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they develop rapidly into the very serious cold weather diseases named for them. It is of the utmost importance that your ice-box be watched. It is not always sanitary because you notice no impure odor from the jar of cream that spilled last week and which left a greasy smear on two or three of the shelves for several days. You may have a pretty fair culture of mixed bacteria that live at low temperature.

We should be more careful in winter than in summer to have pure food and water. Inspections of city water should be doubled, by the most vigilant, capable officials. You have a right to demand cleanliness from dairymen who peddle milk in bottles. Cold weather epidemics are among the most fatal known. Be vigilant and save trouble.

**Bruce Barton Says . . .**

**Still Changes Ahead**  
 A man has just been in to worry me about the children. He points out that taxes are getting worse and I am getting older, and that if I set up annuities and insurance trusts and establish a residence in Florida, where there is no state inheritance tax, and do a lot of other things, my children may perhaps be better off.

As far as insurance is concerned, I have been a booster for it all my life. My father, who was a preacher with a large family, and a small salary, used to remark that he had "kept himself poor paying insurance premiums." But the insurance premiums enabled him to sleep peacefully at night and, having seen us all through college, he proceeded to cash in his insurance and he and Mother had a good time on it during their last years.

How completely they might have spoiled their days and nights if they could have looked forward into the future. Suppose they had known, in 1900, that this country was going to do a nose dive in 1929 which would be followed by the worst depression in history.

Well, they couldn't have done anything about it. And, as things have turned out, we are still eating regularly; we have a dry place to sleep, and so far have neither applied for a dole or sought admission to a nudist camp.

The changes that are going to come in these United States are beyond the imagination of any one to forecast. Our children and grandchildren will have to meet them, as we have had to meet the problems in our own lives. What we can do for them beyond health and education is not much. Having tried to take care of these two requisites, and now being an old man, I propose to save up the hours hitherto devoted to conferences with insurance men and devote those hours to golf.

**Heaven, or, Bargain Prices**  
 Recently I wrote a piece about J. Thomson Willing, an elderly man without much money but rich in friendships because all his life he has encouraged young artists. Today I should like to preach my brief sermon to those members of the congregation who occupy safe and influential positions in business. Now that times are getting better, I should like to lay upon their consciences a sense of special obligation toward the young.

I stepped out of college into a depression. One morning on the streets of Chicago I met the captain of our football team. After beating the pavement for weeks, he had succeeded, through pull, in getting a job collecting uncollectable bills, on commission. His earnings were about three dollars a week. The president of our class spent his first six months at manual labor. My own ambition was to get into the publishing business. The nearest I could come to it was a job as time-keeper in a construction camp in Montana.

The jobs we got were very poor, but we did our jobs. For many of the youngsters who have come out of colleges since 1932 there have been no jobs at all. Employment always lags when business begins to pick up. But the time comes eventually when there are more jobs—and that time is almost here.

So I ask the Brass Hats of business to take as much time as possible from their balance sheets and invest in helpful conversation with and generous efforts for young people. By so doing they will lay up for themselves treasure in Heaven. If Heaven seems too far away as a depository of treasure, I might point out that they also will be buying some highly trained talent at bargain prices.

**Free Wheeling Prayers**  
 In some old Chinese temples there are prayer wheels inscribed with a series of prayers down the sides of the wheel which are suitable for any occasion. The very devout Oriental selects a prayer, turns the wheel to it, and the prayer is as good as prayed.

Speed record for tractor driving is 64.28 miles an hour, held by Barney Oldfield.

Erosion moves the brink of Niagara Falls back at the rate of two to four feet a year.

**OPEN FORUM**

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

**SAYS CORN NOT SHELLED**

Mr. Editor:  
 May I reply to Mr. N. M. Greene's inquiry as to whether or not my corn was shelled Mr. Greene, I guess you will have to "drive on." I have not shelled all the corn. But if you will figure with me I will tell you how I measured it. I have a basket which full of ears will shell 8 gallons. I had 125 bushels which makes 1,000 gallons or 100 bushels of shelled corn.

We owe God and our fellowman debts that cannot be paid with money. But as to the financial side of the question, you must buy only what you want and learn not to want more than you can pay for.

