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If Jack Garner is nominated we'll eat our hat; when he is elected President of the United States we'll eat yours too.

About the only creature on earth that can approve modern warfare as it has been mechanized is the—army mule.

Those University Young Republicans who are organizing a course in political training by all means ought to include a study of the technique of absentee voting.

Franco should have paid on his war debt to Germany in lemons instead of oranges. Hitler's dearth of lemons comes from handing so many to the man with the umbrella.

Our Royal Visitors

For the first time in history we have been privileged to welcome and entertain the King and Queen of England here on our own soil. It seems that we did a pretty good job of it, equalled only by the attention given the royal pair in Canada where there was more reason to pay homage.

There was no reason why they shouldn't come, and it was right and proper that we should give them the glad hand. The official heads of two great nations met in the White House, not to dicker or barter or perfect an "axis," but to indulge in a friendly social visit of a little more than ordinary significance. Both forgot for the moment what has been forgotten for a century, that the government of one was once the bitter enemy of the government of the other, and remembered only that the peoples of the two nations are now closer friends, in the real sense of the term, than are the people of any other two powers in the world today.

Nor should it be forgotten that it is a different kind of friendship than that which marks the Rome-Berlin axis. For Mr. Roosevelt and King George did not seek some secluded spot and discuss alliances or military understanding; didn't ponder when and where and how to strike next to gain individual or mutual advantage.

There have been times when the leaders of the two governments have clashed over world policies, but the relations of the peoples of the United States and Great Britain are rooted in common culture and civilized understanding so it has been easy to survive these clashes, and retain a mutual friendship through the years.

We like to think that in large measure that would be the case of other international relationships were it not for the selfishness and greed of their leaders who all too often misrepresent the hearts and purposes of their people. We know that the German masses are an industrious, efficient and reasonable group of human beings, and there are abundant reasons to believe that much of the program of their leaders are not of their making and approval. Nor does one have to lay claim to wisdom to say that their friendship with Rome is not of the kind that we have been witnessing for the past few days.

King George and Queen Elizabeth, unfortunately didn't see us as we really are; they couldn't look beyond the waving hands and the armed guards to see America at work and at play. That is the price they must pay for their royal blood.

Wouldn't it have been fine if both could have donned the garb of the street, to take in the World's Fair, incognito? Both would have gotten a kick out of that.

No Strings Tied to the Job

When the board of trustees named Dr. Ralph McDonald to the position of associate director of the extension division of the University of North Carolina, the announcement was accompanied by implied if not expressed assertion that the appointment was based on the condition that Dr. McDonald divorce himself from politics.

Knowing that Dr. McDonald has been and could again be a thorn in the flesh of the political powers that be in North Carolina the people were prepared to believe that this was so, however shortsighted and suicidal such a stand would be.

But in accepting the place Dr. McDonald makes it clear that no such requirements were made of him, for he says: "My appointment is based on no political condition whatever. I have not been asked to make any promise or give an assurance that I will stay out of politics or give up any other rights as a free American citizen. . . . My hands are not tied and no suggestion to that effect has ever been made by anyone at the University or on the board of trustees."

And so that is that. And it is well. Certainly the trustees would not be doing themselves very proud or reflecting credit on the

institution for which they were engaging the services of Dr. McDonald if they had so boldly sought to put the martingales on him. Likewise it is the notion here that any such attempt would have shied the former candidate for governor away from the job, even if he had purposed to spend the rest of his days in the field of education. Tying his hands would not have been to his liking, and certainly his friends and supporters would have softened their high esteem for him if he had.

Dr. McDonald is particularly fitted for the University extension work he is undertaking. But his flare for politics had elements of health in it that was and is good for what ails the political set-up, and it is right and proper that he should not be hamstrung against communing with his neighbors and discussing political problems with them when he is a-mind to. Obviously there are those who would like to see Dr. McDonald removed from the political field, but they would not be so foolish as to try to pitch him out on his head in plain view of the 216,000 voters who supported him for Governor.

There Are Other Debts

If you are among those who cannot see anything to commend in President Roosevelt's program, maybe you'll agree that his wife sometimes gets off on the right foot. In her simple, direct way she often points out something worthy of the thought and consideration even of our statesmen.

The other day in Washington Mrs. Roosevelt told a Worker's Alliance conference that she is more concerned with social than with monetary debts affecting the nation's future, and urged a more intelligent use of the ballot to guide in such matters.

"There are some people who are talking about the piling up of debts our grandchildren must pay," she said. "I know other ways also in which we are piling up debts that our grandchildren must pay—underfed children."

We take it that Mrs. Roosevelt referred to "underfed children" merely as a symbol of all those responsibilities that we have been taking as a matter of course—and not to be shouldered: making it possible for everyone to earn his keep and in all segments of American life; proper educational facilities; decent health conditions; adequate care for the mental delinquents—all of which we have merely been making a stab at relieving, and all of which even now represent national deficits more important than the dollars we are all grumbling about.

Much of the spending for these things has been profligate and without studied purpose. Saturated with politics, in many instances it has failed in its objective. Yet these are debts that are cumulative and some day will have to be paid—with interest—just as our monetary obligations must be met at the expense of all of us.

We think Mrs. Roosevelt has something there.

The Unseen Toll

That was a significant item briefed into the "Events of the Week" column in the last issue of this paper, which told that families in Surry county pay a total of \$93,210 annually in hidden taxes on food alone. It is important enough to be repeated and even enlarged upon.

