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



**CROOKED POLITICS**

Everybody has been shocked by the disclosure of conditions in the New York County Penitentiary, on Welfare Island. Gangsters have lived there in luxury, prospering from the sale of narcotics to other prisoners who have been abused and half-starved, all with the connivance of public officials taking their orders from political bosses. It took a complete overturn of the city administration to bring these and worse evils to light.

What has been disclosed in New York, however, is not peculiar to that city. Similar or comparable conditions, in some degree, probably exist in most of the other prisons of the nation, as well as in other public institutions. Mrs. Roosevelt went in a school not long ago, where free lunches are served to the children, and was delighted with the quality of the food. The school officials knew in advance that she was coming. A few days later she dropped in unannounced and discovered that the regular lunch fare served to the children was hardly fit to eat.

We would hate to think that most people, placed in charge of the welfare of the less fortunate, would prove innately cruel or negligent of the interests of those entrusted to their care. But the political system which enables those influential in politics to put their supporters into such places, is based upon the sordid foundation of granting special favors to a few at the expense of the many. Who does not know of cases in which the taxpayers have been bled in order that political henchmen may fatten? Where is there a community that is entirely free from partnership between politics and crime, or at least "graft"?

Even the work of the Civil Works Administration and the Public Works Administration has not been free from graft and political collusion, whereby favorites have been taken care of at public expense and those equally worthy overlooked because they did not have the right political pull.

It is a perennial disgrace to America that "politics" should be regarded by most people as synonymous with "corruption."

**AMERICAN HIGHWAYS A SHAMBLES**

A recent release of the National Safety Council points out that laws to control pedestrians on streets and highways may be necessary, unless walkers themselves take steps to eliminate the pedestrian hazard.

In an average year, about one-half of all automobile deaths are suffered by pedestrians. And, contrary to the general belief, the pedestrian is not an innocent bystander run down by a Machiavelian motorist. He is, in a great number of cases where death or

serious injury results, solely to blame.

Larger cities, for the most part, have laws against jay-walking—the practice of crossing streets against the signal bells or lights. Smaller towns may be called upon to pass similar legislation—pedestrian carelessness isn't limited to the metropolitan centers. Again, thousands of accidents are caused by pedestrians walking on the right on highways and roads, where they can't see cars coming up behind them. It is being urged that this offense be made punishable by a fine, precisely as fines are levied against an automobile operator guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road.

There is great need for unremitting, concentrated educational work against automobile accidents, modernization of driving laws, and law enforcement. The American highway is a shambles—over 30,000 killed in 1933—where the reckless, the incompetent and the careless menace the lives and property of us all.

**TAX-EATERS**

The army of tax-eaters all over the country is growing larger and more impudent in its assumption of special privilege. We are not referring to the millions who are subsisting on what amounts to a "dole" at public expense, the workers in the CCC, the men and women employed by the CWA and those vast armies who do not work at all for what they receive from the public funds, although the cost of maintaining them is a heavy enough burden on the taxpayers, in all conscience.

We have in mind the public employees who are supposed to be the public's servants but who too often assume they are the public's masters. Many of them are entrenched behind the security of civil service laws, originally designed to prevent the unfit and incompetent from finding places on the public payrolls but, latterly become a barrier to the removal from office of anyone, however unfit he or she may be for the post.

It seems to us that everyone should have a clear understanding of the undeniable fact that nobody has an unassailable title to any job for which the compensation comes from the taxpayers. It is all very well to say that these public employees for small pay and are entitled therefore to security and retirement pensions. That was true, perhaps, in a past generation. But the tendency of salaries in public offices has been upward, while the incomes of the rest of us have gone downward. As matters stand at present, only those who are safe in their tax-eating jobs are earning enough to get by on.

We can think of nothing more disgraceful than for organized bodies of tax-eaters to unite in protest against laws or regulations that would permit those who are trying to run public affairs economically to reduce their salaries and eliminate unnecessary jobs. If present conditions, which are prevalent everywhere, continue much longer, we look for the taxpayers to unite and refuse to give up good money for the benefit of a privileged few.

The country needs honest, well-reasoned opinion—not blind idolatry or partisan ranting on either side.

"All this agitation of the power questions keeps folks' minds off the all-important tax question!"—J. F. McLaughlin, Pres., Puget Sound Light and Power Company.

"Soaking the rich too hard and too often would ultimately leave nobody but the poor to pay all the taxes."

