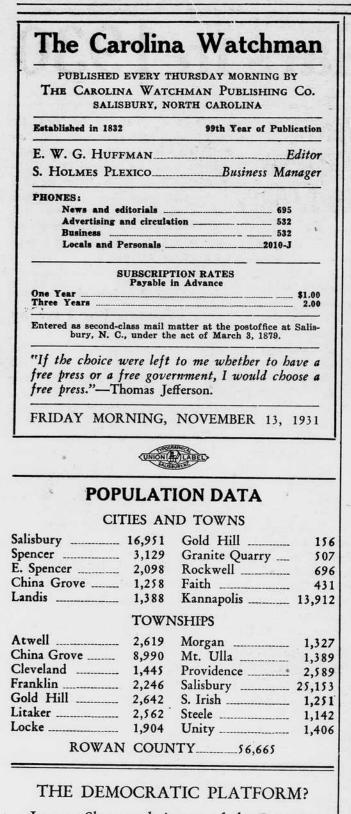
#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1931

## THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN



Jouette Shouse, chairman of the Democrat ic National Committee, sometime ago outlined a tentative platform for the 1932 presidential campaign. When first published, considerable apprehension was expressed as to the political wisdom of certain policies enumerated. However, its reception has been decidedly favorable.

### The platform calls for:

1-Congressional amendment of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and CITIE ATTAINS

2-Eventual referendum to the nation of the 18th amendment, the referendum to guard cent or less-on the transportation of certain commodities. Other commodities, notably those produced on the farm, would be shipped at the prevailing rate.

These surcharges would be gathered into a general fund to be used to assist profitless roads in paying their bond interest. Any money left over after that had been done, would be divided among the lines in proportion to the amount they contributed.

This may prove to be of assistance to the lines-particularly those which are, from a financial standpoint, weak sisters. But it alone will not solve the fundamental railroad problem. Even allow the increase would have probably given only temporary relief. The main thing—and the thing that must eventually be done if our principal medium of transportation is to be saved from ruin-is to exert the same type of regulation over all transport agencies.

Railroads have lost millions of dollars of business to bus and truck lines which use the public highways for their "road beds" and are subject to very little regulation. They have lost millions more to waterways which have been directly subsidized by government, both in construction and in backing up a rate structure which creates deficits. So long as this condition exists, our over-taxed, stringently regulated railroads will be between the devil and the deep blue sea.

We live in the midst of blessings till we are utterly insensible to their greatness, and of the source from whence they flow. We speak of our civilization, our arts, our freedom, our laws, and forget entirely now large a share is due to Chistianity. Blot Christianity out of the page of man's history, and what would his laws have been-what his civilization? Christianity is mixed up with our very being and our daily life; there is not a familiar object around us which does not wear a different aspect because the light of Christian love is on it—not a law which does not owe its truth and gentleness to Christianity-not a custom which cannot be traced, in all its holy healthful parts, to the gospel.-Sir A. Park.

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvort these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men citizens. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religion principles .- Washington.



over the roads. Whether or not Gov-

ernor Gardner's pet bill-the .oad bill

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

DON'TS

Don't say "To hell with the Gov-

Don't say "Medicinal whisky." Say

'Medicated whisky." You'll be nearer

Don't say "My wife." You don't

FRED VETTER

own her. She owns you.

guy and call it a day.

ive longer.

the truth.

THE WATCHMAN TOWER 

dollars annually. This item should not be overlooked. Mr. W. V. Fielder, COMMENTS

Master Teacher, Woodleaf, N. C. My dear Mr. Fielder:

You are due congratulations and thanks of the community upon your remarkable success in conducting the To the Editor: Woodleaf vocational agriculture program during the past few years. I am ernment." Say "A plague on the Govglad to learn you will again represent ernment." It sounds better and you'll the state in the contest for all-southern master teacher. I am confident a better selection could not be made. GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Hon. O. Max Gardner, Governor of North Carolina. Raleigh, N. C. My dear Governor:

It is gratifying to the large majority of the taxpayers of North Caro-lina, in my opinion, that you have continued to stand steadfast against INCOME CAUSE OF DEPRESSION. calling an extraordinary session of the General Assembly, despite recent heavy

To the Editor: essure from certain quarters. Since

Manchuria-The point of wealth into the East.

