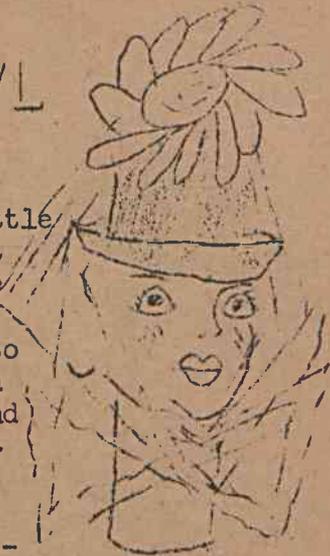




# THE OFFICE OWL

By - Mrs. F.L. Rollins



All the merchants are having a little trouble with the O.P.A. and their point system. It seems that Mr. Parker in the Company Store had been selling bananas 1/10 of a cent above the ceiling, due to the fact the clerks always had to buy a new pair of shoes after being mauled and stepped on in the rush. Mr. Parker relates he was summoned before the board, and, to his surprise, had to push himself in to get in line, as all of Cleveland County merchants were present and all

trying to determine what point they had overlooked. Mr. Parker said, "I finally pushed my way up to a desk; the judge began looking thru files, quoting to me 'Section 6, Item 8, Chapter 11. Refer to file 87, Section 10, Amendment 20. Did you, or did you not feloniously and with malicious aforethought charge 1/10 of a cent too much on bananas?' "Yes" or "No." Mr. Parker, wiping the sweat from his brow, blurted out, "Guilty, your honor." The judge replied, "I shall have to give you 10 days or 10 dollars." "I'll take the 10 dollars," said Mr. Parker. The judge then turned to Jodie Neason, next in line. "Have you ever appeared as a witness before?" Jodie replied, "Yes Sir." The judge snapped back, "In what suit?" Jodie quickly replied, "My blue serge."

Fitz Rollins, Charlie Wease, and "Buck" Southards made a trip to Charlotte last Wednesday, taking "Doodle" Laughlin along as their guest. It took all of them to look after "Doodle" while he was enjoying the sights. "Doodle" spent most of his time riding the escalator at Ebird's, shopping at Woolworth's, and peeping in at the Broadcasting Station. He said when he got back, "I hope I may die, if Charlotte ain't the biggest place I've ever seen." He had a bad sore throat after the trip, caused from sunburned tonsils, looking up at the tall buildings.

Mrs. Shannon Blanton also had a trip to Charlotte recently. She said she had a terrible time trying to buy a pair of shoes, since she forgot to take her ration book and had only a loose stamp. Said she had to call in a lawyer before she got a pair. She then, in the confusion, tried to call someone over the telephone. Not being accustomed to the dial system, she dialed until her fingers gave out and was about to give it up as a bad job when a voice shouted, "Nickel please."

We are all glad that Tom Forney is recovering nicely from his operation, and we are looking forward to the time when he can be back on his old beat and with us again. They said, that one day, Tom told his doctor he needed something to put him in fighting trim. Tom asked, "Can't you put anything like that in my medicine?" The doctor answered, "Don't worry, you will find that in my bill."

Mr. "Mont" Smawley still has his choir practice one night each week, here in our village church. The other night they were practicing a certain song and Mr. Smawley said, "Now, don't forget the tenors will sing alone, until we come to the gates of hell, then you all come in."

You should see the proud grandpapa and grandmama, Mr. and Mrs. George Hart. They just go around singing lullabys all the time. Mr. Hart asked "Goofey Gink" the other day, "What is good for Hives?" "Goofy" replied, "Bees."

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"LET THERE BE NO COMPLACENCY; LET US WAGE WAR AGAINST JAPAN WITH  
NEW DETERMINATION."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.