thirteen N. C. Counties may soon have legalized whiskey. And in that way we may learn whether that number is lucky or unlucky.

Procrastination may be and is the thief of time, but then that's not saying idleness is not right in the same class.

We have often been inclined to wonder what ward-healers and their kind do to amuse themselves in off-election years.

WHERE MEN ARE

The other day we were talking to a minister and during the course of our conversation, the subject of war came up for discussion.

"I am bitterly opposed to war," he said, "but I hold a commission as chaplain in the army."

That, we thought, presented an interesting paradox, and one that we had often thought about. How can a man, whose life has been spent in teaching the doctrine of brotherly love, become a member of an organization whose sole purpose is the destruction of human life. In simpler words, we asked that question.

"In serving as a chaplain in the army," he said, "I do not endorse the institution of war. But the Bible commands that 'Ye go where men are.' My place is where there is greatest opportunity for service. In time of war, there are thousands of men in the army who are in need of spiritual influence and advice. That is why I am proud of my commission as army chaplain."

That explanation was good enough for us. We had never thought about the matter in that light; and perhaps many of our readers haven't.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

We had the opportunity last week to visit the camp near Southport of Company 427 of the Civilians Conservation Corps. This was our first visit to one of the CCC camps and, naturally, we were interested in learning all about the camp, the men, their work and activities.

The local camp has a high rating, according to figures showing the grades of the various camps in this corps area. During our inspection of the camp, we saw good reason why this is true.

The work that the men are doing in reforestation has become so well organized that the efficiency of that program is no longer a problem. Working eight hours a day, five days a week, the men have much leisure time. It is the use of this time that made the greatest impression on us.

For the usual forms of recreation there are the library and athletic playgrounds. But in the evening there are educational classes of various kinds—classes that teach everything from reading and writing to making and reading blue prints. The woodcraft shop apparently has been a center of activity, for there are many useful articles of expert workmanship being made by the men in their spare time.

The object of this program is to make better citizens of the men who enroll for CCC service. Many of the things they

learn in the classes and shops during their spare time will doubtless enable them to earn a better living when their period of enlistment has been completed.

It seems to us that this is the finest accomplishment of the camp, helping these men to find themselves.

RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

The removal of all restrictions from The Peoples United Bank of Southport, following a re-organization meeting held here Thursday afternoon, is an action that is sure to mean much to the financial future of Brunswick County.

Although the bank has been open on a restricted basis during the past two years, there was something about that condition that caused a feeling of uneasiness and made many people unwilling to place their savings in its keeping.

The situation now is entirely changed. All deposits up to \$5,000 are secured by Federal Deposit Insurance. The removal of restrictions means that old accounts held by the bank may now be used by depositors, just as funds of new depositors have been available all along.

Officials elected by stockholders of the bank are men of business ability and unquestioned integrity. J. W. Ruark, re-elected president, is a man who has served Brunswick County well in public office and is a man in whom the people can well afford to place their trust. Judge Peter Rourk, vice-president, is a man of business ability and enjoys the full confidence of his friends. J. W. Yates, cashier, is a former vice-president of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company. He has had years of experience in the banking business and is thoroughly familiar with banking problems. S. Bunn Frink and R. R. Stone, the other two directors, are well known men.

No business institution in a town or county enjoys a greater opportunity for service than a bank that has the confidence of the people. It is the hub of the wheel of progress in any community. Brunswick County citizens should forget that there was ever any question concerning its soundness has now been removed and the institution deserves the full support of the people.

WELCOME VISITORS

Southport will have as her guests tomorrow members of the Eastern North Carolina Hospital Association and citizens of the town should do everything in their power to make the visitors feel at home.

The hospital officials will be here upon the invitation of members of the staff of the Brunswick County Hospital. Members of the Hospital Auxiliary will have a prominent part in the program of entertainment.

Southport is a delightful place for summer meetings of any kind and there is no reason why it should not be the scene of conferences of many organizations in North Carolina. Doctors and hospital men like to talk about the places they go and the good times they have. Lets make every visitor in town tomorrow a Southport booster.

TO HIM WHO YELLS—

The Legislature has met and adjourned. Four months elapsed between these two events.

When the Assembly convened shortly after the New Year, there were many groups of people filled with high hopes that the session might result in some good for themselves.

Perhaps the group needing help the most were those teaching school. Perhaps they didn't get as much as they had anticipated out of the Legislature this year, but they did get a salary raise.