-will be a permanent fixture in our China-A sleepy, passive people of laws depends entirely upon its success yesterday, easternwise in their inheror failure. One thing should not been ent docility.

overlooked. If it is a success it will Japan - Spasmodically ambitious, save the taxpayers of the state generimpulsively optimistic, sensitive (parally many hundreds of thousands of adoxically), weak and artistic.

Russia-An adolescent big boy overestimating his teachers' wisdom.

The Powers-Mentally weak, hysterical, suffering from neurosis and shock.

The World-An army of humanity vithout a leader, chasing in reality the same hallucination as in its dreams. Maybe it's important, but we don't sober up long enough to recuperate. M. EDWARDS.

NORTH CAROLINA WEEKLY REVIEW

The following record of industrial Don't deny your needy friend a five ctivity lists items showing investspot. Borrow a few from some other ment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportuni-

> nounced plans to expend \$1,000,000 in expansion program.

Clyde-Cattle shipped from here in large numbers recently. Smithfield-G. C.

Hertford-Work on new building

Edenton-Construction of negro

Tide Water Power Co. contemplat-

Wilmington-Walters Super Service

Edenton-Work on widening of

Mooresville - Mooresville Coopera-

ive Creamery Company's sweet pota-

Morgantown-State highway bridge

over Silver Creek, west of here on

Highway No. 10, completed and op-

Carolina Beach-This city plans

Wilmington-Tobacco grown in

North and South Carolina being load-

ed from Sprunt wharves through here.

Elizabeth City-Work started on

extension of Southern Avenue from

city limits to far end of State Normal

new and enlarged water supply sys-

tem to cost about \$15,000.

Marion-Lavitt's Store opened.

o warehouse completed.

ened to public.

against return of the old fashioned saloon and to provide for state control of the liquor traffic.

3-Unemployment relief, and constructive prevention of future mass unemployment, by enacting into law of the Wagner bills instituting public employment offices, computing accurately the number of unemployed, appropriating money for public works, and forcing employers to adopt unemployment insurance plan.

4-Immediate revision of the tariff law.

5-Dismissal of the Federal Farm Board and provision of warehouse credits to help farmers market crops.

6-"A course of mutual up-building and co-operation" in relations with foreign governments.

7-Opposition to the use of injunctions in labor disputes.

8-Establishment of the five-day week by the federal government for its employes, as an example to private employers.

9-A tribunal to rule, in advance, on the legality of mergers to safeguard against industrial monopolies.

10-Local control of power companies, with the sources of power "maintained to the people" even if government production of power becomes necessary; "problems of transmission and distribution, as a rule" to be "handled through private enterprise."

This platform, Chairman Shouse explained, was not final although, in his opinion, it embodied the outstanding issues before the public today.

The platform is frank and definite. There is no straddling of issues. If the platform outlined above is adopted by the Democrats, the age-old claim that political parties refuse to take a stand on the vital problems confronting the public will be a thing of the past.

# RAILROAD RATE INCREASE DENIED

The Interstate Commerce Commission, after an exhaustive hearing, has denied the application of the railroads for a general 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

In place of this, it has suggested the levying of "surcharges"-amounting to ten per

The morality of the Bible, is, after all, the safety of society .- The doctrine of the golden rule, the interpretation of the law as love to God and man, and the specific directions in it to husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, rulers and citizens, and the warnings against covetousness and sin are the best preventatives and cure of all political diseases .- F. C. Monfort.

Lenoir county white man sentenced to the electric chair gets a reprive on the ground that he has taken another appeal to the Supreme Court on the ground of newly discovered evidence-something that the Supreme Court never has held to be pertient. Not that we would desire the execution of any man, white or other, but this business of the perpetual motion appeal needs to be looked into. -Raleigh Times.

## ESPECIALLY GAB

We have too much of everything. We have too much oil, too much wheat, too much cotton, too much sugar, too much coal, too much machinery, too many motor cars, too much gold and-too much gab! -Toledo Blade.

### IT PAYS

A perplexing paradox has evidently caught G. Bernard Shaw. The more he talks about socialism, the more money he makes to identify him with capitalism.

-Washington Star.

A good deal is being said about relieving the needy. Does the needy include those who have notes, life insurance premiums, etc., due right away?-Winston-Salem Journal.