The figures are those of the National Consumers Tax Commission and are computed from averages based on last available U. S. Census figures, and therefore are approximately correct. It is well to remember, then, when you go to stock your pantry, that these unseen levies, for example, take 11 per cent. of butter costs; 6½ per cent. of bread costs, 10½ per cent. of sliced bacon and 14½ per cent. of the cost of coffee.

These hidden taxes would be better named "shifted" taxes, because they represent the various levies made against the processors and handlers, practically all of which are passed on to the consumer, added to the purchase price which the consumer pays without knowing it.

Multiply this shifted tax as found in the purchase of food by that represented in every other sector affecting the family budget and you have a sizeable wad that is being wrung from the families of this and every other community in the land. And because it seems so painless it will continue until the grumbling of those who pay force these hidden taxes out in the open where they ought to be.

Read those figures again and weep: \$93,210 annually collected from the people of Surry county alone, and that is only the beginning. Those hidden taxes are buried in the cost of the shoes you wear, the coat on your back, even the line with which you guide old jar-head. And yet Governor Hoey tells you that "if it were not for the sales tax a large majority of the people of North Carolina wouldn't pay a cent in support of their government."

Mind you, there is no purpose here to claim that these taxes are not necessary, or even that we do not get value received when we pay them. It is the manner of paying that irks; the sugar-coating that causes us to swallow them without knowing it, and the pyramiding that follows as a result of the consumer's complacency.

Those who are engaged in the effort to expose these hidden taxes so the consumer may know them when he meets them in the road, are to be commended, because when the women who do most of the buying across the counter realize what a hole the unseen taxes make in their budget dollar, something is liable to pop, and legislators will be more cautious with appropriations and levies to meet them.

1905: Look, look! There's an auto.
1930: Look, look! There's a horse.
1955: Look, Look! There's a pedestrian.

Woman Patient (reading magazine article): "What makes the tower of Pisa lean?"
Her Fat Roommate: "I don't know. If I did, I'd take some myself."

WANTS

For Sale: Good 1935 Ford V-8 Roadster. See Early Combs. Phone 308. tfc

Wanted: A large grain farm, suited to stock raising. Reich & Hunt. 1tc

New 5-room house for rent, four miles from Jonesville on old Boonville road. See John L. Bray, Jonesville, N. C. 1tp

Anyone desiring the services of a practical nurse or housekeeper see Mrs. Clara Sparks, North Elkin, Route 1. 1tp

Friday and Saturday—Special on regular 15c green trimmed cups and saucers and plates at 10c each. A real buy. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store. 1tc

Lost—small fox terrier dog, about year old, answering to name of "Spotsy." One black ear. Was wearing collar and vaccination tag. \$100 reward for return to Ralph Triplett, Jr., Bon-Ton Grill, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Whatever you need in the Five and Ten line, see our prices before you buy. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store. 1tc

For sale—one nice 5-year-old spotted pony; one 3-year-old mare, well broke and weight about 1,100 pounds; two fresh cows. Bub Price, Jonesville, N. C. tfc

Establish your own business! You can make money as dealer for our first quality fruit trees and plants at competitive prices. For complete details of our liberal proposal write Howard-Hickory Nurseries, Hickory, N. C. 6-15c

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

Special Friday and Saturday — 500 pairs 10c and 15c anklets at 5c pair. Buy a supply at this price. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store. 1tc

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. tfr

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

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. ttc

Just received — an outstanding line of china and wood souvenirs. 5c, 10c and 15c. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store. 1tc

Delicious western steaks and fried chicken dinners at The Rendezvous. ttc

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

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

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

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

Quick Cash for your Real Estate — If you have farm land or town property you wish sold, see us. We have had 35 years experience in that business. No expense to look over your property anywhere. We have handled four large estates within a radius of 25 miles of Elkin during the past four months. Experience counts. You can find one of our company at the Jester property one mile out of Elkin on Winston-Salem road, England Real Estate & Auction Company, Elkin and Greensboro. 1tc

The late Pope Pius XI was the owner of a watch inlaid with \$300,000 worth of gems, said to be the costliest watch in the world.

The entire front of a residence at Rosamond, California, was built of gold, bearing ore in the days of '49.

The favorite pipe of the dwarfs of Belgian Congo in Africa is more than six feet long. It is a long smoke.



Is She Sentenced to A Lifetime of Drudgery

—or

Will She Cook Electrically



We hesitate to mix romance with such practical subjects as . . . COOKING! But we can't live on love . . . we all have to eat! Look ahead, you men, and make the path of housekeeping smooth and enjoyable, instead of allowing it to be a "lifetime sentence to drudgery" . . . for your wife.

Electric cooking has brought a new era of freedom to the housewife. It is enabling thousands of homes to have better foods, cleaner kitchens, healthier families and to REALLY SAVE MONEY!

According to the testimony of thousands of electric range users, it is just as cheap to cook on an electric range as it is to an ordinary stove. And it's just as easy to buy one!

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SURRY COUNTY WILL SIT AS A BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ON MONDAY, JUNE 19th, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

THE SAID BOARD WILL ON THAT DATE HEAR ANY COMPLAINT TOUCHING THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. THE LAW PROVIDES THAT NO VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE CHANGED FROM ITS ASSESSED VALUE OF 1938, EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF SECTION 300 AND 301 OF MACHINERY ACT.

THIS JUNE 5th, 1939.

B. F. FOLGER,

CLERK TO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION