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To Be Commended

Twice within a week Governor Hoye has handed back to a human being the one price-less thing to which a human may cling—life. And in each case it was a lowly negro. The Governor is to be praised.

In commuting to life imprisonment a death sentence pronounced on a Mecklenburg negro, convicted of first degree murder in connection with the death of a white neighbor in whose hen-house he tussled for possession of a gun which the owner brought along in defense of his hens, Governor Hoye explains that "although he was engaged in crime, he was not prepared to either defend himself or injure another... There may be technical basis for a first-degree verdict, but I concur in the statements of trial officials and the jury and take the view that substantial justice does not demand the death penalty."

The negro contended that in the scuffle over the gun it was accidentally discharged, killing the white man. Certainly it strains the imagination to say that there was premeditation, and so most of us will be agreeing with the Governor that "substantial justice does not demand the death penalty."

Likewise, the Governor is to be commended for arresting temporarily the sentence of Raleigh's "Grey Mouse," a young negro burglar whose repeated offenses invariably recorded the pilfering of homes at night when the occupants were asleep. The law calls this a capital offense, the penalty for which is death. But here again there is no evidence of intent to kill, even if caught in the act, because the negro carried no weapons, and always seemed more intent on getting away than to remain to kill. We have not been in the habit of enforcing the law that makes this offense a capital crime, and there is no reason to begin with this case. As a matter of fact we ought to be narrowing down the scope by which the State may kill instead of widening it. For some of these days we will be doing away with capital punishment altogether.

Life, we reckon, is sweet to these young negroes. True it will not afford them opportunity to "lift" a hen from her roost, or pilfer the pockets of a man in his home while he snoozes. But with all the hedging about, to live is better than putting out on an uncharted sea, and the Governor is to be commended for giving these hapless negroes—their life.

Surprised and Shocked

We confessed to being a bit shocked by the revelation that a nudist colony had been established in our neighbor county—Davie. It is not as though Davie were holding out on us, because, according to the news columns the colony had pulled the wool over the eyes of Davie officials, who didn't know, first-hand that it existed.

But Attorney General McMullan comes to the rescue with a ruling that a nudist camp is a "nuisance" in the eyes of the law in North Carolina. He approaches the matter through the criminal law, and thinks the machinery made and provided is sufficient to abate this nuisance. He calls a nudist camp in North Carolina "unlawful and a violation of the criminal law, making the persons responsible for it guilty of a misdemeanor."

But will it be so simple as that? Will just waving a hand with a "ruling" in it be the signal for abandoning a project that has involved the building of fences to keep the curious at a good safe distance. Of course the enclosure could be used for the confinement of other cattle, more important, more intelligent cattle, still if the nudists get stubborn about this interference, they're liable to give somebody some anxious moments. For if while they are carrying the matter through the courts, the camp is allowed to flourish during the crop season, it might make workers very unhappy and even create a labor shortage in this age of unemployment.

What is more, the attorney general is supporting his ruling by citing the 1935 statute which makes it a misdemeanor for a person to undress in the presence of one or more persons of the opposite sex. And if the nudists insist they might be able, in case the courts hold with McMullan, to stop the practice of husband and wife undressing in the same room at the same time. Able lawyers of the State, already have interpreted the law to say this, although like many laws the lawyers help to make, it doesn't mean what it says.

Anyhow, the newspaper stories about the nudist camp in Davie simply say it is located a few miles from Mocksville. That is not near specific enough. The State would be the beneficiary of a lot of gasoline

tax, if it would give the route number and set up markers.

National Cotton Week

This is National Cotton Week, sponsored by the National Cotton Council and the Cotton Textile Institute, and proclaimed by the President of the United States, for the commendable purpose of stressing the story and sale of the agricultural product which gives employment to more Americans than any other crop.

Approximately 25,000,000 persons work directly or indirectly in the Cotton Kingdom, and anything that affects that many people deserves recognition, particularly when cotton's kingdom is threatened.

