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**OLD BACK-BITERS BACK-BITE YOU, TOO, OLD BOY!**

This newspaper has stated over and over again that any man who will knock another man to you, will turn right around and knock you to the next man he meets. A back-biter has to be busy, for he cannot stand it unless he is talking about some one all the time. He is not particular who it is, either.

Thank goodness, we have but few such critters in this community. Once in a great while, however, you run across one of the Things known as a back-biter, tattler, gossip, scandal-monger, or whatever it is that you call that old long-tongued, vulgarninded, character-killing Thing that is all the time talking about some one to that one's discredit. It seems to be a disease with some people, and this disease, malady, or whatever you call it, marks its victim as plainly as small pox leaves its mark upon the sufferer. You know one very time you see one of the critters!

The other day we met a friend on the street and he, being a clean kind of a fellow, most careful in his statements about others, and taking his friendship seriously, felt it to be his duty to tell us what he had just heard a fellow saying about us. "That's all right," we told him, "we've been accustomed to that for ages, and the tongue of the tattler and the slime of the slanderer hold no interest for us." Our friend looked surprised because of our attitude on the slanderer's slang attacks.

"Old Man," we told him, "do not be concerned about what that man said about us. He is right now talking about you, and if it worries you, then spend your worries on your own case."

"No, no," the friend said, "he couldn't be saying anything about me. I have never done him any harm, and he claims that you have wronged him by publication of some thing about his family."

"It matters not what he claims, he is right now lambasting you, if he left you but a few minutes ago, that is, if he has found some one else who will listen to him. Let's settle the question. Who was the fellow and which way did he go?"

This friend, deeply worried, told us, and leaving him we sauntered up to the Thing a few minutes later. The Thing was all smiles, and shook hands with us, and wanted to know how we were getting along. We replied by telling him that things were not so powerfully good with us, and so on. Then, in a few minutes, we asked this Thing if he had seen Mr. —. "Yes, I saw him a while ago. Why? Does he owe you something?" We smiled, but said neither yes nor no, but put a kind of a hopeless look on our more or less handsome face, and tugged a moment at our moustache, and, boy, that was enough to start the ball rolling. That Thing opened up on our friend to whom he had but a few moments before unloosed his long tongue about us, and what he said about that friend of ours must have caused this friend's ears to burn like fire.

"Well," he started off with, "I tell you as a friend, you'll have a h— of a time getting that money. That fellow, while he plays a leading part at the church, is just about one of the biggest crooks that ever came to this town. I understand," he said, rather confidentially, "that he had to leave his former home on account of his bad debts and the way his family lived. You know," and by then this Thing was down to a whisper, "there's something about one of his girls, that—"

Right there we stopped him. We asked him to go to the office, as we wanted to hear more, but must be at the office. He went. We walked right in on our friend, and the three of us were together. We told our friend just what this Thing had said about him, and of his daughter. Right then kerslap went our friend's open palm against this Thing's sunken cheek. Then we asked our friend to tell us just what the Thing had said about us, and this friend, being convinced and converted, told us, whereupon another kerslap resounded, as we took

a slap at the jawbone of this long-tongued Thing.

He slunk out. We laughed at our friend, and again warned him that whoever will talk to him about us, will talk about him to the next man he meets. And we're relating this to you for the same purpose—simply to once more warn you that whenever a long-tongued Thing talks to you about any one else, he will talk about you to the next any one who will listen to him. If you get any good out of listening to the Thing talk about your neighbor, just remember that that neighbor, or another one, is soon going to hear all about you and your's

The best thing to do is to spit in the fellow's face who starts in to tell you about some one else, dern him!

**HE WHO SEES RED HELPS THE REDS TO GROW.**

Communists in America will grow only as the rest of the people help the movement to grow. The Reds have but one hope, and that lies in persecution; they need but one fertilizer, and that is found in the field of official life. There is no appeal to reason in the doctrine of the Reds; there is no patriotic appeal in the principle of the Reds. There is no hope held out in the policy of the Reds. That gang cannot gain recruits except in one way, and one way only. That one way lies in the course of treatment meted out to the Reds by the rest of us. Blind, indeed, is the citizen, private or official, who plays into the hands of Reds, by persecuting them.

The Communists believe it an honor to be jailed for the "cause." Nothing is as welcome to a Communist worker as to be arrested and slammed into the jail house, and the harder he is slammed, the better it suits his purpose. Riding a Red out of town on a rail is the very best thing a Community can do to get members and followers of the Red movement. Denying a Red the right to speak in the court house or on the public square will make more Reds than a dozen Red speakers could convert in six months ordinary work.

