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THOUGHTS

Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.—Nehemiah 9:31.
Hate shuts her soul when dove-eyed Mercy pleads.—Charles Sprague
But woe unto you that are rich for ye have received your consolation.—St. Luke 6:24.
It is only when the rich are sick that they fully feel the importance of wealth.—Colton
All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.—Isaiah 40:17.
Thus said he unto them: Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.—St. Luke 21:10.

GOOD WORK

Property owners are gratified that the holes and crevices in the sidewalks are being repaired and will give credit to the new administration for making a worthwhile project its first visible concern. At the same time, the usual clean-up period has been proclaimed by Mayor Gragg, and with the possibility of the largest number of visitors to the Northwestern mountains in recent years, it would be profitable for citizens to make an effort to show them the cleanest town in the State. Boone would thus secure the benefit of the most favorable and at the same time cheapest of all advertising, to say nothing of the heightened self-respect among the natives.

PRIMARY GOES OVER

As a pioneer exponent of the primary system of nominating candidates for county office, The Democrat is quite pleased that such a law was written on the statute books during the closing days of the Legislature, and that hereafter those who aspire to public position will win or lose the privilege of having their names printed on the ballot through the medium of the ballot itself. No more democratic means of naming candidates has yet been devised than for the people as a whole to endorse them, and while we do not hold out the primary as a cure-all, it should most certainly dispel the rather common belief that candidates heretofore have been nominated by a pitifully small minority.

LIQUOR ON THE WAY

Assuming that Herbert Hoover was right when he referred to national prohibition as the "noble experiment," the status of North Carolina at the present time in regard to her beverages might be handsomely termed an "ignoble venture," for nowhere in the United States is there record of such a mixed-up liquor situation as was created by the past Legislature, so much so, in fact, that a plebeian can scarce tell just how dry we are.
Five per cent beer is legal, naturally fermented wines varying in percentage from 14 to 22 alcoholic may be made, transported and sold; pending legal decision it is believed that as much as a gallon of spirits may be transported into and about the State, possessed and consumed without stepping into jail by way of the Turlington route, and to top it off it's better than an even chance that within the next few weeks liquor stores will be in full operation in all or part of eighteen counties and two townships.
The whole thing got a start 'way back in the early days of the Legislature when the wets decided to lay a tax on John Barleycorn, and the House finally passed one of the measures offered, wherein a State-wide plebiscite would determine whether or not a State control system

would be adopted. It was to have been done if as many as fifty-one counties approved, and although the dries were thus given the chance of a lifetime to quiet the liquor issue for years to come they downed the measure, and with it went the chance to carry the prohibition banner through another victorious campaign. Sensing the growing sentiment for "control" Governor Ehringhaus took a hand Friday and tried to reason with the dry leaders, and get them to agree to some sort of state-wide action in the matter, but they remained adamant. On Saturday, then, the controllers were in the saddle and eighteen counties in the east are going to have a chance at their legal liquor, and the Turlington act might be said to be struggling in its fatal illness.

There is a controversy as to whether or not these few counties may substantially repeal a State-wide law, and there is yet hope among the very dries that the Supreme Court will save the day. Otherwise legal liquor is going to be sold in North Carolina this summer and the State is not going to get a cent of revenue therefrom. Much better would it have been to have yielded to another vote and the accompanying unpleasantness than to have witnessed this sectional nullification of a law which has met with the favor of the great majority.

While holding no brief for the conduct of the "controllers" in the closing days of the Legislature, it is not to their genius but to the overzealousness of the dries that is due the credit for the present unsatisfactory situation. The wets in North Carolina are lost without they gain the advantage of a backwash from the unchangeable tactics of their embattled foes.

THE BOOK
the first line of which reads "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures . . .
By BRUCE BARTON

THE BIBLE CALLS HER GREAT

Ask a dozen Bible students, "Who is the one woman whom the Bible calls great?" and even they would likely give a wide variety of answers. Was it Pharaoh's daughter, whose wit and courage saved the life of Moses? Was it the mighty Queen of Sheba, ruler of an empire? Was it the mother of Solomon, who made him king, or the mother of John the Baptist, who consecrated him to his splendid mission? None of these; none whose close relation to kings or apostles made their names famous for deeds of public renown. Quite a different sort of woman altogether. Let us look a moment at the picture of her which is given in the fourth chapter of Second Kings.
First of all, she was domestic, a home-maker, living not in the city, but in one of the northern villages. Her husband was a farmer, which meant that he had his house on the edge of town, as was the custom then. A main road ran nearby, and important people used it. Solomon, too, appears to have traveled there in his time.
The "great woman" had executive ability. In the early days of her married life she had no children, and that fact shadowed her life. But she did not complain. The narrative distinctly implies that she accepted the situation and made the best of it, giving herself to such activities as lightened the load of her husband. She was religious, and she was hospitable. To these last two characteristics she owed the friendship that brought her the happiness which she desired above all else, and won for her the place of honor in the Bible records.

