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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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TRAVELING

With the outlook for a general European war fading into the background, and a widespread increase in the incomes of the most average Americans, the Trans-Atlantic steamship lines are looking forward to the biggest tourist season in history, beginning this coming Spring. The big addition to the Atlantic ferry system this year will be the new British "Queen Mary." Whether the "Queen Mary" and the big French liner "Normandie" can ever be profitable is somewhat doubtful. Shipping men point to the great success of the two moderate-sized American liners "Manhattan" and "Washington" as proof that ocean giants don't pay as well as craft of somewhat smaller tonnage.

UNEMPLOYMENT

A great deal of the talk about unemployment is based upon insufficient knowledge of the facts. There never was a time when everybody was employed, just as there never was a time when everybody was employable. Manufacturers in many lines are complaining today that they cannot find enough skilled workers to meet the needs of industry. The American Management Association reports that in the automobile industry particularly they are trying to train men to fill the skilled and semi-skilled jobs but are facing an acute shortage of competent workers.

ers. In the 30 years between 1900 and 1930 the number of jobs increased by more than 20 million. Today, the Institute reports, employment is more nearly normal in the highly mechanized industries than in those in which little machinery is used.

With the general adoption of unemployment compensation systems by the several states, we shall be able in the course of a year or two to find out the real facts about unemployment. At present it seems prudent to distrust most of the so-called statistics on unemployment.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY— FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

FAIR . . . world's greatest New York is going to have a World's Fair in 1939. The date will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of our beginning of our nation. On April 30, 1789, the first President of the United States, George Washington, took the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall, at the corner of Broad and Wall Streets, and for more than a year he lived as President in New York. The national capital was then removed to Philadelphia, where it remained until the new city of Washington was ready for President John Adams.

MEMORIES . . . growth Years ago I met an old man who claimed to have seen President Washington. That may have been true, for certainly there were many men alive in my boyhood who were born before Washington died. But I have found that many old people "remember" things that never happened.

One old gentleman, Major George Haven Putnam, who died at 83 a few years ago, told me a story that I do believe. As a small boy he was walking with his father on the Bowling Green, at the lower end of Broadway. They met Washington Irving, the famous author, who was born in 1783. Irving patted the little boy on the head, and said to him:

"Now you are only two pats on the head from George Washington." He had been walking with his own father, Irving said, at almost the same spot, when they met President Washington, who patted his little namesake on the head. When I hear such anecdotes and realize that only the span of two human lives lies between today and the beginning of our nation, I am always freshly amazed that we have grown in so short a time to the wealthiest, most vigorous and almost the largest nation in the world. And I wonder how much farther we are going.

FARADAY . . . and tax The other day a scientist in London, seated at the desk used by Michael Faraday, struck a match and lighted a candle. That started an electrical impulse which sped across the Atlantic and lighted a lamp to signalize the opening of the new Museum of Science and Industry in New York.

Faraday, the blacksmith's son who invented the electric dynamo, could not have foreseen a miracle like that, perhaps, though he was a good prophet. When Mr. Gladstone, Queen Victoria's Prime Minister, asked him what good his dynamo was, Faraday replied: "Some day you can tax it."

ICE . . . harvest The biggest ice crop in many years is being harvested on the upper Hudson River and the lakes of northern New York, and New England. Two-foot ice is reported from Lake Champlain, and still freezing.

Electric refrigeration in homes, and artificial ice plants everywhere, have pretty nearly ruined what used to be a prosperous and profitable industry. The annual ice crop used to bring more cash into the towns along the northern rivers than anything else. While there is still a



THERE ARE always a lot OF WISE cracks in any BARBER SHOP when a bold-HEADED MAN climbs in the CHAIR, AND calls for a HAIR CUT. For that reason, THIS LITTLE incident could HAVE HAPPENED in a dozen PLACES RIGHT here in town. WE THOUGHT that the barber's REPLY WAS right smart, so WE ARE giving you the SORRY. YOU can do your own GUESSING AS to the ones IN THE story. "You oughtn't TO CHARGE me but half-price FOR CUTTING my hair when I'M HALF-BALD," said the CHISELER. "SORRY, Sir," REPLIED THE barber. "We DON'T CHARGE for cutting YOUR HAIR—we charge for the TIME WE spend HUNTING FOR it." I THANK YOU.

market for good natural ice, it is small and localized. Yet, I haven't heard of the "ice farmers" asking the Government for relief!

FISHING . . . winter Winter fishing through the ice is just as popular and profitable as ever. I had a letter from a niece in Vermont the other day, who wrote that her husband and five other men had built their fishing shack about three miles out on Lake Champlain and were making big catches of pike and pickerel.

I haven't been around the winter fishing grounds for years, but I have vivid memories of one Spring when the ice broke up unexpectedly on Lake Erie and several fishermen were carried down the Niagara River on floes, with onlookers on shore unable to do anything to save them.

I suppose most young folks of today would balk at taking such risks to earn a living. But forty or fifty years ago nobody expected somebody else to feed him if he didn't work at whatever there was to do.

