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**WHAT! NO MORE COLONELS?**

Asheville Citizen Times  
To say that the news from Frankfort that all Kentucky colonels have been demoted, abolished and wiped out of existence is devastating is a palpable understatement. Who, we would like to know, is this Attorney General B. M. Vincent who assumes authority to say that "no person has a right now to be designated as a Kentucky colonel, either in Kentucky or elsewhere"? Who clothed him with authority to make such an interpretation of the law of the Blue Grass State?

The attorney general may be a striping or he may be a graybeard; but we would remind him that, regardless of his age, there were Kentucky colonels long before ever he arrived upon the scene; and we are confident that there will be Kentucky colonels long after he has been gathered to his fathers.

Furthermore, no stranded and unnatural twisting of the statutes, if such there be can do away with the ancient and higher rule, the tradition that eclipses statutes: Once a Kentucky colonel, always a Kentucky colonel!

There are, it is stated, something like seventeen thousand persons, men and women, now holding commissions as Kentucky colonels. A formidable army, if you please. But there is no need for them to march on Frankfort in force. The thing to do, it seems to us, is to sic Mae West—Colonel Mae West, remember—on this boy Vincent. The idea of his trying to strip Mae of her title, with all the honors, privileges, responsibilities, hereditaments and what have you that go with it!

**RUINING THE COUNTRY**

News & Observer  
Chicago.—Sears, Roebuck & Co. today reported net profit for the fiscal year ended January 29 of \$21,519,218, an increase of 42 per cent over the previous year, the best for any year since 1929 and the fourth largest in the company's history.  
This fellow Roosevelt is ruining the country.

**ANDY GUMP—REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Sanford Herald  
It appears to be high time that someone should sit himself down and write an obituary notice for the late lamented Andrew Gump—husband, father one-time presidential candidate and 100-percent-American. For Andy is dead. Along with all the other Gumps, their enemies and their friends, Andy went to the Bright and Beautiful Shore when his creator, the talented Sydney Smith, met death in an automobile accident a few months ago.

Andy Gump had personality. His was a complex character, flecked with whimsy, impulse, gullibility, egotism, wit, and other traits that make homo sapiens the fascinating animal he is. Andy Gump was more than that; he was at once a caricature and a portrait of the American "family man."

But toll the bell, Andy is gone. In his place, cavorting around in Andy's clothes and using his name, is a slapstick comedian, one of the stereotypes of the comic strips, trying very hard to be funny while looking like Andy Gump.  
There is still a strip called The Gumps, but Andy—the character so real to the American public that he could draw a crowd to a railroad station where it was rumored he would stop, and who had votes cast for him in a presidential election—that Andy died with his creator.

**SOUND ECONOMICS**

News and Observer  
Business conditions are undoubtedly better in the United States. There is no room for division on that score. But there is room for real questioning as to whether the shape which recovery is taking is, from the standpoint not of government but of business, altogether sound. Business leaders have had a great deal to say about the unsoundness of administration economic policies. It would be interesting to know whether they regard as altogether sound a recovery within industry which shows gains of 30 to 40 per cent for capital and only about 3 to 7 per cent for labor. Business cannot go on increasing indefinitely at a rate many times as great as the increase in the consuming power of the workers. Machines may take the place of men in production but only men can consume. And until business recognizes the danger in a dividend recovery over a continuing worker depression, business is in no position to speak of any governmental economic policies as unsound.

"Big Business has chosen for itself in this campaign an interesting alias, the American Liberty League. This offspring of a notorious political miscegenation held a banquet in Washington a short time ago, a banquet at whose board, according to the Conservative Washington Post, there were seated persons representing a billion dollars in wealth.

**Weekly Sport REVIEW**

**Football**

In a short while the various colleges and high schools throughout the country will begin spring football practice. Last year some 40 odd participants of the gridiron game received injuries that resulted fatally. More than 90 per cent of these were high school or sand lot players.

Injuries in football can be attributed largely to improper training and inadequate equipment and playing facilities. In as much as the high school players are the chief sufferers from injuries derived through playing football, this article is directed mainly at them. Or better still let us direct it at a more responsible source, the coach or trainer. Let the coach of a high school or sand lot team take a tip from his big brother, professional football. During their ten years of operation I fail to recall a single death in their ranks due to football. They are put through a hard, rigorous training session, pos-

sess uniforms to suit the need, and play under ideal conditions. If a player is injured he is not allowed to compete until he is physically fit. So even though they play a longer schedule than the average eleven, and engage in harder, rougher games, the ratio of disability is low in comparison to others.

So Mr. Coach have your team physically able, see that their equipment is able to meet the strenuous tests it is put to, and above all have your playing field in proper condition. A gridiron studded with bumps and rocks is not the most ideal place to be tackled upon. Have your players examined before and after each game and have all injuries, no matter how slight, looked after by a competent official. Let us make football less hazardous and as safe as our other national pastimes.

**Boxing Notes**

With such competent journey-men as Pedro Montanez, Lou Ambers, Wesley Ramey, and Davey Day angling for a shot at his crown, Lightweight Champion Tony Canzoneri seems to be giving the boys somewhat of a run around by engaging in fights with round-heeled second raters instead of one of the above mentioned logical candidates for a title bout. . . . Montanez, sensational Porto Rican and winner of twelve consecutive bouts, especially deserving of a bout with Tony. . . . Mickey Walker, former light-heavy king, is now running a bar and grill in New York. . . . Leo Lomski, Michigan Wildcat and former terror of the welters, is planning a comeback. . . . Phil Brubaker, coast heavy, has won 20 of the 21 bouts he has engaged in. . . . Leroy Haines, recent conquerer of Primo Carnera, may be matched with Max Baer, erstwhile heavyweight champion. . . . Buddy Baer, younger brother of Max, is being groomed for a bout with Joe Louis in '37. John Henry Lewis, light-heavy champ, will go to England soon to engage some of Europe's battlers. Barney Ross, king-pin of the welters has run out of first class opponents. As a consequence he has accepted the offer of \$40,000 and expenses to defend his title in Australia. . . . He will embark for the land of "down under" during the late summer.

**FORUM**

**URGES CO-OPERATION**

To the Editor: I conceive the idea that many farmers are knocking the new farm program because they have not had what they call a fair deal. Many accusations are justly made. But do not fight a life-saving program because some greedy farmers padded their statements at the expense of the honest fellow, and some county communities boosted theirs and their friends' figures at the expense of others. Do you feel like you will get revenge on the crook by fighting a program that our officials are behind from the President down to county agent? Any farmer who fails to cooperate will get the punishment. The AAA showed us what co-operation would do for the farmer. If it were not for selfishness and greed we could work out our salvation. But because of selfishness and greed, I fear it will be damnation. Some say they cannot pay expense with so small an allotment. Tell me, can you pay expense with all your farm planted in tobacco and it selling below cost of production? This will happen with overproduction. Whom can we blame when we know the effect of supply and demand?  
Let us co-operate and go at the root of our injustice instead of refusing a blessing when it is handed out.  
I am myself a small farmer and know his problems.  
E. C. HARRISON  
Williamston.

**A TERRIBLE LIFE**  
Hoquiam, Wash.—Pity the poor prisoners in the Hoquiam Jail—they're not going to be allowed to sleep with their shoes on any more, and more, terrible still, they will be required to make up their beds each morning—all because the pail has been recently renovated and new mattresses placed in each cell.  
Judge—"Amos, do you want a lawyer to defend you?"  
Amos—"No, sah, judge, but Ah could use a couple of good witnesses."

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