More than 75,000 retail merchants throughout the nation will take part in this national program, featuring and displaying cotton products. Elkin merchants are entering heartily in the plans and purposes, and the people of this community should, and will, we believe, measure up to their share of the responsibilities that go with trying to bring cotton back to its proper place in the economic sun. Surry is not an extensive producer or processor of cotton, but a careful analysis would reveal that we are more dependent upon cotton than most of us realize.

But increasing the sale of cotton goods across the counter will not be the sole purpose of the Cotton Week campaign. The sponsors will emphasize the fact that there are thousands of uses to which cotton could be put, not now employed. For instance: If every carload of sugar sold in America last year had been packed in cotton bags, the cotton consumed would have given a day's work to nearly ten million people; the farmer will be reminded that he is growing cotton with fertilizer emptied from paper bags or other containers, picking it in burlap bags, baling it in jute, buys rayon clothes for his family, and then finds himself wondering why his cotton sells for so little.

The Southern cotton farmer is in a serious fix. World markets have declined for one reason or another; synthetic products are competing with the staple; paper-manufactured in 37 states has replaced cotton in over 100 varied fields, while other factors have been undermining King Cotton's prestige. It is not enough to tell the cotton planter to turn to something else. That must come by a slow process that will leave many of them hungry, and every dollar cut from the farmer's income indirectly affects every mother's son of us.

So in the remaining days of Cotton Week let's at least ponder this situation, and if now we cannot go to the store and buy, let's bear in mind the importance of giving cotton preference when we go to meet our needs.

The Jockeying Game

From the way they "hove-to" and all but applauded the nomination of Dean Armistead M. Dobie to a federal judgeship, you'd think Senators Glass and Byrd had named the man to this high place themselves, leaving to Mr. Roosevelt only the privilege of o.k.-ing their choice and passing it on to the Senate.

Both Virginia Senators agree that Judge Dobie, of the University of Virginia law school, is "one of the ablest lawyers in Virginia and an old friend of each." They were quick to point out that they were "consulted" in the appointment, and gave their approval before the appointment was made. All of which was quick work, if the President is to be believed, and he was not challenged when he told newspapermen that he had notified the Virginia senators thirty minutes before the nomination was formally placed before the Senate.

Senators Glass and Byrd gave high praise, too, to Floyd H. Roberts whom the President first named to this vacancy, but they opposed Roberts as "personally obnoxious" to them made so by the fact that they had not been consulted in the choice. And their obliging fellow senators backstood them in the shelving process.

Senators Glass and Byrd came in for a lot of criticism from both at home and abroad because of their fight on Roberts. They didn't want that repeated, so a full half hour's notice was ample time for them to "consult" and favor the President's second choice. It would have been just too bad, had the senators elected to fight Dobie too. It would have meant a groundswell for Governor Price who is getting in the hair of the Glass-Byrd political machine in Virginia. The Governor has a smooth-running machine of his own, thank you, an organization that is giving the senators a lot of anxiety.

And as for the President it can be said for him that he played his cards close to his vest. He picked a man that Glass and Byrd did not dare oppose, and we have Governor Price's word that he was not "consulted" about the matter. So it appears that Senators Glass and Byrd were jockeyed, or should we say had jockeyed themselves, into a position that was not exactly comfortable, but about which there was very little they could do, except get on the bandwagon.

It might be said in passing that President Roosevelt's handling of the South Carolina judgeship, where a similar senatorial set-up faced him, against demonstrated the fact that he knows his way about in politics, for there he named another outstanding lawyer who could not be successfully challenged.

It could be that that mysterious boat they are uncovering at Manteo was our ship that never came in. But we haven't the heart to suggest it to our grocer.



Washington, May 22—Whether there will be a revision of the tax laws to eliminate levies which are hampering business expansion seems somewhat more doubtful now than it did a short time ago.

The reason for this doubt is the refusal of the President to give his indorsement to the tax-revision program prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury and his staff, working in cooperation with the chairmen of the Congressional committees having to do with tax matters.