In other words, Reds thrive on persecution, and just so long as the people go serenely on their way, and fail to furnish this persecution to the Red Leaders, no headway at all is made. The Reds keep on biting at the heels of officers and employers of labor for the sole purpose of making these latter people do something that the Reds can claim is a persecution, and then their work begins to take on activity.

If a Red wants to speak in the community, give him the key to the court house, bring out the brass band, have the mayor extend a formal welcome to him, and tell him to go to it. That Red wouldn't stay in that town for ten minutes, for he would be laughed off the face of the earth.

But let the mayor refuse that Red a right to speak in town, and threaten the Red with police interference, or the calling out of troops, and right then that Red's standing is established, and all it lacks to make his movement go is to lock him up in the jail house.

When will America learn how to treat these isms of the Old World? Leave them alone, and they will choke to death, dwindle up and die away.

Oppose them, jail their spokesmen, and it is like watering the flower in the flower garden—they blossom forth immediately.

**KEEP ON, COUNTRY PREACHERS, YOU'RE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.**

Country preachers do not receive any very great salaries, nor do they live as befits the kings of finance, the captains of industry or the leaders of things political. Some of them do manage to keep an old Ford rattling along, but most of them walk, or ride with the neighbors when they do ride. They do not have any trained choirs to help them in song service, but the great hymns that go up from the congregation singing in unison penetrate the skies and are heard by the hosts of Heaven. Your sermons are also heard, and your work is most valuable, because about the only additions being made to the church of God are those recorded in the country churches.

We do not mean by this that the pastors of churches in the towns and cities are not doing their duty. We are convinced that the life of the minister whose work is confined to one town or city church is much more difficult than that of the country preacher. Nor do we attempt to say why it is that the country church is making gains in membership, while but few churches in town or city are making gains in any appreciable degree. Most of the additions to the church rolls in town and city are those who come by letter from some

country church, they having moved into town.

So we say to the country preacher: Keep on in your good work, for the future of the church depends largely upon your labors. Some say you will live in a home much grander than any residence here on earth. You will live in a mansion, a veritable mansion, so fine that no man's hands could plan it and no man's hands could fashion it—a mansion not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

**MEN IN N. C. SENT TO PEN FOR THIS—**

In another column in this paper there appears a Washington dispatch, telling in detail the reasons for adoption of the two billion dollar Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act. The President of the United States, his advisers, and practically all members of both houses of the National Congress favor adoption of this plan and the issuance of the two billions of dollars in government collateral to support the plan. One of the first explanations in this article contains the following words:

"Reduced to simple terms, the act is designed primarily to bolster the fast faltering banking structures by aiding both solvent and insolvent banks . . ."

Yet some of the best men that Almighty God ever made, leading citizens of this mountain section of the Old North State, have been sentenced to serve from two to on up years in the penitentiary, and the only charge against them was that they conspired with bank officials to place a county's note of \$100,000 in a bank to bolster it in its alleged faltering condition. The men involved deny, in unofficial manner as they did not offer any evidence at the trial, that they even did this. But granting that they did issue and sell a note of the county in the sum of \$100,000 to avert failure of a bank in which their county had on deposit more than \$600,000, those officials would then be doing only what the President and the Congress of the United States are now doing on a scale so large that an amount of two billions of dollars is required.

Think it over, will you?

Those people who declare that light wines and beer should be sold, on the theory that such is good for one, should recall that old Oriental proverb which says: "One glass of wine makes a man into a lion, two into a rabbit, three into a monkey and four into a swine."

Ford has added 50,000 men to his works during the past week, at the wage of \$6 a day, five days a week. That will take up quite a kink in the unemployment situation.

**VETERAN WANTS COUNTY AFFAIRS TAKEN FROM POLITICS**

Editor The Brevard News, Brevard, N. C.  
Dear Jim:

Seems that there was something in your paper last week about one of the County officials offering to take a reduction in salary of something like 10 per cent. Well, now ain't that something?

Most every one, not only in the county, but the state, and a large percentage of the United States have had to take a reduction of from 40 to 60 per cent of their former salary. Take the farmers of our own old county, and two years ago they were getting \$1.00 per bushel for Irish potatoes; now they are getting 50 cents. Corn was bringing \$1.00; now it is 33 1-3 cents per bushel, a reduction of 60 per cent in the price of potatoes an 66 2-3 per cent in the price of corn, and wages have been reduced in the county from 40 to 60 per cent. Anything that the farmer has to sell is off on the average of 50 per cent, so why don't some of the county officials make an offer of a reduction of 50 per cent. That would impress the voters. But a 10 per cent reduction is just enough to enrage the voters of this fair land.

