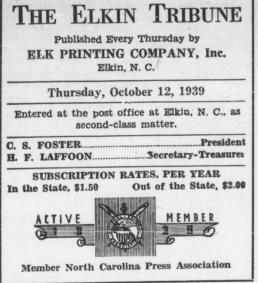
## THE ELKIN TRIBUNE, ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday, October 12, 1939



So that is why that fellow Litvinof got the can! He was too honest to play the cards as they were stacked.

It would be fine if all the thumbs to be seen on the highways could be employed in prizing the cotton from bolls that are ripe for the harvest.

According to the records enough automobiles were in operation last year to carry our entire population. Maybe so, but a lot of them were picked up on the bumpers.

The "war of nerves" is not confined to Europe. There's the neighbor's radio, and the lad who is so diligent with his slidetrombone trying to make the school band.

## **Tobacco Quotas Win**

Surry county tobacco farmers voting on the issue of tobacco quotas in the election last year covering the 1939 crop was 4,778 for and 1,499 against; the vote this year on the 1940 crop held last Thursday was 5,362 for quotas and 212 against. That is a considerable reversal of sentiment, but it is in line with the general sentiment throughout the entire flue-cured tobacco area, because the returns show that more than 90 per cent. of votes by the growers were in favor of the quota plan for 1940.

Last year a majority favored this form of crop control as a means of gearing supply to demand and assuring a decent price for tobacco. But a majority was not enough, although that usually is the accepted measurement under democratic processes. A two-thirds majority was required and the vote fell short of that. But while they feared a return to extensive production, the majority accepted the program with good grace and that is exactly what the minority should do next year. Co-operation should be full and complete, for there should be no forgetting that a much cussed government comes to the aid of farmers at a time when they need help badly.

The retirement of British buyers from the market coupled with a bumper crop made a continuance of marketing almost suicidal for the tobacco farmer. It was well that the warehouses closed, and it was fortunate for the tobacco growers that the government was willing to underwrite British purchases and thus put foreign buyers on the markets for this year's crops. Even then the high 1939 production will add to bacco growers would have been so mindful would be asking if we did not already know of their own good as to vote for control, had | the answer. it not been that this government aid was made a condition of the result of the voting. Which is to say that it is a pity the agriculturist must have government dollars dangled before him to influence action for his own good. And taking everything into consideration, another bumper crop in 1940 would have added tremendously to his woes. Anyhow we have another economic problem as it relates to agriculture, solved by democratic processes and bolstered by democratic government along plans that ought not cost anybody the loss of a dollar-unless the British Empire goes to the wall, which it won't.

who can't hire a lawyer, whose son needs a tooth pulled, etc., etc. Because the burned factory no longer pays taxes, the load it formerly bore must be shunted to the shoulders of the rest of us. And so nobody escapes the effects of a fire. The tragedy is that whatever fire takes

is gone forever, and when it happens to be our own home or our own business it becomes doubly tragic. It follows then, that whatever steps we

can take to prevent fires, works equally effectively in the other direction: every fire prevented-benefits every single one of us. And fires CAN be prevented. Common

sense tells us some of the ways, but if we are lacking in that, a few minutes spent in the presence of an insurance man, a fireman or others who this week are preaching an important gospel will fortify you with knowledge of fire hazards and how to meet and thwart them. But above all if this week inspires you to

greater caution against fire, for goodness sake hold on to it, beyond Saturday night. What we really need is a nationally observed Fire Prevention Year.

### Such An Easy Matter

Last week nine long-term negro prisoners escaped from the State prison camp near Dobson. Almost immediately from Raleigh came the announcement that there would be a general check on the locks in all State prison camps, and one gained the impression that defective locks would be the alibi.

But not so. Raleigh officials came to Surry to investigate the delivery, and apparently found that the break was attributable to gross negligence, and proceeded to hand the pink slip to those who didn't measure up to their responsibilities. And that

is as it should be. According to the original version of the delivery, the prisoners walked out at two o'clock in the morning while the guard was having his cup of coffee in the camp dining room. When he returned, the prisoners were gone. It was as simple as all that. Evidently Director Pitts didn't consider

a simple, routine fault, or blame the locks for all of it, else there would have been no divorcement from jobs.

There have been such prison breaks before, there will be more in the future, but few of them, now or hereafter, will be equalled in the ease with which these nine negroes skedaddled. Certainly one would not think that they were in position to buy their way to freedom, so the only conclusion left is that somebody was asleep on the job.

All of which should add up to the resolve on the part of Raleigh officials to make a check-up, not of locks but of personnel. Some men have special qualifications for such jobs as these. Others get them through political pull and don't take their jobs seriously. A little analyzing in advance could save the prison department a lot of embarrassment, and the courts much chagrin. For it costs in time and dollars to arrest, try and commit such criminals and it is disheartening to soon find them at large again.

