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

POPULATION DATA
(1930 Census)

Salisbury	16,951
Spencer	3,128
E. Spencer	2,098
China Grove	1,238
Landis	1,388
Rockwell	696
Granite Quarry	507
Cleveland	435
Fairfield	431
Gold Hill	156

(Population Rowan Co. 56,665)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1935

CAN WE KEEP OUT OF WAR?

It is to be hoped that all of the prophets and soothsayers who are so certain that the world is going to precipitate into another Great War before long, are wrong in their forecasts. But if the catastrophe which they are so confidently predicting should come to pass, it is a serious question whether the United States can avoid being involved. All our history points the other way.

We hear a great deal of talk to the effect that we were dragged into the last Great War by international bankers, or that we were the victims of British and French propaganda. Those are the opinions of either the very young or the very ill-informed.

We went into the World War because the overwhelming sympathies of the American people were with the Allies and against the autocratic state socialism of the Kaiser's government, which we, like the other democracies of the world, feared Germany would attempt to impose upon the rest of us if victorious.

We went into the War, also, because of our resentment of the ruthless submarine war conducted by Germany on unarmed merchant vessels, and the arrogant attempt of the German government to set a limit to the freedom of our commerce on the seas.

There have been just two general European wars since the United States became a nation and this country has been involved in both of them. The first was the conflagration started by the French Revolution, which resulted in the Napoleonic wars. Every school-boy knows that we took part in that war, on the side of France and against England, in 1812, but few remember that while George Washington was still President, in 1798, we were also participants on the other side in that great struggle, actually at war with France.

The United States is not alone among nations in desiring to keep out of war. Our people are probably no more peace-loving than those of any other country. But the most peaceful-minded people may easily find themselves forced by circumstances to go to war. And all the best resolutions will not keep us out of the next war, if and when that touches our national interests adversely.

TODAY AND TOMORROW
—BY—
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

HUMANITY . . . still same
The more thoughtful members

of the human family have always been curious to know how, when and where the manners, customs and habits familiar to everybody, began. It is not merely curiosity that prompts scientific investigators to go back to the beginning of things. Every bit of evidence that things which we are inclined to regard as modern are really very old helps to a better understanding of what we call, for lack of a better name, "human nature."

The more I dig into the history of the human race the more firmly I am convinced that human nature, in its main essentials, has not changed since the beginning of time.

BEGINNINGS . . . one mystery
My indefatigable friend Joseph N. Kane, spends his time in digging down to the beginnings of things. Some years ago he published a thick book called "Famous First Facts" in which he told who was the first person to do or invent or discover many of the things that we regard as what have always been done. Now he has a new book called "More First Facts."

I have gone through it carefully to see if Joe has found out the name of the first man who ever ate an oyster. I think it was Dean Swift who said that that man, whoever he was, was a real hero. But Joe Kane hasn't got his name in his book.

LIFE . . . spore hunting
There are still millions of questions about the beginning of things to which science has not found the answer, but every year we come nearer to the truth. The origin of life itself is a mystery which has not been solved.

A great Swedish scientist, Svend Arrhenius, put forward a theory that life first came to earth in the form of spores carried through space from some distant point in the universe. Scientists admit that may be true. The American Professor Compton's discovery of "cosmic rays" which bombard the earth from somewhere in interstellar space, suggests that such a thing is possible.

When the biggest balloon ever made went up fourteen miles into the stratosphere, a few days ago, the observers carried not only instruments for detecting and measuring the cosmic rays, but apparatus designed to collect spores, if there were any, in this realm beyond the earth's atmosphere.

DEITIES . . . many
From the earliest days, peoples of all races have been puzzled over the beginning of things, and in the beginning of things, and in the absence of facts they have developed folk myths to account for matters which they do not understand.

Out of these attempts to explain origins came many of the ancient religions. The most familiar of these is the Greek mythology, which has been preserved because the world has access to more written records of ancient Greece than to those of any other race. The Greeks imagined an elaborate system of gods and demigods to whom they attributed not only the origins of everyday phenomena but all of the good and ill that happened to human beings. In this they were like all other primitive peoples, in ascribing human attributes to their deities.

I think a good deal of that idea of God as nothing but a superior and all-powerful man persists in the subconscious minds of a great many people still.

SPIRIT . . . unchanging
My mother, who was brought up a devout Presbyterian, taught me the "shorter catechism" when I was a child. I still think that classic document contains the most perfect definition of God: "God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth." I think if anyone slings to that conception of God, as a spirit moving in the hearts of men and guiding their lives, he is not going to concern himself much as to precisely how the God of the Bible did the things which are attributed to Him.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Modern science tends more and more to the belief, for which it is constantly seeking proof, that every so-called physical fact is merely a manifestation or evidence of an all-pervading spirit. Call it God, or what you will, all life and substance, so the most advanced physicists are coming to believe, is one with all the other shapes and forms and forces which rule creation and dominate our lives.

