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



POPULATION DATA (1930 Census)

Table with 2 columns: City/Town and Population. Includes Salisbury (16,951), Spencer (3,128), E. Spencer (2,098), China Grove (1,258), Landis (1,388), Rockwell (696), Granite Quarry (507), Cleveland (435), Faith (431), Gold Hill (156).

A COUNTRY DOCTOR

Ten thousand people tried to crowd into a hall that holds only three thousand, the other night in New York, to see—what? A marvel of science, a freak of nature, a great musician or a famous explorer?

Nothing like that drew that great throng to Carnegie Hall. Nothing but a country doctor!

The greatest medical specialists of America, the heads of the great hospitals and medical schools, and thousands of ordinary folk turned out to see a simple, unpretentious, untravelled rural practitioner from Canada. It was such a tribute as few country doctors ever get, but which most of them, we think, deserve.

Dr. Dafoe sprang to unexpected fame because of the Dionne quintuplets. To his skill and devotion the whole medical world attributes the survival of those five little French-Canadian sisters, the only set of quintuplets that is known to have lived more than a few hours after birth. Now six months old, they are as strong and healthy as any normal infants of that age, due to Dr. Dafoe's intelligent care.

Not every country doctor has a chance to prove his skill by bringing up quintuplets, but the country towns and villages of America and Canada contain thousands of medical men who are just as devoted, just as self-sacrificing, just as able, on the average, as Dr. Dafoe. We are glad to see this homage paid to him, since he has shown no signs of swelling of the head, because to us it seems a deserved tribute to the country general practitioner, who too seldom gets public credit for what he does for his community.

We venture that, deep down in their hearts, the great specialists who went to that meeting in Carnegie Hall envied this country doctor. If he is like other country doctors we know he occupies a place in the life and the hearts of his community that no city practitioner, however skillful, can hope to attain. They make more money, but they lose the more important and valuable considerations of life. The good country doctor occupies a position of security and contentment which the greatest may envy. He deserves and generally has the respect, and the love of his people to a degree that few men in any other calling ever command. It makes little difference to him whether his patients can pay their bills promptly or not; no difference insofar as his duty to

them in time of illness or accident goes. They come to him with their troubles and their secrets, and often it is his wise advice and counsel, far more than his medicines, that helps to keep them going.

We do not believe that any scheme of "socialized" medicine will ever become so useful as the "humanized" influence of the individualistic country doctor.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Whenever we look over a list of people holding public office, in Congress, in the Federal departments and elsewhere, we are always impressed anew with the increasing number of women doing public service. And the more we think about it, the more it seems to us like a right and proper thing.

Intelligent women are much more interested in serving others than men usually are. There is something in a woman's nature that impels her to see the job through and pay little attention to outside influences. Women in public office are less likely to be fired by personal political ambitions than men are. Likewise, they are more apt to be economical in their administration of their jobs.

We could think of a great many things less desirable than to have a large part of the government run by women, preferably grandmothers. We believe one result would be lower taxes and less waste of public funds. There also probably would be less graft and fewer scandals.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY— FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

ANIMALS . . . and children

It was Sidney Smith, the famous English wit of a century ago, who said: "The more I see of men, the better I like dogs." The reason why every normal human being finds the lesser animals interesting, it seems to me, is that when you come to know them you can always count on their attitude toward any situation. That is decidedly not true of mankind, except in rare instances.

Some of the finest friendships I have ever known have been between children and their pet animals. Children seldom understand grown-ups, who live in a different kind of world and do the most unexpected things, from the child's point of view. But a dog or a cat or almost any other animal meets the child on a level of equality. Neither is concerned with any problems except those of the moment. What the future has in store for them doesn't worry them, because the idea that there is any future finds no lodgment in their minds.

When a man or a woman gets too self-centered to be interested in animals and their ways he or she is out of balance. I would hate to trust a child to the care of anyone who didn't like the little beasts of the hearth and the fields.

MICE . . . they sing

Did you ever hear a mouse sing? My own old ears are not keen enough, but several of my friends have told me of singing mice in their homes, and I heard the other day of one old gentleman who succeeded in taming one of the little creatures so that it would come every night and share his late supper of bread and cheese, singing between bites. The notes are like a canary's, only very low and faint. A British scientist contends that all mice sing, if we could only hear them.

I have one friend with ears sharp enough to hear the bats talk to each other as they pursue mosquitoes on Summer nights. He says that they, too, sound like rather squeaky canaries, with a range of several notes.

As a boy I used to catch bats and try to tame them. One became an interesting pet. He slept all day, hanging upside down, suspended by the hooks on his wing-joints from the picture-molding in my bedroom. But a conscientious maid-servant, who believed the old superstition that bats carry bedbugs, and are bad luck anyhow, killed him with a broom one day.