Now let's see a bit about what the officials of the county are drawing—not what they are earning tho, for that is out of the question. Just let's begin with the Sheriff, \$5600 per year. Now let's see Jim, that will buy 16,800 bushels of corn at the present price. Nearly one-half the total yield of the county. Then comes the clerk of the Court, the Register of Deeds, the County Treasurer, and the county accountant, and the successor to the Brain Factory. Oh, yes, that is right, he is drawing for being the "High school teacher Boss" as well as another salary for being superintendent of Education. Now boys he is right. He is the smartest man in the whole bunch. He draws two salaries and puts in time on two jobs. So you see he is a smart fellow. Well, Jim, at the present price of corn there was not enough made in Transylvania County during 1931 to pay these boys, so what in the hell are we going to do. Cross ties are one-half and less, and chestnut wood off over one-half, so how are we country boys going to get the money to pay them boys for running the County Court House for us. Now this is an awful problem, Jim, and I want you to be on the look-out for some fellow who will go to Raleigh with grit in his gizzard and the wishes of the people in his mind, and stay there until something is done to relieve the strain that has been thrown on the people. I believe

this could be done by using a Battle Axe on wages and salaries of public officials, instead of using a small pen knife on them, and more than that, Jim, it looks as if that man should be a young man, not exactly a Republican or a Democrat, but some one who has common, hard, horse sense enough not to be a representative of the Republican party or a representative of the Democratic party of our county, but to be a representative of the people of Transylvania and I will swear by all that is Holy that I believe we should have a third party for one time at least, and elect the third party candidates to office, and see by experience that they can and will clean up some of the wrongs done the people by both the Democrat and Republican parties heretofore. None of us are too ignorant to know that the county has all but been bankrupt by both Democratic and Republican officials during the last 20 years, so would it not be a good thing to put in a complete set of new men. Men without the overhead "invisible" bosses that both Republicans and Democrats have and let them have a chance to show the people that real economy can be practiced in this county. Let's get such an organization going in the next election. Let them be known as the "Clean up Squad" and see what happens. Let each man run his race without a "Campaign Fund". Let him not have to "buy" his office but let him be elected by the people on his merits, and to hell with this buying and other unfair methods of winning an election. What would our forefathers, the fathers of the country, think of the method now employed to get elected to any public office. It is a shame and disgrace to both political parties. We should have more respect for the founders of our country than to carry on in any such a way as we have been in the past, so let's quit all this foolishness. Get us a "Clean up Squad", and put them to work at a fair salary, and see a contented family of a county for the next two years.

And now, Jim, I have only hit the high spots in this letter and I assure you that if any one agrees with me I would like to hear more of it. If any one wants to start any argument that I am wrong I also want to hear that, and I will say that there are one thousand and one things that I can argue, so come on folks, let's hear what you have to say. Remember that "A man is not a good citizen unless he hates intensely what is wrong, but he can hate the sin, even while he loves the sinner."

Respectfully,  
A Veteran of Eighteen

Wilkes County dairymen are preparing to sell milk to the new cheese factory recently established at North Wilkesboro.

Thirty-seven steers on the Francis farm in Craven county gained 990 pounds from December 16 to December 30 and are not yet on full feed.

**CASH PRIZES OFFERED BY LEES McRAE FOR ESSAYS**

For the three best essays on the subject, The Western North Carolina Organized Farm Movement, the department of mountain farming of Lees McRae College is offering three prizes in the form of \$50., \$25., and \$10. scholarships to Lees McRae College for the school year, 1932-1933.

Rules of the essay:  
1. Any high school senior or high school graduate under 21 years of age is eligible to enter this contest.  
2. Contestant must reside in one of the counties included in the W. N. C. Organized Farm Movement.  
3. Essays must not exceed 2,000 words in length.  
4. Essays must be submitted before March 1, 1932.

5. Contestants may interview county agents, agricultural teachers and others in an effort to gather necessary information.  
Judges of the contest will be: Edgar Tufts, president Lees McRae College; Bruce Webb, director of promotion; H. A. Osborne, chairman regional council.

Essays are to be mailed to Department of Mountain Farming, Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C.

**BREVARD DEFEATS TEAM OF ROSMAN FARMERS**

The Agriculture boys basketball team of Brevard High school defeated the Rosman Agri boys on the Rosman court Monday afternoon when Hays Merrill scored two points during a three minute extension period following the regular game which ended in a tie. When the final quarter was over the score was 12-12. An additional period was called to break tie by Referee Cline, and Merrill made the point after three minutes of play.

Scorers for Brevard were Merrill, Ashworth and Shuford. Rosman scorers were Whitfire, Galloway and Fitzgerald.