We are wondering if the grapevine tele graph that connects the various camps of the state will put it into the heads of other prisoners to up and go like these did. We hope not, for it might not work so easily.

# "Why Don't They Vote"

One bewildered woman emerging 'from the Senate gallery where she had listened for hours to so-called discussion of the neu-And that's a question many of us of State Fair officials in the day



By LeGette Blythe in **Charlotte** Observer The Charlotte man swore it week. You see, he woke up Sunhappened right here in Char- day morning in the dentist's lotte:

He met a friend one day this over on the settee and the floor They chatted and finally around the chair was he asked the friend about his with teeth. The dentist had pullbrother, a rather well known ed out every tooth in my brothman-about-town of some 25 er's head." And he swore it happened right rough winters who occasionally here in a dentist's office in Chartakes too much.

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banks-Morse 10-hp. engine.

Owner going out of business.

White's Mill & Store, Highway

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tionally good milk cow.

Seth M. Beale.

601, between Dobson and Fair-

view.

"He's not so well," the friend lotte. eplied.

week.

And then he told the story. Saturday afternoon, it seems, the brother developed a toothache. As it grew more and more annoying he drank more and more liquor in an effort to drown out the offending molar. But it was no use. He gave up, telephoned his dentist, asked him to meet him down in front of the office. The dentist agreed, at the ap-

pointed time met him, and they went up to the office.

"Please excuse my breath," said the dentist, "I had a little drink just before I left home." "Don't let that bother you.

I've been drinking liquor all afternoon trying to drown out this toothache." "Well, in that case, maybe

you'd better try a little of my special brand here at the office.' The patient tried it, and so did the dentist. Then he said it would be proper to take a look at the tooth. "It's in bad shape, all right. I'll have to pull it. But before I do, perhaps you'd better take another little drink to settle your nerves." The patient did and so did the dentist.

After he pulled the tooth the dentist suggested another drink to deaden the pain. He joined the patient in the pain-killing libations. They talked a few minutes.

How's it feeling now?" the dentist asked "To tell you the truth, Doc,

the patient replied, "it's hurting just as much as it did before."

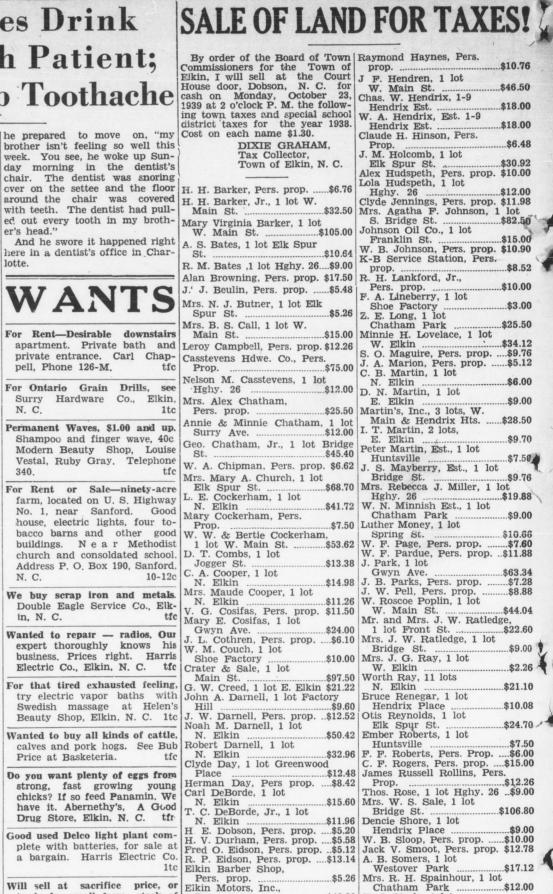
The dentist had another look. 'No wonder,'' he observed, "I culled the wrong tooth. I should have pulled this one. Now I'll pull it. But befort I do. you'd better have another little drink." The patient had one and the centist did too. He sat the patient down in the chair, explored into the inner recesses of his mouth, thumped his aching jaw. "Yes," he declared in his most professional voice, "I shall be forced to remove this tooth. But

it may hurt a bit—yes, just a bit -and probably you'd better have just a small drink before I exract it." The patient did and the dentist did.

"Yes," the friend concluded as

#### FUTURE FARMERS WILL ATTEND RALEIGH FAIR For Sale—Jersey cow, 41/2 years

Approximately 25 Copeland Future Farmers of America will go to Raleigh Friday to be the guests set aside at 4-H Club Day at the The group from Copeland air. will be accompanied to the State Fairgrounds by John H. Fisher, Copeland Agriculture teacher. All 4-H club members and their coaches will be admitted free to the fairgrounds and all the exhibits on that day provided they are wearing the caps representing the Future Farmers of America. Various activities will feature the 4-H day. The members will engage in seed, livestock, and poultry judging contests, and members of the judging teams will be feted Friday evening at a banquet in the State College dining hall. The Copeland chapter will go to the fair in their locally owned school bus that they have reserved especially for such occasions. Those making the trip besides Mr. Fisher are Roy Snow, Dick Burgess, Paul O'Neal, Windell Edmonds, Charlie Johnson, Jack Badgett, Paul Gardner, Warren John Gibson, John Gibson, O'Neal, Harvey Draughn, Kelley Dezern, Hugh Snow, Victor Coe, Abraham Marion, Clyde Eads, Calvin Coe, Fred Smith, Cecil Shore, Ora Evans and Wade Mitchell Moore.