Maybe there's no such thing as the irony of fate, but our buddy says reading of a wealthy sportsman's having been killed in a "sports" car makes it look like there is.

Possibly it is called higher education because it comes that way, these days.

the governor of North Carolina does not have the power of veto and there is no way to restrict the activities of the legislature, once it is convened, a special session might do much more harm than good under present conditions. I believe the great majority of taxpayers hope and expect that you will continue to maintain your stand. GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Mr. Geo. Ross Pou, Supt., N. C. State Prison,

Raleigh, N. C. My dear Mr. Pou: The state and the penitentiary man-

agement have reason for gratification in the fact that for once the prison farms have been made to produce abundance and great variety of foodstuffs to supply the more than 3,000 prisoners during the coming winter. congratulate you upon the record er white in the last few years. disclosed in the figures which you announced the past week showing that

sauerkraut, 42 barrels of cucumber pickles, 17,500 bushels of corn and 65,000 bushels of other grains. Although about 700 bales of cotton

have been produced this year, Governor Gardner and the prison management have wisely decided not to plant any of this crop on state lands next

year, but to undertake to produce plenty of food crops and feedstuffs To the Editor: for the prison population and the livestock. That is a wise policy, because it should not be necessary for the state to spend a dollar for any sort of food or feed that can be produced

on the prison lands. GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

To the People of Rowan Count: Recently complaints have been heard on the score that the county roads taken over by the state last July are not being kept in the splendid condition that they were under the authority and supervision of the county. The complaints may be well founded so far as the present condition of the roads, but it must be remembered that the state highway commission, taking charge July 1, faced a gigantic task in the organization and working out details to deal with the problem of maintenance of about 45,000 miles instead of the 9,000 the former state commission had under its care.

There still exists much dissatisfaction in the matter of the state taking

The real cause of depression, we al ladies' ready-to-wear store in old lo ought to know, comes from the uncation of A. & P. Tea Co. equal distribution of income over a period of years.

UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF

under construction on Market street, The foundation for our present troubles was laid when the Govern- progressing. Smithfield-Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis ment gave out war contracts. Everypened ready-to-wear and millinery thing was marked up to the limit and for a few years everybody had mon- store. Maiden-Bids opened for construc-

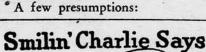
ey because the income of the nation tion of Catawba County Prison Camp was more equally divided. After the to be built on Highway No. 16 near war the products of the farm began here. to drop and year after year became less and less, but war prices in almost chool building to start soon. everything else held and, of course, everything began to pile up. No monng construction of 30-mile transmiscy to buy with.

sion line from Beaufort to Atlantic. In 1914 a farmer with a tax bill of \$100 could settle with 100 bushels of Co., capitalized at \$30,000, filed arwheat or less, where in 1931 he would require 500 bushels of wheat for \$200 ticles of incorporation. of taxes. Taxes happen to be only one Route No. 32 from Small's Cross item in many that have bled the farm-Roads to this city, progressing rapid-

To appoint commission after commission to investigate only adds to our the institution has 65,000 quarts of tax bills. When one half robs the othcanned fruits and vegetables, 17,500 er half, in time they destroy the whole. gallons of sorghum, 15,000 bushels of We must have a more equal distribusweet potatoes, twenty hogsheads of tion, not of national wealth but of national income. To reduce salaries and wages is the only solution. What we need in our lives is more friendship, love and truth. Then there would be

less living on faith, hope and charity. AN OBSERVER.

PESSIMISTIC PRESUMPTIONS



School campus. Canton-Plans progressing for erection of proposed theatre building.

Smithfield-Up to 15th of October, six weeks after opening tobacco sale here, Smithfield market sold total of 4,108,984 pounds.

Dobson-Complete and modern telephone service completed.

Mount Airy-Title to Renfro Hill ot, site for proposed post office, officially approved.

Lenoir-Board of City Commissioners recently improved three paving projects to cost approximately \$40,-000.

Southport-Southport Ice & Fuel Co. plan erection of new plant to replace burned plant.

Wolf Mountain-Cornerstone laid for Methodist Church edifice, now under construction.

Lexington-Contract to to let soon for construction of 15-apartment unit of Parkview Apartments.



"I'd hate t' have

life with th'

handicaps that

th' neighbor's

children have-

go through