There is a strong inclination on the part of Congressional leaders to go ahead with a tax revision program regardless of whether the President approves or disapproves. Secretary Morgenthau may present his program to Congress without Presidential indorsement.

The President has not said that he will not approve a tax revision bill if passed, but he has let it be known that he will not let any program which would reduce or repeal existing taxes be put forward as an Administration measure.

Washington observers are somewhat puzzled by Mr. Roosevelt's attitude. Early in the year the announced policy of the Administration was "appeasement" of business.

Resolutions Offered

At the meeting held here of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, remarks were made by business leaders and resolutions offered which were extremely critical of the Administration's policies. Some of the President's intimates seized the opportunity which such criticism afforded, to point out to Mr. Roosevelt that the business interests of the nation did not seem to be grateful to him, but were decidedly non-cooperative. That, in the belief of many Washington observers, accounts for the change in the Presidential attitude toward tax-relief.

The second part of the President's departmental reorganization program, like the first part, has met with general approval. It provides for consolidations and shifts of bureaus from departments where they don't belong to places where they fit, which every President for years has been trying to get Congress to approve.

The President's estimate of money savings by reason of these changes is \$1,250,000 a year. There is no doubt of Congressional approval, even though Congress is in a spending mood.

Last year, when Congress added \$212,000,000 to the Agricultural budget for farm relief, the President warned them that they must find enough additional revenue to cover the increase. Congress promised to do that, but didn't. Now it is adding nearly \$400,000,000 to this year's Agricultural budget, and making no move to impose additional taxes sufficient to cover the increase.

Vote-Catching Scheme

It is the unanimous opinion in Washington that this is a pure vote-catching scheme and nothing else, and there is great criticism of the refusal of the Senate to go on record as to how they voted on this appropriation. It was passed by a voice vote.

All the talk about economy which was heard on Capitol Hill early in the session has dropped to a whisper. The slogan of "recovery instead of more reforms" is no longer heard. There is no such thing as a concrete recovery program in Washington, either in the Executive Offices or in Congress.

The national income is disappointingly low, and shows no signs of early increase.

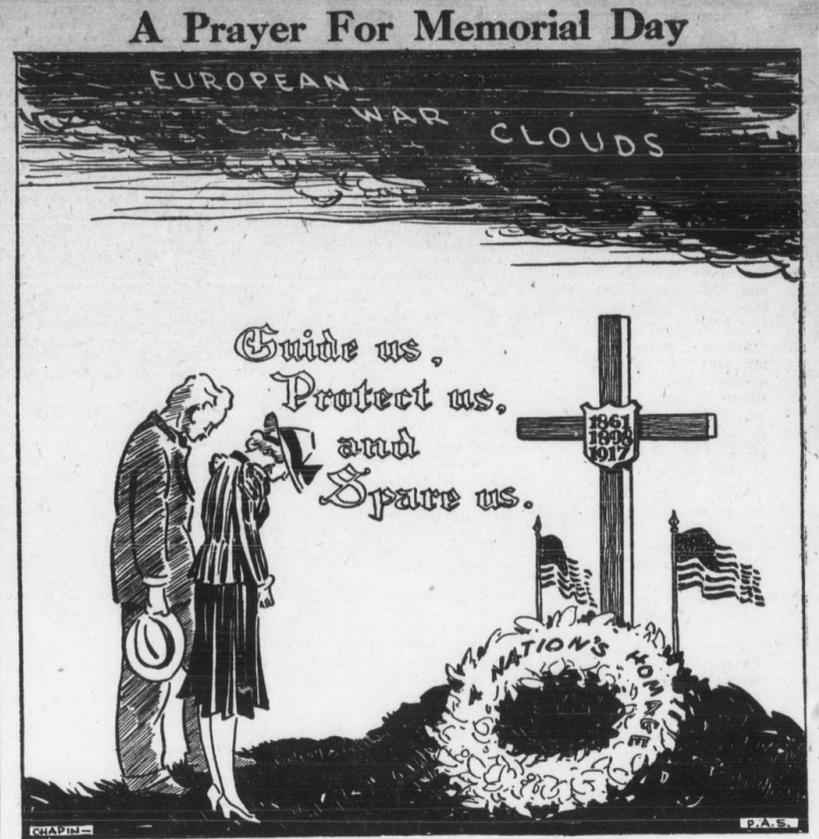
The one bright spot in the economic situation, as most careful observers here see it, is the home-building boom. That is growing rapidly in every part of the nation. The system of insuring building loans set up by the FHA is considered by many to be the most useful of all the New Deal's achievements. Under it private capital is more and more freely getting to work and hundreds of thousands of new homes are being built.

