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**"Smearing" Always Reacts**

Prominent North Carolinians whose contributions to the budget of the "southern committee to uphold the constitution," were dumped into the same pot with those of the DuPonts, Raskobbs, et al., will not get much satisfaction from the fact that their donations were used, for one thing, to distribute pictures of Mrs. Roosevelt in company with two negroes, for the avowed purpose of prejudicing Southerners against the administration.

These pictures were made at Howard university, negro college in Washington, when the first lady went there to make a speech. As exhibit A, in a tirade against "social equality," this is nothing to get het up about, for there is nothing to indicate that Mrs. Roosevelt was lowering the social standard on this particular occasion. It is not uncommon for Southern whites to address negro gatherings, and it is right and proper that they should. But they'd hardly stand for having the occasion exploited among their neighbors in an effort to work up prejudice against them.

Vance Muse, of Texas, general manager of the southern committee to uphold the constitution, admits that he circulated these pictures at the expense of the organization he general manages. Obviously it was done to inflame the minds of Southerners, who are all too easily inflamed, and thus it becomes utterly contemptible, the while it demonstrates to what length the DuPont-controlled "southern committee" will go in its political hatred. We are persuaded that North Carolina supporters do not approve of these tactics.

In the meantime we have here in North Carolina an epidemic of "smearing" that could well be discontinued. Frantic politicians and over-zealous political writers are indulging in a tirade, employing methods that are the surest way of defeating their own purposes and exalting those whom they would destroy.

**Keeps the Home Fires Burning**

When the senate lobby investigating committee disclosed the fact that former Governor O. Max Gardner had drawn a sizeable fee from utilities concerns, the inference was that he was being paid to influence legislation. However, Mr. Gardner rather successfully denied this, claiming that he was paid solely for legal services. But in one of the letters recommending his employment, his political acumen was lauded to the skies, and neither prior nor subsequent events have refuted the truth of this appraisal.

As witness whereof: The magnetic Max Gardner knows his way about in Washington; he has the ear of political leaders in the national capital; political godchildren back home find themselves in need of a little boosting right at this time; Chairman Farley who is also post-master general, sees to it that Governor Ehringhaus gets a bid to praise the new deal in Michigan and an airship to take him to his appointment; someone whispers that Candidate Hoey may be given the Democratic national convention keynoting job, which is calculated to help him in the fierce battle for the governorship.

Nor does Max confine his political activities to Washington. It is generally understood that his persuasiveness and extreme earnestness was an important factor in securing the services of just the man Mr. Hoey wanted to manage his campaign, a leader whose prestige was calculated to split the support of Candidate Sandy Graham and thus make the nomination more certain.

The fellow who wrote and recommended O. Max Gardner as an up-and-coming politician of the first water, knew what he was talking about. It takes a man who knows his political onions to think things like this through and then bring them about. Max is the ablest politician North Carolina has had for governor in many a year, and he has lost none of his cunning and ability since hanging out his shingle in Washington.

**Popularizing Crow for the Menu**

In recent days the papers have been printing multiplied stories of crows on the menus of Oklahoma hostilities, and the novelty is spreading to the point where this promises to become one of the delicate dishes for the elite.

As a matter of fact the Oklahoma appetite for crow crops up about a year late. Over in Statesville some twelve months ago a stag party sat down to what they thought was "young guinea" from Hort Doughton's Sparta flock. Served on toast, they found crow delicious up to the point where they were told what it was, and even then they were willing to admit that it was exceeded only by quail.

And why not? Crow is cleaner in its habits than any chicken that ever shuffled for its own keep. The meat is dark, but tender and toothsome, and all it needs is the light of a little publicity and some professor to classify the particular vitamin it provides. United States health officials have o.k'd its use and expert cooks are popularizing crow.

Down in Florida a canning plant is marketing rattlesnake steak at a fancy price, and those who have sampled it, call it good. Let them! We'll take crow for ourn.

But one thing is certain: When crow comes into general use, there won't be any need to place a bounty on their head. Demand will take care of that, and instead of subsidizing their slaughter we'll be having closed seasons to assure a permanency of the supply.

