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Now that so many girls look upon marriage as an experiment rather than a sacrament, you no longer need send solid silver wedding gifts. Something showy and short-lived will answer.

## The Whipping Post

Probably the most interesting part of the recent grand jury report was that which said: "It is our opinion that a whipping post, properly handled, would be of great benefit to Surry county."

The jury doubtless was indulging in a bit of free-lance theorizing without expecting anything to be done about it. There was not the sound of finality that usually accompanies the grand jury observation, like when it calls attention to some little discrepancy at the jail, or when it recommends that wider-mouthed spittoons be installed in the corridors of the court house.

It is not probable that a single member of the grand jury would vote for the establishment of the whipping post for minor offenders, although there are countless times when such an institution would seem to prove more effective in maintaining order than the present set-up. Young bucks who get behind a steering wheel when their breath is so liquor-laden that you could slice it off with a knife, would be inclined to let the old flivver stay in the garage, or satisfy themselves as back-seat drivers, if at the end of their joy ride a whipping post awaited them, where their girl friends might witness the laying-on of the lash.

But the whipping post is a relic of the past. Present-day methods of correction have no place for it. Modern psychology has determined that youth must be led and not driven, and if like a balky calf that tromps down considerable corn, or messes up the mint bed in the leading, it is better to suffer the loss than to employ the old method of twisting the tail and risk the possibility of dislocating a very necessary organ.

The grand jury placed its finger on a very sensitive spot when it criticized the expensiveness of trivial cases that clutter up the docket of the higher court; cases that should find some way of settlement in the lower jurisdictions if there is to be justification for the existence of the latter. It did about all that could be expected of it, regarding the primary irregularities. We are persuaded that such alleged errors were more of the head than of the heart, and the data before the jury was of a technical nature better suited for those versed in the intricacies of legal procedure.

But that whipping post! Maybe we'd better continue to pay the fines for junior, as he jolly well knows we'll do, rather than risk the bad effect of slamming on the brakes and jamming irreparably that impulsive spirit, which may some day make him president, if it doesn't send him to the penitentiary first.

## Congressional Vacation

Speaker Jack Garner put the skids under the customary ten-days' Christmas vacation for congressmen, and with a great many of them it did not "set" so well. Cactus Jack, when he gavelled adjournment last Friday, told the members to be back at their desks Tuesday and he didn't mean maybe.

Some of them recalling the usual procedure, of a roll-call Tuesday with no quorum and adjournment, and maybe ditto several times, giving them the usual vacation, thought it might be wise to make certain, so they approached the Speaker and hinted that it was likely they would not be back promptly Tuesday. Mr. Garner informed them that he meant to have a quorum Tuesday if he had to send and get them.

Mr. Garner caught popular approval when he said:

"It seems to me that with 3,000,000 or 10,000,000 persons out of work this is no time for Congress to be taking vacations. . . . Anybody who has a job these days, ought to be glad to have three days vacation with pay. No doubt the millions unemployed would like to have three days work with pay. I don't believe many members of Congress would like to go back to their districts on a vacation and face the unemployed when they ought to be here acting on relief legislation."

That gruff old Texan has been popping his whip and putting the lower house through paces it did not dream it had. Even the Congressional Record provides interesting reading that smacks of the wild and woolly west, and it begins to look like the Senate, over which Mr. Garner will preside after March 4th, will have to abandon its goose-step for a more aggressive stride.

While the lower house limits itself to only three days for Christmas, the Senate will find a way to take its full ten days, although there is plenty of work to be done. The Senate prides itself on its deliberateness; it just won't be hurried into anything. Even the beer bill, upon which every Senator has already made up his mind, will have to go through weeks of dissection and delay, when it could as well be voted on the first day.

We are prepared to believe that when Mr. Garner takes up the gavel in the Senate, this "most deliberate body on earth" will curl its tail and begin doing things in a new way.

## The New Year

One of the gifts that Santa Claus has left with us is a shiny New Year. Whether its brightness is of the enduring kind, remains only to be seen and depends largely upon how we use the new plaything. Standing on the threshold of this new year we can, as individuals, contribute much toward making of it a haven or a hell.

We have toyed with the last few years that have been handed to us: countless times we have wound up the springs and felt the thrill of a full force ahead, only to be discouraged with the inevitable slowdown of a power not permanent.

Like a new suit of clothes we can wear the New Year becomingly, or we can soil it with mud; we can make it serve us advantageously, or we can become its servant. Not, of course, in the sense that we can transform business conditions and with one fell swoop bring back prosperity. But in the past three years we have had ample time to adjust ourselves to the changed order, and we should carry this adjustment into the New Year and approach our problems in the wisdom gained of experience.