Much of the confusion of minds which everybody can observe in Washington can be attributed to the war scare. There is no doubt that all the war talk has had the effect of diverting the attention of many men in high office from internal affairs.

There is a considerable faction who believe that "big business" would like to see a war, even if it involved the United States. That feeling is at the back of much of the neutrality talk, especially the proposals for preventing Americans from doing business with any nation at war.

100 Per Cent. Taxation

Proposals are being made for a



system of wartime taxation which would take as much as 100 per cent. of profits made from the manufacture or sale of military materials.

The apprehension of war involving the United States is fading in official circles here, however. Indeed, there is a growing belief that no general European war is likely in the near future, if at all.

The nearest to war that Washington envisions now is the war between the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. The C.I.O. won the first major battle, with Governmental support, in the coal strike. Commentators here are recalling John L. Lewis' demand that the President should do something, after the election of 1936, to show that he was grateful for the \$500,000 contributed by the United Mine Workers to his Presidential campaign fund.

Cynical folk are suggesting that the official attitude in the bituminous coal mine tie-up amounted to a payment of that debt. The mine operators called it a strike, but the Department of Labor called it a lockout. And the miners won their demand for the closed shop.

ANNUAL SINGING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4th

The annual old-time singing convention will be held the first Sunday in June this year at Harmony, Iredell county. The session will convene at 10 o'clock, a.m. and at 11 o'clock an address will be heard. The speaker for the occasion will be announced later. A number of choirs and quartettes will be present and group singing will also be enjoyed. The Christian Harmony song book will be used in selecting the songs.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the all-day session. Rev. W. V. Brown, well-known Yadkin county singer, will be in charge of the singing.

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WANTS

Servel Electrolux Kerosene Refrigerators bring full automatic refrigeration to farm homes without electricity. Many satisfied users in Surry county. Write today for free literature. No obligations. Lester Haynes, Box 333, Mount Airy, N. C. Dealer for Surry, Yadkin and Alleghany counties. 6-8p

For sale: Six weeks old Poland China pigs, and six weeks old pure bred Guernsey bull calf. May be seen at Lombardy Farm. Phone 13-F-13. U. S. 21, three miles north of State Road. 1tc

Porch Swings made of select oak \$1.95. Eagle Furniture Co.

Real Estate: Anyone wanting to see me about selling their real estate will be at the Jester land sale, one mile out on the Winston road where we are fixing for a sale on June 10. Drive out and talk the matter over with us. R. L. England, Greensboro, N. C. If you wish to sell or buy come to see us. 1tc

Small farms and home sites for sale: drive out at once and look this property over. The last bidder will be the owner. Nothing better has ever been offered around Elkin. Sale Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. Mrs. M. E. Jester Estate. England Real Estate Company, Agents. You can find map at Reece Barber shop or see one out on the land. 1tc

For rent: one furnished or unfurnished apartment. Hot and cold water and heat furnished. Call 236-R. 1tc

For rent—3 and 4 room apartments. Private baths and all modern conveniences. Telephone 126-M. Carl Chappell. 1tc

Summer time is canning time — A big assortment of canners (just what you need) very specially priced at Walker's Basement Store.

Porch Rockers that are strong and sturdy for only \$1.95. Eagle Furniture Co.

