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THE GOSSIP

For thirty years Miss Dutton's tongue was loose.
She wove her gossip like the vicious threads
A female spider, knowing hunger, spreads
For months, she paralyzed with bitter juice
Distilled within herself, a thousand times
Unwary creatures felt her poisoned bite;
Nothing stayed her savage appetite,
Yet she wash hardly conscious of her crimes.

The memory of her shrill, vindictive laugh
Is all Miss Dutton has for epitaph.
—Carmen Judson.

THAT NEW HIGHWAY

There has been considerable discussion lately about the new highway to eliminate the double track railroad. The Herald is always interested in anything for the development or welfare of Kings Mountain—The Best Town In The State.

Here is our idea about the proposed road and underpass. Until something better is offered we are for it. There has been talk of eliminating the double track by an overhead bridge at the corner of Railroad avenue and King street for the past two years, but up to now nothing has become of it, and we would hate very much to see the new proposal killed to try to get something that might seem better.

With the new proposal 3.2 miles of new concrete street will be constructed, 2.2 miles of this new street will be within the city limits of Kings Mountain. At the most distant point from the city limits the new road will be only 500 feet away. New territory will be opened for future development and growth of Kings Mountain. All of this, without one penny's cost to Kings Mountain. We are not saying this plan is the best, but we repeat until something better is offered, we are for it.

DANCING

We have always contended that dancing properly chaperoned is good recreation, not only for young folks but grown-ups as well. We would much prefer to have dancing in Kings Mountain where parents may see that their children properly conduct themselves than to force the young folks to patronize nearby road houses of disreputable character.

We think a fine place for the young folks to gather and dance would be the new gymnasium. How about it mothers and fathers; what do you think?

THANK YOU SHELBY

It has come to the attention of the Herald that every morning 30 WPA workers are hauled from Kings Mountain to Shelby where they work on street improvement and city beautification projects. We are very happy that Shelby has these projects going on because since Kings Mountain obviously has no needs for these improvements, we are indeed glad that our sister Town, Shelby, has been fortunate enough to secure projects to keep OUR workers busy.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Lately there has been a considerable discussion of the freedom of the press. It was the main theme of the spring convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, which put itself on record as prepared to come to the assistance of any newspaper which might find its liberty of expression threatened by any official or bureau of government.

There is something strange and novel for America in the mere suggestion that the Constitutional guarantee of a free press is even remotely threatened. That the threat seems serious enough to be considered by the representative newspaper men of the nation gives food for thought.

There are many indirect ways not amounting to outright censorship by which, even in a democracy, public officials can put pressure upon news papers whose editors do not agree with them. The most dangerous threat to the freedom of the press, however, consists in efforts to undermine public confidence in newspapers. Such efforts have been so numerous in recent years as to give the impression of deliberate propaganda designed to bring newspaper disrepute.

That the public confidence in the

Washington Snapshots
(Cont'd from front page)

members out of the ranks of the revolutioners, because when the spending starts nobody wants to be left holding an empty bag.

Leaders are so confident now that their strategy will work, they have quietly set about to revive the rejected government reorganization program. It is not yet officially on its feet, but with the wage-hour and spending measures, but well informed observers say it will be soon.

having plenty of troubles of its own with the corn-belt farmers and the cotton farmers of the South over crop allotments. When quotas for crops are announced in various communities, it has become a sure-fire signal for an indignant meeting of protest and some farmers are even mailing their contracts back. In the corn belt the protest is taking organized form in the "Corn Belt Liberty League." Now the Department is beginning to worry about what the wheat farmers are going to say about soil conservation payments when they come due. It seems that most of the wheat growers had their grain planted before the farm act of 1938, granting payments for soil conservation, was approved. They thought they could plant all they wanted to. Now most of the farmers have large wheat crops coming up and will have trouble qualifying for the "scarcity checks" unless they plow under part of their crop.

There is worry too, in the heads of a lot of government theorists and economists these days. It's been more than a month since the new pump-priming spending plan was announced. They had figured that there would be a "psychological" upturn of business immediately — not from the spending but from the anticipation of it. The upturn hasn't come and the worriers are worrying that maybe actual spending won't even turn the trick.

Observers are scratching their heads, too, over the recent pronouncements by the CIO urging the new spending spree. They wonder if the CIO's economists actually have figured out what the new spending is going to mean to labor. Most thinkers are in agreement that it isn't going to benefit labor, but, on the contrary, do considerable harm. After all, employers can't pay a spending spree bill and wages at the same time. You just can't put the same dollar in two pockets at the same time, and it doesn't take a high-salaried economist to figure that out.