D. L. WELLBORN,  
 Stony Fork, N. C.

**ABOUT BIRDS**

Editor Democrat:  
 For several summers I have noticed the great number of birds, many of which I have never seen before, in the beautiful valley extending southward from Boone and have wondered why there were so few birds in Blowing Rock nearby. We finally concluded that a plentiful supply of grain and the quiet of the sheltered valley attracted them but during weather such as we have had this winter, with the ground covered for weeks with snow, I am told by a member of the Audubon society they are dying by the hundreds of thousands all over the East and particularly in the Alleghenies. It may interest your readers to know that birds experience the biological desire to migrate for only a short time each year. If there is a plentiful supply of food they may linger in a place until this period passes, and then they stay and starve when the cold overtakes them. Your people are more fortunate than many of them realize to have a variety of songbirds there and I hope you will urge that they be fed. Great numbers of them have already been lost but many can still be saved if fed.

Sincerely,  
 LOUISE N. WHEELRIGHT,  
 Philadelphia, Feb. 5.

(Enclosure)

**Birds and Humans**

What the poor birds suffer during cold weather we can not imagine. Those which do not actually die of hunger and cold are in a constant state of semi-starvation throughout the winter. For their and for humanity's sake feed the birds. It is a pleasure as well as a duty. There is no better way to teach children lessons in kindness, pleasantly learned and never forgotten. So don't let the birds starve to death this winter but keep them alive for their usefulness next summer.

**IS ROOSEVELT WORTH IT?**

Dear Editor:  
 I wonder if you would publish the enclosed which has been clipped from the Tampa Tribune. Thanks

A READER  
 (Enclosure)

The Philadelphia Record, which is not a partisan, but a fair and outspoken newspaper, calls attention to the fact that the national debt, in the last three years of Hoover, increased \$6,236,000,000, and, in the first three years of Roosevelt, increased \$7,409,000,000—in other words that Roosevelt has cost the country \$1,173,000,000 more than Hoover. "Is Roosevelt worth it?" asks the Record, which proceeds to elucidate:

Many an intelligent America will be shocked when he examines these figures. He has been hearing so much about "Roosevelt, the spender," "billions for boondoggling," "irresponsible waste of national credit," "burdening the future generations," that a false impression has been carefully built up in his mind.

It is time the American people went off their diet of elephant baloney. It is time the American people stopped being guinea pigs for Republican press agents.

Roosevelt, the "spender," has increased the national debt a billion more than did Hoover, the economical. Has it been worth it? Marriner Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, finds that the national income has increased more than 15 billions a year during Roosevelt's administration as compared with Hoover's.

In a period of 30 months the national income has increased 37½ billions over what it would have been had the Hoover level continued. A horse that pays 37 for one is a good horse on any track.

For that billion-dollar smaller debt under Hoover we were getting a one-way trip downhill.

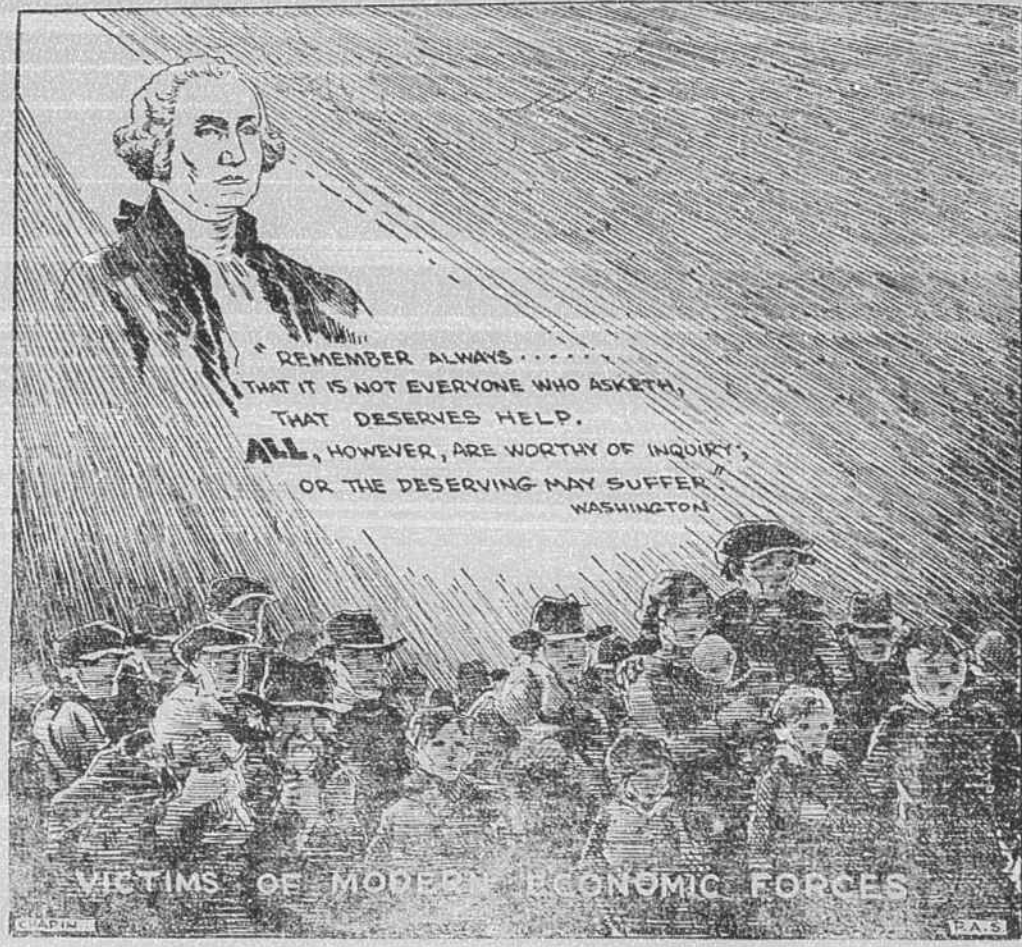
Conditions were never so black as they were after Hoover had rung up his six-billion debt increase.