THE SCRAP BOOK

IF YOU were to take trouble to

PICK OUT the places in town

WHERE AN office boy is em-

PLOYED, IT is possible that you

MIGHT FIGURE out the name

OF THE man in question. And

IF YOU do it will be all right.

"PLEASE, SIR, I think you are

WANTED ON the 'phone," said

THE OFFICE boy to his boss

NERVOUSLY, "YOU think!

WHAT'S THE good, of think-

ING?" DEMANDED this certain

WELL-KNOWN citizen. "Well,

SIR," REPLIED the 'boy. "The

VOICE AT the other end of the

LINE SAID, 'hello, is that you,

YOU OLD idiot?"

I THANK YOU.

PICAYUNES

Q. What is the inscription on the memorial to Wiley Post at Floyd Bennett Field?

A. The tablet reads: "On this site Wiley Post landed the Winnie Mae, completing the first solo flight around the world in 7 days 18 hours 49 1/2 minutes. Started July 15, 1933. Returned July 22, 1933."

Q. Do many people with defective vision drive cars?

A. A scientific investigation shows that 15 per cent of American motorists cannot see well enough to be safe drivers. To drive an automobile a person should have a vision of not less than 85 per cent of normal in one eye and 50 per cent of normal in the other.

Q. How much fruit is used annually by manufacturers of jellies, jams and preserves?

A. More than 1,491,000 pounds of fruit is preserved every year in the United States, not counting that used in private households.

Q. How does the length of the Suez Canal compare with the Panama Canal?

A. The Suez is twice as long. It is 101 miles long; the Panama Canal is 50.72 miles.

Q. What are the "eight horses of triumph" which Woodrow Wilson said drew the triumphal chariot of every ruler and leader of free men?

A. Force of character, readiness of resources, cleanness of vision, grasp of intellect, courage of conviction, earnestness of purpose, instinct, and capacity for leadership.

Q. In what role was Mme. Rejane best known?

A. As Mme. Sans Gene. The play was written for her by Sardou.

Q. How long is the ocean coast line of Florida? The Gulf Coast line?

A. The Atlantic Coast line is 399 miles; Gulf of Mexico Coast line, 798.

Q. When was the Peasants' War?

A. This revolt of the German peasants against their feudal overlords was from 1524-1526.

Q. How much has the percentage of women who are employed increased in the United States since 1870?

A. In 1870 there were 1,836,288 females representing 9.6 per cent of the total, who were employed in the United States. In 1930 the number had risen to 10,752,116 or 17.7 per cent of the total.

Q. What was the first jazz band in the United States and what is the origin of the word?

A. Stage says that the Dixieland, under the direction of James La Rocca of New Orleans, formed in 1909 was the first organized jazz band and the first band to have

used the word jazz (jass). The word jazz is not of African or French origin, but is an old English word applied to honky tonk pianists as early as 40 years ago.

Q. What is a kaleidoscope, and who invented it?

A. An instrument which, by means of mirrors, causes objects viewed thru it to appear repeated in symmetrical patterns. It was invented by Sir David Brewster.

Q. When an alien is naturalized in the United States is the government of his native country notified?

A. No.

Q. Did the merchandise imports into the United States exceed the merchandise exports in 1934?

A. Preliminary figures show imports amounting to approximately \$1,655,000,000, and exports amounting to \$2,133,000,000.

Q. Who was the author of the maxim: "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country?"

A. Horace Greely wrote it in that form in "Hints Toward Reform." In a letter to W. H. Verity, in 1854, he wrote "Go west, young man." John L. B. Coule in an editorial in the Terre Haute, Ind. "Express," wrote in 1851, "Go west, young man, go west."

Q. What was the population of the United States in 1934?

A. The estimated population was 126,425,000.

Q. How do the populations of France and Italy compare?

A. According to the census of March 7, 1931, the population of France, exclusive of soldiers, sailors and officials absent on census day, was 41,834,923. The total including them was 41,928,851. For Italy the census of April 21, 1932, showed a population of 41,176,671. The official estimate for Jan. 1933, was 41,806,000. In neither case are the colonies included.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page one)
on borrowed money. At present he pointed out, transactions on the stock exchange are on a cash basis, and the Federal Reserve has ample power to check any inflation of credit such as caused the market collapse in 1929.

RETRENCHMENT FORECAST

The Administration is very clearly determined to begin a policy of retrenchment of governmental expenditures. The statement by Representative James P. Buchanan, of Texas, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriation, after his conferences last week with the President at Warm Springs, that he was preparing to make the strongest fight of his life for economy, and that there was reason to believe that the deficit could be reduced to not more than \$500,000,000 for the next fiscal year, is accepted here as a genuine expression of intention, on the part of a man who wields great power in Congress.

