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## What Kind of Government Shall We Have?

The practicable issues in the coming campaign narrow itself down to two important matters. The first, shall the state of North Carolina support itself from the backs and stomachs of the citizenship of this state when we boast that we pay more into the national treasury than any other state save New York? Candidates for the House and for the Senate should state and give assurances as to how they stand on this question. The people have a right to know. It is their business.

Second, Shall we return to representative and constitutional government and be served by legislative and constitutional officers, or shall we continue to supplant legislative and constitutional offices and hire additional officers, thru executive appointments?

## The Governor's "Declaration"

Greensboro Daily News.

Editor of The Daily News:

R. R. Clark is to be commended for his comment on the governor's declaration that the sales tax has saved our schools, our homes, and nearly everything else, in contrast with his campaign declaration "I am unalterably opposed to any form of sales tax."

The only thing the sales tax has saved is the tobacco and power companies from paying their fair share of taxes.

The present campaign of the governor indicates that the next legislature will be expected to double the present sales tax and thus hand out more salvation to the big corporations, and damnation to the people.

BRUCE CRAVEN.

Trinity.

## Note on Shibboleths

Greensboro Daily News.

Aside from its interest in the general accounting, per se, which Governor Ehringhaus gave to his audience, and beyond its members to the state, at Gastonia last week, the Daily News is moved to particular note of the chief executive's declaration anent campaign utterances and their relative place in the scheme of subsequent developments.

After recalling that he had bitterly opposed the sales tax in his appeals to the suffrage and that he had accepted it only as a last resort to save the credit of the state, His Excellency, as quoted in the Gastonia Gazette, moved on to this affirmation:

A man who will stick to shibboleths uttered in the course of a political campaign rather than yield to the imperative demands of an emergency to save the integrity of his commonwealth, to save the honor and the sanctity of the state's credit, to save the public educational system for the children of the state and to keep the homes and farms of the people from being sold for property taxes—a man who will not do that is not a respectable public servant.

Bravo, a whole chorus of bravos. In fact, since the Governor has brought up the matter and given campaign utterances a more or less general cataloguing, the Daily News is moved to go much farther. Motion is hereby made that the modified Tugwell bill be further modified to include political speeches and documents within its scope; whereupon a party platform or an oratorical bid, be it delivered in the august senate or upon the hustings, would be clearly and positively labeled, at the outset, "This is a shibboleth and not a cure."

Shibboleth meaning, it may or may not be necessary to explain for some of us bourgeois, specifically so much bunk.

## North Carolina Terrible Banking Situation

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with the \$541,062.37 spent by Mr. Hood for the attorneys and auditors, or even with the \$313,186.41 spent by Mr. Hood for attorneys. And just remember this is not all the money Mr. Hood spent.

Just suppose we had all the facts about the operation of his department since he has been in office.

The man who has a family to support and is unable to get a job ought to have employment from the government even if a few millionaires have to pay more taxes.

Gold seems to be a strange commodity. We go off the gold standard and it is shipped abroad. We cut the dollar around 40 per cent and Europe rushes it back.

The trouble with some wise men is that they think they must show their wisdom by disagreements with everybody else.

When the children are away the parents can play.

## Getting the Cart Before the Horse

Last week Chief of Police O. P. Hedgepeth announced to the City Manager his intention of resigning at the end of the municipal year, which is about May 1st, having served in this capacity for the past twenty years. Immediately upon this information coming to the public, it was announced through the press in the city that the police committee had made recommendation to the City Manager and Board of Aldermen, whom they desired to be Chief of Police. This was afterwards denied, stating that the correspondent made the statement without being properly informed, though the correspondent stated that one of the committee told him.

Of course the Herald is not undertaking to pass upon the question as to which of these gentlemen were correct. In order to straighten matters of this kind out, we think it best to read the organic law, which is the City Charter, on this subject:

Section 19 of the Charter states: "The Police Department of said City shall be under the general control and supervision of the City Manager. The police force shall be composed of a Chief of Police and such other police officers as the City Manager may appoint, the number of said officers to be determined by the Board, whose appointment shall become effective when confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. Each member of the Police Department shall have issued to him a warrant of appointment signed by the City Manager and such warrant shall be his commission."

Section 11 of the Charter further states: "That the Board of Aldermen shall be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a City Manager, who shall be the executive agent of the Board of Aldermen in the administration of the affairs of the city."

It further states: "That the City Manager shall be responsible to the Board of Aldermen for the efficient administration of all the affairs of the city under his direction and control."