And on the matter of relief, a Michigan constituent has written his Congressman about the CIO's shake-down strike tactics in his community. The man complained that pickets prevented him from going to work because he had not paid his union dues. He wound up with this snapshot:

"About the only plants left operating here are the relief plants."

press has not been seriously shaken so far is evidenced by the growing increase in newspaper circulations. It is up to the press, however, to justify its own liberties by defending any other liberties of citizens which may be threatened.

The Need for Unity
By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman
Sensitools of the Republic

In America we observe many anniversaries, commemorating important dates in our history. Many others we forget. Among the latter is included May 14. Yet that day is well worth recalling. It was the date set early in the year 1787 for the opening of the Convention that wrote our Federal Constitution.

Although the difficulties of travel in that period so delayed many delegates that the formal opening had to be postponed until May 25, Washington and theirs met at Independence Hall on that day prepared to take the important steps that would unite a disorganized people.

In their great objective lies the significance of those dates. For out of the Convention then assembled evolved a plan and a spirit of national unity and cooperation which has made the United States one of the greatest nations on earth.

As with all historic anniversaries, there lies in this a lesson and an inspiration to our nation. In that convention long enemies were stilled by a readiness to see opponents' points of view, and by a willingness to subordinate certain sectional or group demands to the welfare of the nation as a whole.

Here is an example which America might follow with benefit today. As this is written there are evidences that such thoughts are in the minds of many of our people. At recent meetings, employer and employe groups have spoken of fuller cooperation. At Washington, various leaders have shown a renewed intention to help the nation through the difficulties which now beset it, and to discourage group conflict.

All this is encouraging. America will hope it continues. For what America needs today is a renewed spirit of the teamwork which built a great nation out of thirteen struggling states and made that nation the symbol for liberty, for opportunity and for progress now known over all the world.

In unity and mutual understanding still lies our strength.

P. T. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Central P. T. A. held in the School auditorium, May 10, the following officers were for the coming school year were elected:

Mrs. Paul Mauney, President.
Mrs. W. K. Mauney, V-President.
Miss Helen Crosland, Secretary.
Miss Helen Logan, Treasurer.

A dispute between Britain and France over the occupation by French troops of Fashoda, a town in the Egyptian Sudan, nearly provoked war between the two countries in 1898.

Home Coming At Cherry Springs Baptist Church

Home coming will be observed at Cherry Springs Baptist church, one of the oldest Baptist churches in the State, Sunday May 29. A fitting program has been arranged and a number of prominent speakers secured for the occasion.

At noon a picnic style lunch will be served.

Cherry Springs church is located near Old Fort in McDowell county.

Say, "I saw it in The Herald."

ALEXANDER KORDA
EDMUND LOVE
MURDER ON DIAMOND ROW
by EDGAR WALLACE

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

The Squeaker, underworld character who acts as a fence for jewel thieves and usually betrays them, is being sought by the police of London. Inspector Barrabal of Scotland Yard, posing as the down-and-out "Captain John Leslie," gets a job in the office of Frank Sutton, who is a specialist in hiring deviants. Before long Leslie and Sutton's fiancée, Carol Stedman, who helped him get the job, find themselves falling in love. Larry Graeme, jewel thief, steals the almost priceless Russian pearls and is double-crossed by The Squeaker. He escapes from the police, bent on revenge, and goes to the dressing room of his sweetheart Tamara, dancer at the Leopard Club, where they are corrupted by a knock at the door.

Chapter Five

"Yes," called Tamara, while Graeme stood tense, ready to spring through the window whence he had entered. But it was only her dresser, warning that it was almost time for her to go on in the show.

He kissed her a hurried but passionate goodbye, while she vowed to come to him somehow, anyhow, wherever he might be, if only he



No words were needed for what his eyes spoke.

could elude the police. Then, when she had gone out to take her turn on the floor of the night club, he put on the hat and overcoat which an accomplice had sent for him to Tamara at the club. In the overcoat were a revolver and a scrap of paper on which was scrawled the message: "Sutton at Stedman house, Little Green tonight. R."

He crammed the note into his pocket and, finger on the revolver inside his coat pocket, climbed out to the fire escape.

Stedman House, the sumptuous suburban home of Frank Sutton's senior partner, was gay with music, brilliant lights and the festive chatter of two hundred party guests. As Carol and Leslie strolled about the grounds she seemed quite oblivious to the fact that her fiance had not yet put in an appearance.

Inside the band struck up a lively tune, but Leslie made no move to go in.

"Don't you like dancing?" Carol asked.

"Very much — but not at the moment."

"Are you worried about something?"

"Yes — I'm afraid I am."

"Something I've done?"

"No, no, I'm terribly happy about you. As a matter of fact..." He stopped and looked at her. No words were needed for what his eyes spoke.

"I'm so glad," whispered Carol. She raised her lips to his kiss. "Darling!"

"Thank you, Carol," he said simply, then kissed her again, lingeringly.

