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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) 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 (Population Rowan Co. 56,665)

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ANOTHER TERROR ELIMINATED

In the old days, before the discovery of anesthetics, dentists' chairs used to be equipped with straps to keep the patient from leaping out of the window when the dentists instrument struck a nerve.

Seeking a way to make dentistry less painful, an American dentist named Horace Wells discovered, in 1844, that nitrous oxide, which used to be called "laughing gas," would render a person unconscious of pain—and everything else—for long enough to extract the most resistant molar.

For the first time in history, major surgical operations could be performed without pain to the patient. Previously surgeons either had to knock their patients unconscious by hitting them on the head, or strap them to the operating table and let them scream.

CONSTITUTION AND THE COURT

It is interesting, in view of the general discussion of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court declaring certain acts of Congress unconstitutional, to look at the record in all of the nation's history, which has passed on beyond the Congress held Congress involving 62 reports in his

United States News. In the first 72 years of the Republic, down to President Lincoln's administration, only three Acts of Congress were held invalid by the Supreme Court.

On the whole, the record of the Supreme Court throughout its history, in sustaining the Congress in more than 24,000 cases in which the power of the Legislative arm of Government was challenged, and overruling it in only one case out of every 350, does not seem to furnish very solid ground on which to demand either the abolition of the Judicial branch of our system, or the imposition of restrictions upon it.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

PARDON . . . for Roger

In my home state of Massachusetts, Justice may sometimes move slowly, but wrongs are usually righted in the course of time. For instance, the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has just pardoned Roger Williams, after 30 years!

WEASELS . . . and cats

Nothing can happen anywhere without affecting somebody somewhere else. King George V. died



WE ARE not going to mention THE NAME of this local citizen OF SOME prominence, but we HAVE A feeling that perhaps you WILL GUESS his name right QUICK. HE WAS on his way to VISIT A friend in one of the LARGER CITIES, and he was EXPECTING THE friend's CHAUFFEUR TO meet him at THE STATION. After waiting SEVERAL MINUTES, the CHAUFFEUR DID approach and MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN. Our LOCAL CITIZEN began to BERATE THE chauffeur. "Well, I THOUGHT you weren't coming TO MEET me," he said. "Didn't YOUR BOSS tell you how to RECOGNIZE ME?" The chauffeur HESITATED. "YES," he said CAUTIOUSLY. "BUT there were SEVERAL GENTLEMEN with LARGE STOMACHS and red NOSES GETTING off the train. I THANK YOU.

the other day and the royalty and nobility of Europe will have to attend the coronation of King Edward VIII next year. If you're in that class, you've got to wear an ermine robe or cape or they won't let you in. Fur-dealers are now scouring the world for ermine furs. The ermine is nothing but the ordinary weasel in his white winter coat. It takes 150 ermine skins for an ordinary cape. So up in the Northwest the fur buyers are bidding up these winter weasel furs and the trappers are reaping a harvest. If you've got a white kitten that you're fond of, keep it indoors until all those coronation robes have been made.

"BEEN" . . . you're right I have heard folk deride the great Quaker poet, John G. Whittier, as uncouth and uncultured because he wrote in "Maud Muller" these lines: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" Probably Whittier never heard anyone in his New England home pronounce "been" in any other way than to rhyme with "pen."

That was the beginning of the state now named "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," which is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year. And when the tricentenary committee discovered that Roger Williams was still under sentence of banishment, an appeal was made to the Massachusetts authorities, who formally recorded that Williams was at last pardoned for his crimes.

It must have been a rude shock to the purists and pedants who think that good English is spoken only in England, when Dr. A. Floyd James, professor of phonetics in the University of London, arrived in New York the other day and remarked that "bin" is just as permissible as "bean," and that all other "Americanisms," so long as they are intelligible, are as good English as the King's English itself.

Lady Took Cardui When Weak, Nervous

"I can't say enough for Cardui if I talked all day," enthusiastically writes Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, of Statesville, N. C. "I have used Cardui at intervals for twenty-five years," she adds. "My trouble in the beginning was weakness and nervousness. I read of Cardui in a newspaper and decided right then to try it. It seemed before I had taken half a bottle of Cardui I was stronger and was soon up and around."

followers piled gold into the other pan until the scales balanced. His weight in gold was 152 pounds, worth around \$125,000, which he gave to charity.