It further states: "That the City Manager shall have power to appoint and remove all heads of departments and all subordinate officers and employees of the city, except as otherwise provided, and that the Board of Aldermen and its members shall deal with the administrative service of the City through the City Manager. Except for the purpose of inquiry, no member of the Board of Aldermen shall give orders to any subordinate of the City Manager, either publicly or privately. Where this charter gives to the City Manager the power to appoint or to employ persons in the administrative service of the city, neither the Board of Aldermen nor any of its members shall dictate the appointment or employment of any such person or persons, but the City Manager shall be left free to exercise his own judgment in appointing such person, or persons, and he shall have the power to suspend or dismiss any person so appointed and his action in every case shall be final."

"The City Manager shall, except when clearly inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, exercise supervision and control over all Departments and divisions created herein or that may hereafter be created by the Board of Aldermen."

The above are the exact provisions taken from the Charter and a majority of the Board of Aldermen that are now serving, were also serving when this Charter was amended to include the above, and no person should understand it any better than they. In fact, it was understood that the Board objected to an amendment which was inserted by Representative R. T. Fountain, which struck out the compulsory election of the City Manager and left it optional with the Board as to whether the City should have the City Manager or not.

However, it has been clearly shown since that, but for this timely amendment inserted by Mr. Fountain, the City Manager would be in absolute control without the Board being able to make a reasonable protest, and since he has been elected the board does not have any now, except what they assume. So, according to the report appearing in the newspaper, they are not even willing now for the City Manager to exercise his legal duties without getting in front of the City Manager and making recommendations as to his appointment, which the Charter clearly forbids, and which charter was drawn by the then mayor and the Board of Aldermen approved.

The present Board of Aldermen have nothing to do with making any recommendation as to whom should be Chief of Police, nor does the powerful Safety Committee. Their duties do not become involved until the City Manager has made his appointment and then, only to look into the matter as to whether the Board shall confirm the appointment.

The suggestion of this paper is, that since this city has enjoyed the efficient administration of Chief Hedgepeth, who has had the esteem of his subordinates, as well as the citizenship at large, that the City Manager should proceed with caution and care. For, after all, the City of Rocky Mount is nothing more or less than the citizenship and in the end the City Manager should make an appointment that the majority should certainly be able to approve.

The Chief should possess qualities of character that would command the respect of our citizenship; he should be an able administrator and executive and he should have an upright character, which is more a terror to the evil doer than a gun or blackjack.

The Herald is not undertaking to take sides in this matter but only trying to point out certain fundamental requisites.

Some citizens, who have no money, worry themselves sick about the new gold bill.

## DR. W. R. CULLOM'S CORNER

Dr. Rufus M. Jones says: "The altar in the laboratory is different from the altar in the Cathedral, but real incense and true sacrifice rise from both altars. The passion for truth which animates the high-minded scientist is often in shining contrast with the narrowness and bigotry of the purely dogmatic believer who proposes to hold his position regardless of facts and of demonstrations. The spirit of patience in the pursuit of light, the dedication of a whole lifetime to the solution of some tiny mystery rises often to level of the saints' devotion. But the whole field of science is touched and glorified with the story of sacrificial consecration."

No saint has ever pursued his task with greater zeal, with more patience, nor with a more beautiful reverence than did Pasteur.

"We have tried by far-fetched schemes and methods to safeguard 'our' truth, to hedge it about, and to keep it insulated within its safe defenses. We have thought of Christian truth as something above and beyond 'truth in general' as though there were levels and strata of truth. We must come to see that we gain nothing by insisting on private standards of truth, or by setting apart our peculiar truths as though they belonged in a sphere where tests of truth could be avoided or evaded. There is only one set of scales for truth and our Christian claims to truth must be tested on these scales and must stand or fall by the way in which these claims conform to eternal nature of things."

The Church is not a hospital, though it ministers to spiritually sick and morally anemic. The Church is not a gymnasium, to develop the body but to strengthen the soul. The Church is not a cold storage plant to keep a few saints from spoiling. The Church is not a religious club, to give a little polish to some complacent members. The Church is a fountain of inspiration to its members. —Leonard V. Buschman.

The Father's gifts to Christ were not purple and fine linen and the means of living sumptuously every day. They were strength and patience, fortitude, fidelity, the invincible will, the unconquerable love, the steadfast and unalterable purpose to redeem mankind. Such gifts could not be "handed over" like a parcel. Nor did they leave the giver poorer than before. They made Him richer. For as they were shared, they grew. Such is the law of giving. —The Methodist Recorder.

## JESUS WAS ONCE A CHILD.

When it is very dark I'm sometimes quite in fear! I don't know why, I try and try To think that God is near. But God is wise and great and far, How can He know what children are?

But then—I quite forgot! Jesus was once a child. A babe He lay, While angels gazed Watched over Him and smiled. And every night a watch they make O'er little children, for His sake. —E. R. A.

Press on! Though mists obscure The steep and rugged way, And clouds of doubt beset, Soon dawns the brighter day.

