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A NOVEL PLAN

The fertile brain of Victor Meekins, Sheriff of Dare County and the most romantic of all who ever held a gun, is harboring an idea that should get into print, albeit, for some practical reason he failed to put it into effect.

Sharpshooters, it is said, are the best marksmen in the world. They are the only ones who can be depended upon to hit their mark.

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With proper sponsorship Sheriff Meekins' proposal would do much to advertise the mountains and the coastal country and bring to native Tar Heels a new interest and realization of the wonders of the Old North State.

The above was written by P. D. McLean in The State, and the idea set forth is one that is worthy of serious consideration.

Just off hand we are of the opinion that the Southern Railway has a splendid opportunity of putting on a special excursion to the coast for those who have never seen the ocean.

CCC WORKERS REVOLT

News dispatches a few days ago told of a rebellion in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Maine when two hundred and fifty workers objected to their transfer to camps in Virginia and Maryland.

The young men who have been given employment and training by the government when they could not obtain jobs anywhere else, showed their appreciation by attacking their officers, locking them in the baggage car and blocking all efforts to move their train for more than three hours.

Such an incident is significant. These young men evidently do not feel that the Government did them any favor in giving them jobs, feeding and training them, therefore they had a right to decide for themselves exactly where they should work.

GREAT FOUNDATIONS INTACT

Appreciating the great good that has been accomplished in this country by the several Rockefeller foundations, the Carnegie funds and other similar gifts for the benefit of the people, we have sometimes wondered how their capital funds withstood the shock of depression losses.

Happily, the figures are at hand, compiled in a survey that included fourteen funds. In 1933 ledger value of their assets were \$548,000,000, or \$4,000,000 more than in 1930. This is gratifying news to those who are cognizant of the splendid work accomplished by these funds during the past.

BUSINESS PLANS FORWARD STEP

The information comes from Washington that leaders of private business in many fields have determined that something should be done to shorten bread lines in this country and that private business should do it.

As a result of the recent election, with its vote of confidence in the administration, these leaders realize that there will be no immediate change in public policies and that, in order to prevent further objectionable legislation, it is up to business to show that the country can recover without new changes and even without some of the emergency laws now on the books.

This is encouraging. Everybody hopes that in some manner business will acquire that confidence by which it seeks and that financial, industrial and economic leaders of the nation will get together, pull together and put the United States on its feet again.

FOREST FIRE TIME AGAIN

The number of forest fires that were raging in this county the first of the week is more evidence that forest fire wardens are needed in Haywood County.

It is needless to repeat again the untold damage that is done annually by careless fires that rage in the forests.

It is these carelessness that reduce the forests to a charred mass. If we are to be careful with fire at this time of the year, then they should be taken care of in a late-in-the-day and not be allowed to get large among society.

LOOK OUT FOR H. C. OF L.

Who recalls the many references to the "high cost of living" during the decade that preceded 1927?

The old adjectives might as well be polished up because the present trend of living costs is upward. The average family has been increasing its expenditures for living, and the indication is that this movement will continue in the future.

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HIS RELATIVES TESTIFY

"Pretty Boy" Floyd, outstanding outlaw of Oklahoma, was recently shot to death by Federal officers. He had lived a life of crime and death and he perished in the midst of his evil career.

After his death his mother, usually the last person to give up said, "he has reaped his reward," but added, "my boy was not bad at heart; he warned all boys to steer clear of crime." It was pathetic, however, that he did not take his own advice.

The wife of this outlaw has been capitalizing on his criminal record, having made a vaudeville tour during the past summer telling audiences that "crime doesn't pay." When she found that her husband had been killed, without tears she said: "I have nothing to say. He's dead and I loved him." A brother, working in an Oklahoma oil field, expressed the opinion that, "I guess its better as it is."

Wild youth who might be attracted by the spectacular exploits of the Oklahoma outlaw should reflect upon the testimony of three of his nearest relatives. Crime does not pay and produces sorrow for all connected with the criminal.

CHILDREN PREFER ATHLETICS

Adults who wish to help children might do well to follow the example of the civic committee of Englewood, N. J., which sent out a questionnaire to 1,500 grade and junior high school pupils to discover what the children preferred in the way of movie entertainment.

The surprise was that the answer revealed a preference for athletics instead of the movies if given their choice of something to do after school hours. This indicates that adults would do well in Haywood County if they see that children here have adequate opportunity for athletic games, with proper facilities for safe and supervised play.

Few men have been known to give up good jobs.

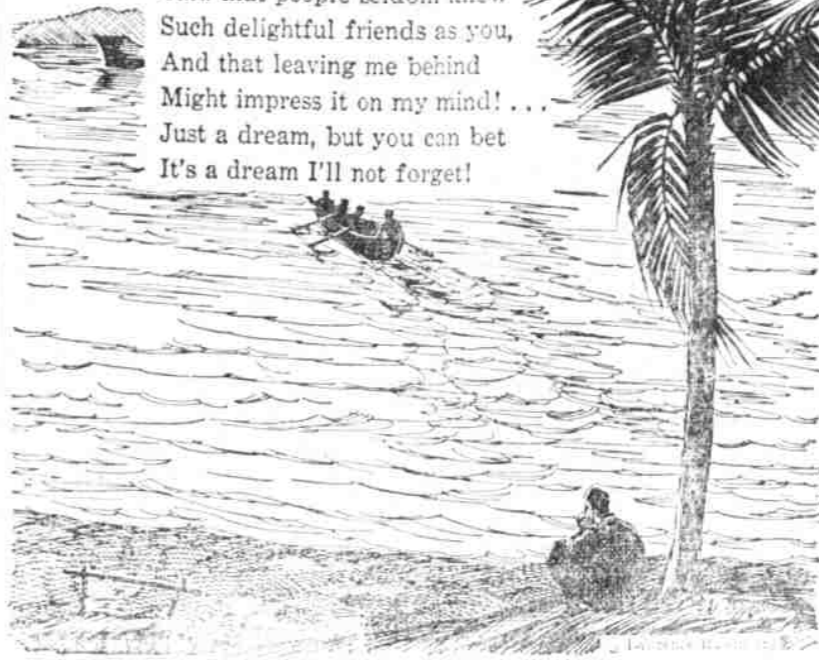
Our own little puzzle: Where do all the bugs come from?