But don't condemn crow until you've given it a trial. We happen to know that when properly prepared, it's good eating.

Those transcontinental fliers have speeded up to the point where soon they will be colliding with themselves on the way back.

From a recent survey it is gathered that even \$2,500 homes would be too expensive for one-third of all American families.

When a fellow doesn't know what is being said about him he is liable to go misinformed on the subject that he regards as the most important of all.

**NATIVE OF YADKIN IS TAKEN BY DEATH**

**Mrs. Sallie Marshall, 91, Passes in Winston-Salem**

Mrs. Sallie Marshall, 91, passed away Monday evening at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mattie McDaniel, in Winston-Salem, where the family had resided for the past three years. Mrs. Marshall was a native of Yadkin county and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Journey. Her entire life had been spent in this section with the exception of her residence in Winston-Salem.

An invalid for a number of years Mrs. Marshall's condition became critical only a short time before her passing. The deceased was a devout member of the Methodist church and was a woman greatly beloved. During the latter years of her life she was repeatedly honored on her birthday anniversaries.

The remains were brought to Elkin where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Methodist church. The rites were in charge of the pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. L. B. Abernethy. Interment was in the Jonesville cemetery.

Mrs. Marshall was twice married, first to William McDaniel and after his death to Henry Marshall, who preceded her in death many years ago. She is survived by two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Mattie McDaniel of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Frank McDaniel of Norfolk, Va., eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and several nieces.

**Registrars and Judges Appointed for Yadkin**

The list below is the names of the registrars and judges of the coming primary and the November elections. By townships the first name is the registrar, the second name the Democratic judge and the last name the Republican judge:

- Boonville: J. A. Fleming, M. C. Stinson, John E. Moxley.  
 North Knobs: O. E. Boles, M. J. Bryant, Bob Hemric.  
 South Knobs: S. S. Wagoner, Lytle Myers, Ross Hutchens.  
 N. Buck Shoals: Ralph Talley, F. L. Myers, A. M. Johnson.  
 S. Buck Shoal: J. S. Thomasson, H. C. Myers, Millard Cook.  
 Deep Creek: Ernest Long, C. A. Gough, W. L. Mackie.  
 N. Liberty: C. L. Gabard, Ed Shermer, N. L. Hudspeth.  
 S. Liberty: Harold Holden, N. S. Steelman, Marshall Joyner.  
 Forbush: C. E. Hartman, T. A. Steelman, John Eaton.  
 East Bend: T. A. Poindexter, Troy Martin, H. E. Ring.  
 West Bend: Crews Styers, Ed Martin, Hovey Norman.  
 N. Fall Creek: Frank Hobson, J. G. Hobson, D. N. Vestal.  
 S. Fall Creek: J. A. Wiseman, T. W. Styers, M. J. Williams.

**Rabies Inspectors Appointed for Yadkin**

At a called meeting of the county commissioners held in the court house Saturday afternoon the question of vaccinating the dogs of the county was given primary consideration. It has been stated by health authorities that it is necessary under the present program to vaccinate them each year and the work will be started at an early date. The following persons were appointed to do the work in the various townships:

- Boonville, S. S. Brown and a Mr. Taylor; North Knobs, Raymond Bray; South Knobs, Edgar Brown; N. Buck Shoals, Lamont Burgess; S. Buck Shoals, George Myers; Deep Creek, Lee Wood and Grant Vestal; North Liberty, Newton Kelly; South Liberty, Fletcher Hoots; Forbush, Marshall Dinkins and Bill Dinkins; East Bend, Clarence Kirk; Fall Creek, U. G. Miller.

**Little Hope Is Held For Jonesville Man**

Homer Chappell, 39, of Jonesville, is in Hugh Chatham Hospital in a critical condition, suffering from a severely fractured skull sustained Monday afternoon when a limb broke from a tree which he, together with Noah Wagoner, was falling. The accident occurred near Jonesville. Mr. Chappell was rushed to the local hospital for attention. His condition is regarded as extremely serious and little hope is held for his recovery.