Spies without a country. Revealing story of how military secrets were stolen and sold to enemy countries. One of many fascinating stories on February 11 in The American Weekly, the magazine which comes each Sunday with the Baltimore American. Buy your copy from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.



WE ARE not going to mention

THE NAME of the man in the STORY, BUT it was one of our MORE PROMINENT citizens.

IF YOU will do a little thinking YOU CAN guess the name in a

SECOND. THEY were at the COAST. "MAMA, may I go IN TO swim?" asked the lad.

CERTAINLY NOT, my dear", WAS HER reply. But daddy is SWIMMING," HE protested.

THEN CAME the classic answer OF THE loving wife, "yes dear BUT HE'S insured."

I THANK YOU.

**EVEN WATER ESCAPES FROM THAT WEST RALEIGH MANSION**

Fred McCorkle says it was the men who put in our plumbing who said, "after us the deluge."

—State Prison News

**DOING HIS PART**

W. O. Workman has recently had a splendid radio installed in his nice home. Mr. Workman is quite fortunate, owns a splendid farm which he is continually improving and takes much interest in making the home attractive. He is a first-class mechanic, ever engaged and doing the work well.

—Silver Hill Correspondence, Lexington Dispatch.

**THOUGHT IT WAS FLOATING CLUTCH**

This free-kneeling is all the rage now.

—Cleveland Star.

**NEVER A BRIDE**

Times must have changed in the west. Out at Baylor University, the Miss Popularity Contest went to Bess Mann.

—Daily Tar Heel.

**IT'S THE COLD WEATHER**

The Advent Senior C. E. society conducted a meeting recently with Miss Mary Snyder as leader. Topic for discussion was "Getting Along With Others." They had as their slogan "stop and squeak."

—Advent Correspondence, Lexington Dispatch.

**FLY IN THE OINTMENT**

Under the new monetary policy it seems that the man who has one dollar will be able to pay two dollars worth of debts, but nothing is said about that great multitude who does not have the one dollar.

—Catawba News-Enterprise

**15 HURT ON SCHOOL BUS**

Meriden, Mass.—Fifteen children were injured, one seriously, when the Carthage school bus collided with an automobile driven by Robert Henderson, New Orleans salesman, Posie Brown, 6, suffered a fractured skull.

The doctors say that many of us need more iron in the blood, but the girls of Salisbury will say that they don't need any more flatiron in the hand.



I HAVE AN IDE-ER THE ONLY REASON A GOOD MANY FOLKS GO TO THE AUTOMOBILE SHOW IS TO SEE WHAT KIND OF CARS THEY MAY EXPECT TO BE HIT BY IN 1934

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

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corn or cotton or wheat or what not, regardless of the world demand. It is a fixed and settled policy of the Administration that there must be rigid limitation of production of everything which has the possibility of becoming an unconsumable surplus.

More and more the rest of the world is becoming self-sustaining, and the long-range outlook is for a state of things in which every country will feed and clothe itself with its own products, importing only what other nations can produce better or more cheaply.

What is really developing here in Washington is a new system and theory of political economy, based upon present-day realities rather than upon any of the old teaching of the economists of the past. It is no particular individual's theory but the result of sifting down the theories, ideas, proposals and projects which have been urged upon the Administration from hundreds of sources. The President was quoted recently as realizing that economists change their views every five or ten years, and he openly expressed himself as willing to experiment with any problem until he finds the right answer.

He, and the whole nation, are in the midst right now of the huges experiment ever attempted involving the welfare of 125,000,000 people and the ultimate fate of their children and grandchildren. The belief that it will succeed is tempered only by a slight worry as to whether the first stages of it can be carried through before it becomes necessary to take the next step.

**Birdseye View Of Contrasting Methods**

New York is a wet State. North Carolina is nominally a dry State. Last year in New York there were 57 fewer motor vehicle accident fatalities than in 1932.

This was a decrease of about 20 per cent. Last year in North Carolina there were 78 more automobile fatalities than in 1932.

This was an increase of more than 26 per cent.

Professor Harry Tucker of North Carolina State College says that "New York State has faced the situation squarely and its recent law fixing punishment for driving motor vehicles while drunk is the most stringent one in force in any of the States.

North Carolina has not faced the situation squarely. New York last year registered 2,276,967 motor vehicles of all types or more than four times as many as were registered in North Carolina.

