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The Senate can better understand the real meaning of relief, now that it has Harry Hopkins out of its hair.

Senator Reynolds is demanding a probe of Mexico's oil land seizure. But Senator Bob forgets, we reckon, that that would be interfering with the plans and purposes of his old side-kick, Adolf Hitler.

Elder McNinch contends that there should be no government interference with the ether lanes. Wants to keep them open, maybe, against the day when his conscience prompts him to employ a nation-wide hook-up to tell about those 1928 campaign funds, as the law requires.

First Things First

Congressman Lon Folger contends that removal of freight rate differentials by which the South is discriminated against, is the simplest and most efficacious solution to be applied to the so-called "economic problem No. 1."

Representative Folger says that if the South is given equitable freight rates so that our manufacturers and shippers are put on a parity with those of the North, present wage differentials will automatically disappear.

We string along with our Congressman in his appraisal of the hurt of unjust freight rates for the South. They are a contributing factor to whatever delinquency may be charged against us. But righting the freight rate wrongs will not cause our present wage differentials to disappear automatically. That can come only through the voluntary raising of the living standards by Southern industrialists, or the insistence by government that they be raised by raising wage levels. Certainly neither governmental nor voluntary action can be taken in this respect under the present discrimination without hurt to the South's industrial scheme of things.

Congressman Folger is putting first things first, and when this important matter is settled, other aspects of the problem can be tackled and solved with greater certainty and satisfaction.

And incidentally it is timely to say that Representative Folger's constituents are pleased with the ease with which he is settling himself into his congressional career. He has been given unusually good committee assignments for a new-comer and there is plenty of evidence that his colleagues respect his ability. His folks here in Surry would rather see him modest and retiring at the start, than to have him a blustering minstrel, anxious to get in the limelight, as has been the case with so many members of that august body, who have come and gone without serving any good purpose.

Representative Folger has the ability, experience and background to measure up to the expectancy of his constituents, and to the high level of statesmanship that North Carolina is accustomed to.

On the Spot

President Roosevelt names Judge Floyd H. Roberts to be federal judge of the Western Virginia district, but Senators Glass and Byrd, of Virginia, exercising their senatorial privilege, will not allow the appointment to be confirmed.

Because they were not consulted the Virginia Senators propose to get in their dig against President Roosevelt, whom they would oppose even if he were interceding with St. Peter for them, claim that Roberts is "obnoxious" to them, and that is all a senator has to say to get his fellows to fall in line, for some day they may have political reason to ask the same favor. It is just an old Senate custom, and as such must never be violated.

It would be a different thing if Senators Glass and Byrd opposed on grounds of unfitness of the nominee. But they don't. They admit that Judge Roberts has the ability and special fitness for the place; the governor of Virginia and two ex-governors were present to testify that Judge Roberts was loved and respected by the people of Virginia, that his record as judge of a lower court was spotless and that he had all of the qualifications that should go with a federal judgeship. Yet the Senate Judicial committee refuses to confirm by a 15 to 3 count of noses.

And those are members of that "greatest deliberative body on earth," who only a few short months ago were beating their breasts about the sanctity of the courts and flinging their arms in defiance of one, and all who would play politics with justice. Consistency, verily thou art a jewel.

President Roosevelt will not withdraw the appointment, and therein lies a contin-

uance of the story: Glass and Byrd are not so politically strong that the people of Virginia must blink their eyes to the unfairness of this sort of thing. Already they are opposed in other policies by the Governor and other influential leaders, and this may be the straw that breaks their political backs. From here it looks like they are on the spot.

Giving Comfort to the Enemy

Patriotic straight-thinkers, among them Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippmann, who have frequently criticised the administration, are urging that President Roosevelt's foreign policies should be discussed coolly and judicially—and not politically. Which is to say that we should not be playing the game just as Adolf Hitler would have us play it.

But the President's critics, in and out of his party, seem to be more bent on embarrassing him politically than they are in charting a sane and proper course for the nation. The sale of warplanes to France, a perfectly legal matter that should not excite any save those who want to be excited, is only the opportunity they are looking for, and they overlook the emphatic obligation to leave politics out of such an important matter.