Business hasn't been as good in five years as it is today after Roosevelt has run up his seven-billion debt increase.

And recall that Hoover's deficits were mounting year by year, while Roosevelt's are decreasing.

The real waster was Hoover. He

**A Voice From Long Ago** — by A. B. Chapin



**The Week in Washington**

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The boys on Capitol Hill have made up their minds to get through and go home by May 1. Whether that means anything or not remains to be seen. It is not likely, however, that the President will throw any new legislative proposals in at the last minute. He is just as anxious to have Congress go home as the boys are to get back and look after their political fences.

Congress has quite a few things to do, however, before it quits. The boys have to put through some kind of a farm aid bill, devise some new tax schemes which won't have too serious political repercussions and, just before they leave, they will have to make another big relief appropriation.

One thing that they probably will not bother about is fixing up a permanent neutrality law. The reaction against the idea of Senator Nye and his committee has convinced most of the members of both houses that any attempt to prescribe in advance just what the United States may or may not do in case of another general war would be as futile as most attempts to peer into the undisclosed future. Also it might get us into the very trouble which it would attempt to avert.

**Pensions and Economy**  
 Another thing that is apparently off the cards is old age pensions a la Townsend. This looked like a live issue in December, but the attitude now is to let it lie until after election. With the old age assistance plan in the Social Security Act, it is figured that the states will have no trouble in taking care of the really needy old folks, and that is as far as this Congress or the administration is inclined to go.

Congress and the administration have been hearing so much criticism, during the last few weeks, on the subject of free spending, that there is now a considerable degree of harmony between the Legislative and Executive branches of the Government in the matter of appropriations. One effect of the reaction against spending was the announcement the other day by the President that he is not going to use the last billion or so which had been voted for the Works Progress Administration. He will have to come back to Congress for a further relief appropriation for the period beginning July 1, and this may run to 2 billions.

**Farm Aid Views**  
 The farm aid bill as passed by the Senate combines in one measure several diverse elements. It provides for control of soil erosion, of which everybody is in favor. It also provides for the replenishing of worn-out soil by the planting of grasses and legumes. Everybody is for that. It provides bounty payments to farmers for

wasted the nation's manpower in idleness, its banks, its homes, its shops, its business, its income, to "save money." And then didn't save it.

We have not seen a more forceful, convincing statement of the New Deal vs. Old Deal case.

This should afford a fertile subject for future "potiches" of the Flibberty League and its favorite orator

doing these things. It seems to be a settled policy, which both major parties will undoubtedly endorse at their June conventions, that farming should be regarded as a preferred occupation, entitled to a large measure of Government aid. Therefore, there is no serious objection to paying farm bounties for the purpose just mentioned.

Where the fight will come will be over the provision of the bill which undertakes to continue control over crop production. Exception is taken to this by members of both parties on the ground that it is an attempt to evade the Supreme Court's ruling that the control of agriculture is not within the powers of the Federal Government, and also because it is regarded as an effort to curtail production, whereas the erosion and soil-replenishment features would tend to increase production.

**New Farm Plan**  
 The newest farm plan which is being given a good deal of consideration here is sponsored by the National Co-operative Council, a federation of farmers' co-operatives. The plan is to set up one or more corporations, in which the Government will participate, to manage the distribution and sale of surplus farm products both for export and the home markets. Whether this will come to a head at the present Congress is still a question. It may, however, become a part of one or both party platforms.

