

### NEGRO SOUGHT ACQUITTAL BECAUSE HE WAS DEMOCRAT

A note of high comedy was struck in the Rowan County Court recently when Ernest Bailey, an aged negro, was arraigned before Judge Gooch on the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

After the State of North Carolina had made out its case against the defendant the latter took the stand in his own defense and put on a regular Amos and Andy show.

He first stated to the court that he was a Democrat and ought not to have been arrested. He said he had told the local officers that he was going to vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt but that they locked him up anyway. When asked as to why he was a Democrat he replied that the Republicans in one of the mountain counties had once had him in jail for a year.

His Honor asked the defendant if he had not filled up on bay rum but the latter replied: "No, Sah, I jest had a little of what they calls good natured alcohol."

The aged prisoner explained on cross examination that he knew many of the prominent political leaders in the state and particularly mentioned Hon. Bob Reynolds of Asheville, candidate for the United States Senate, with whom he said he had been reared. He admitted that in Hickory he had been known as "Father Abraham," but that he was no kin to the Bible character of the same name.

Prosecuting Attorney J. Allan Dunn asked Bailey if he also knew President Hoover and the defendant fired back: "Lord No, I sure don't know him." The old colored fellow was found guilty and assigned to the county workhouse for fifteen days.

### Richard Barthelme To Appear At Capitol Monday - Tuesday

Richard Barthelme, appearing at the Capitol Theatre Monday and Tuesday in "Alias The Doctor," his latest First National success, has been a movie star for fifteen years. His first starring picture was "Tol'able David," one of the screen's outstanding memories.

Barthelme has earned his high place in the film heavens by more than accident or personality or profile. He has brought intelligence, hard work and sincerity to each role he has played, knowing that those are the requirements for continuous stardom. He also displays a versatility which enables him to change with picture progress and to play any type of role offered him.

Barthelme attributes much of his development to the tutelage of David Wark Griffith, the greatest director in the history of the screen. He says that only the intensive and thorough training received in his early days of movie making qualified him for the fifteen years of stardom he has since enjoyed.

### GOLD HILL ITEMS

The farmers are getting busy about turning their land for another corn crop this spring and summer. I don't think they are much interested in a 6 1-2 or 7 cent cotton crop this year.

A new parsonage for the pastor of St. Pauls Holiness church is being erected just east of the church.

Mrs. L. H. Eller and children of near Dukeville visited in the home of Lawson Goodman, W. A. Wagoner and P. H. Wagoner Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wagoner of Salisbury visited in the home of W. A. and P. H. Wagoner Sunday.

There was an early sunrise Easter service at Zion M. E. church Easter morning and the crowd that assembled visited the church and cemeteries of both Zion and Pineywoods churches and placed flowers on the graves of the departed loved ones.

Mrs. Paul Wagoner returned home last Friday after having undergone a serious operation at the Lowery hospital in Salisbury about fourteen days before she returned. She is doing fine and recovering all right so far we are glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. David Frye of Salisbury visited home folks near Pineywood's church over Easter.

Some men in New York are judged by the number of head waiters they know.

### AMERICAN LEGION

### DUGOUT DOPE

(This column published weekly in the interest of the Ex-service men of Rowan County).

The Samuel C. Hart Post American Legion held a call meeting Thursday night, March 31st, for the purpose of organizing the Flag Escort, and outlining plans for the coming season. This meeting was well attended and the majority of those who were members last year were there and signified their intention of participating again this year. Many new men were out also and the Escort bids fair to get well started at an early date. The matter of an invitation to attend the Spring Jubilee at Kinston, which is an annual affair of that city was discussed and approved by the entire membership present. The Escort will attend this Jubilee on April 21st and take part in the celebration as a unit. By vote of the membership it was agreed to start drilling immediately, and the first drill was held Monday night, April 4th, at the Innes St. school. The next meeting night will be Thursday P. M. for the music section at the club rooms, and Friday P. M. at the Innes St. school for the Flag Section, be there. Any paid up member of the Legion is eligible and desirable for the Escort, come out join up and join in the fun. If you can play any musical instrument you are doubly desired as the music section needs more men and more talent.