**To Hold Civil Service Exam for Mail Carrier**

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Benham, it was learned Wednesday, the examination to be held here. Receipt of applications will close on May 15.

The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date.

**SOCIETY.**

**Faculty and Seniors of Boonville High School Entertained**  
 Members of the Senior Class and faculty of Boonville high school were delightfully entertained with a party given at the home of Virginia Anne Craver Friday evening, April 17, with Misses Craver and Wyleene Dickson hostesses, and Messrs. Charlie Frank Poindexter and Dwight Brendle hosts.

Decorations of pink and yellow were used, carrying out the Easter idea. The favors presented each guest were yellow Easter baskets filled with different colored Easter eggs.

Very interesting and amusing games were played and enjoyed by everyone present. For the contest, "Hidden Eggs" the winners Allene Hobson and Charles Woodhouse were presented attractive gifts.

Delightful refreshments were served to twenty-five guests: Misses Grace Hayes and Mary Edith Woody, Mr. J. R. Wlaker and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, teachers; Misses Myrtle Fleming, Annette Woodhouse, Ellen Hayes, Jane Doub, Allene Hobson, Zelda Caudle, Ruth Cornelius, Edith Stinson, Mammie Collins, Nellie Ruth Wooten and Zetta Snow; Messrs. Clyde Hill, Charles Woodhouse, Roy Hobson, Grady Spainhour, Herbert Brendle, Gilbert Spencer and Alfred Wiseman, students; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Craver, parents of one of the hostesses.

**BOONVILLE**

Miss Virginia Ann Craver entertained the members of the Senior class of the high school at an enjoyable party at her home on South Main Street Friday evening.

Misses Sue White and Eulala Brandon of Pinnacle spent the week-end here the guests of Miss Martha Pearl Shore.

Mrs. Mandy Fleming is ill again at her home here, her friends will regret to know.

Misses Grace Hayes and Margaret Harkrader spent the week-end in Winston-Salem, the guests of Miss Ruth Fletcher.

The Junior Class of the local school entertained the members of the Senior Class at a theatre party at the Lric Theatre in Elkin Monday evening.

Rev. J. P. Davis preached an inspiring sermon Sunday morning at the Baptist church, to a large and appreciative audience.

**Home Demonstration Clubs to Hold Meet**

The Surry County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its spring meeting at Dobson Wednesday morning, April 29th, at 10:30 a. m. The meeting is to be an inspirational and get-together event, and is to last for the remainder of the day.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist, from State College. Mrs. Mock also, and other speakers, are to be featured of the program, with community singing in the afternoon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in home demonstration work to attend.

Joseph Banto, 20, of New York City, left this note when he committed suicide: "A lesson to the young male members of our family to keep away from women."

**DEATH CLAIMS MRS. DORA R. CASTEVENS**

**Funeral Rites Held Wednesday From Swaim's Church**

Mrs. Dora Reeves Castevens, 31, wife of Noah Castevens, died Tuesday afternoon at her home four miles south of Elkin, following an illness of pneumonia. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reeves, of Ronda, and a member of the Maple Springs Methodist church.

Surviving are her husband, seven children: Ellen, Nellie, Frank, Robert, Ernest, Thomas and Billie Ray Castevens; her parents, one brother, William Reeves of Statesville; and six sisters, Mrs. Silas Poplin, and Miss Doris Reeves, Ronda; Mrs. Roby Castevens and Miss Dessie Reeves, Jonesville; Mrs. Paul Woodie, Statesville and Mrs. Harvey Sparks, Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Swaim's Baptist church in Yadkin county.

**LITTON H. CARTER DIES MONDAY NIGHT**

**Funeral Services Held Wednesday Morning At 11 A. M.**

Litton Harrison Carter, 84, passed away Monday night at his home near State Road, following a protracted illness. He was a member of the Shoaly Branch Baptist church and was esteemed in his community, where he had spent his entire life.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melinda Carter, and ten children: Mrs. Ellie Bates, Mrs. Nettie Carter, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Mrs. Mammie Carter, all of State Road; Henry Carter, Cooleemee; Brady, James, Watson, Lonnie and Sam Carter, State Road; 45 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one brother, Richard Carter.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Pleasant Ridge Baptist church and interment was in the cemetery there.