But in the main, they must have learned something. They must know from past experience that with the Legislature, the fellow who yells the loudest gets the most. That's usually the way it is.

This year they cried aloud for what they wanted, and while what they got may not have been sufficient, it's more than they got two years ago when they chose to remain silent and let their fate rest solely in the hands of their legislators. And we'll venture that henceforth those in educational circles will keep their lungs well developed in order that their yells may be heard above the constant din of professional lobbyists and patronage seekers.

Washington Letter

Washington, May 15.—Back of whatever action Congress may take regarding a Presidential veto of the bonus is the growing spirit of compromise to appease the demands of militant lobbies. A new factor has entered the scene in the personality of Father Coughlin, the radiocaster. Legislators are frankly puzzled at the actual influence of a persuasive voice over their air waves. If the Coughlin influence finds it possible to sway the course of legislation, there is no end of possibilities in the political world. Signing names to form petitions and telegrams in large volume is just plain propaganda but it carries a distinct threat to the timid politicians.

Betting here favors a series of deals between the warring factions on Capitol Hill. To overcome a Presidential veto, it is necessary to obtain a two-thirds vote. Experienced office-holders know full well the liability incurred in voting to override the written disapproval of a President on the bonus and other measures which eventually cost the taxpayers more money. The clash of policies before a measure reaches the White House is nothing compared to an outright rejection of a veto. It is small wonder that the Democratic members of Congress, in particular, are shaking in their boots as they await the reaction from their home districts after the smoke of battle has lifted.

The Democratic leaders in the Senate are placing important legislative proposals in a sieve to separate the wheat from the chaff. The NRA extension bill will soon be placed on the doorstep of the House. The committees in charge of the utility holding company bill are putting on steam in an attempt to get this project on the preferred list before adjournment. Many vital measures will undoubtedly fall by the wayside. Such is the fate of legislation that encounters parliamentary snags during the closing weeks of a long and hectic session.

The tactics utilized in whip-sawing a rebellious Congress into line to force an acceptance of the Roosevelt ideas are not entirely new. It is an old time game of matching the Senate against the House, knowing that both are jealous of their prerogatives granted by the founders of the Republic. The House is particularly susceptible to the weather vane of public sentiment. Administration leaders point out that the hustings are approaching with the result that recalcitrant solons usually forget their peevishness and vote according to the White House dictates. There are exceptions to the rule. The bonus is an illustration. The stamp of approval from the White House will probably help Democratic incumbents in their re-election efforts. Legislators are essentially opportunists and play along where it will bring political rewards.