New York last year issued credentials to 3,201,357 licensed drivers and that was almost as many licensed drivers as there are people in North Carolina.

New York takes the drunken driver seriously and treats him seriously. North Carolina does not. The number of motor vehicle fatalities is decreasing in New York. The number of non-fatal motor vehicle injuries is likewise decreasing, dropping by 6,313 last year. In North Carolina motor fatalities and non-fatal accidents are both increasing.

Yet New York is a wet State while North Carolina is nominally a dry State.

Is a dry State like North Carolina unwilling to learn from a wet State like New York?—Asheville Citizen.

**STERILIZATION ADVOCATED**

Savannah, Ga.—Mrs. R. B. Young, chairman of the women's advisory board to the mayor and city council, reported to Mayor Thomas Gamble that the board advocates sterilization of criminals and the hopelessly insane.

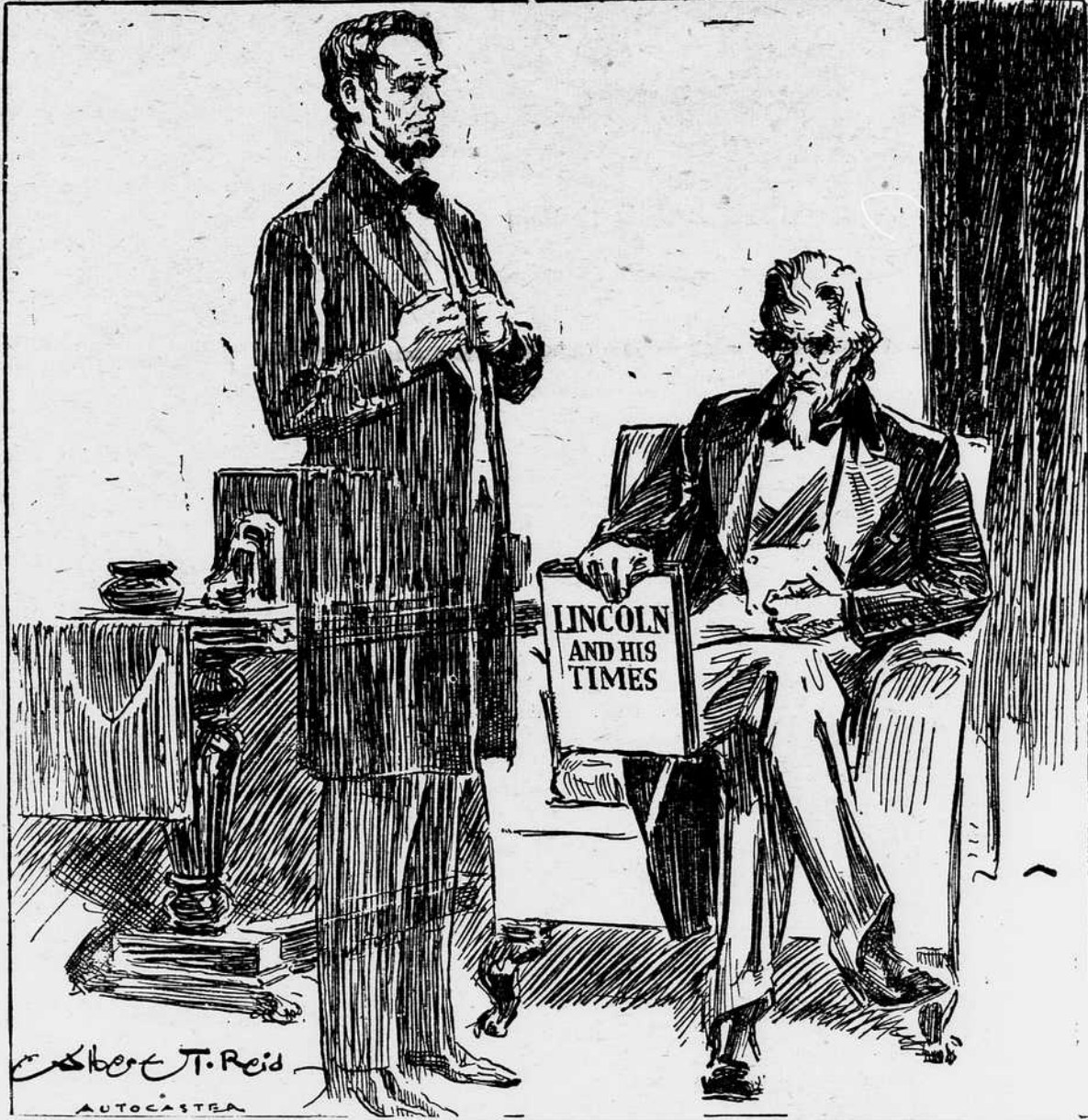
**MISSISSIPPI PROSPEROUS**

Jackson, Miss.—Mississippi business has turned the corner and run smack into better times. Statistics assembled in a business survey extending over every section of the state gave proof to the fact that the sun has finally peeped through clouds of depression.