There is every reason to believe that 1933 will bring us beer, but beer is not going to help us much; 1933 will bring a change in administration, but aside from making our national government more responsive to the will of the common people, the change will bring no outstanding relief. For years we have been abusing vital principles of economics, and now we are having to pay, and the permanency of our remittances will be governed in the main by our willingness to begin at the bottom to build a more enduring structure.

Let's give the New Year a hearty howdy-do and determine to keep one resolution, to meet adversity with a smile, all through the next twelve-months.

## Changing Winters

For a few days recently it looked as if somebody had their weather dope all wrong. There are those who have been contending that nature is growing softer and more sentimental, and that her supply of cold and snow is becoming exhausted, owing to her spendthrift extravagance during the ice age when she was trying to turn the whole world into a skating rink. But those ten days during which the earth was blanketed with a "silence deep and white," it seemed that the old-time winters were coming into style again.

To the youngsters of today, our winters may seem all that the season should be, but to old-timers these winters are but tame affairs compared to those of other days. Nature continues efficient as to her cyclones and her floods and heat waves, but her refrigerating system seems to be giving out, if you let the old codgers fill their pipes and tell of other days.

The youngsters, who can never win out in one of these comparative arguments, should find consolation in the fact that some day they will constitute the "older generation", and theirs will be the privilege to reminisce, theirs to remember winters way back when the snow was much deeper the mercury lower, blizzards more blizzardy and winters more wintry.

Maybe the winters are becoming milder, but it is more likely that the most moderate of the present is being contrasted with the severest of the past, that backward-lookers are singling out some freak of a half century ago, and making it a standard for their old-fashioned winters. Age, you know, is that way. It must have its superlatives. If it is not prettier girls and better likker, then it must be content with the weather.

## Amnesia

Along with the declaration that influenza is on the rampage all over the nation, although in a milder form than that of several years ago, amnesia seems to be on the increase. This latter malady seems to have taken on the proportions of an epidemic—among the higher-ups. Those in the lower strata of society seem to be immune from the disease, which we hear tell carries with it only the pleasant ability to forget.

Since Colonel Robins was found in our own western North Carolina mountains suffering from amnesia, other prominent men, most of them in positions of trust, have disappeared for a season only to be found in the grip of this truly convenient ailment.

The receiver of a Statesville bank disappeared three hours before he was to turn the bank's affairs over to Mr. Spradin, and was discovered in Wilmington two weeks later. He was troubled with amnesia, but federal officers held him on the alleged charge that there was a slight shortage in his accounts.

A Henderson attorney disappeared several days ago, and his friends declare that he must be suffering from amnesia, one of the first symptoms of which is "disappearance."

Taken by and large it seems a right convenient ailment to have. When Col. Robins drifted out of sight, it was whispered around the national capitol that his disappearance was helpful to the Republican cause, and his "discovery" shortly after the election freely predicted.

If any newspaper man has been afflicted with amnesia, he has managed to cloak his disease under another name, but if, as reputed, it enables one to forget, we know two-three fellows who would not be adverse to fighting it for a spell.

Paul Redfern, lost aviator for five years, is said to be king of a savage tribe in South America. All we've got to say is Paul chose a mighty good time to fill the job.

After looking over a moose in a zoo, we figure that a man shot by mistake for one of those things might as well be dead, anyway.—Arkansas Gazette.

If you have solvent relatives you can't get Red Cross flour. Which shows how little the Red Cross knows about relatives.—Publishers Syndicate.

## "—And a Happy New Year"

By Albert T. Reid



# 1933

What does Elkin need for 1933? The past twelve months has been a trying period for the country. Elkin along with other similar communities of the United States has had its share of ups and downs.

Bringing home in review the events of the past has taught us how to avoid mistakes and prepare for the future. One thing we have learned is that co-operation should be our community watchword and all our efforts should be made along that line.

Elkin needs from each and every citizen the full effort in trying to overcome the shortcomings of the past in that it is going to take the concerted action of all to bring about the things that we desire the most.

Every public institution needs the full support of everyone. The various civic organizations of the town need your full co-operation. The bank needs your support in order to be of the greatest usefulness to the community. The building and loan should have your support in every way. Trade at home. Our merchants carry varied and complete lines of merchandise meeting your every want.

Business recovery means individual effort and if each will boost and work Elkin will be proud of its 1933 record.

### The Kiwanis Club

It is a mistaken idea that a Kiwanis club is an organization for the benefit of its members only. This organization was organized and is run upon the assumption that its efforts are for the upbuilding and of promoting things that are for the general good of a community. They have been rightly named "service clubs", as service for all is the motto of the membership. Take your community problems to the local club and you will find full co-operation.