Yet there is never any telling what any Congress may do. The reasonable certainty that a veterans' bonus bill will be enacted is a matter of some concern. If a plan for settling the veterans' claims with reasonably long-term bonds can be put through, it will not materially affect the annual budget, but many returning members are bringing back reports of demands for cash instead of bonds, and that may be one of the big issues to be fought out on the floor of Congress.

The tongue of gossip as active as ever on the matter of Cabinet changes. The latest rumors would shift Secretary Roper to the Post Office Department and George Peek from his lather anomalous position in the State Department to Secretary of Commerce. The President wants to keep Peek in the Administration.

It is more than whispered that he would like to have Secretary Ickes out of the Administration. Also, very strong pressure is being put upon the President to get rid of Dr. Tugwell, who no longer functions as Under Secretary of Agriculture, although he retains the title.

BOTH WOULD HELP

Dismal Dawson: "Kin you help me? I'm trying to git back to me poor old mother. She ain't seen me face for 10 years."
Citizen: "I guess that's the truth. Why don't you wash it?"

Sharpening the Old Machete — by A. B. Chapin



Record of Virginia Carolina Football Games

The University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina have met on the football field 40 times. It is the oldest continuous football rivalry in the South and one of the oldest in the country.

In the year of its beginning, 1892, the teams played two games. Virginia won the first, 30 to 18, and Carolina the second, 26 to 0. Michael Hoke, now chief consulting physician for the sanatorium at Warm Springs, Ga., and an intimate friend of President Roosevelt's, was the Carolina captain.

Carolina has won most of the games with its old rival in recent years, but Virginia is still ahead on the series, 21 to 16. Up to the time when football was suspended because of the World War Virginia had won 17 games, Carolina had won 5, and there has been one tie. Since the World War Carolina has won 11, Virginia has won 4, and there have been two ties.

- The record in the post-war period has been as follows:
- 1919 Carolina 6, Virginia 0.
 - 1920 Virginia 14, Carolina 0.
 - 1921 Carolina 7, Virginia 3.
 - 1922 Carolina 10, Virginia 7.
 - 1923 Tie (0-0).
 - 1924 Virginia 7, Carolina 0.
 - 1925 Tie (3-3).
 - 1926 Virginia 3, Carolina 0.
 - 1927 Carolina 14, Virginia 13.
 - 1928 Carolina 24, Virginia 20.
 - 1929 Carolina 41, Virginia 7.
 - 1930 Carolina 40, Virginia 0.
 - 1931 Carolina 13, Virginia 6.
 - 1932 Virginia 14, Carolina 7.
 - 1933 Carolina 14, Virginia 0.
 - 1934 Carolina 25, Virginia 6.
 - 1935 Carolina 61, Virginia 0.

Cleveland Route 2

The many friends of Mrs. T. D. Steele will be sorry to learn that she is in the Long Sanatorium, Statesville, where she underwent an operation Monday, December 2. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowe McDaniel announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 30. Mrs. McDaniel was the former Miss Rebecca Campbell.

Mr. Hoyle Smith and father have been visiting the latter's brother in Baltimore.

Mr. Walter Goodman has returned to his home after spending awhile with Rev. and Mrs. John Foster of Coolemeem, the former his uncle.

Miss Hazel Johnson and Mr. Henry Guffy spent awhile Sunday night with Miss Pauline Turner.

Mrs. Mattie Dixon has returned to her home in Georgia, after a visit with Miss Rebecca Reed in Cool Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Steele and children were dinner guests, Sunday, of Mrs. Anne Pence.

The children and grandchildren visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Steele Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Merrell, Lucile, Margaret and Ralph from Fork, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Steele, Dorothy, Billie, and Carl, Mrs. P. A. Johnson, Hazel and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Camp-

Only 16 Shopping Days Until Christmas



bell, Frances, Louise and Herbert, Mrs. M. A. Fraley and Mary Katherine, Mrs. Annie Pence, Mary Robert, Milton, Earle, Eugene, and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Steele, Kenneth, and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steele, Hubert, Lois, Mildred and Betty Lou.

Miss Helen Page, who is a senior at the Greensboro College for Women, spent Thanksgiving in Cool Spring, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller, of Misenheimer, who recently announced their July marriage, spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Steele. Mrs. Steele is

Mr. Miller's sister.
Mr. Holloway Burton, Catawba College Senior, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burton, over the holidays.

The joint council of the Lebanon Lutheran Parish held a meeting on Sunday evening at the home of Rev. Olin G. Swicegood in Cleveland. Providence church was represented by Messrs. H. W. Miller and P. A. Johnson.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Cleveland-Scotch-Irish Grange will be held December 10. All members are urged to be present to participate in the election of officers for the coming year. Refreshments will be served.

ELECT TAR HEEL

Indianapolis.—A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh, N. C., State commissioner of revenue, was elected president of the National Association of State tax administrators and A. Stone of Jackson, Miss., vice president.

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