As evidence that their clamor and breast-beating is having a bad effect abroad, the Italian press is calling Mr. Roosevelt a warmonger and declaring that he does not represent the American people as a whole. As a matter of fact his explanation of the administration's foreign policy is but a repetition of his pronouncements heretofore, and is as specific as any sensible person would have him go, under the circumstances:

- 1. Opposition to any entangling alliances. 2. Maintenance of world trade for all nations including ourselves. 3. We are in sympathy with each and every effort to reduce or limit armaments. 4. As a nation we are sympathetic with the peaceful maintenance of political, economic and social independence of all nations in the world.

What else can his critics want, if their interest is solely patriotic and not political? What else can other nations want if their interest is not unrighteous?

They are making a great todo about the President's alleged statement that "France is America's frontier." He denies emphatically that he said that. But if he did, doesn't every mother's son of us know that it is a fact; that if France is trampled down, our "frontier" will be shortened to our shores. This should be a time for frankness, yes, but it ought also to be a time for a new brand of political honesty, that is not in evidence in all sectors of our national statesmanship.

The Aftermath

Those opposed to the diversion of funds which the motorists create under the impression that the toll taken when they drive up to the gasoline trough will be used for highway improvement, put up a sizeable fight in the General Assembly last week, but it was written in the cards that they would lose—and lose they did.

Governor Hoey calls them "exemptionists," claims that the State is only taking the three per cent. tax that it is entitled to; says that if all the money the motorist puts into the highway fund is used in that channel alone, he will fail in his support of the schools, and the institutions in their dire need, therefore they are "exemptionists."

The Governor chooses not to remember that before the motorist creates this fund for highway improvement, he matches the dollar of his neighbor who does not drive, for all these other purposes. And he goes a step farther, for in addition to paying on all other property, he lists and pays on his car, his truck, bus, in addition to his auto tag and the toll on the gasoline consumed. These property taxes go into the general fund along with taxes on whatever other holdings he has.

And that is not all. From the money he pays into the highway fund the State reaches and gets the cost of maintaining the prison department, the costs of the parole system, meets the cost of the highway patrol—all from the pockets of the motorist. And yet when they protest against leaving the door unlocked to the funds they create for a special purpose, their Governor calls them "exemptionists."

But that is now water over the dam—or is it? The legislators taking their cue from the Governor put the skids under the proposal to go on record against diversion of these funds. But the fight resulted in a line of cleavage that may not close so easily.

The anti-diversionists were fighting for a principle as well as the safety of their cash; administration forces admittedly were fighting for a comfortable "cushion" against which they could lean in time of financial exhaustion—if and when it came. And it is barely possible that the battle will have its future political repercussions, for it would be a miracle if some ambitious leader failed to harness this organized sentiment to his chariot and make it take him places come 1940.

Governor Hoey in his address before the legislature told his hearers not to be alarmed; that while he wanted this "cushion" handy, it might not be necessary to dig into the highway fund at all, but almost his next assertion was that revenues this year would run almost four million dollars short.

Our notion is that if administration forces don't want to court future political trouble, they will see to it that the highway fund is let alone. Pilfering it is liable to cause a lot of growls that may be translated into antagonistic votes, when the other kind is needed.

1938 BEST YEAR IN 4-H CLUB WORK

Resume of Activities in Surry Is Given; Carried on in Consistent Manner

550 STARTED PROJECTS

1938 has probably been the best year in 4-H club work in the history of Surry county. It was the third year in which 4-H club work had been carried on in any consistent manner. The achievements in the work during the past year has proven to us that it can be a success if one only gives it half a chance.

The work has been handicapped considerably during the past year due to the lack of funds to finance the program if it is carried on as it should be. Another handicap has been the lack of adequate places to meet some club and the lack of cooperation on the part of some people who could have given it but didn't. The success and achievements for different clubs have varied almost directly in proportion to the interest taken by the leader in the schools where there are clubs.

