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One thing that improves the longer it is kept is your temper.

The trouble is that many a man's soul mate is not always his sole mate.

A smile is contagious, but we never heard of any board of health objecting to it.

There is this to consider about it: when you make a friend you very often destroy an enemy.

The man who works only because he has to need not be surprised because he doesn't seem to progress.

Whom we envy more than anyone else these sweltering days is Lady Klondike, our good neighbor who is temporarily sojourning down at the South Pole.

It must have been just plain cussedness that prompted the theft of hams from the meat house of the Iredell county chain gang, and if the culprits are caught the chances are that they will not receive a hearty welcome by the prisoners who were thus deprived of this toothsome delicacy.

Having received chastisement with whatever weapon a certain fine old gentleman found at hand when the occasion arose, we cannot work ourselves into a frenzy over the news that a lad at the Stonewall Jackson Training School received a whipping with a two-foot switch described as no bigger than a pencil at the big end.

The Gill Report

When a Raleigh newspaper alleged that there was a "parole racket" carried on through questionable methods of certain attorneys who collected cash from prisoners for a service they did not render, the public was inclined to think that this smoke gave evidence of fire.

However Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill, who was commissioned to make an investigation, reported to Governor Ehringhaus that he had not found any violation of the criminal law in connection with payments of money to attorneys by the prisoners. Commissioner Gill's report is voluminous in detail, and bears no evidence of an attempt to cover up anything for anybody.

Yet a careful reading of the Gill report convinces that there is ample ground for improvement in legal ethics pertaining to the dealing with men on the inside wanting out. True notices are properly posted notifying prisoners that the services of attorneys are not necessary in the presentation of any deserving petition. This of course does not block designing ones, because prisoners are a doubtful set, and prefer to make their approach in what to them seems a more certain way.

While the Raleigh paper did not uncover a deadly bomb, it did unloose a bit of tear gas that may result in improved methods at the State prison, and should find justification from this angle.

The Young Democrats

There is always something to look forward to. Take now that meeting of Young Democrats to be held in Asheville this week, it promises to be a sight different from the tranquil peacefulness that characterized the recent Democratic State convention.

The young Democrats (among their number are many who are not so young) will have the privilege of hearing the issues discussed by able statesmen, although those charged with arranging the program have not imported speakers for the occasion. Local talent will supply all the rousement except those that a national weekly recently said just oozes out of the ground in North Carolina.

Senators Reynolds and Bailey will have something to say, and the youngsters will have opportunity to size up two potential candidates for the governorship, Doughton and Hoey; Maxwell and Brummitt will indulge in a skit about the Constitution, and Governor Ehringhaus and Treasurer Johnson will tell them about the State's fiscal affairs.

But the real fun will begin when the young bucks come to the selection of a leader. Not since this group was organized has the presidency come from beyond Raleigh, and this year the eastern group are determined to have this recognition. The east having gobbled up practically every actual state political appointment, seeks now to make the noise unanimous by capturing the presidency of the Young Democrats, and it would not be a matter for surprise if it succeeds.

If this group hears nothing from the various speakers to start the fireworks, the fiery blood that flows in young veins may be depended upon to start something on its own hook, which is the same as saying that there will be no Lindsey Warren in Asheville to tread the soft pedal and push in the stops.

A Significant Bird

Over in Harriman, Tennessee, where the Harriman Hosiery Mills lost the blue eagle, because of alleged violation of the NRA agreement, the people are described as joyous now that the old bird is back. This was the town's largest industrial plant and its payroll for six hundred persons, made it the main dependence.

When the blue eagle was lost to the hosiery plant, the merchants in their wrath and sympathy tore down their NRA insignias, as much as to declare their indifference to so much trash. But these have been plastered on widow fronts again, and the merchants are cheerful in the prospect that the big hosiery plant will start wheels turning again.

Various estimates are placed on the value of the blue eagle. More than occasionally one hears that its significance is only imaginary in the minds of General Johnson and his conferees, but this Tennessee town bears concrete evidence of blue eagle effectiveness.

A Heavy Toll

I. M. Bailey, writing in the Carolina-Virginia Retailer, claims that excess freight charges paid by the people of North Carolina is sufficient to defray the operating expenses of the State government, including costs of schools and roads, yet the public appears to be indifferent to it.

If Mr. Bailey has his figures anywhere near correct, the merchants who must bear a big part of this discriminatory excess, would do well to forget the sales tax as a mere bagatelle, and turn their thought to this bigger monster that is eating at their vitals.

And not the merchant alone, but the consumer and the manufacturer, all are vitally concerned. Some of this excess cost can not be passed on to the buyer, but some of it must, if the seller is to keep his head above water.

