



**CLOSS'S COLUMN**

I was greatly surprised last week to behold the heading above my column. I had, with great care, drawn two beautiful Doric columns of masterful proportions and exquisite workmanship. What was my surprise to find instead—two shepherds gazing toward a Star, surrounded by their sheep, Norman columns, and ashlar masonry. It puzzled me for a minute, until I understood that our Honorable Editor was trying to tell my public that I was looking for the Light. I had thought maybe he was making a sort of "Peace on earth" pun, or even that he was taking a subtle way of saying I was a perfect lamb. Or, I still think, it might have been that he chose such a heading because I keep writing Christmas stories this late in the year.

He might as well stop making such references to my late Christmas stories, because I've four or five more yet to run. At least I'm still wondering, for one thing, what Araminta Pierce's friend did to satisfy the small child who only wanted two things for Christmas: "a real live Mickey Mouse" in his stocking and "the real live Baby Jesus". Personally, I think I'd rather furnish young Bennett Perry's dog George with a litter of puppies overnight than to try to fill that order.

Clipping: (Scott Benton clipped it from the Elizabeth City Independent).  
"A BUSINESS MAN TO HIS CREDITORS"

"In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, and outlaws.

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I am also required to contribute to every organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, unemployment relief, and the gold digger's relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Red Cross, Black Cross, Purple Cross, and Double Cross.

For my own sake I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, earthquake insurance, business insurance, tornado insurance, and fire insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, and disrespected; examined, reexamined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded, and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire, or hope of the human race.

Simply because I refused to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up and held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can honestly tell you that except for the miracle that happened I could not enclose this check. The wolf that comes to so many doors now-a-days just had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is the money."

Another cow-lessly written limerick:

The stork was due at Chockoyotte,  
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To keep his date  
He's awful late;  
He'll lose his job as like as not.

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**Womans Club To Meet Monday**

The monthly meeting of the Womans Club will be held on Monday, March 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Club House. During the afternoon a tribute will be paid to Helen Keller and a silver offering will be taken for the Helen Keller Foundation for the blind. The guest speaker for the afternoon will be Rev. Lawrence Stell and his subject will be "International Relations". A full attendance of all club members is requested.

**Important Event**

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feet long. And to my mind the arrival in Roanoke Rapids of the contents of this box is the "Most Important Event" in Roanoke Rapids during the past thirty-two years.

The box contained the first microscope to ever arrive in Roanoke Rapids. To eliminate typhoid fever all surface wells were filled up, and that event, with its many trials and tribulations, is another story—but through the enlarged eyes of that microscope a blood test of everyone, man, woman and child, passed. A malaria census was made, and this census produced the fact that seventy-six percent of the people in Roanoke Rapids had malaria. By hard work, and after a continuous campaign against malaria, a malaria census was taken ten years later, which proved that the seventy-six percent had been reduced to 1-3 of one percent.

The details of the fight against malaria is another story, but an interesting one.

During the past thirty-two years churches, bridges, sidewalks, roads, schoolhouses, the hospital, mills, stores, electric plants and homes have been built—but I wonder if I've proved my statement when I say that I think the "Most Important Event" in Roanoke Rapids in the past 32 years was the arrival of that express box containing the first microscope for use in Roanoke Rapids, which microscope was the means used to show everyone the true, but deplorable, malarial conditions, and again it was the incentive for some of us to go to work to better the health conditions.

No one would claim, even today, that Roanoke Rapids is a health resort, but thirty-two years ago and before that microscope was put to work, Roanoke Rapids compared favorably with the conditions in the "Black Hole of Calcutta."

**Scouts Use Clever Hiding Places**  
**HAVE YOU THE BUTTON?**

**City-Wide Hunt Is Raging**

If you are stopped and asked the question, "Have You The Button?" just don't pay it any attention; it's just a game that Troop 142, Boy Scouts of America, is playing to decide what patrol will journey to Rocky Mount next Wednesday to visit Troop Eleven of that city. It all started when Scouter Bill Draper and a Patrol from Eleven visited 142 here last Friday night, to decide the patrol that would return the visit, a scheme was worked out using the game, Hide the Button.

Friday night, before the Troop meeting adjourned, Scoutmaster Sherrod Crumpler secretly slipped a large metal button to a member of one of the patrols. Then the rules were explained. You could walk up to any Scout in the troop and ask him the question, "Have You the Button?" He could say "yes" if he had it or could answer "yes" if he did not have it; but could not answer no if he did have it. Then if he did not give it up you searched him.

The idea of the whole thing is: the Patrol having the button in their possession this Friday night will journey to Rocky Mount next week. A variety of schemes have been worked out in order that the button could not be found; taping it to a boy's back; sewing it in a lapel; using a shoe heel; but it has been found each time. Now no one knows who has it. The Patrol with the button in its possession must be very smart, but Scouters Sherrod Crumpler, Roy Carver, Rudolph Waters and Bill Allgood will be very much relieved when Friday night arrives; for the boys are asking them, "Have You the Button?"

**Tacky Party**

A tacky party will be sponsored by the Rosemary Girls Club Friday night, 7:30, at the Rosemary Band Hall. A prize will be given for the tackiest costume. Good music, games and dancing will be enjoyed.

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**C. E. Spencer**  
**Gets State**  
**School Job**

Charles E. Spencer, High Point insurance man and former physical education director at the high school and Y.M.C.A. of High Point, has been appointed head of the health and physical education department of the state public schools, beginning March 1st, announcement being made by Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent of Public Instruction. His headquarters will be in Raleigh with state department of public instruction.

Mr. Spencer is a former resident of this city, a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and the University of North Carolina. He is a brother of Mrs. C. L. Shell of this city and has a host of friends here who wish for him every success in his new work.

**Hulska - Vick**

Miss Lossie Elen Vick, of Enfield, and Chester August Hulska, of Chicago, were married in Chicago on February the 5th. They are making their home in Chicago.

Mrs. Hulska is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Vick, of Enfield. She is a graduate of the Enfield School, the Louisburg College, and a New Jersey Hospital. At the present time she is connected with a hospital in Chicago.

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