During the past year there were over 700 boys and girls who attended the club meetings regularly but only 550 who actually started their project work and 427 of these who completed the requirements. There were 442 health projects, 400 clothing, 120 house furnishing, 98 food preservation, 53 corn, 33 pig, 4 poultry, 3 dairy calf, and 1 farm management projects started or a total of 1159. The girls were required to take both clothing and health but the others were optional. The boys were required to take only one. There were 102 members who took health examination last year, club members worked on 32 rooms and built or reworked 320 articles, made 96 dressers and 648 other articles, canned 1080 quarts of fruit and vegetables, 167 made definite improvements on their home grounds, made 2180 bushels of corn, raised 325 broilers, fattened and kept records on 74 pigs and one calf and kept one complete record on one farm.

There were two educational tours made outside the county and 51 members went on these tours. Four radio broadcasts have been put on by members from this county and 16 members took part on these different broadcasts. There were 13 achievement picnics and approximately 700 boys and girls attended them.

The County Club organization through public donations raised enough money to purchase a 16 mm. projector machine to show pictures available from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Surry County 4-H Club News, a club paper published every two months, was started. The paper was made possible through the selling of ads and public donations.

There were two fairs in the county this year and the 4-H Club organization had one of the best exhibits since its organization. There were 152 quarts of fruits and vegetables, 52 dressers, 25 towels, 20 aprons, 18 sewing bags, 18 suits of underwear, 6 scrap books, 2 pairs of curtains and 607 ears of corn on exhibit. These exhibits won a total of \$154.00 in premiums. This is the most money ever won in any one year.

Out of the 102 members who took health examination Ruth Morris from the Franklin club made the highest score. She not only made the highest score in the county but in the district as well. She competed in the State contest and scored 98.6 points out of 100 and the winner scored 98.7 points.

One 4-H club banquet was held with 106 boys and girls with their parents attending. All county awards were presented at that time.

The county was well represented at the State 4-H Short Course held in Raleigh each year. There were 22 boys and girls who made this trip.

Bertie Taylor Robertson from White Plains won in the county dress review and represented this county in the State Contest held in Raleigh.

The club was instrumental in distributing 45 bushels of certified seed corn among the members and farmers over the county.

There were two exhibits from this county sent to the State Fair and Francis Alexander won \$7.00 on one of them.

Ten dollars was won in the Ball Canning Contest in 1938.

These achievements in 1938 should be only the beginning as 4-H Club work in this county is only in its first stage of development. The members as well as the public are just realizing what the organization is trying to do.

Your cooperation and help in the future will do much to help build a stronger and more efficient program of 4-H club work in this county. Do your bit and if you have a boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 20 encourage



them to come in the club in their school and help make Surry County a better county in which to live by living up* to the club motto "To Make the Best Better."

There were 550 present at the Achievement Day program. Claude Kidd, Rt. 2, Dobson, made the best record in poultry, raised 100 baby chicks, made \$28.40 profit. Josephine Dockery, Rt. 1, Elkin, won in the canning contest. She canned 488 cans of fruits and vegetables by the latest method (steam pressure cooker.) Francis Alexander from Elkin won the room improvement contest. Allen Jarvis, Rt. 1, Dobson, won on his corn, made 82 bu. and a profit of \$45.51 on one acre. Hazel Key, Siloam, N. C., was awarded the achievement award for being the most outstanding club member in the county during 1938. The

Copeland club was awarded the banner for being the honor club of the year. North Elkin was recognized as being the honor club of the month.

RED CROSS SEEKS AID FOR VICTIMS OF QUAKE

The Republic of Chile has been visited by one of the most destructive earthquakes in the history of the Western Hemisphere. Official sources report that the list of dead will exceed 30,000 and the injured 50,000. The catastrophe has overwhelmed the nation and its resources are being taxed to the limit.

National Headquarters has already made a direct contribution of \$10,000 to the Chilean Red Cross, and vaccines, serums, pow-

dered milk and other supplies have been dispatched by Army and the Pan American Airway planes to the value of an additional \$10,000. The American Red Cross field director stationed with the Army at the Panama Canal Zone was sent with the planes to the scene of the disaster.

Some of the other National Red Cross Societies as well as governments are aiding in various ways, but the extent of the catastrophe is so great that considerable additional help is urgently needed. I am, therefore, asking all chapters to announce to the public that they will accept contributions, to be remitted to National Headquarters.

The above letter was received by Mrs. Joe Elvins, local Red Cross chairman.

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