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
And she said unto her husband, Behold, now, I perceive, that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
Let us make a little chamber I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
As to what happened afterward the fulfillment of her long desire for a son, the growth of the boy, his illness, and his miraculous recovery at the hand of the prophet Elisha—all these are written in the next thirty verses of the chapter.
She was just a small-town woman who loved her husband and wanted motherhood more than anything else in the world, and baked good bread and kept a clean guest room. The Bible does not tell us her name, but of all the woman whose biographies it records it speaks of her alone as "great."
Next Week: Esther

TODAY and TOMORROW
By FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

DISCUSSION . . . everywhere
In the past three weeks I have talked with literally hundreds of the best informed men in the country. They are the publishers and responsible editors of the nation's leading newspapers. Each of them told me the same story. From Coast to Coast, the everyday people are discussing the nation's political, economic and social affairs with a degree of freedom that has not been noticeable for more than two years.

"The panic is over," said one. "The blind fear of ruin has passed and with it has passed the willingness to follow anybody who promised to lead them out of trouble."
The American people are still in trouble, but they are discussing the way out with clearer eyes and a better understanding, not only of the causes of their troubles but of the validity of the various plans offered to alleviate them.
To my mind that is the most hopeful sign of the times. America is coming back to its own when its people begin to do their own political thinking.

POLITICS . . . the battleground
Anyone who wants to change conditions which affect any material number of people must approach his effort politically or he won't get to first base. That is the American method. If he has the votes behind him he can, perhaps, accomplish the change he advocates; if he hasn't the votes his hands are tied.
That is why Upton Sinclair and Father Coughlin and Huey Long cut such an important figure in present-day discussions of public affairs. Each of them has a considerable body of potential votes behind him. Upton Sinclair had more than 200,000 voters back of his EPIC scheme in California; nobody can guess how many Father Coughlin or Senator Long might control, if it came to a showdown.

The principal question raised in political discussions today is whether or not there will be a third party ticket in the field in 1936, led by one of the gentlemen just named or some other Radical. If such a third party is launched it will draw votes from among those who otherwise would naturally support Mr. Roosevelt. He will certainly be renominated, if he lives, but has he such a solid block of Democratic partisans behind him that he can win if the Radical fringe is trimmed off? Enough, for example, to offset the 13 1/2 million votes, which the elections of 1934 demonstrated, stick to the Republican party through thick and thin?

PARTIES . . . two or three
Until the present Administration in Washington, the main difference between the Republican and Democratic parties was that one was in the seat of power and the other was out. A man could be a good Republican and accept the Democratic platform of 1932, and vice-versa. The vote that elected Mr. Roosevelt was not so much pro-Democratic as it was a vote for a change.
The acts and policies of the Administration in the past two years have made a real difference between the two great parties. The Democrats, throwing their platform overboard, embarked on policies which sharply differentiated them from Republicans. Thus putting the Republican party definitely on the Conservative side of the political fence.
The real political issue of 1936, therefore, seems likely to be between a distinctly Conservative party and a party which, if not definitely Radical, is at least tinged strongly with Radicalism. If the Republicans try to introduce Radical ideas, they will again be indistinguishable from the Democrats. If the Democrats swing too far toward Radicalism they will lose great blocks of their Conservative voters; but if they do not, they are threatened by a Radical third-party movement.

DEFINITIONS . . . three classes
What, precisely, do we mean by such terms as Conservative, Liberal and Radical?
A Conservative is, I think, a person who has become adjusted to his environment, whatever that may be, and who is able, therefore, to take a detached view of the world and its people. Such a person is opposed to hasty change and unproved experiments.
A Radical on the other hand, is one who is finding trouble in fitting himself into the social picture, and wants to change the whole system, in the belief that his troubles and those of his fellows are due to faulty organization of society.
A Liberal, in the true definition of the word, is one who is tolerant of all beliefs and of all minorities and especially of the rights of the individual man. He would neither suppress those who disagree with him nor exalt unduly any class or clique. I know many Conservatives who are also Liberals; I cannot imagine a Radical being Liberal.

