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Never ask a favor that you wouldn't be willing to grant.

We aren't exactly superstitious, but when a black cat crosses our path we do feel better after we turn our hat around three times and knock on wood.

When it seems to you that there is something wrong with everything and everybody, it is a pretty good idea to check up and find out if there isn't a little something wrong with yourself.

Motorists should remember that legalized liquor will not mix with gasoline any better than ordinary corn whiskey.

Those who envy farmers in the fall when they sell their crop ought to have to spend a day in the fields this time of year.

John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" before the death of his wife. Later he wrote "Paradise Regained."

The surviving rabbits are going to have a busy time this summer raising enough young ones to make up for their highway fatalities during the past season.

For The Sake Of Science

The sympathy of Southport and Brunswick County citizens is extended to members of the family of Representative and Mrs. R. E. Sentelle in their bereavement. The death of their son, R. E. Sentelle, Jr., who was just in the prime of life, brought a sorrow that will always mark their lives.

This young man died as the result of a cancerous growth on his lung and kidney. Effort of the medical profession to save his life proved fruitless and his final days were spent in untold agony.

In their darkest hour of grief, Representative and Mrs. Sentelle submitted the body of their dead boy to doctors for an autopsy, in the hope that information which they were able to gain would be an aid to science in future combats against this dreaded disease.

It may be years before a cure is found for cancer. One may never be found. But it is only through sacrifices like that made by these neighbors of ours that this cure will ever be discovered.

Without Lights

One of the most dangerous menaces to safe driving is a wagon or cart traveling along the highway at night without lights.

It is a tense moment for any motorist when the outline of some unlighted vehicle comes rushing at him from the gloom beyond his own headlights. A step for the brake, a quick swerve and—if you were lucky—you have barely missed another accident that was threatened through criminal negligence.

The critical moment past, the nervous after effects set in and due respects are paid people who drive without lights.

When the wave of righteous indignation has passed, though, we begin to feel sorry for the poor devil whose life we just saved in a desperate effort to protect our own. Usually they are the people who could least afford an accident or property loss. They are riding in an unlighted wagon or cart because they are financially unable to own any other kind of conveyance. Ignorance and poverty are wed in their most miserable union in this type of driver.

We are not sure what is the best method of stamping out this highway menace. We don't think that it is a more rigid enforcement of highway regulations. To make an example of a few would have little effect upon the majority of

offenders.

We believe that public opinion probably offers the best chance of discouraging this dangerous practice. If you are ever guilty of this form of carelessness, remember the dangers involved—not only for yourself but for automobile drivers. Removed as a possible offender, it is well that you try to impress upon your neighbor the danger of driving without lights. Every citizen should do his part to stamp out this danger to night driving.

Some Of Our Troubles

In spite of the fact that it requires the observance of an exacting schedule to get out a newspaper on time, we know of no other person who is put off more frequently than the editor of a weekly newspaper.

There seems to be a common fallacy that we live a life of ease and that our sole duty is to humor the whims and fancies of the public.

Persons who must be interviewed for news stories find ready excuses for waiting until the day before the paper is printed to give the desired information. Usually this can be done in ten minutes and one time is as convenient for them as another. It is important to get facts about news while they are still fresh in the minds of observers in order to get an accurate story.

Advertisers are just as bad about procrastination. They seem reluctant to give advertising copy until just before time to go to press. We have never been able to determine the added value of last minute advertising.

Another menace to the peace of mind of a newspaper editor is the press day visitor who sits and talks at great length about nothing. This is the type of person that makes night work necessary. We editors are, as a rule, a friendly group; but our hospitality is usually more genuine during the latter part of the week while there are still several days before time for another last minute rush.

Subscribers always dislike to get their papers late; merchants feel that much of the effectiveness of their advertisements has been lost when the papers fail to come out on schedule. Both have an excellent opportunity to help the editor get the paper out on time by getting in news stories and advertising copy as early as possible each week.

Your Home-Town Newspaper

We receive, in the offices of The State, more than a hundred newspapers, published in all sections of North Carolina.

The majority of them are weekly papers printed on hand-fed cylinder presses and without any great variety of display type for headlines or advertisements. But, despite these and other handicaps, they struggle bravely onward in their endeavor to be of service to their respective communities.

There is no more arduous task than that which is involved in getting out a weekly paper. Every week the publisher has to start from scratch, getting together a sufficient number of advertisements to take care of his pay roll and other overhead. And then, when Saturday comes around, he has to go out and try to collect the money which is due him.

As a general rule, the publisher is also the advertising solicitor and the editor. In a good many instances he also sets up a goodly portion of the type. And on press day you'll find him feeding the press or the folder.

But he doesn't complain, nor does he even seem to grow weary. And, despite the fact that his bank account is usually nil, he somehow or other manages to pay his bills, and to struggle along.

On top of all this, he has to listen to sarcastic and allegedly humorous remarks. His paper is referred to as "The Weekly Blatherskite," or "The Bingville Bugle," or just a plain old rag. And his fellowtownsmen apparently take a delight in making fun of the paper, and of him too. The ones who do the most kidding in this connection usually are the ones who are farthest behind in their subscriptions.