The repeal of the Bankhead Cotton Control Act, the Tobacco Control Act and the Potato Control Act, at the request of the President, was expected after the Supreme Court's decision on the AAA.

It begins to look as if there would be no important new tax legislation at this session except possibly some form of a tax on processors to provide funds for the agricultural program. Strong opposition from within the Democratic ranks is shaping up to this particular form of tax. Senator Walsh of Massachusetts is the spearhead of a new movement for a general manufacturer's sales tax, which will, of course, be opposed by the members from the Western farm regions.

**The Borah Tactics**  
 In the realm of party politics, those observers who make it their business to try to figure out what Senator Borah is aiming at, seem to be convinced that his declaration in Ohio as a primary candidate for the Presidency is an effort to block the "favorite son" tactics which have so often resulted in throwing the nomination into the hands of the party bosses. If Mr. Borah can get a good sized handful of instructed delegates, he can use them as a club over the convention, but how he would use that club is still somewhat in doubt. His main objective, it is believed, is to prevent Mr. Hoover and his friends in the Old Guard from controlling the Republican Convention.

There is only one other Republican of whom it can be said with certainty that he will have a group of instructed delegates at Cleveland. That is Governor Landon of Kansas. He and Senator Borah are now away out in front.

**They Pester Him**

An Irishman was out gunning for ducks with a friend who noticed that although Mike aimed his gun several times, he did not shoot it off. At last he said, "Mike, why didn't you shoot that time? The whole flock were right in front of you."

"O' know," said Mike, "but every time O' aimed me gun at a duck, another was come right between us."

**AFFLUENCE ON RELIEF**  
 (Under the Dome, Raleigh News and Observer.)

"Fortune," a magazine that sells for \$1 a copy and consequently it not so widely read, in its February issue considers the case of Steve Hatalla, a typical relief client, and his family of five. According to the magazine, the ERA paid Steve \$19.25 a week (in orders, not cash.)

Steve is a city-dweller in the North. The average family of six in North Carolina during the first week of December, the last week of ERA relief in this state, received only \$5.41, said Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator. That would not have been enough for Steve's food bill of \$7.75. The average for all North Carolina relief families (ranging from one person to 12) in that first week of December, was only \$4.73. One reason that the average was low was that the ERA had many cases in which it only supplemented the scant earnings of relief families.

Still, Steve's pittance in Pennsylvania would be considered affluence in North Carolina. The amount of relief he received in one week is more than the lowest paid WPA worker in North Carolina gets in one month, \$19.

**U. S. OWNS MUCH GOLD**

More than 10,000 million dollars in bright and shiny gold bars are locked securely in government vaults—the largest hoard of the precious metal in history.

Despite this evidence of mounting wealth treasury officials were worried. The steady flow of the yellow metal into this country is depleting foreign monetary reserves, and it was feared a possible new foreign monetary crisis might result.

For months officials have been dissatisfied with the increasing gold stocks, but were powerless to halt the inflow.

The Federal Reserve Board reports that American monetary gold stocks were valued at 10,000 million dollars or nearly half the world's stock of 21,925 million dollars. The American gold, estimated to weigh about 10,000 tons was cached largely in treasury vaults in New York, Philadelphia, and Denver. A large part of it is awaiting transfer to a new and safer vault now being built in the Kentucky hills.

The gradual increase in American gold holdings began shortly after the inauguration of President Roosevelt. By nationalizing all gold money, the treasury holdings reached 4,045 million \$67,781 dollars in February, 1934, on the basis of the then price of \$20.67 per ounce.

There is a growing realization for soil conservation and more careful planning by farmers of Wayne county, reports the county agent.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON**

As required by Section 3, Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by ET & WNC Motor Transportation Company for a franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicles for transporting passengers over N. C. Highway 194 Elk Park to Vidas, and over N. C. Highway 60, with closed doors from Vidas to Boone, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in State Departments Bldg. at Raleigh, North Carolina, on Friday, the 28th of February, 1936, at 12 o'clock, Noon.

**The Family Doctor**

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

**FOODS AND COLD WEATHER**

At this season of the year, foods improperly stored, vegetables left in corners of cellars, open milk containers and such like, may become disease carriers unsuspected. In cold weather stale vegetables, "specked" fruits from stores, and other impurities do not make their imperfections known quickly. It behooves our citizens and housekeepers to look well to the sanitation of homes from every angle, and to enforce the strictest cleanliness of premises occupied, as well as of foods and water consumed.

Cold weather is preservative to many of the most dangerous bacteria. It is not known just how long typhoid and para-typhoid germs will live and remain virulent in cold, but it is a long time. Once within the human system