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



**MR. ROPER IS ENCOURAGING**

We find encouragement for those who have been alarmed by the threats of some members of President Roosevelt's Administration in the recent speech by Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper. Mr. Roper does not believe the present program of the Government is toward the complete socialization of America, the stifling of individual initiative and the reduction of everybody to the position of a dependent of the State.

"The question will continue to be asked," said Mr. Roper, whether the Federal Government under this Administration plans or proposes to increase permanently bureaucracy and Federal control of business, to the extent of destroying our economic system by eliminating profits in business, and thus submerging and imprisoning human initiative, acknowledged to be the greatest asset in the building of our country and the developing of our trade and commerce. Certainly no one with the proper knowledge of conditions can interpret in the Recovery Program such an intention or objective on the part of the present Administration. To think otherwise is to say that a Government under which people have advanced most and attained most should be exchanged for a form under which people advance least."

We hope that Mr. Roper spoke with the full knowledge and endorsement of the responsible head of the Federal Government. One trouble we have in trying to understand what Washington is driving at, sometimes, is that so many things are said, with the implication that they represent the President's views, which do not conform in any way to Mr. Roper's utterances.

We do not see how anybody but a rabid Marxist can quarrel with Mr. Roper's point of view. We trust this may not turn out to be another of those utterances which represent only one man's ideas and which are not to be taken as committing the Administration to anything.

**THE WORLD IN A LIGHT GLOBE**

When you switch on an electric lamp, you're using materials that came originally from almost every country in the world. In that little globe that cost you 20 or 30 cents, there's antimony from Mexico, thoria from Brazil, niter and silica from Chile, cobalt and nickel from New Caledonia, bismuth from Australia, tin from the Malay Peninsula, manganese from India, potash from Russia, sodium carbonate from East Africa, arsenic from Greenland—and so it goes down a long similar list of items.

As has been said, the electric lamp is literally the light of the world.

**A WORM IS TURNING**

Millions of investors, injured by political horse-play, are going to fight for their savings. They are tired of being slapped in the face with political pie to secure public applause and votes.

**TRANSFORMATION IS VITAL**

Away back in Thomas Jefferson's administration the Government of the United States, realizing that they could not build a unified nation without means of communication and transportation between its different parts, began a program of highway building over the Alleghenies. The State of New York, fearing the diversion of the commerce of the newly-opened West to the ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia, set itself to work to provide water transportation, by digging the Erie Canal from Buffalo to the Hudson River at Albany. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania cut a canal from the headwaters of Ohio to the Delaware. Maryland had earlier built a canal to connect the Ohio watershed with that of the Potomac.

When the steam locomotive was developed and railroads began to be built, again it was the province of the Government to encourage the development of this mode of transportation; and most of the main line railroad mileage in the United States was constructed with the aid of public funds, Federal State or local. And the newest form of transportation, the airplane, has been brought to its present state of efficiency and safety largely by Government aid.

We think that the development, perfection and maintenance of means of transportation and communication is one way of spending public money which not only meets with least resistance from taxpayers who have to provide the funds, but furnishes the most lasting and valuable asset to the nation and its component units. We approve of all the programs of highway improvement and extension, and we approve, also, of the way in which the Federal Government, through the R.F.C., is helping the railroads to improve their systems.

There is something that appeals to the imagination in the efforts of the railroads to provide swifter, more comfortable travel. The new streamlined, air-conditioned trains which several lines are beginning to put into operation, suggest that the railroad is not obsolete. It never will be. It can provide services which neither the motorcar nor the airplane can give. We do not think any of these has reached perfection, any more than anything else is perfect. We believe it is in the public's interest to help the further improvement and development of all of them.

The country has been hearing talk of a business boom for so long now that it is inclined to be skeptical as to whether or not such an animal exists. According to the business and financial periodicals, and the various reports of fact-gathering organizations, it does. It isn't a very big animal yet, but it can be seen, felt and heard. All of the consumer industries are finding themselves with more orders than they've had for years. "Industry's industries," such as steel, which sell their products to other businesses and not directly to the consumer, aren't doing so well, but they're moving upward.

Detroit, which saw the worst of the depression, is seeing the best of recovery. According to Time, this is the first period in five years in which car manufacturers can't fill their orders. In January, Chrysler, with the most unusual of all the new stock cars, had 21,000 more men at work than last year. Ford opened two additional assembly plants. Nash estimated that it would deliver more cars in the first quarter of this year than in all of last. Cadillac reported deliveries 50 per cent above last year. General Motors faced 100,000 orders for Chevrolet alone. Tire companies were jubilant, with a Good-year expert predicting tire sales for 1934 would reach the great total of 46,000,000 units.

"Cartwright Is Dead, Sir"—A gripping story of love, murder and mystery on the high seas—begins March 11 in the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes each Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.



IT HAPPENS to be that

EVERYTHING IS just about

THE WAY you make it, or the

WAY YOU look at it. Of course

NO NAMES can be mentioned but

SOME OF our readers know the

FAMILY. A son who had never

BEEN MUCH account began

SENDING HIS mother some

MONEY EVERY week. The

NEIGHBORS BECAME curious

AND ASKED her about her son.

"YES, MY son has work now", she

SAID. "GETS good money, too.