It was decided by vote to hold the next regular meeting which will be Tuesday night, April 12th, at Peeler's lake, on the Albemarle road, near Granite Quarry. This event will be staged for the express purpose of meeting the ex-service men of the Eastern section of the county, getting better acquainted with each other and interesting those men who have never belonged to the Legion in our work and organization. This meeting will be opened promptly at 7:30 P. M. and after a very short business session will adjourn for entertainment and refreshments. At this time a barbecue and drinks will be served to all members and guests, and there will be no charge for anything, which is in keeping with the custom of the local post in affairs of this kind. Ex-service men who have never belonged to the Legion are especially urged to attend, and we assure them of a pleasant evening, an interesting program and some warm fellowship. Come out and join us, make yourself known and the gang from Salisbury will do the rest.

Don't forget, buddies, that we have set our hearts on making Bryce Parker Beard the next State Commander, and we will do just that if every man does his part. Come out, come in and get busy, Bryce Beard or Bust. Several Posts throughout the state have gone on record as favoring the candidacy of Mr. Beard, and we are assured of a victory if each loyal Legionnaire and ex-service man of Rowan county does all that he may. And of course that includes joining the Legion, and getting behind Bryce Beard now and working for all we are worth.

THE LANCE CORPORAL.

### -:PATTERSON ITEMS:-

Patterson Grange met Saturday night with a large group of members and visitors present. R. C. Adams, of Barber, made an interesting talk on the degree work of the Grange. It was decided that the young people re-organize their degree team. After the meeting the refreshment committee served bananas.

Several members of our Grange attended the county meeting last Wednesday at Barber. State Master Scott of Alamance county was present and made an interesting talk on Grange work. He urged all Grange members to plan to attend the National Convention to be held in Winston-Salem in the fall.

Misses Fannie Sloan and Pauline McCorkle attended the Presbyterian Young Peoples Conference in Concord last week-end.

One New York radio broadcasting studio, it is said, has banned the music of Saint-Saens. The announcers can't pronounce him.

### BEAN, CLEMENT, GRAHAM ENTER ASSEMBLY RACES

Three candidates announced during the week for seats in the General Assembly. They were: J. W. Bean, house; Hayden Clement, senate, and W. D. Graham, house.

Mr. Bean is storehouse foreman for the Southern Railway company at Spencer and is secretary of the Rowan County Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Bean has never held public office in Rowan county and his announcement marks his entrance into county politics.

Mr. Clement, prominent Salisbury attorney and former solicitor of the district, is seeking re-election, being at present a member of the senate.

W. D. Graham is a master farmer of Mt. Ulla township. Mr. Graham has served as a member of the board of county commissioners several terms and is well known in Salisbury and throughout the county.

Mr. Bean, in announcing his candidacy, set forth the following statement:

"To the citizens of Rowan county I present myself a candidate for the state legislature (lower house), subject to Democratic primary.

"I shall deeply appreciate whatever efforts the voters may make in assuring my nomination. At the same time I am not unmindful of the responsibility that goes with the office, and the great problems that are to be solved by the next legislature. It will be my aim and purpose to render whatever service I can, if I am sent to Raleigh from Rowan county to serve in capacity of representative, and whatever matter concerns the citizens of Rowan county will be my concern and interest.

"If I should have or advocate any sort of platform, I think I would try to be in accord with my constituency, and have at least one broad plank in it that I would call Economy.

"The present property tax for the support of the constitutional school term will in all probability be abolished, but that will not end the tax fight. In taxation I would treat a five hundred home, farm or business, and a million dollar corporation exactly alike. If it barely pays the living expense of the ones that do the work, I believe it should not be crippled or put out of business by taxation; but if it is piling up wealth for a few while enjoying conditions that others do not have it should pay taxes in proportion.

"It has been said that farmers, small business men and laborers in North Carolina are not taxed heavy, and my answer to it is that if you tax a man ten dollars whose net income is only five dollars or nothing, you tax him more heavily than you do John D. Rockefeller, who pays his income tax with a single check for twenty million dollars."