This vexing question has been to the fore almost from the beginning of railway transportation in and through North Carolina. Occasionally it has seemed that we were about to get somewhere with it, but always there has been a crafty shift that left North Carolina still in the mire.

Not only do the discriminatory rates work a hardship on those who receive shipments in this state, but the manufacturer or producer of farm products who would compete in sections outside the state, because of this discrimination must either sell their wares at a lower price or lose the business. This brings less money into North Carolina in exchange for the products produced, than would come here if there were a parity for freight charges upon the commodities exported.

It is unfortunate that shippers and receivers in North Carolina must fortify themselves with funds to carry on freight rate fights year after year. This state has reached a point of industrial importance in spite of this handicap, and because it is important industrially it merits the consideration and fairness of those agencies that fix transportation rates.

The National Parkway

It is not too late to express our pleasure in the fact that the much discussed Scenic Highway is now certain to skirt our own back yard. Elkin will be near enough to the popular parkway to run up and watch the cars go by. That may be a good many months off, but it is coming and is something worthwhile to look forward to.

That this big boulevard will mean much to the section through which it passes, goes without saying. But it will also be of value to outlying sections which will most certainly profit from its presence.

When completed the Scenic Highway will furnish the first efficient channel for a definite trend of tourist travel southward. People will come into North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee for the first time in their lives, and it is probable that their preconceived ideas of this section will receive a severe jolt. They will bump into some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, and will be able to view it in comfort from a nationally constructed highway that will be the pride of the nation.

It has been definitely settled that the road will be chartered as far as Blowing Rock, leaving the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain park to be settled later. If the highway from there is routed over into Tennessee, leaving the Asheville section out of the picture, that will be the tourist's misfortune as well as North Carolina. If this is done, it will be because of the pressure Tennessee has been able to muster, and that State already having its immense TVA activities will receive an additional and unmerited recognition at the hands of administration officials.

Whatever the outcome of the final charting of the route from Blowing Rock, this section is secure in its certainty of stimulated travel, because the laterals leading into the great national parkway will be feeders to an immense traffic from down the state, and every town and village along these roads will be benefited.

Will Neal said that he wanted to be officially at the death of the NRA, but that was before he knew that President Roosevelt had already made up his mind to abolish the board Mr. Neal was on. If the Marion sock-maker is around when the NRA expires, it will be in the capacity of a neighbor with which the deceased was not on speaking terms.

Mark Sullivan says the young men, college graduates, of the nation do not know whether to go into business or government. Mark has been such a success as an election prophet, that he might give them a helping hand thataway.

The motorist has a right to expect to find a little beauty by the roadside, says a bulletin of a national horticultural organization. Well, maybe he has, but the chances are that she'll be in somebody else's parked car.—Boston Herald.

Liza Crossing The Ice

by A. B. Chapin



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 24—Of course, there is no such thing as an "acting President" of the United States when the President is absent from the country, but Washington gossips are fond of picking this, that or the other official for the job whenever Mr. Roosevelt goes away on a trip. This time it is Donald K. Richberg who is regarded as the "white-haired boy" of the administration, entrusted with seeing that none of the cattle get out of the feed-lot until the boss gets back.

Undoubtedly Mr. Richberg has gained greatly in the estimation of the President, of the public and of politicians in the past year. His appointment as temporary chairman of the National Emergency Council, while Frank C. Walker takes a vacation, puts up to him the difficult job of trying to iron out all the personal jealousies and administrative traffic tangles in Governmental affair. There are plenty of both.

Pen Picture of Richberg

Mr. Richberg came to Washington with a record as a "labor lawyer." He was supposed to be solidly committed to putting the American Federation of Labor in charge of all business. That idea, widely circulated, created a strong prejudice against him in the minds of business men, at the start. But in his handling of a thousand or so collisions between business groups and labor groups in the working out of the NRA codes, he has won the reputation of being keen, intelligent, fair and moderate.

Indeed, Richberg has been so fair that the labor leaders begin to think that he isn't their friend any more, while business men look on him with much greater favor. The fact seems to be that Mr. Richberg is not and never has been a blind partisan of any particular labor group or organization, but does believe that the best interests of the public require that labor should receive a larger share of the proceeds of industry.

Mr. Richberg is sometimes spoken of as one of the Brain Trust; but he is certainly not one of the half-baked radicals usually meant when that term is used. About the only one of the original Brain Trust who still functions importantly in an official capacity is Rexford G. Tugwell, Undersecretary of Agriculture, and the idea is seeping through officialdom that Mr. Tugwell's achievements thus far have consisted more in getting himself into the headlines than in accomplishing anything of consequence. It looks quite certain—if anything can be regarded as certain in these days—that most of Mr. Tugwell's radical program has been ditched.