OUTLOOK . . . real horse race
My belief is that there are more Conservatives among those who voted the Democratic ticket in 1932

Things That Bum Me Up! — by A. B. Chapin
OH DEAR, OH DEAR, NOBODY EVER HAD SUCH BAD LUCK AS ME!
THE "SOBSTER" WHO IS ALWAYS SPILLING HIS WOES
THE POLITICAL "WISE GUY" WHO'S ALWAYS SHOOT-MOOTHING
THE CITIZEN WHO DOESN'T SUPPORT HIS HOME TOWN
THE CARELESS FILLING-STATION ATTENDANT WHO SMEARS MY CAR. ALL OVER WITH OIL
THE PET WHO IS LEFT TO STARVE WHILE HIS FOLKS GO VACATIONING
WHY ARE SOME OF YOURS?
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than anybody imagines. I believe, also, that there is a much stronger element of Liberals in the irreducible minimum of 13 1/2 million Republicans than is generally thought.
I think that the ultimate aim of all political parties and groups is the same—to find ways to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The only real differences of opinion concern not the objectives, but the way of reaching them.
I think those differences of opinion as to ways and means are becoming more pronounced and being more freely expressed.
It is differences of opinion that make horse-races," said Mark Twain. It begins to look to me as if we would have a real horse-race in 1936.

The Family Doctor
By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

"WILD GREENS"
Spring of the year. Such a relief to get away from the routine drugs and chemicals; the smelly box of pills; the musty powders; the terrible throat gargles; let's go to the country for the afternoon.
When we reach the creek valley we dismount to gather a basket of wild greens; no better food obtainable nor more refreshing or healthgiving. Growing in abundance, the wild greens invite us to come and gather as we choose what we want.
Perhaps the first friend we run across is the dandelion; his little crispy circlets invites us everywhere. One of my patrons, an old lady, made a most charming relish from crispy young dandelions; she never cooked them at all. She gathered them, cut them with a mining knife and put young radishes with them, seasoning the whole with salt and pepper; I know no better or more healthful relish with meats or more substantial articles which grace our tables.
And, oh, the ladies slipper and the lamb's tongue, and tender nettle! And the "dock" and wild lettuce. Then there is a variety of wild mustard. Most wild greens may be had fresher than commercial varieties, and then we have the pleasure and out of door exercise of gathering them.
The wild plants' cook well with cured bacon—and is not bacon a staff of life? Few dinners of greens will escape the quota of bacon and the family vinegar bottle with the beau-

tiful brown squares of home baked corn bread.
I know of no healthier dish than that of boiled wild greens, they are healthgiving to the highest degree, and put drug store "vitamines" outside and over the fence!
Three cheers for the country outing to gather wild greens.

INTEMPERANCE

Wine heightens indifference into love, love into jealousy, and jealousy into madness. It often turns the good-natured man into an idiot, and the choleric into an assassin. It gives bitterness to resentment; it makes vanity unupportable, and displays every little spot on the soul in its utmost deformity. Nor does this vice only betray the hidden faults of a man, and show them in the most odious colors, but often occasions faults to which he is not naturally subject. Common sense teaches us that drunkenness, that intemperance is the breeder of many crimes, for intoxication throws a man out of himself, and infuses qualities into the mind which she is a stranger to her sober moments. Like the skulls which a savage carries at his girle or sets up on poles in his palace yard, and tells the traveler what a mighty warrior this or the other was till his axe or arrow laid him low; so all the sins, intemperance is the one which reaped from the ranks of the world's genius, boasts the most crowded row of ghastly trophies; to say nothing of the many sorely wounded, among the actual slain in numbers, are the musician and the artist, the philosopher and the poet, the physician and the lawyer, the statesman and the judge. Those who destroy a healthful constitution of body by intemperance and an irregular life do as manifestly kill themselves as do those who hang, poison or drown themselves.
EDW. N. HAHN.

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ARE YOU COLOR BLIND?
An ingenious color chart devised by a distinguished scientist is printed in many colors in the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN, issue of May 19. An unusual feature. Don't miss it. Your favorite newsdealer or newsboy has your copy.
A new farm slogan growing in popularity throughout Piedmont and

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HEINZ RICE FLAKES, package 12c
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