For rent: Five room house, lights and water. Mr. and Mrs. Odell Holcomb, Jonesville, N. C. 1tc

Jewelry—We have on display in our store the best assortment of 10c and 25c jewelry possible to secure in items that you really need. Walker's 5 & 10c Store.

Twin Bed Outfits—We have two outfits left consisting of 2 beds, 2 springs and 2 innerspring mattresses for only \$49.95 on convenient terms. This is the ordinary price for one outfit. Eagle Furniture Co.

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For Sale—Several acres of land on Swan Creek Road, close to Jonesville. Ideal building sites. Will sell all or part. Dr. Crutchfield, Jonesville. 1tc

Wanted: To repair your watches and clocks of all makes. Work promptly done. My prices are right. J. F. Talbirt, Main St., at new bridge. 6-8p

J. R. Watkins bean spray, fly fluid, shred soap, mineralized stock and poultry tonics, liniment, flavorings and extracts for sale. K. M. Carter, Elkin, N. C. 5-25p

For rent: store building, State Road, 5 miles north Elkin, U. S. 21. Equipped, living quarters in rear. Remodeled. C. M. Royall, State Road, N. C. 1tc

Wanted—1,000 sweet potato slips, 500 Porto Ricans, 500 Nancy Hall. See Claude Smoot at F-W Chevrolet Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tp

Sun Hats—Every-day sun hats for boys, girls, men and women 10c each to 39c each. All Splendid values. Walker's 5 & 10c Store.

Living Room Suites Slashed—Two 3-piece tapestry suites at \$35.00 and two Velour suites at \$45.00. You better hurry; they will go like the suites we advertised last week for they are real bargains. Eagle Furniture Co.

For rent: seven room house, good pasture and garden. Call Mrs. W. S. Sale. 161. 1tc

Delicious western steaks and fried chicken dinners at The Rendezvous. 1tc

Consider Your Stomach. If you feel rundown and out of sorts, possibly you have Acid Indigestion and Sour Stomach. Take KENCO tablets for two weeks and see how much better you feel. A trial will convince you. Send \$1.00 with your name and address to Kenco Co., 5118 Wyalusing Ave., Phila., Pa. 6-8p

Enameled Cooking Wares—Anything and everything you need in enameled wares for your kitchen. See us for anything you need in your kitchen. Walker's Basement Store.

Sample Odd Chairs: We have just received a shipment of rare bargains in odd chairs from \$3.95 up. B sure U C 'em. Eagle Furniture Co.

Permanent Waves, \$1.00 and up. Shampoo and finger wave, 40c. Modern Beauty Shop, Louise Vestal, Ruby Gray, Sylvia Shew. Telephone 340. 1tc

Wanted: Job to move dirt for basements or house foundations. Price by the day or cubic yard. Sandford Spivey, Bingham, N. C. 5-7

Kitchen Cabinets—Worth the Price. \$23.50 up. Eagle Furniture Co.

For Sale—All kinds of wood, any length; oak or mixed. Delivered anytime. J. S. Hudspeth, H. W. Crouse, Telephone 180. 1tc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Auction Sale: Saturday, June 10, 1 p.m. the M. E. Jester estate, one mile east of Elkin, on Winston-Salem road. This fine farm has been sub-divided into home sites and farms from 3 to 38 acres. Some of these farms have creek bottom land and plenty of wood. There are 4 dwelling houses. Drive out and look this property over and pick out a farm or a large building site on Skyland Avenue. Drink water out of this famous mineral spring and live a hundred years. This positively is the best property that has or can be offered around the growing town of Elkin. Listen, friends, is there anything better for a man to own than a real first class small farm and still work in the city. Here is your chance to get one Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m., easy terms. I. Y. Jester, administrator. England Real Estate and Auction Company, Greensboro, selling agents. 35 years in business.

REAL ESTATE

Real estate for sale: Some beautiful building lots in "Arlington" and "Country View" on U. S. 21-N. C. 26. No city tax. Also, for your building see me. D. C. Martin, Realtor and Contracting.