Moley Still Active

On the other hand, the one of the original Brain Trusters who came in for the most abuse in the beginning of the Roosevelt Administration is still among the most influential of the President's advisers, although he has been out of public office for more than a year. He is Professor Raymond Moley, with whom the President is said to have consulted on every important economic question that has arisen, and who is said to have had the last word in shaping

most of Mr. Roosevelt's decisions. The President is not alone in believing Professor Moley to be a man of great erudition and talent, though all do not share the Presidential belief in the soundness of his economic views.

Nevertheless, Moley is one of the three men who, as the picture clears up and self-appointed minor prophets are eliminated one by one, stand out as the "three musketeers" of the Administration. The other two are the ever-faithful Col. Louis McHenry Howe and Bernard M. Baruch.

On purely political questions it has been understood that the President relied more upon Col. Howe than upon the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Postmaster General Farley. An incident that came to light the other day shows how strong the Farley influence is. Secretary Ickes wanted to appoint Professor John W. Finch, Dean of the School of Mining of the University of Idaho, to the post of Director of the Bureau of Mines. He talked with the President, who gave his o.k. Secretary Ickes notified Professor Finch, who resigned his university job and came to Washington to take over the post. The Presidential commission appointing him had been drawn up and laid on the President's desk. But when Mr. Ickes sent for it, the White House staff discovered that it had not been signed, but had noted upon it: "Held up temporarily because of political objections by P.M.G." Mr. Farley had discovered that Professor Finch voted for Hoover in 1928!

Kennedy and Moffett

Some surprise has been expressed over the appointment of Joseph P. Kennedy, long a Wall Street speculator, to head the commission which is to regulate security exchanges. But those who know Mr. Kennedy say that he is absolutely honest and entirely devoted to President Roosevelt, a life-long intimate friend, and add that it is better to have a man who knows what it's all about than another Brain Trustee in that job.

There was more surprise over the naming of James P. Moffett of Standard Oil to head the board created under the new Housing Act. But young Mr. Moffett is another of the President's intimates, regarded as a man of sound judgment and great executive talent. His appointment is taken as another indication of the growth of conservative influence in Administration affairs.

Timely Farm Questions Answered At N. C. State

Question: How much of the land rented under a tobacco reduction contract can be planted to food or feed crops?

Answer: The area of the rented acres planted to grazing or pasture or any other crop planted for home consumption or use on the farm shall not exceed one-half of the total rented acres. If none of the acreage is planted to crops for home consumption then all the rented acres may be grazed or pastured provided that the livestock pastured or the products from this livestock are for home consumption only.

Question: Should my entire poultry flock be vaccinated against chicken pox?

Answer: As a general rule only the young birds from 10 to 15 weeks old are vaccinated as the adult birds are apparently highly resistant to

the disease. If the disease has been present in the flock at any time in the past several years or is now present in neighboring flocks the birds should be vaccinated as soon as possible. Material for vaccinating can be secured from an reliable firm and detailed instructions for applying the vaccine will be furnished up on request by the Poultry Department of State College.

Question: How can a tobacco grower get rid of mosaic in the field?

Answer: If the disease was present in the field the past year it is impossible to get rid of it this year. The virus will live over in the soil for one or more years. If the plants are to set where the disease was not present then care should be exercised to plant only mosaic free plants. The plant bed should be gone over carefully and all diseased healthy plants after pulling out those that are diseased. After the plants are set they should again be examined and any plant showing signs of the disease should be pulled. See your Farm Agent for more detailed information.

A decided increase in the use of dolomitic limestone as a filler for fertilizers is noted in the State this season by extension workers.

WANTS

Wanted—400 pounds of good sound butter each week. Sant Holcomb. ttc.

New Merchandise this week of special interest—A splendid line of tooth brushes at excellent values, 10c and 15c. Spanish salted peanuts, fresh and brittle, 5 ounce bags, 5c. Aurora Wave-O-Curler, four curlers to card, 10c card. A splendid line of chewing gum, 3 packs 10c. Eye shades and sun glasses, splendid values, 10c, 25c and 48c pair. A splendid lot of Sun-Suits for children, 25c suit. Nice shipment candy, 10c, 15c, and 20c pound. Watch our windows and visit our store for new merchandise each week. Somers & Co's. 5 and 10c Store, L. F. Walker, Manager.

Bring me your chickens and eggs and get cash for them. Sant Holcomb. ttc.

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