Maybe, what this country really needs is a good meteoric shower.

To a Neglected Friend

by Lawrence Hawthorne

Had a dream the other night, And it gave me such a fright! Dreamed a ship left you and me On an island far at sea; It was lonely, bleak and small— No inhabitants at all; Not so bad, until the day Rescue boats took you away; Someone said that, if I'd learn To be friendly, they'd return— Said that people seldom knew Such delightful friends as you, And that leaving me behind Might impress it on my mind! ... Just a dream, but you can bet It's a dream I'll not forget!



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

The standard of the best of us, I believe.

A man from the county called a 50-cent check and asked me to cash it for him. The man was poorly dressed and his name was poorly spelled.

"Very well," said the farmer, "I want to go along with you."

"I haven't seen the patient yet," the doctor said.

"Oh, there ain't no patient, I just wanted the ride, the taxi man wanted to charge me \$3.50 to fetch me home."

Uncle Abe, seemingly, is the most prosperous member of the staff, since he is the only one that smokes cigars. Or at least I thought it was cigars until the boys in the shop began complaining about missing rope from the block and tackle contraption that is used in lowering and raising pages to the press room.

Mrs. W. T. Crawford once wrote an article by request for a national magazine and her photograph was used with the article. The managing editor put "Miss" Crawford instead of "Mrs." Crawford under the picture, and do you know she had several proposals of marriage by mail as the result of that mistake?

Two prominent Waynesville women were discussing a certain husband in town whom they branded as "good-for-nothing."

One of them said: "If I were as mean to my family as that man, I'd get religion and beg someone to knock me in the head."

An old farmer standing in front of the First National Bank, November 12th when the bank was closed for Armistice Day said: "These banks close for a holiday every time the sun goes under a cloud."

A second farmer standing nearby said: "Well, it don't make no difference to you, 'cause its closed, you ain't got nener a cent in dere; and if you did have you'd spend it fer liker."

Speaking of liquor, but I read this week how some of the thousands of filling stations in the state are existing. What seems to be a perfect legitimate station, with gas in the pumps so you can see it and all, but it is not gas, but pure liquor. If a customer drives up and orders gas the station attendant tells them he can't sell the gas because there's water in it, and politely refers the motorist to the next station.

BUT if the motorist knows the kind of "gas" kept in the tanks, and the operator knows the motorist, then a sale is made.

As a rule I never buy gas from little stations unless in cases of emergency, but I have a hankering to try and find one of the "Water in the gas" types.

Since writing the above I inquired of J. R. Latham, who looks after Mr. Rockefeller's interest in these parts, and he says that the above is false.

Not that it matters, but Jack Messer is getting fat—Albert Abel is always in a good humor—Theodore Mc-

22 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of November 22, 1912.)

Col. S. A. Jones went to Asheville Wednesday to attend the Logan Craig reception.

Mrs. A. M. Simons and her daughter, Helen, returned Monday from Asheville where they have been the guests of relatives.

Nls. Ellen Smathers gave a party last evening in honor of M. Parrott of Montgomery, Ala.

Invitations have been received from friends here of the marriage of M. Eugene Akers of Bristol, Tenn., to M. Charles Turayfill of Waynesville.

Lieut. Henry Lee of the battleship "Utah" arrived Monday night from Charleston, S. C. where his ship is at anchor on a brief visit to his parents.

There will be a box supper at Tuscola on Saturday night for the benefit of the church. Everybody invited.

Mrs. M. H. Reeves delightfully entertained last Tuesday afternoon at her home on Depot street. During the afternoon a delicious course of refreshments was served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell who have been on an extended visit to the eastern part of the state returned last Saturday. They spent some time with Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. M. H. Brown in Wilson, and on their way stopped in Raleigh and returned visiting friends at both places.

Cooperation Committee. W. T. Lee accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Della, attended the meeting of the Asheville first W. T. Lee club on Monday, Nov. 19, at the home of Mrs. A. Webb at 1001 S. W. Street. Mrs. Webb is an honored member of the club.

Read The Ads

Ends a Cold SOONER

Advertisement for Vicks VapoRub showing a person's face and the product box. Text: "STIMULATION and INHALATION VICKS VAPORUB PROVED BY 2 GENERATIONS"

THEY ALL GET A LIFT WITH A CAMEL!

Advertisement for Camel cigarettes featuring a man and a woman. Text: "BUSINESS GIRL. Fre Miller says: 'I started to smoke Camels because I appreciate mildness and delicacy of flavor. I found, in addition, that Camels give me a 'lift' when my energy is low.'"

The "S. O. S." Behind The Lines

Physicians and nurses form the front line forces in the endless battle against sickness, but behind the lines there is another essential unit, fighting just as hard and conscientiously as those at the front.

Comprising this unit are the ethical pharmacists, the "Service Supply" corps, on whom doctors and nurses must rely for ammunition in the shape of medicines and serums.

Alexander's is justly proud of their reputation for dependability and speed in supplying this demand.

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