Last Request Carried Out

Miami, Fla.—The last wish of Walter Thompson, 78, retired ship-builder, who died here was buried at sea as requested in his will. Thompson came here eight years ago from Perth Amboy, N. J., where he was a past master of the Raritan Masonic lodge. Surviving Thompson are his widow, Mrs. Ella Thompson, of New Orleans, and a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Ten Eyck, of Linden, N. J.

JOE GISH



I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT THE LATE HANK SPIVENS LIVED A COLORFUL LIFE . . . HE WUZ ALWAYS CHASING RAINBOWS.

PICAYUNES

NO GLUTTON Unseen by the referee, the all-in wrestler bit his opponent severely. "You're biting," hissed the sufferer.

"Well," gasped his adversary, "do yer expect me to swaller yer in a lump?"

NO NEED One of the fruit-stall men in the city market was striving hard to add a few cents to the total of his sales. "We've got some fine alligators pears," he suggested. "Silly," laughed the very, very young housewife. "We don't keep a gold-fish."

DEFINITE PROOF Teacher: "Johnny, who was Anne Boleyn?" Johnny: "Anne Boleyn was a flat iron." Teacher: "What on earth do you mean?" Johnny: "What on earth do you mean?" Johnny: "Well, it says here in the history book, 'Henry, having disposed of Catherine, pressed his suit with Anne Boleyn.'"

NO? WELL TRY IT "There's no difficulty in this world that cannot be overcome." "Is zat so! Say, did you ever try to push the tooth paste back in the tube?"

EMBRYO BRIDES Teacher: "Now, in getting a meal what is the first and most important thing?" Embryo Cooks (in chorus): "Find the can opener!"

A dentist says that he had an absent-minded motorist in his chair the other day. "Will you take gas?" he asked. "Yeah," replied the a-m patient. "and you'd better look at the oil, too."

Mose: "Say Pete, could you lend me \$3?" Pete: "On what security?" Mose: "Why, A'tell you! I's gwine to get married tonight, and tomorrow Ah'll give you mah wife's watch!"

HARD LIFE The pedestrian was walking slowly down the street. The clock nearby showed that it was 2 a. m. Policeman (as he eyed the man suspiciously): "Out rather late, aren't you?" Man: "Perhaps so, but this is about the only chance a pedestrian has nowadays."

ADDITION TO MILK "Oh, Martha," the little girl called from the springhouse to the dairymaid, "there's a mouse swimming 'round in the the biggest pan of milk." "Goodness," said Martha, "did you take it out?" "No," said the little girl. "I throwed in the cat."

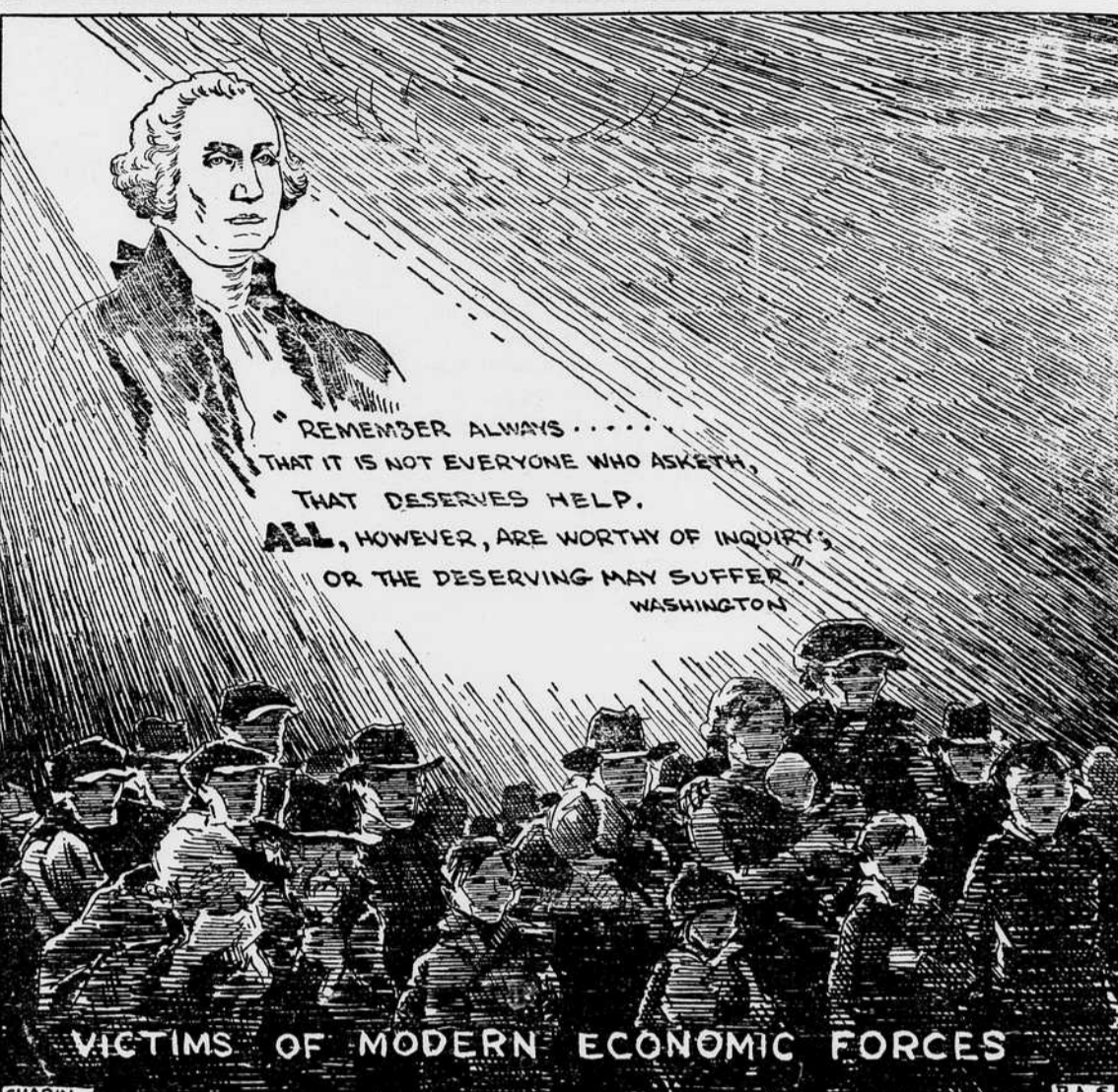
THE DEBATE Sambo had joined a debating society, and the day after his first meeting he was being questioned by friends. "What was de subject of de debate, Sambo?" "De subject were 'What is de most benefit to mankind de sun or de moon,'" replied Sambo. "And which side did you take?" "De moon's," said Sambo. "I argued dat de sun shines when we doan' need de light, but de moon shines by night, when dat mos' certainly am needed. Am dey couldn't answer dat, sah!"