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 Othel Wagoner, Pers. prop.
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 F. C. Wall, Pers. prop.
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 L. A. Wall, Pers. prop.
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\$9.40

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## When Fire Comes

This is Fire Prevention Week and we hope our readers have been observing it at eled procedure lies the foundation of our least to the extent that they have been giving thought to the importance of practicing every possible precaution against fire. Of litical cross-bucking when we finally come course it is hard to ever get around to the to a decision on important national issues, putting in practice of whatever plans appeal to us, but it is healthy for all concerned, to think seriously on this subject.

In case you have confused the dates and have not turned your mind to fire preven-tion, it is not too late to do a little thinking about it, not forgetting that there is no law against putting into practice every day in the year those plans that all of us must agree are worthwhile.

In the first place it would be well to remember that everybody is directly or indirectly interested in every fire that threatens or destroys anything, anywhere. It is reflected in the cost of our insurance policy even if the sparks next door don't fall on our own roofs to our hurt.

A large per cent. of fires stem from somebody's gross negligence, and when fire destroys a factory, big or little, it de-brought no embarrassment. Action now will. tailed purchasing power that affects the be charged that we are showing favoritism corner grocer, who can't pay his landlord, to one side or the other. stroys jobs, and jobs destroyed means cur-

That lady, along with the rest of us, felt that all sides to the issue had been examined and that the discussion had been full and free, according to democratic processes, and that further talk and arm-flinging probably wouldn't change a single vote. So why not get it over with.

The pro-repeal group would like to vote, in the certainty that they have a majority, but they don't want to be charged with having rushed matters. On the other hand the anti-repealers hope that as argument proceeds, popular support may be enlisted and help them to thwart revision.

The United States Senate is called the "most deliberative body on earth," but some of its deliberations and delays and repetitions seem silly and useless until one considers that in this form of free and untramrepresentative government. We talk and fume, argue and rant, but with all our poconclusions and make them work or discard them for better tools. It will be so in this case, except that things are being said by the Senators that may rise up and smack us in the face in the future. And while we fiddle it should not be overlooked that Rome is burning. Which is to say that Germany is encouraged in her belligerency and France and Britain whom we have every

reason to be interested in their ultimate success are being discriminated against at a crucial time.

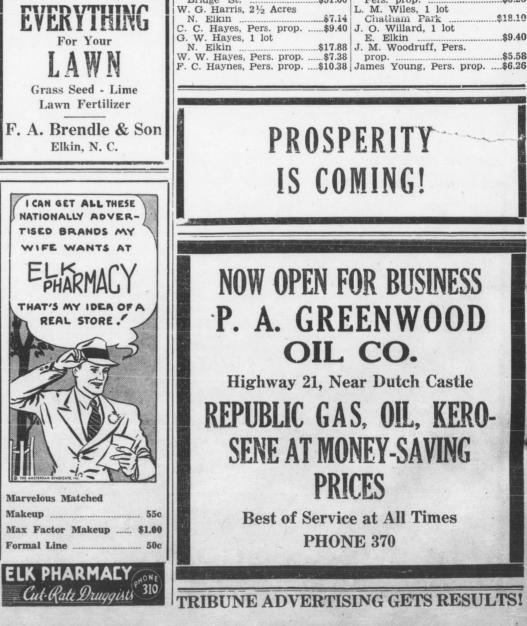
As a matter of fact the Senate is stewing in the juice of its own tardiness and delinquency. This is a matter that the President wanted disposed of at the regular session. But for political and personal reasons brought no embarrassment. Action now will. JUST OCCASIONALLY

Mrs. Skjold - Do you flatter your husband? Mrs. Bjones-Well, occasionally I ask his advice.

NO CONSUMER NOW

Government Agent - We are taking a census of ultimate consumers. Are you one? Victim-I used to be, but now I go without.

Dr. Walter Reed, who discovered the cause of yellow fever,



Pers. prop. Exchange Furn. Co.,

Finney & Smith, 1 lot

S. P. Fletcher, 1 lot N. Elkin

Cola C. Fulp, Pers. prop.

Church St. J. O. Gentry, Pers. prop.

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Mrs. Marion Gilliam, 1 lot

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Noah Foard, 1 lot N. Elkin

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