NATIONALISM . . . the trend

From all I can learn, from friends who keep in touch with Europe, the nations that have been trying to run on the principle of buying nothing from other nations are having a hard time of it. I hear that the German people are hard put to it for food and clothing and are getting restive under the Hitler dictatorship. From Italy, I get similar reports of international unrest and a strong movement to restore to the King the power which Mussolini now wields. France, Holland and Switzerland are having trouble in maintaining their currencies on the gold standard.

PICAYUNES

WHEN DAD WAS A BOY Jim: "My dad must have been into all sorts of mischief when he was a boy." Sam: "What makes you think so?" Jim: "He knows exactly what questions to ask me when he wants to find out what I've been doing."

PERCY KNEW Teacher: "How many bones have you in your body, Percy?" Percy: "About 25,000." Teacher: "That's impossible, Percy." Percy: "No; it's the truth. I ate sardines for lunch."

UNDECIDED 1st Moth: "The weather man says the weather is going to be changeable." 2nd Moth: "Yes. I don't know whether to get a spring coat or a winter coat."

END WAS IN SIGHT Customer: "You said the alligator I bought from you would live 20 years and it died before I had it a week." Dealer: "Now wasn't that too bad? The 200 years must have been up."

JUST LIKE A MAN Mother-in-law: "How does your husband account for the high cost of living?" Bride: "He just blames it on me."

GOOD PRESCRIPTION Nadine: "Doctor, don't you think I look terribly pale?" Doctor: "Yes, I do." Nadine: "What would you advise me to do?" Doctor: "Wipe some of the powder off your face."

PRACTICE Izzy: "I'm thinking of becoming a debt collector. What do you think of the idea?" Moe: "It's a good idea. All you need is practice. You lend me \$5 and I'll let you practice on me for nothing."

WHERE HE GETS IT Professor (to mother of freshman): "Your son has a great thirst for knowledge. Where does he get it?" Mother: "He gets the knowledge from me and the thirst from his

Thousands of women testify that Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician.

ALL THERE

Mother: "Anyway that child doesn't get his temper from me." Father: "I'll say not. There's none of yours missing."

ANCESTORS Mamoulean: "We in this generation know more than our parents did, and our parents knew more than their parents did." Simolean: "Maybe that's true—but I hate to think what fools your grandparents must have been."

A DAY LOST Rosie was just home after her first day at school. "Well, darling," asked her fond mother, "what did you learn?" "Not much," replied the child. "I've got to go again."

Magnolia—When Opaline went and got married us girls done give her a shower." Pansy—"Dat sho was nice. Ah bet her husband was glad to get her all nice an' clean an' sanitary."

Clerk—"So you want a gift for your wife? Something electrical, perhaps?" Local man—"Yes that's not a bad idea. Er—have you any electric chairs?"

Pat—"Why are you wearing so many coats on such a hot day?" Mike (carrying a paint brush)—"I was going to paint me fence and it sez: To obtain best results put on three coats."

Young Angus had been out for the evening with his best girl. When he arrived home he found his father still sitting up. The old man looked up and shook his head.

"Have ye been out wif' your lassie again?" he asked. "Aye, dad," replied young Angus. "Why do ye look sae worried?" "I was just wondering how much the evening cost."

"No more than half a croon, dad." "Aye? That was not sae much." "It was a' she had," said Angus.

The bride's mother—"What's wrong with you, darling? What are you crying about now?" The bride—"My husband is such a deceiver! Every time I ask him how he likes my biscuits he changes the subject and tells me what beautiful eyes I have."

Letters To The Editor

Concord, N. C., January 31, 1936. Editor of The Carolina Watchman, Salisbury, N. C.

Col. G. F. McAllister, Supervisor of the Census of Business, today announced that seven enumerators have been appointed to present the Census forms to business houses

and help them fill out the necessary information. They are: W. M. Bailey W. W. White, Jr., L. L. Goodman, James M. Smith, and Mrs. H. W. Goodson; all of Salisbury, and Mr. Coy D. Frick, of Granite Quarry, and Marvin R. Kester, of Spencer

Members of his office staff named to date include, Mr. Chas. F. Reiser, Jr., Assistant Supervisor, of Salisbury, Mrs. Opal Clayton Secretary, of Kannapolis, and Mr. Whitehead Miller, Clerk, of Spencer.

Mr. McAllister stressed the fact that information given enumerators will be held in strict confidence. All enumerators and other persons connected with the Census work are under a drastic Census Oath not to disclose any information submitted for Census purposes.

The Census is the oldest bureau of the Government, established nearly 150 years ago, and never has been convicted of a violation of confidence.

He asked all business concerns to cooperate with the enumerators who call upon them for business census data.

Describing the value of the Census, Mr. McAllister, said that from the results, banks and financial agencies are enabled to extend commercial credit more freely because of more accurate knowledge of what constitutes sound operating expenses and stock ratios; newspapers are enabled to establish the consumer market in their circulation fields; wholesale dealers are able to make a better appraisal of their immediate and potential trade territories and thus avoid unproductive expense; advertising agencies can determine comprehensive and accurate markets for various products; retailers are supplied with needed data on their competitive situation, not only in their particular field, but also regarding the extent of other kinds of competitive business.

Real estate values, proper rentals and the basis for percentage leases are frequently determined from business census data, which have great weight, because they are strictly factual statements without prejudice.

As fast as reports are received they are sent to Philadelphia by registered mail, where they are carefully guarded. Five to eight tabulating cards are punched to record the information on each report, but no names or addresses appear on these cards. The cards are tabulated with other cards to produce the figures which are published and become the recognized basic statistics of business.

Yours very truly, G. F. McALLISTER, Supervisor 9th District, N. C.

SEES JAPANESE-U. S. ACCORD New York—Hiroshi Saito, Japanese ambassador to the United States said he is firmly convinced that the navies of Japan and the United States will "never be used against one another."

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page 1) a month pensions to all the aged people of both sexes. It seems unlikely that the present Congress will adopt anything of the kind, but it does not seem quite possible that amendments may be made to the Social Security Act to increase the benefits under that measure for workers who are already old, and to make them available much earlier than the date set in the original act, which is January 1, 1942.

THE TAX OUTLOOK

The financial situation of the nation is giving Congress food for thought. In spite of political reluctance to increase taxation in an election year, some new taxes are definitely in the offing. Among these are some sort of an excise tax on processors of farm products to take the place of the old processing taxes. New inheritance taxes, higher corporation taxes, and higher individual income taxes seem to be a reasonable expectation.

The farm relief situation is still far from being clarified. As good a forecast as can be made as this time is that existing AAA contracts will be paid up, and that 400 or 500 millions a year will be provided for new land lease subsidies. Whatever form the new farm plan takes, it is pointed out that there are plenty of trained employees to put it into operation.

SENATE REPEALS BANKHEAD ACT

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program, to which these three acts were auxiliary. The AAA was pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court four weeks ago and the Court clearly indicated in that decision that it would rule out these auxiliary acts when the occasion presented itself.

By this action President Roosevelt evidently decided to beat the Court to it. The President's message to Congress consisted of only one paragraph. It follows:

"I recommend to the Congress the prompt repeal of the act of April 21, 1934, amended, known as the Bank-head Cotton Act; of the act of June 28, 1934 as amended, known as the Kerr-Smith tobacco act, and of Title 2 of the act of August 24, 1935, known as the 'potato act' of 1935. This recommendation is made because of the program of agricultural production adjustment under the act of May 12, 1933, as amended, known as the agricultural adjustment act, to which the three acts mentioned were auxiliary."

STATEMENT OF CONDITION Home Building & Loan Association of Salisbury, N. C., as of December 31st, 1935. Assets: Cash on Hand and in Banks \$4,023.76; Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank 2,700.00; North Carolina State Bonds 5,000.00; Mortgage Loans 476,057.10; 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 10,190.00; Advances made to our shareholders against their stock. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in. Real Estate Owned 15,850.00; Other Assets—Interest Accrued, Due Less than 6 Months 2,732.20. TOTAL \$516,453.06. Liabilities: To Shareholders Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on stock as follows: Installment Stock \$202,264.35; Paid-up Stock 260,500.00; Interest Paid in Advance 223.45; Undivided Profits 22,480.21; Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of stock. Contingent Reserve 27,500.00; Special Reserve 3,485.05. TOTAL \$516,453.06.