One of these days, the weekly newspaper is going to receive the recognition which it merits. There is no other single agency in your community which is rendering a greater service so far as its advancement and progress are concerned—The State.

Washington Letter

Washington, May 29.—Debate in the House of Representatives this week reveals these law-makers in a penitential mood. Much like the small boy after discipline in the woodshed, the solons are trying to show the President of their intentions of doing better. After voting overwhelmingly against the personal plea of Mr. Roosevelt to sustain his veto of the bonus measure, the Democratic members of the House are rushing to do the White House bidding. They have an opportunity to display their repentance by voting with the Administration on amendments to the Agricultural Administration Act and the extension of the National Administration.

Oddly enough this penitential show is not entirely satisfying to the Chief Executive as the lobby which pushed the bonus through the Senate and House is aggressively demanding the enactment of the same principle as a part of other legislation. Mr. Roosevelt made his dramatic appeal to a House he knew would almost immediately turn deaf ears to his plea. His attitude was comparable to Themistocles, the brave Greek warrior of our school books who said, "Strike, but hear me." The President knows full well that the performance in the House this week of outward obedience is nothing more than sham.

The same influences that persuaded this legislative body to rebel against the party leader are in a position to make them repeat the performance if the bonus issue comes to life in the form of an amendment to some appropriation bill. A "rider," as it is popularly called, is a method of getting through controversial measures by the back-door route when they would otherwise fail if handled solely on one merit. The magic phrase that Congressional action hinges on "word from the White House" is worth considering only when a legislator feels his vote is along popular lines in his district. The logic and frankness of the President's message never swayed a vote on the bonus in the House.

The political situation at Capitol Hill is changing so rapidly that few trained observers are willing to predict the fate of the current legislative program. While the President was successful in playing the Senate against the House in the bonus veto issue, this week he turns to the House for support. The House will probably give its approval to the Administration plan of breathing oxygen into the NRA which automatically expires June 16. There is a possibility of a filibuster in the Senate because the House will pass a bill differing substantially from the Senate extension resolution. The cloak-room betting says that the Senate will not work out a compromise until the Supreme Court passes on the constitutional aspects of NRA. A decision is expected by June 3. If the highest tribunal fails to rule definitely, then the Administration will be obliged to engage in heavy back-stage trading to rescue the Blue Eagle from extinction.

The organized labor lobbies are operating at full steam in an effort to put through their pet schemes. While they are publicly demanding continuance of NRA they privately report that they are pulling for the Wagner Labor Disputes bill which the White House has stymied in the House Rules Committee. Business and industry is willing to give the Blue Eagle another trial provided the Administration does not attempt to foster the trade-union bill carrying Senator Wagner's name. The unionists are seriously concerned that their possible victory over employers in the enactment of this measure may prove a boomerang. It is reported that the Wagner bill is filled with legal loop-holes which would practically nullify it when subjected to judicial scrutiny.

The spotlight riveted on the President's veto of the bonus detracted the attention from another veto message. The President sent to the Congress a message disapproving House Joint Resolution 254, which authorized and directed the United States Public Health Service to make a complete survey of all government properties for the purpose of eliminating alleged defective plumbing. The President said, "No" because he believed a project of this sort would cost between 5 and 6 million dollars and was unnecessary. The House resolution required a report to Congress on or before January 3, 1937, on the relation of amoebic dysentery to plumbing. In substance, the President told the Congress that their objectives could be effectively attained by having the requisite instructions issued to the engineering personnel of various government agencies.

Memorial Day



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Weekly Quiz

1. What is the capital of the Cuban Republic?
2. What style of architecture is the Washington Cathedral?
3. Who is U. S. Secretary of the Navy?
4. Under what rule is Madagascar?
5. Where was William Farnum, the movie actor, born?
6. What is an octavo?

7. How much will a bushel of dried peaches weigh?
8. When did the Peloponnesian War begin?
9. Who founded the Japanese empire?
10. What does the Latin phrase "Ecce homo" mean?
11. What is a yowl?
12. When was the American Federation of Labor founded? (Answers on page Seven)

HOSPITAL PATIENT

Mr. Sam Mintz is a patient at the Brunswick County hospital.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to try to put in our heart felt appreciation to many friends who so unflinchingly stood by us in our great trouble and through our dark hours. We wish it were possible to express ourselves to each every one of you. The floral offering were very beautiful we feel it a silent tribute to esteem in which our loyal father and husband was held in hearts of all who knew him. Again we thank you.
MRS. W. L. RUSS
And Children

Your Representative

Your letters are your representatives in matters of business correspondence. It is just as important that they make a neat appearance as it is to be well dressed and well groomed when making a personal business contact.

Business letters written on substantial bond paper, carrying the letterhead of the person or firm represented, always make a good impression. It is important, too, that the type be even and not blurred.

We have samples of attractive styles for letterheads and we use only the best grade of water-marked bond paper. Our work is of highest quality and our prices are reasonable.

We also have ribbons for any model
Typewriter

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