### Charity

The charitable organizations of the town have never before in their history found more ready response for local needs than this past Christmas. Relief work during the holidays has been carried on more readily than other years from the fact that funds have been ample for requirements. It seems that people are on a more common level and can appreciate the needs of the less fortunate at this time. People are more neighborly and are more ready to share with others than ever before. We have acquired a closer touch with each other. It must be that our hearts are growing bigger as our pocket-books are getting thinner.

### Beer

Listening to an argument in favor of legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer would lead one to believe that this will solve our tax problems and balance our national budget.

There are several things to be taken into consideration before believing too much of this talk. The younger generation knows nothing about beer, and first must cultivate a taste for it, which like olives, requires cultivation, if ever. A great many people will try anything once so the immediate sale may be large, but will this continue.

Since prohibition there are numerous things that have grown in public favor as a substitute: for in-

## Wins "Edison Medal"



Bancroft Gherardi, officer and chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., is the winner of the annual "Edison Medal," an award for meritorious achievement in electrical science during 1932. The

stance, candy, soft drinks, the moving picture show, chewing gum and ice cream. All of these articles are now taxed more or less by the government. Will not the sale of beer cut down the consumption of these things and at the same time reduce the revenue for tax purposes?

It will take more than the legalized sale of beer to balance our very much unbalanced budget.

## Officers Elected For Hamptonville Grange

Windsor's X Roads Grange No. 833, while being young is already showing that it is very much alive being organized in September with thirty-five members, nine of this number were initiated in the Seventh Degree at the National Convention held at Winston-Salem in November.

By hard study and determination they have a degree team now ready to give the fourth degree.

At their regular meeting on December 14th, in the Grange hall, a most enjoyable meeting was held. After opening the meeting in the fourth degree the degree team took charge and initiated four new members into the fourth degree of the Grange. A harvest feast of several kinds of sandwiches, cake, pickles, coffee, fruits and other things prepared by the ladies of the Grange was enjoyed by everyone present and brought to a close the degree work.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Master, H. C. Myers, overseer, G. A. Hoots; lecturer, Mrs. Vera Wood; steward, W. B. Madison, assistant steward, Jack Allred; treasurer, H. A. Jurney; secretary, J. S. Thomasson; gate keeper, Dewey Allred; ceres, Mrs. Ethel Hoots; pomona, Mrs. Irma Thomasson; flora, Mrs. Laura Myers; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Pearl Cooper.

J. S. THOMASSON, Secretary.

### SCHOOL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Damage estimated at several thousand dollars resulted from a fire which started from a defective flue in the Concord high school building Saturday afternoon. The flames destroyed many valuable records and several hundred dollars worth of chemicals in the physics laboratory.

## LATE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NATIONAL NEWS

### BAILEY AGAINST BEER

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, in an interview in Raleigh Monday night, said he would vote against the 3.2 per cent beer bill now pending in the senate but would vote to submit the 18th amendment although "regretting to do so."

### LAWYER VANISHES

Blank walls arose Monday at the end of every turn in the search for R. S. McCain, Henderson attorney who disappeared Thursday on a business trip to Richmond, Va.

### ABANDON HOPE

All hope was abandoned Monday night for the 54 miners entombed in Moweaqua's Community Mine by a blast that sealed the diggings the day before Christmas.

### CUPID SWAMPED

Unfavorable business conditions had little effect on persons having matrimonial aspirations as a one-day record was broken Saturday at the Henry county, Va., marriage bureau when 55 couples were granted marriage certificates.

### FINAL ELECTION FIGURES

Official returns from the 1932 presidential election, as compiled Saturday by the Associated Press, disclosed a new record popular vote of 39,734,351. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democrats' successful candidate, polled 7,054,520 more votes than did President Hoover.

### BANDITS ARE CAPTURED

Three robbers made the mistake of driving too fast after robbing the Farmers and Merchants bank of Stanley, Gaston county, early Friday morning and Mecklenburg county officers, after an exchange of gunfire during a six mile chase, captured them and recovered the money.

# WANTS

For Health's Sake drink Crazy Crystals. Sold by Mrs. Ollie Lawrence, North Elkin, N. C. 12-29-p.

Chattel Mortgages, Warrant Deeds, Deeds of Trust and Land Posters for sale at The Tribune office. tfe

## REAL ESTATE

For Sale—60-acre farm, fairly good log house, tobacco barn and granary; 12 to 15 acres of good bottom land; 125,000 feet of timber, one-half mile hardsurface highway and school bus. 10 to 15 minutes drive from Elkin. Would trade for small house and lot in town.

For Sale—20-acre farm, 3-room house, good condition, good feed barn and tobacco barn, 6 acres in pasture, well watered. Some splendid tobacco, wheat and corn land. Close to consolidated school, store and mill and highway. A real place to make your living, and can still work in town when you can get work.

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