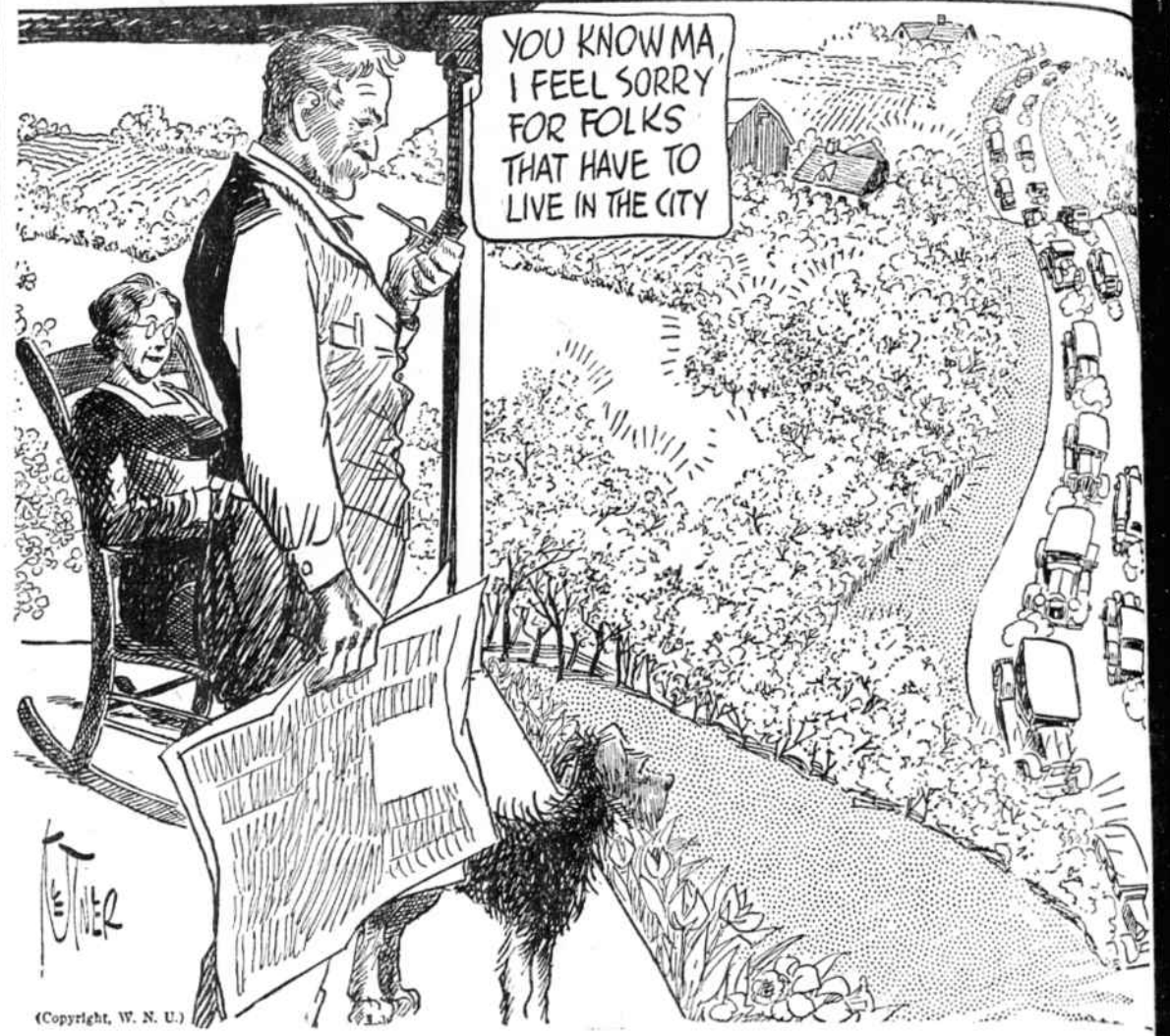
Though 13 months will elapse before the gavels fall on the national conventions of the two major parties, scouts are now afield sounding out sentiment in state political camps. Several watching Presidential aspirants are watching the drift of their trial balloons. So far, no Democratic rivals are courting popular favor as it is conceded that the present occupant of the White House has the nomination in the bag. Postmaster-General Farley is placing insurance policies on the re-nomination by building up a powerful machine to control the delegates to the national "pow-wow" in 1936. He is due to resign his Cabinet portfolio in time to marshal the Roosevelt standards.

Col. Frank Knox, the Chicago publisher, is leading in the present surge of underground sentiment in the Republican camps. His followers are worried because veteran campaigners ordinarily discount the chances of candidates who take an early lead in the Presidential sweepstakes. Trained observers of the G.O.P. are watching the spending of the five billion relief fund in hopes of having real campaign issues dropped into their laps. Hence, the thousands of alert Republicans keeping an "ear-to-the-ground" nowadays. The G.O.P. has a genuine task in devising a platform for the Presidential primaries which will satisfy the "regulars" a reactionary group and the Liberal or radical wings.

Two Negro Boys Receive Parole

Frank Sasser, Brunswick County Welfare Officer, and M. B. Watkins, Assistant Clerk of the Court, went to the Morrison Training School Sunday to get Archie Gore, Southport negro boy, and Sam Vereen, Winnabow negro youth, who have recently been granted paroles.

Blossom Time



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Weekly Quiz

1. Who is national commander of the American Legion?
2. How many printed volumes in the Library of Congress in Washington?
3. What is the capital of Nevada?
4. About how many Americans are now living abroad?
5. What is a xebec?
6. What is the capital of Denmark?

7. Who is U. S. Secretary of State?
 8. On what continent is Algiers?
 9. What country owns the Rock of Gibraltar?
 10. How many city blocks does Rockefeller center cover?
 11. Who is Mayor of the city of New York?
 12. What is the area of the city of New York?
- (Answers on Page 8.)

Southport Boy Scores Victory

Frank Niernsee, Southport boy, defeated Captain Barnes of the Atlantic Christian College tennis team last Wednesday to score the only victory for the High Point College squad. The score was 6-1, 6-3. Niernsee and his doubles partner didn't fare so well, dropping their match after three hard fought sets. The scores were 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

KEEPING FAITH

We want the readers of The State Port Pilot to have perfect confidence in the information which they receive each week through its columns. We shall do everything in our power to earn this trust.

In reporting the news of the county, every possible effort will be made to give a true and accurate account of things as they happen without fear or favor.

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