Keep on! Though hours be long, And days deep-fraught with woe, Let patience have her perfect work, And vanquish every foe.

Hope on! Though all seems lost And storms beat high, Have faith! Be still and know That God is nigh. —GREENVILLE KLEISER, In The Southern Presbyterian Stewardship Bulletin.

## THE SLEEPING PRINCE

There is an old legend of a beautiful sleeping princess, who slept on and on until the Prince came to awaken her and to summon her to a life of happiness and service.

In every youth there is a sleeping Prince—the royal, splendid fellow he is capable of becoming if he will but awaken and do those things joyously which his program of life as a son of the Kings calls for.

It is pitifully tragic to see a prince by every right, living the life of a pauper, a roustabout, a mountebank, or a petty purveyor of trifling concerns. It is a most inspiring sight to see a princely

chap accoutered with good health, clean living, a fine character, a noble purpose in life, and a disposition to work. A Prince forsooth! —L. G. H. in The Front Rank.

## IMPRISONED SOULS

Some time ago a man was held prisoner in a well, where the earth and walls had caved in upon him, and made him a prisoner. He was so much of a prisoner that he could neither eat nor drink, and it was with difficulty that fresh air was piped to him. For two days and nights neighbors dug, tunneled, carried out earth and stones, never relaxing, until he was released and saved. It was the heroic, sympathetic giving of time and labor that wrought the rescue.

Out in the world, in our cities and home towns, there are multitudes of men, women and youth, so submerged in sin that they neither receive nor desire to receive the Bread of Life. It is possible that their salvation will depend upon the aid we give them and the love that we show for them. Do you not believe that if a score or two of earnest, consecrated men and women would work as earnestly in each community, as those neighbors worked to rescue the man imprisoned in the well, many souls would be saved for time as well as for eternity?

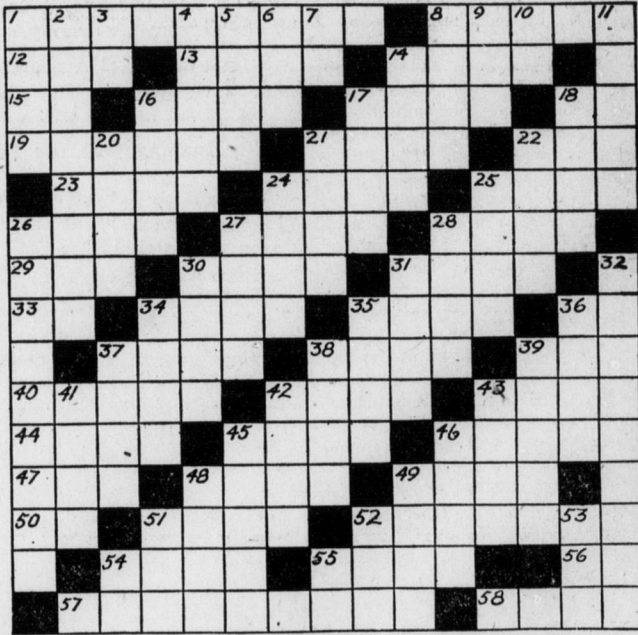
Our Savior's word of appeal is: "Come." His word of command is "Go." Personal service and earnest prayer! These our Lord Jesus will use in the saving of others. —Religious Telescope.

## DR. WM. EDWARDS IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Dr. William Edwards, prominent Spring Hope and Nash County physician and surgeon, is critically ill at his home here. Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for over forty-five years, is well known throughout the state. His present critical condition is a result of several years of incapacitation as a result of strokes of paralysis during the past years. Members of the immediate family are now at his bedside. Dr. Edwards' practice has been extended throughout the whole of Nash County.

Internal revenue in calendar year 1933 totaled \$2,090,947,279.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 56