FOXES . . . in U. S.

I feel sorry for city children, who grow up without seeing any animals except dogs, cats, and horses, unless they go to the Zoo. To them all other animals

seem dangerous, because they see them only behind the bars of their cages.

The other day a little gray fox from the Long Island woods strayed into a New York suburb, and women and children ran shrieking into their houses, crying "Wolf!" The police finally captured the frightened beastie and took him to the city Zoo.

Probably nobody concerned realized that the gray fox, which is becoming rarer and rarer in the East, is the only native fox south of the Canadian border. The common red fox was unknown in America until about 200 years ago, when a group of sportsmen, trying to introduce their English sport of fox-hunting into the colonies, imported a few pairs of red foxes from England and turned them loose on Long Island. Now their progeny have driven the gray foxes back into the deep woods, all over New England, New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

MONKEYS . . . and us

I don't think I know anybody who isn't interested in the human-like antics of monkeys, who are so much like miniature people that we instinctively feel kinship with them. But most folk feel an instinctive terror of the great apes, the orangutans, gorillas and even chimpanzees. They are so very much like humans that we can't feel sure how they will react to emotional stimuli, and they are so much stronger, size for size, than any human being, that there is generally a decided fear of personal violence should something anger them.

My friend Ben Burbridge brought a baby gorilla home from Africa a few years ago and I got to be well acquainted with her. She was an affectionate creature, who would tear the clothes off anybody she liked, in the effort to show her affection. She didn't realize, of course, how much stronger she was than a man or woman.

After a while she, like all the other apes in captivity, had to be sent to a Zoo, for safety. It would have been kinder to have left her ready among the returning Senators and members of Congress for the immediate payment of the Veterans Bonus, and there are some signs that the Administration may yield a point and propose some compromise plan, which would provide for an issue of new currency to take care of this demand and remove the matter from the public arena.

That would involve a moderate amount of currency inflation. The extreme inflationists are withholding their program for the present. Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, leader of the inflationists bloc, says they will not make any new demands unless they think further devaluation of the dollar, another increase in the price of silver, and perhaps some printing-press money, are essential to speedy recovery.

More attention is likely to be focussed on new tax measures. There will probably be a strong drive for a national general sales tax. No proposals for increase in income taxes are likely to be made, however, by the Administration, until after the middle of March, when returns for 1934 incomes are filed.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SALE OF FARM LANDS Pursuant to an order of Court in Special Proceedings entitled Elizabeth Swaim, Anna Belle Randolph, Meta Phifer, et al, against Florence E. Owens, and George B. Owens, et al, appointing the undersigned Commissioner to sell for division the lands herein described, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, at the Court House Door, in the City of Salisbury, on Monday, February 4th, 1935 for cash, at 12 M. the following described real estate, to-wit: One tract of land in Scotch Irish Township, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a post oak, the original corner, and corner of Benjamin Huie; thence with the said Huie's line, E. 48 Poles to a post oak, or pile of rock, the original corner of said tract, and corner to Benjamin Huie's; thence S. 43 poles to a hickory, said Huie's corner; thence E. 56 poles to a red oak on said Huie's line, and corner to Paul Phifer's; thence with Rev. Paul Phifer's line, S. 140 poles to a dogwood on the S. line of the original tract, said Phifer's corner; thence S. 88 deg. W. 104 poles to a hickory said Phifer's corner; thence N. 2 deg. W. 187 poles to the beginning, containing 103 acres, more or less.

For back title see Book of Deeds No. 108, page 60, and Special Proceedings in this cause.

This December 20th, 1934. Ernest R. Alexander, Commissioner. R. Lee Wright, Attorney. Dec. 21—Jan. 25.

BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE

Julius Fisher, Laura Graham Fisher, Bankrupts.

IN BANKRUPTCY

To the Honorable Johnson J. Hayes Judge of the District Court of the United States, for the Middle District of North Carolina:

Julius Fisher and Laura Graham Fisher, of Concord, in the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 8th day of October last past they were duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that they have duly surrendered all of their property and rights of property, and they have fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching their bankruptcy.

Wherefore they pray that they may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against their estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1934. Signed—Julius Fisher, Laura Graham Fisher, bankrupts.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON Middle District of North Carolina, ss:

On the 11th day of December, 1934 on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 15th day of January, 1935, before W. T. Shuford, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Salisbury, N. C., in said district, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Carolina Watchman, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in inter-

est may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the Referee in Bankruptcy shall send by mail to all known creditors, copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence, as stated.

Witness the Honorable Johnson J. Hayes, judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Greensboro, N. C., in said district, on the 12th day of December, 1934.

Signed—Johnson J. Hayes, United States Judge.

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