### CLEVELAND R. 2 ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Merrill and children, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Macurdy and children, Mrs. J. T. Fink, Mrs. T. D. Steele and John Sheets were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Steele.

P. A. Johnson had an all day working on his farm last Wednesday.

There will be a Negro Minstrel at Pine Grove schoolhouse April 8th unless otherwise announced.

The many friends of Clarence L. Rumpel will be glad to know that he is recovering from pneumonia nicely. A wedding of much interest to friends throughout Rowan, Stanly and adjoining counties was that of Miss Lottie Miller, of Misenheimer, N. C., and Clyde Steele, of Cleveland, Route 2, on Saturday, March 26, at Woodleaf Mrs. Steele is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller of Misenheimer and is now employed as a teacher at the Sloop school in Rowan. Mr. Steele is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Steele of Cleveland, Route 2.

Miss Sade Hartsell is visiting her brother at Thomasville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barringer and daughter, Evelyn, of Silver Springs, Fla., are spending a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barringer.

The Cleveland-Scotch Irish Grange met on Saturday evening, March 26 at 2 o'clock. After an interesting literary program cake and ice cream was served.

The play, "Betty The Girl of My Heart," given by the Juniors of Cleveland high school at the high school auditorium, on last Friday night, was well attended.

### OVER-DOSE

Doctor: "You are all run down. Try a few electric baths."  
Patient: "No, Doc. My brother got drowned that way at Sing Sing."

We heard of a man this week who has a job painting spots on rocking horses.

### LABOR NEWS

By F. T. CORNELIUS, Secretary Salisbury-Spencer Central Labor Union

### Five Every Minute

United action for unemployment is putting unemployed Americans back in jobs at the rate of five every minute of every twenty-four hours. That computation was announced at headquarters of the war against depression campaign in New York, with the statement that since February 15th the total employed had reached well over the 300,000 mark.

Headquarters suggests that those who do not believe the campaign deserves support, do this: Take your watch and observe the second hand while it goes once around. In that span of sixty seconds, while you have looked, more than five workers have passed from unemployment to employment. Anything that can change depression into social health at that rate deserves support.

This campaign jointly sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, The American Legion, The Association of National Advertisers and the Legion Auxiliary has reached a third of the way to its goal, which is the finding of jobs for a million Americans now unemployed. The report also shows cities joining in the organization of local campaigns at a growing rate, the latest available days report showed 87 new cities reporting with campaigns underway. War against depression statisticians this week indicated a definite stop in the growth of unemployment and a definite trend the other way. This also checks with records of the United States Department of Labor.

While the local unemployment situation is not nearly so acute as in most sections the American Legion, has through the efforts of a strong committee rendered valuable service in this new enterprise and the Central Labor Union also with a committee composed of J. W. Rideoutte, J. Linsey Shaver and J. M. Monroe arranged to play its part in this program and it is thought that if this advantage can be maintained, the turn seems to have arrived. One factor that will have much to do with maintaining this trend is stability of employment new and old. Stability can be maintained if employers do not lay off men while the process of hiring is on the upgrade.

*Doughton Appreciative*  
In a letter to the Central Labor Union, Congressman R. L. Doughton, states in reply to expressions of approval from this organization of his opposition to a sales tax that "It is very gratifying to me to know that so large a majority of the good people of our state and nation approve our

course in fighting this unsound, unjust form of taxation. I feel that it was a great victory for the people, and I am glad indeed to have had a part in it."

Labor is frankly proud of the way the House of Representatives handled the sales tax. When its leaders were led astray, it broke away from those leaders and smashed the most vicious and dangerous tax ever proposed in the United States. The Congressmen who will need to apologize and explain to their home folks are the ones who voted for the sales tax, not those who helped defeat it. If anyone wants to see how popular the sales tax is let him go into any congressional district where there are two active parties, make the sales tax the dominant issue and await developments. An aroused citizenry will do the rest.