- Horizontal.
- 1—What you should do if you don't read this paper regularly
  - 8—Grain
  - 12—What the cat did to the canary
  - 13—Clown
  - 14—Sharpen
  - 15—Personal pronoun
  - 16—You do it to your auto when you go to a show
  - 17—Aspect
  - 18—Preposition
  - 19—What you applaud for
  - 21—Sacred
  - 22—Number below four
  - 23—Drains
  - 24—Vehicle
  - 25—An agreement
  - 26—Linear measure
  - 27—A share
  - 28—Hoax
  - 29—Sick
  - 30—Doubled up hand
  - 31—Shallow dishes
  - 33—Preposition
  - 34—Caution of danger
  - 35—Circle
  - 36—Preposition
  - 37—Kind of fish
  - 38—Part of a skeleton
  - 39—Place to keep flour
  - 40—Ill-fated United States battleship
  - 42—Large bundle bound up for storage
  - 43—Fine stone
  - 44—Having sufficient power
  - 45—Earth
  - 46—Sew temporarily
  - 47—In golf, place from which ball is struck
  - 48—Blur
  - 49—Wise man
  - 50—Impersonal pronoun
  - 51—Wild animal
  - 52—Books of maps
  - 54—Tramp
  - 55—Certain objects mentioned in the Bible (Ex. 28, 30) as being mediums for the revelation of God's divine will.
  - 56—Same as 15 horizontal
  - 57—What this puzzle is printed in
  - 58—Inveterate strife between clans
- Vertical.
- 1—Identical
  - 2—Kitchen accessories
  - 3—to exist with reference to a certain place or condition
  - 4—Kings no longer reigning in a large European country
  - 5—Scarec
  - 6—Necessary to a certain kind of writing
  - 7—Preposition
  - 8—Watery part of milk
  - 9—Chicken
  - 10—Conjunction (French)
  - 11—Any opinion or doctrine
  - 14—Become saccid
  - 16—Head of Roman Catholic church
  - 17—Additional amount
  - 18—One time
  - 20—Visit
  - 21—Stop
  - 22—Paddles
  - 23—Comfortable
  - 25—Paroxysm of extreme pain
  - 26—Pertaining to infectious particles in the air
  - 27—Fearful
  - 28—Long heavy hair on neck of lions
  - 30—Invent feebly
  - 31—Kind of tree
  - 32—Concentrated
  - 34—Beverage
  - 35—Food sold by bakers
  - 36—Color
  - 37—Stack
  - 38—Large
  - 39—Foundations
  - 41—Urge on
  - 42—A gift
  - 43—Medieval Scandinavian legend
  - 45—Sailing vessel
  - 46—Any fragrant ointment
  - 48—Pieces of cloth worn over breast, especially children
  - 49—Commotion
  - 51—Having little elevation
  - 52—Part of verb "to be"
  - 53—Australian bird
  - 54—Personal pronoun
  - 55—Skyward
- Solution will appear in next issue.

Answer to this puzzle page six

## AMAZE A MINUTE

SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

**STARTING IN A SMALL ... WEIGH—**  
A 200 POUND KANGAROO GIVES BIRTH TO ONE-INCH, 6-OUNCE BABIES.

**THE RAIN OF STARS**  
IN BOSTON ON NOV. 2, 1833, OVER 240,000 FALLING STARS WERE OBSERVED IN SEVEN HOURS. AT TIMES THOUSANDS FELL IN THE SAME INSTANT.

**HOT AIR**  
BECAUSE AIR IS A POOR HEAT CONDUCTOR, THE HUMAN BODY CAN STAND, FOR SHORT PERIODS, AIR HEATED TO A TEMPERATURE FAR ABOVE BOILING POINT.

## BUSINESS BETTER

Washington.—Members of the National Association of Manufacturers generally regarded as an ultra conservative organization indicate a definite business optimism since the dollar has been stabilized. While there was some dissent in the views of industrial leaders as compiled by the Association, the great majority report improved business outlooks.

## BARQUE PAYS DUTY

Miami, Fla.—Edward F. Hut-ton, broker, paid \$95,000 duty on the German built barque, the Hus-sar, which recently entered this port. In April, 1931, W. K. Vanderbilt paid \$267,000 assessment on his yacht, the Alva.

## VAGABOND VERSES

By J. Gaskill McDaniel

### FINALE

This is the end, and yet you too must know  
That you'll live on, among my souvenirs;  
I'll wear a smile, wherever I may go,  
And I'll be gay, to banish unshed tears.  
Life is a play, and mine a young fool's part,  
Fate draws the curtain on my happiness;  
And no one knows the sorrows in my heart,  
Nor senses tragedy in each new jest.  
This is the end, and yet when shadows fall,  
I'll see your image in a wind, swept sky;  
And though, perhaps, it isn't right at all,  
I still will love you, as the years go by.

Editor's Note: You may secure a personally autographed copy of Vagabond Verses by sending fifteen cents in stamps to the author, in care of the Herald. This pocket sized edition contains McDaniel's best liked poems of the past five years, as well as a photograph of the Vagabond Poet.

## HELP ELLSWORTH

Dunedin, New Zealand. — At a civic reception tendered Dr. Lincoln Ellsworth, who recently abandoned his Antarctic expedition, the complete facilities of the port here were placed at his disposal without charge. The explorer expects to sail for Los Angeles soon.

## Candidates' Cards

### NOTICE

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Rocky Mount on May 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.  
H. LYNWOOD ELMORE.

### NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Judge of Recorders Court for the City of Rocky Mount, and will appreciate the support of the citizenship of Rocky Mount.  
S. L. ARRINGTON.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Rocky Mount.  
(May 4) NORMAN GOLD.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Judge of Recorder's Court for the City of Rocky Mount.  
(May 4) BEN H. THOMAS.