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Huey Long is one perfectly good reason for regret that Louisiana was ever purchased.

Man is further retarded in his progress by his architectural design, which particularly fits him for sitting down.

Anyhow Mr. Mussolini so far has failed to claim that he is trying to save the world for democracy.

Olin Miller says: "In the midst of change and instability peculiar to this sorry sphere, a notable exception lies in the list of available sin. In the past 5,000 years no new sin has been discovered or devised and none has become obsolete."

## The Parkway Is Coming

Word comes from Raleigh that the deed for the right-of-way of North Carolina's section of the Southern Appalachian Parkway has been signed, sealed and delivered. It is said that the reason the right-of-way and easements have not been deeded sooner, was because Secretary Ickes' legal adviser expressed doubts as to the authority of North Carolina to deed the land, but Charles Ross, general counsel for the State Highway Department has satisfactorily met these objections, and now we may expect, after bothering with a little more red tape in Washington, to see dirt flying soon.

Secretary Ickes has written Congressman Doughton that "I do not believe that anyone is more interested than am I in seeing work actually undertaken on this parkway. I wish we might build the road in several sections at the same time. Bids have actually been received on one section in North Carolina, but we cannot let contract until we have title." Now that this objection has been met, it is reasonable to suppose that Secretary Ickes' interest will prompt him and his department to expedite matters. And so mote it be.

This immediate section will benefit from the time of the first moving of dirt and then clean on through the decades to come. The building of the road will furnish employment to men who need to work to live, and when the highway is completed it will provide a scenic parkway, the equal of which will not be found in this country, and one that will be used by countless thousands who now have no conception of the importance of this section of the South.

The travel headed into this mountain section will filter out over lateral roads into less scenic but more industrially important sections of North Carolina, and they will be sleepy indeed, if they do not heed the crunching of wheels on the parkway pavement as a signal of potential possibilities for profit.

Even now the towns and communities in this section of the state should be planning to attract some of the countless thousands who will be using the big road as a pleasure lane. Some of them will be investors, of course they will, but they will not want to sink their money in Sleepy Hollow, so it behooves all of us to be tidying up, because when contractors start they will be in a hurry to finish and call it a day, and before we know it, the "go" signal will be hoisted and the parade will begin.

As for Elkin, this paper predicts that she will be ready with bells on, for Elkin is built that way.

## Will They Be Willing To Work?

We will soon have an answer to the question as to whether the vast numbers of persons now receiving relief for which they do nothing, will willingly and cheerfully take jobs. It is said that there are now approximately 1,200,000 persons who have been earning their relief money by work on special projects under governmental agencies. They have been compensated in amounts sufficient to provide shelter and the necessities of life. There will be transferred without difficulty to the new federal relief program.

But what of the nearly 2,300,000 workers, most of whom are now completely idle and on "direct relief," and for whom new work projects are being designed, do about it? Will they respond cheerfully and willingly to the tasks allotted them, or has direct relief so undermined their morale, that it has created a class that is content to remain idle and on a meager dole?

Relief officials are frankly not optimistic about it, after the experience of the past few months when in harvest season the pressing and essential demand for labor was met with a refusal to hear and answer the seasonal call.

And again there is the question whether these proposed work-relief programs, offering as they do work at comparatively low total wages that are without any assurance of permanency, will revive weakened spirits and bring back a sense of independence and security.

This is becoming a grave national economic question, and the chances are that soon we will have an answer. Let us hope that it will be favorable.

## Lobbying

The Senate Committee investigating lobbying activities by the utilities people in connection with legislation against holding companies, continue to hear interesting evidence revealed. Concerning these activities a special representative of the New York Times quotes Senator Schwelmbach as saying that his observations as a member of the senate committee have convinced him that although "business interests decided to be clean and honorable in their lobbying, they can't get away from their old habits."