Neither of them had eyes for the shadowy form of Larry Graeme, skulking along the side of the house only a few rods away. But Sutton, arriving strangely late at the party and looking expectantly about him,

promptly spotted the slinking figure and fell in behind him, following him.

Graeme turned the corner at the rear of the house and waited, pistol in hand. And when Sutton turned the corner he found himself looking down the muzzle of the gun.

"Good evening, Mr. Sutton. We're going to take a little walk to the police station. I came here tonight to kill you, but I've changed my mind."

Sutton started to argue with him, while they proceeded along the paved walk toward the outer gate. "Listen, Graeme," he protested. "If you turn me in they'll get you too."

"They've got me," growled the escaped thief. "I'll do fifteen years, but you'll do life. Life in a prison — full of men who know you and hate you!"

By now they had reached a pillar of the canopy that extended over the path. They paused behind it to argue.

"Don't be a fool, Graeme," said Sutton. "I can get you out of the country tonight. Look, I'll give you all the money you want — anything I'll give you right now!"

He thrust his hand into his hip pocket. A moment later there was a muffled pistol shot. Larry Graeme silently crumpled and sprawled on the walk. Sutton, after wiping the handle of his gun and flinging it into the hedge, walked coolly into the house.

It was Leslie who found Graeme's body, and when Inspector Elford arrived to take charge of the case he placed Leslie under arrest on prima facie evidence. Carol started to protest that there was no proof whatever of Leslie's guilt, but she was interrupted by Sutton, who pointed out that he had been in the garden shortly before the body was found, and had seen nothing.

"The murderer must have come from the house," said Elford. "otherwise you would have seen him, since you came down the drive. Isn't that so, Mr. Sutton?"

Sutton replied that it was so.

During all this Leslie, despite Carol's impassioned pleas, made only the most perfunctory effort to defend himself against the charge. And after hearing Sutton's admission that he had been in the garden just before the murder, Leslie suggested to the inspector that they go along to prison.

"Haven't you anything to say?" cried Carol. "No explanation? Nothing?"

"There's nothing I can say," replied Leslie, and turned to go out with the arresting officers.

Leslie and Elford, having reached Scotland Yard, congratulated each other on the success of their bit of play-acting at Stedman House.

"That fake arrest certainly made Sutton talk," remarked Leslie. "He was so anxious to squeak on me he did a little squeaking on himself."

"What we need now," pointed out Elford, "is a definite link between Sutton and Graeme."

"You're right," agreed Leslie. "And I think I've got it!"

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U. S. Senator
Frank Hancock

TEN REASONS WHY FRANK HANCOCK WILL BE NOMINATED FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

1. A member of Congress for about eight years and by brilliant and effective service has won the confidence and admiration of the people of his District and the State of North Carolina.
2. He has high Committee standing and holds the confidence of President Roosevelt and Administration leaders.
3. He has worked unceasingly and effectively for measures for relief of distressed home owners in town and country; for protection and security of bank depositors and for the aged and infirm.
4. For more than five years he was a member of the Steering Committee of the House which finally succeeded in bringing about the passage of legislation providing for the immediate cash payment of the Adjusted Service Certificates held by our veterans. He has also supported enthusiastically legislation providing pensions for widows and orphans of disabled ex-service men. During the last session he was active in the effort to secure for North Carolina a new Veterans Hospital.
5. In the present session of Congress he has rendered outstanding service in the preparation and passage of the new Surplus Control Program and has taken an active part in presenting the merits of the control provisions of the Bill which our farmers approved by an overwhelming vote on Saturday, March 12th.

He has made it clear in his public declarations as well as before the special Committee preparing the Bill, that its success depends upon the complete elimination of favoritism in the allowance of marketing quotas for tobacco and cotton so as to insure protection for the smaller growers, and those with larger families.

6. With a deep interest in and excellent knowledge of industry and business, he believes that industry and business should be encouraged and promoted and conducted in true American way, and during the present session of Congress voted to encourage private enterprise and employment removing certain objectionable and punitive features of our Revenue Laws which had proved a burden to honest business enterprises.
7. He is and always will be a sincere friend of labor and has consistently supported measures for the protection and security of the rights of the man who works with his hands.
8. He knows the people of the State and their problems as perhaps few men in the State his age, and his heart and brain have been and will continue to be devoted to the interests of all people of the State and not to special privileges or advantages to any individual or group.
9. He is a hard worker and early and late his office door in Washington is always open to any man, woman or child seeking his advice or assistance. Though properly interested in foreign affairs, North Carolina and North Carolinians come first with him in all things.
10. Able, sincere, frank, courageous and experienced, he is a splendid example of vigorous personality, sincerely devoted to honest and effective public service.

He Speaks Over WBT Friday Evening, May 20. Tune In And Hear Him