**Pinckney A. Heffner Passes Wednesday**

Pinckney Alexander Heffner, 82, passed away Wednesday at his home east of Elkin. The deceased was a well known and respected farmer.

Funeral services were held Friday from Salem Fork church and interment was in the cemetery there. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Heffner.

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Politics sometimes makes strange bedfellows but fails to provide much time for them to sleep.

By practicing up on loving one's neighbor, a fellow after a while might get around to the point of being more tolerant to his own relatives.

According to Robert Quillan, "no matter which side you take in a controversy, you find a lot of idiots siding with you."

There's a genuine thrill in coming back to the "old home town" until you find such a few who really knew you had been away.

It is said that opportunity knocks once at every man's door. But there is so much knocking these days that it is hard to recognize which is which.

A bum poker player can save enough money to pay his tax bill by the simple process of staying home at night.

If those overworked movie stars drawing down one hundred thousand a year, just can't stand up under their troubles, they can resign.

Governor Ehringhaus, keynoting in Michigan, is not quoted as saying about the need of a special session of the legislature in North Carolina.

Almost every man will agree that woman's place is in the home, but he is willing that she should grab a hoe and loosen up the garden soil if she is so disposed.

If we get the Republican slant, "seeing America first" ought to be an easy matter now that the Democrats have brought the nation to the cross-roads.

The more we read about this nudist cult, the more we wish the yo-yo craze had continued to hold the minds of those who must have something crazy to think about.

Nature furnishes many worthwhile morals: For instance, you have noticed that when you place feed for the song birds the sparrows get most of it. Ditto for the relief chisellers.

Who does the keynoting at the national conventions should not pester the major political parties, so long as they are certain that somebody will do the banknoting.

**The Source of Increased Revenue**

The University News Letter presents a compilation of tax figures, from which, among other things, the Fayetteville Observer draws the following conclusions.

The state boosts its revenues 34 million dollars in 12 years. The motorist pays half.

Of total revenues collected in 1935 in North Carolina the driver of the automobile paid 51 per cent.

Of total expenditures in North Carolina in 1935 only 46.5 per cent was expended for the benefit of the motorist and that figure credits to the motorist the entire debt service expenditure.

In 1935 the state expended \$14,932,000 more for public schools than in 1924, it spent \$9,188,000 more for debt service, and it spent \$6,151,000 for road maintenance. It spent only \$190,000 for highway construction.

These figures show rather conclusively that the automobile driver is North Carolina's forgotten man. He is the fellow who pays for more than he gets.

In connection with these observations it is worthy of note in passing that statistics from a dependable source indicate that automobile owners in the United States pay an average of \$30.89 a year in federal and state gasoline taxes for every car they operate. The report further shows that 16 per cent of the revenue is being diverted today to "other than highway purposes" although the original theory behind gasoline taxes was that their accumulated total was to be used only for highway improvement.

The motorist has plenty of ground for complaint about the toll taken by government from his gasoline purchases, when the money he pays for a specific purpose is used for another.

But going back to the News Letter figures: They reveal another thing which doesn't square with Commissioner Maxwell's persistent claim that the corporations are being "taxed to death." They show that in 1924 the total revenue was \$16,400,000; in 1935 the total revenue was \$50,983,000—the total expenditures in 1924 were \$17,700,000; the total expenditures in 1935 were \$45,942,000.

In other words the state collected \$34,483,000 more revenue in 1935 than it did in 1924. Where did this increase come from? Approximately half of it was collected from motorists in the form of gasoline sales tax and automobile license tax, and \$7,645,000 was produced by the general sales tax. This means that approximately \$25,000,000 of the \$34,483,000 came from a form of sales tax, and only a part of the remainder served to "tax the corporations to death."