Many people try to get into the exclusive circles of society and fail, but they can always get on the sucker list.

Doesn't seem to do much good to put up highway signs that say "Danger," but if you put up one that said "Free cats," they would stop all right.

**A Particularly Inspiring Vision — By Albert T. Reid**



**RAMBLING ROUND NEW YORK** with HUGH KENNY  
There's a class in English attended voluntarily by New York cops for the sake of learning to avoid the "East Side dialect" typified by such pronunciations as these, made popularly known by gangster films: jernt for joint; verce for voice; Brookalyn for Brooklyn; Thoid Avenue for Third Avenue! the Bronnix for the Bronx.

Those marble mansions still shuttered and unoccupied except by servants are ample testimony to the faded evidence when the Social Register was issued showing so many winter address the same as the summer. There's the Payne Whitney white mansion at 972 Fifth Avenue; the M Hartley Dodge home at Fifth and Sixty-first; the Duke mansion at 1 E. 78th and many another unoccupied town house. Unoccupied because the owners prefer their homes on Long Island, their amazing farms in New Jersey or their mansions on the upper stretches of the Hudson . . . Evenings are quiet in those fashionable upper East Side streets this season.

Lunch at a former easy speak gone legal: much wine, few cocktails in evidence among dozens of uptown business men. Busy French waiters; grand mushroom omelet; much the same character as pre-repeal days retained amidst walls lined with cartoons of nationally famous artists; good sherry; inexpensive! A cheer for repeal from me.

To the Barbzon-Plaza for dramatic versions of the sophisticated Dorothy Parker's "After Such Pleasures." Surprising how well these pieces were adapted to the stage though they were written from time to time for such magazines as New Yorker, Harper's Bazaar, Vanity Fair and others . . . Rich—and funny—if you wink at an occasional indiscretion.

The great fad of autograph hunting has developed a fine technique in New York. Some are reported to be using their Sundays seeking out the places where celebrities are due for cocktails or tea around five in the afternoon. It seems to be a mystery how they know where such gatherings are scheduled, but the autograph hounds are greeting stage and screen notables with the doormen of many an apartment in town . . . "Sign on the dotted line, please."

Of all printed jargon we know, Variety, the weekly publication of and for the theater, takes all prizes. It takes an active imagination and well posted mind to figure out such headlines as these: Leake, if Sticking with Par on Reorg., May Resign as Prez of F. S.; Looks OK for F. S. Notes Extended. (Par: Paramount; F. S.; Film Securities.)

'Little Women' Bubbly in Hub, \$37,000, Big; Baer, Bancroft, Laughton Draw. (Hub: Boston; \$37,000, Big; Box office receipts for one week, \$37,000, which is a good week for the particular theater running the feature; "Draw": Draw a good crowd and good box office receipts.) . . . President Signs Film Code; To O. O. Above—\$25,000 Pic Salaries First. (To O. O.: To examine; to give the double O to; Pic: picture —i.e.—motion picture.)

STATEMENT OF CONDITION of Landis, N. C., as of December 31st, 1933. (Copy of sworn statement submitted to Insurance Commissioner as required by law.)

**Home Building & Loan Association**

**ASSETS**

THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 882.83
Mortgage Loans	19,200.00
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Stock Loans	300.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their stock. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,382.83</b>

**LIABILITIES**

THE ASSOCIATION OWES:

To Shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on stock as follows:	
Installment Stock	\$15,996.95
Paid-up Stock	15,996.95
Notes Payable, Other	2,969.65
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members, or retiring matured stock. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Undivided Profits	1,416.23
Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of stock.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,382.83</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROWAN ss: P. M. Shulenburger, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Jan. 1934. J. F. LIPE, Notary Public. My Commission Expires March 9th, 1934.

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