Rosman (12)	Brevard (14)
Whitfire . . . . . RF	Merrill
Galloway . . . . . LF	Shuford
Waldrop . . . . . C	King
Fitzgerald . . . . . LG	Ashworth
Morgan . . . . . RG	Wilson

The Rosman boys will play the Brevard team a return game Monday at noon on the Brevard court.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bishop of Cedar Mountain on December 6, 1931, a daughter, Jennie Margaret.

Mrs. S. T. Mitchener of Garner in Wake County sold 100 turkeys for the Christmas trade from a flock brooded with a home-made brick brooder.

**BREVARD BOWLERS**

**WIN SECOND GAME**

Brevard's crack duck pin team won their second straight game over Asheville at the Recreation Center on Wednesday night of last week, total scores being: Brevard, 1572; Asheville, 1484.

**BOX SCORE**

Asheville	Total
Hoffman . . . . . 98.. 88.. 104.. 290	
E. J. Griset . . . . . 93.. 97.. 81.. 271	
Hall . . . . . 87.. 93.. 100.. 280	
Gilbert . . . . . 121.. 94.. 122.. 337	
Al Griset . . . . . 105.. 103.. 98.. 306	
<b>Brevard</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bean . . . . . 103.. 93.. 109.. 305	
Croushorn . . . . . 88.. 114.. 107.. 310	
Jerome . . . . . 113.. 95.. 104.. 312	
Bridges . . . . . 90.. 114.. 105.. 309	
Vaughn . . . . . 122.. 100.. 114.. 336	

Valdese will come here Saturday afternoon to meet the Brevard outfit at four o'clock in a duck pin contest. At 7:30 they will again engage the locals, this time in ten pins.

Much interest is being shown in these inter-city matches, increasing numbers of fans seeing the games. Messrs. Harris and Trantham, operators of the Recreation Center, invite all people to visit the place when tournaments are being held. No entrance charges are made.

**JACK TRANTHAM IS NEW ADDITION TO BUSINESS**

Jack Trantham, one of the best liked young men of Brevard, has entered the business field here, having taken over Red's Service Station on West Main street.

This station has made many friends under the management of Red Misenheimer, who for a number of years supplied his many customers with Standard products worth a motto that was really carried out—"It's a square deal station."

Jack has announced his intention of donating a tenth of his profits from January 20 to March 20, from the business to the Associated Charities in order to assist in their work here.

**MCCRARY IS NOT THE ONLY ONE-STOP PLACE**

"Carl McCrary has not got the only One-Stop Station in Brevard, no matter how much he says so," according to Willis Brittain, manager of the B. and B. store. This week the Brittain boys are advertising through The News that they are operating a one-stop station for the farmers of the county, averring that they can furnish the farmer his needs all at one stop the same as Carl McCrary can furnish the autoist with car needs at his one-stop place.

**AN OPEN LETTER**

Dear Customer:

As we enter the New Year the most of us are wondering just what will happen to business conditions. Well, to some, conditions will improve and to others it will not—it all depends as to how we work and manage ourselves. In bad times we must work day and night and make every minute count in order to hold our volume in good times.

We must by extra effort maintain our business in the off years. When others give up and say it cannot be done, they are making it easier, for those who try to do a bigger business, than ever before. The New Year is ahead of us. It will be what we make it. We are going to try to make this our greatest year and we are offering to you the following service:

**FIRESTONE BATTERIES**, guaranteed for 12 and 18 months, and if for any reason any of our batteries fail we will replace same with a new one on a monthly basis. We also repair and recharge any make of battery at a very low cost. **Let us keep a check on your generator and starter. We have a very complete stock of generator and starter parts, such as, brushes, armatures, springs, etc., for any car.**

Don't neglect the lubrication of your car, have it greased, oil changed, tightened and battery filled every 500-1000 miles. You will save many repair bills and much grief if you will only give your car the proper lubrication.

Have you ever stopped long enough to think of what might happen if your brakes fail on you? Well, just stop long enough and picture in your mind the sorrow that comes to people ever day, caused by faulty brakes, such as worn out drums, bad lining and connections. **Keep your brakes lined and adjusted. We give you the world's finest brake lining at a very small cost.**

We carry a very complete line of Ford and Chevrolet parts in stock. Also a nice stock for other makes of cars. But if we do not have the part desired in stock, we can get the same for you in a very few hours.

We are now doing a general auto repair business and at any time you need any of the following repairs for your car, we will be glad to do your work. We install pistons, valves, connection rods, rebush springs, spindles, repair transmissions, clutches and differential parts, straighten fenders, etc.

**MAY WE SERVE YOU — WE SAVE YOU MONEY AND SERVE YOU BETTER.**

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