"The old methods of lobbying," he says, "consists of bribery, blackmail and entertainment. That was abandoned for the modern method of really trying to ascertain public sentiment and representing it to members of Congress. But this investigation already has shown the unfair methods used, the fake telegrams, with names from city directories, the millions spent to deceive us on the utilities bill. I have no objection to legitimate lobbying. It is extremely desirable to learn both sides of any question, and to know what the people want, but these methods make that impossible."

The senator is right in his conclusions—except when he says that the lobbyist really "tries to ascertain public sentiment and represent it to members of Congress." They do no such thing. Their stock in trade is to manufacture sentiment to their own liking, and when they cannot do that, as evidenced in the case in point, they fake and forge letters and telegrams and spend immense sums of money flooding Congress with a pretended reaction of public sentiment to whatever measure is being considered.

If public sentiment is of a sort that pleases the lobbyist, no one knows better than he that it will filter in to the legislators. It is only when the lobbyist knows that his public is against him, that he gets busy with his camouflaging.

The utilities companies must value their holding groups very highly. Some of them spent as high as \$700,000 in an effort to keep them alive and kicking; to preserve them for future manipulations of the financial chessboard in order to squeeze here and pull there—always to the detriment of the little investor and to the fleecing of the public and the hood-winking of government.

In the case of the proposed death sentence for the holding companies, the lobbyists were successful. All are familiar with the millions of telegrams that were sent out by these lobbyists; form messages that were sent in the name of some that were not even living. It would seem that any congressman intelligent enough to hold his seat, would recognize the sameness and know that the messages were not bonafide and did not represent the sentiment of anybody.

Some of them, of course voted their own convictions, but even these will have a hard time convincing their constituents that they acted in good faith.

## Rural Electrification

Dr. Clarence Poe, chairman of the committee named by Governor Ehringhaus a year ago to study and promote the subject of rural electrification in North Carolina, made report for the committee to the governor recently. Dr. Poe declares that rural electrification promises to be "one of the greatest forward movements in all the history of rural North Carolina," and he will find many in agreement with him.

The purpose of the survey conducted by the committee in seventy-eight of the one hundred counties in the state was to find what proportion of our rural people are interested in electrification and would take advantage of it if reasonable cost rates are offered.

It is significant that of the more than 97,000 persons represented in the survey contacts, 90,849 were interested in rural electrification and only 6,603 expressed themselves as not so interested. This expression from a predominating number in the various communities contacted, indicates a healthy inclination on the part of rural North Carolina citizens to better their lot by adopting modern appliances and providing a better and more pleasing environment, with its accompanying contented homelife.

The total estimated cost of all lines surveyed in the state is placed at \$7,477,273 and the estimated annual revenue is \$742,454. The estimated average line cost in dollars per prospect is \$328. If the entire survey were undertaken and completed, approximately 20,000 residences would be lighted by electric current, along with 5,905 barns, 915 poultry houses, 1,808 garages and 2,068 miscellaneous buildings.

These prospective customers interviewed in the survey were actively interested in the installation of refrigerators, washing machines, ranges, water systems, small heating plants and miscellaneous motor driven appliances. Think what these labor-saving devices would mean to the rural citizenry! And think what a blessing modern lighting systems in rural homes would bring!

The committee succeeded in securing appropriate legislation from the general assembly in the enactment of laws providing for the information of non-profit membership corporations through which it is expected to make electric energy available, and by authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds of such corporations.

There is every reason to believe that definite plans will be worked out to make rural electrification something more than a possibility in North Carolina—it is now a definite probability, and we subscribe to Dr. Poe's assertion that it will be one of the greatest forward movements in all the history of rural North Carolina.

It would be a good thing, as the Charlotte Observer suggests, to provide a pension for school teachers, but in the meantime they ought to be assured a wage that will provide rations that will bring them up to the age limit.

Anyhow daylight saving time enables the unemployed to give more time to the search of a job.

## MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM — by A. B. Chapin



## CHATHAM WINS TWO, LOSES THREE GAMES

### Split Series With Craddock-Terry Here; Lose To Dunean Mills

The Chatham Blanketeers won two games and lost two in last week's play and dropped another to Dunean Mills, in the Charlotte Observer's semi-pro tournament at Greensboro, S. C., Monday afternoon. They defeated Furniture City 8 to 4 and Friday afternoon walloped Craddock-Terry 4-0, only to lose to the Shoemen Saturday 4 to 3 in a contest in which errors were responsible for the defeat.

The game with Furniture City Wednesday featured a homer by Fred Hambricht. Weston, Fred Hambricht, Fitzgerald and Stockton led the bat work. Miller featured at bat for High Point.

In Friday's contest Campbell pitched a nice game to shut out the invaders. H. Hambricht led the hitting for Chatham with three for three.

Saturday errors at first and second, and a bad throw from center field cost the Blanketeers a victory, a rally in the seventh falling to net enough runs to tie or lead the score. Rumble held the Shoemen to five hits with a nice piece of pitching while the Blanketeers collected seven hits off two Lynchburg moundsmen.

Sunday in a game at Mount Airy with the Mount Airy Reds Chatham went down 4 to 1. Clodfelter led the hitting for the locals. Jackie Swaim gave up only seven hits.

Tonight the Blanketeers go to Greensboro for a game with White Oak, the second of a series, the last scheduled game there being rained out.

Chatham was playing Dunean Mills here Wednesday afternoon as The Tribune went to press.

## Union Grove News

A host of relatives and friends of Mr. James Caudle met at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Z. H. Harris Sunday, July 28th, in honor of his 76th birthday. Rev. W. H. Adams made a brief talk before partaking of the dinner, which was served in picnic style. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and hope for Mr. Caudle many more happy birthdays.

Little Misses Mary Lee and Helen Driggs have returned to their home in High Point after spending their vacation with their aunt, Mrs. J. A. Wiseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caudle spent Sunday with Mr. Caudle's mother, Mrs. Catherine Caudle.

Miss Minnie Mae and Dalton Carter spent the week-end with their cousin George Wiseman.

Sanford Legans spent the night with his sister, Catherine Caudle, one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carter and family, of Saint Lawrence, South Dakota, arrived Wednesday for an extended visit to Mr. Carter's mother, Mrs. T. W. Billings.

There are about 520 muscles used in moving the body.

## WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Mrs. Ed Steele, Mount Airy; J. A. Stanley, Mount Airy; Jeff Osborne, Stratford; John B. Jones, Elkin; Mrs. Zettie Brown, Yadkinville; Reece Nixon, State Road; Smith Jones, Clifton; George Settle, Elkin; Ralph Sprinkle, Yadkinville; Irma Ray Wagoner, Sparta; Estelle Powell, Asheville; Mrs. Minnie Wray, Elkin; Mrs. Bessie Gilliam, Elkin; Mrs. Claire Wilhelm, East Bend; Phillips Vestal, Jonesville; Mrs. E. H. Lankford, Harmony; Mrs. Mida Eller, Congo; Ardella Tilley, Roaring River; Mrs. Evelyn Smith, Elkin; Henry Caudle, Yadkinville; Earl Swaim, Jonesville; Mrs. D. A. Swaim, Elkin; Mrs. Joe Bivins, Elkin, and Ila Marshall, State Road.

Patients dismissed during the week

were: George Settle, Elkin; Theo Dietrich, Ardmore, Pa.; Marion Allen, Elkin; Grant Bowman, Mount Airy; Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin; Mrs. Parks Hampton, Elkin; E. F. Luffman, Jonesville; China Blevins, Cherry Lane; Ralph Sprinkle, Yadkinville; Mrs. Cora Wellborn, State Road; Mrs. Celeste Wolfe, Mountain Park; Mrs. Nellie Murray, Elkin; Earl Swaim, Elkin.

## Mrs. Bettie Isaacs

Mrs. Bettie Isaacs, 60, of the Mountain Park community, passed away at her home Monday, following a lengthy illness. She was a member of the Union Hill Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Union Hill church and interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, G. W. Isaacs and one sister.

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