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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.



THE BASIS OF OUR CONFIDENCE

Once more we think it timely to counsel patience. We realize that many are impatient because the tide of economic recovery has not yet reached them; but we believe that it has set in and is gradually rising.

What we have faith in, above all politicians and their parties, is the sound, underlying common sense of the American people and their confidence in themselves and their country.

The attitude of Americans is not and has not at any time been that of a crushed and defeated people. We have, actually, fared pretty well, compared with the rest of the world, in what is now known by all to be a world-wide catastrophe.

We do not believe that all of the social reforms which those now in the saddle are trying to put into effect will become permanent fixtures. We think the people will choose for themselves which of them they will retain, which reject.

That is, fundamentally, the basis of our confidence in the future. We have undying faith in the high and enduring qualities of the American character.

The President speaks—the country responds. We've been used to that lately, and it happened again in Mr. Roosevelt's optimistic radio talk of October 22.

cotton processing tax—reiterated his opposition to it. Most important of his utterances perhaps, was his definite statement that there would be no effort at dollar stabilization now.

Next day's reaction to the speech was a boom in securities, strengthening of prices and markets of all kinds.

THANKSGIVING DAY

We think it appropriate at this time to print the first account of the origin of Thanksgiving Day, as it was set down in 1623 by William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Plantation.

"Notwithstanding all their great pains & industrie, and ye great hops of large cropp, the Lord seemd to blast, & take away the same, and to threaten further & more sore famine unto them, by a great drought which continued from ye 3. weeke in May till about ye middle of July, without any raine, and with great heat (for ye most parte), insomuch as ye corne begane to wither away, though it was set with fishe, the moysture whereof helped it much.

We have kept the form of Thanksgiving Day, but ought we not to keep it in the spirit of those Pilgrim Fathers?

THE RAILROADS' FINANCIAL HOUSE

In a recent address Philip A. Benson, President National Association of Mutual Savings Banks commented on the ancient supposition that one trouble with the railroad industry is that it is vastly over-capitalized.

According to him, the rails, if anything, are under-capitalized. Their funded debts amounts to only 40 per cent of their present reproduction cost.

Enemies of the railroads can't blame their plight on top-heavy financing. Their economic, house is in order. Nor can it be blamed on inefficiency and waste—no business in the world has made such spartan efforts to lower costs in recent years.



WE WERE right much * * * AMUSED AT what we heard * * * A CERTAIN married man * * * RIGHT HERE in Salisbury * * * SAY THE other day. You * * * KNOW HIM and for that * * * REASON NAMES will not * * * BE MENTIONED. A friend * * * SAID TO him, "Well, how * * * IS MARRIED life?" He * * * REPLIED THAT is has made * * * HIM SEVERAL years younger. * * * "REALLY", SAID his friend. * * * "Yes", He replied, "I smoke * * * ON THE sly again," * * * I THANK YOU.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page One) (Continued From Page One) sitting in on many code conferences, Mr. Swope evolved a program for taking the administration of the Recovery Act out of the hands of the Government, just as soon as possible after the major industries had got organized, and setting up a board composed of the representatives of business and industry to do the police work, and see to it that everybody behaved.

The Plan Develops That has met with the widest approval in business circles, and to the surprise of a good many. General Johnson had approved the idea. The administrator of the NRA is, after all, a business man and not a politician or a bureaucrat. A good many politicians don't like the notion of letting all the good jobs involved in code administration and supervision get away, but the signs point that way now.

Big men in the oil industry say that the new oil code is the best thing that has ever happened to the industry. Everybody except a few recalcitrants agrees that what the coal industry has needed for years is organization.

SCHOOL BOY STABS TEACHER

C. C. Cates, high school principal at Stem, was stabbed by James Satterwhite, an 18-year-old student. The boy was dismissed for alleged disorderly conduct and ordered to leave the school.

FAST FLIGHT TO RALEIGH

James Wedell, holder of the land plane speed record, was forced to halt at Raleigh by a damaged cowling. Out to fly from New York to Miami in four hours, Wedell had consumed only 89 minutes and had made 300 miles an hour.

AVERAGE MAN

Son: "Dad, what is meant by the expression, 'the average man?'" Dad: "An average man, my son, is one who isn't as good as his wife thinks he is before she marries him, and not so bad as she thinks he is afterwards."

OPEN FORUM

Salisbury, N. C. Nov. 15, 1933.

To the Editor of the Carolina Watchman:

Please allow me space for a few observations on the ever present problems that arise from the fact that "the love for money is the root of all evil".

There are many fields in which the love of money has deadened men's moral convictions and among these fields that of intemperance is prominent. In this, as in all matters of right or wrong, the Bible is our only guide and nowhere is it taught that the character of a deed inherently wrong can be changed by the payment of bribes in the shape of revenue.

In the matter of beverage alcohol it is not a question of what the law allows or doesn't allow; it is not a question of whether the rich or poor do the drinking; it is not a question of whether the drink is beer or wine or hard liquor; but the point is that alcohol is a habit-forming drug, a deadly poison.

What shall be said of the so-called "bootlegger"? Has any man who sells alcoholic poison contrary to the expressed will of the people stopped to think of the true nature of his deeds? Does he stop to think of the distress that he is bringing to women and children.

By their votes the people of North Carolina have said to all officers, to judges and to juries, to magistrates, sheriffs and policemen that the laws of our state are to be enforced. They have said to all the officers that the "bootlegger" must go.

This country is no place for special privilege. This country's being and existence have been purchased at the cost of too many sacrificial lives to be made a field of pilage on the part of thieves, gamblers, and the purveyors of alcoholic poison.

FIRST SUNDAY GAMES ON PHILLY GRIDIRONS

Philadelphia—Sport fans estimated by police to number 50,000 saw legalized Sunday football games in Philadelphia for the first time in the city's history.

Voters approved Sunday football and baseball at an election and 22 licenses were issued by the department of public safety for games in all sections of the city.

Police reported the large crowds were easily handled.

For an absent member of the family: subscribe to the Carolina Watchman, \$1.00 a year.

If He Lets Down the Bars for One

By Albert T. Reid



Reading Fun In Store for Boys

World adventure thrills are in store for readers of THE AMERICAN BOY—YOUTH'S COMPANION, according to word just received from the editor of youth's favorite magazine.

Several years ago, THE AMERICAN BOY introduced to its readers the popular, black-haired Jimmie Rhodes, Army aviator. Those who followed his adventures through Brooks and Kelly Field, and with the 94th Pursuit on cross-country hops, target practice, and formation flying, will be delighted to learn that Jimmie Rhodes has returned to the magazine.

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The shopwalker—"Poor old Perkins has completely lost his hearing. I'm afraid he'll lose his job."

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FREE MULLET'S LURE VOTERS FROM POLLS

Southport—Citizens of this town deserted the polls virtually en masse and swarmed about a menhaden steamer for free mullets.

The steamer docked here with five thousand pounds of mullets which had been caught less than an hour before. To rid the ship of the fish, officers offered them free to all comers.

Arming themselves with buckets, wash tubs, burlap sacks—anything available—the population unloaded the steamer in a few minutes to set a new stevedoring speed record here.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Pearl V. Canup, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 15th day of November 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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