### In Free America

An unusual legal battle is now being waged in Spartanburg, S. C., that is commanding the attention of the workers of the whole south. The case developed after the dismissal of Walter B. Holcomb, a spinning room employee, at the Lyman plant, of the Pacific Mills, and is unusual, not because a worker was discharged as an undesirable, because he was suspected of belonging to a union, but unusual because of the fact that this action was taken so openly that the state is in possession of the discharge ticket filled in on a blank provided by the mill giving the reason of dismissal,

"Suspected of belonging to Union". The state is contending that this discharge ticket was signed by G. A. Hamrick, an overseer of the mill.

Should the state be successful in proving its contentions, this mill company will be guilty of violating the state law as under the law they have no right to discriminate against a member of a labor organization and should a victory be gained through this criminal action procedure it is probable that a civil suit will be entered.

### -: ST. PAULS ITEMS :-

The Yost school commencement will be April 15 beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning there will also be two plays given that night. The public is welcome.

Mrs. Annie Mae and Mr. Clinton Goodman have set themselves up to a new car just recently.

Mrs. John Honbarger, Mrs. S. H. Goodman, Miss Beulah Goodman, Miss Pauline Goodman, and Miss Lottie Misenheimer visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goodman Monday, April 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. George Walters and Mrs. J. B. Earnhardt visited Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Goodman Sunday, April 4.

A woman appeared on Fifth avenue with a baby carriage. People turned to look.

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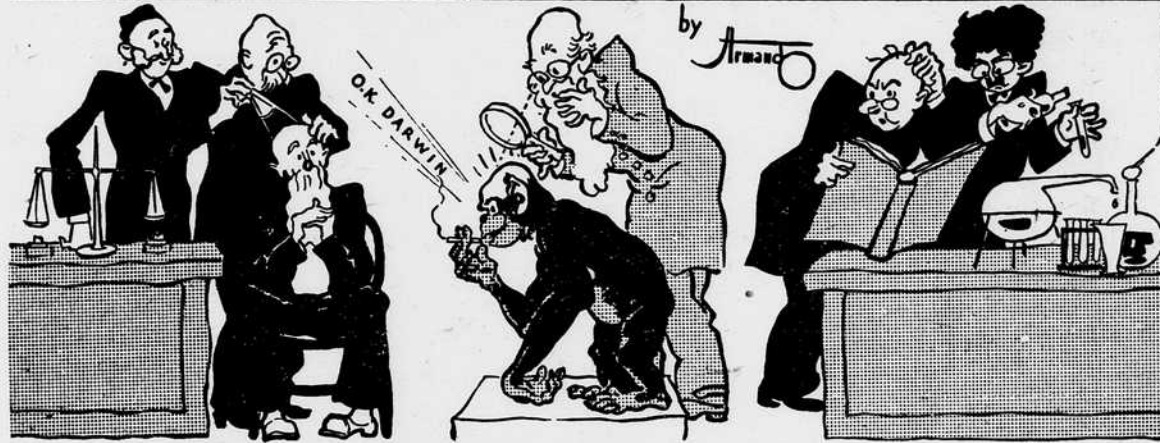
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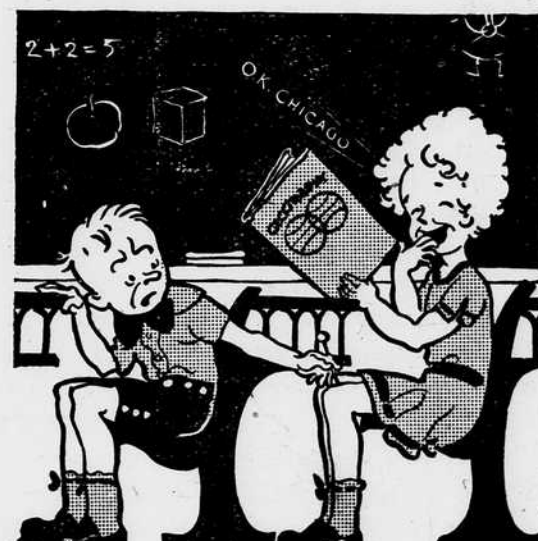
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