ALL HE has to do is to go twice

A DAY to the circus and put his

HEAD IN a Lion's mouth. The

REST OF the time he has

TO HIMSELF."

I THANK YOU.

**TOUGH BREAK FOR TOMMY**

Mrs. C. W. Harper and son, Tommy, returned last Friday from a two-weeks stay in Chipley, Fla. While there Tommy underwent a siege of measles.

—Kings Mountain Herald.

**EDITOR CRAIGMILES SPICES 'EM AND PUTS IT IN THE PAPER**

Mr. Shirley McKinney and Miss Edra McKinney; both of the Estatoe section were joined together as man and wife Saturday, February 10th. The Banner editor officiating.

—Bakersville Banner.

**ON TO RICHMOND**

With hoss-racing and legalized likker in Virginia, lots of Tar Heels may say they're going there to avoid the sales tax when they ain't.

—Greensboro News.

**LAST WORD IN TRIFLIN' FOLKS**

"I'll be durned glad when all this CWA stuff is over," commented a resident of the rural districts. "It's made the folks so dad-blasted triflin' that those living in the South Mountains won't even make likker no more."

—Charles B. Pegram, Morganton News-Herald.

**VERY PRETTY STORY**

Once there was a little girl walking along the road. She met a man who had a bunch of flowers, and the man said, "Little girl do you want some flowers?" The little girl said, "Yes sir," and she took ten of the flowers. She said "Thank you" and the man went away.—Geraldine Lucky, 3rd grade.

—School News, Lincoln County News.

**CLOSE!**

There is a well-known colored man in Zebulon by the name of Squire Foresythe. I was in the post office the other day when Squire called for his mail. Postmaster Sexton found a letter addressed to "Square Four Sides." The Squire said it was his and he got it.

—Zebulon Record.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Raleigh may lose the State Capital. The Greensboro delegation means business this time. The Guilford folk are bringing an offer to the legislature for 25 acres free in Glenwood, Greensboro suburb, on which the State may build a new capitol.

25 Years Ago, Raleigh News and Observer.

**LOOKING BACK TO NEXT WEEK**

"Are you a good timekeeper?" I asked one of the CWA overheads yesterday.

"I should say I am", he replied.

"My men have already made next week."

—C. P. Paul, Richmond County Journal.

**State Holds Top In Hosiery Making**

North Carolina's leadership in southern hosiery producing continues to mount, it is shown by figures on installation for the producing equipment for the year 1933, when 50 per cent of the new circular knitting machines for the entire south were set up in this state and when 80 per cent of the new full-fashioned producing equipment was set up in plants within this state.

Southern knitting mills installed a total of 3,375 additional machines in 1932 and 4,990 in 1932. Of the machines installed, according to a census just recently completed, 3,107 are circular knitting machines and 268 of the full-fashioned type. The increase by states shows in the circular knitters North Carolina leading with 1,524 and other Dixie states following thus: Virginia, 593; Tennessee, 510; Georgia, 371; Alabama, 84, and Texas, 25. Of the full-fashioned machinery North Carolina mills installed 210 machines, while Georgia had 34, Tennessee, 11; Virginia, seven, and Texas, six.

**YOUR CHILD AND THE SCHOOL**

By Dr. ALLEN G. IRELAND  
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New Jersey State Department of Public Instruction

**Eating and Learning**

Teachers are in a position to know. And this is what they say about the school lunch: that pupils are made physically and mentally alert by the warm uncheon; that afternoon work shows a marked improvement; that behavior problems decrease while genuine interest in school activities grows; that a better spirit, a more wholesome social atmosphere prevails.

Even the simplest type of school lunch, where one hot dish and warm milk are prepared to supplement the cold food brought from home, is said to be an immeasurably valuable aid to good teaching. Refreshing, stimulating, cheering, it makes the job easier, not to mention the benefits derived by the children. The appetite is sharpened, so that more of the lunch is eaten. Also, it is eaten more slowly and the digestive processes are improved.

Isn't it obvious that the child-machine will function efficiently (and, we should add, happily) to the extent that its fuel is proper in quality and adequate in amount? To be a good pupil, a well-behaved pupil, with powers of attention and concentration, the child must be well nourished and refreshed.

"Not Free to Gain" is the intriguing title of Dr. Ireland's new article.

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THE CLIFTON, N. J. JOURNAL

Uncle Sam holds the key to real and permanent prosperity—the key which the cartoonist has labeled "Loans to Industry." Our government has tried other keys in the form of loans to banks, railroads, insurance companies and agriculture, but they do not seem to fit the main lock on the front door. These other keys are all right for special compartments within the recovery structure itself but they fail to open the gateway through which the nation as a whole may enter.

Open the door to Industry with R.F.C. loans—the same kind of loans Uncle Sam has been making for nearly two years to other groups in our national economic life—and millions more people can be put to work at a profit not only to themselves but to Industry itself, to the banks, railroads, insurance companies and to the farmers who

**ONE SHOT BRINGS DOWN TWO EAGLES**

Camren—Two huge bald eagles were brought down with a single shot by Luther ones, of Mildam. One eagle had a wing spread lacking only one inch of being seven feet. The wing spread of the other was an inch shorter. The two eagles were circling Johns lot. He seized his shotgun and the two flew together, he blazed away. Both fell.

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