BRIGHT YOUNGSTER First little girl: "Why did your mother spank you?" Second little girl (professor's daughter), "Because she is too untutored, ignorant and archaic in her ideas to devise a more modern reformatory method based on the superior intelligence of the younger generation."

A blushing young woman handed the telegraph operator a telegram to be sent which contained only the single word "Yes." Desiring to be of real help to patrons of his company the operator said: "You know you can send nine words for the same price." "I know I can," replied the customer, "but don't you think it would look like I am too anxious if I said it 10 times?"

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A Voice From Long Ago — by A. B. Chapin



VICTIMS OF MODERN ECONOMIC FORCES

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page One) the powers of the Federal Government, and also because it is regarded as an effort to curtail production, whereas the erosion and soil-replenishment features would tend to increase production. The newest farm plan which is being given a good deal of consideration here is sponsored by the National Cooperative Council, a federation of farmers' cooperatives. The plan is to set up one or more operations, in which the government will participate, to manage the distribution and sale of surplus farm products both for export and the home markets. Whether this will come to a head at the present Congress is still a question. It may, however, become a part of one or both party platforms.

The repeal of the Bankhead Cotton Control Act, the Tobacco Control Act and the Potato Control Act, at the request of the President, was expected after the Supreme Court's decision on the AAA.

It begins to look as if there would be no important new tax legislation at this session except possibly some form of a tax on processors to provide funds for the agricultural program. Strong opposition from within the Democratic ranks is shaping up to this particular form of tax. Senator Walsh of Massachusetts is the spearhead of a new movement for a general manufacturers' sales tax which will, of course, be opposed by the members from the western farm regions.

In the realm of party politics those observers who make it their business to try to figure out what Senator Borah is aiming at, seem to be convinced that his declaration in Ohio as a primary candidate for the presidency is an effort to block the "favorite son" tactics which have often resulted in throwing the nomination into the hands of the party bosses. If Mr. Borah can get a good sized handful of in-shines by night, when dat mos' certainly am needed. Am dey couldn't answer dat, sah!

There is only one other Republican of whom it can be said with certainty that he will have a group of instructed delegates at Cleveland. That is Governor Landon of Kansas. He and Senator Borah are now away out in front.

ACTRESS GIVEN DIVORCE Los Angeles—Charging her husband called her a "dumb little farmer girl," Bonnie Bannon, movie actress, won a divorce from Charles Faye, assistant film director. Miss Bannon came to Hollywood via a Fresno, Calif., beauty shop.

Girl, 14, Guards Afflicted Brother In Mountain Cabin

Luray, Va.—"I ain't afraid of nobody with my daddy's old rifle hanging to the wall and a .38 'volver which I keep under my pillow." Jane Susan Jenkins, fourteen, a Blue Ridge girl, told a newspaper man at her home. "My daddy stays away lots o' nights, and I have to remain here and take care of my eleven-year-old brother." The brother has been a mental wreck from birth, and is an hourly care for his sister. Epileptic fits often seize the boy and he falls anywhere, often dangerously close to the old-time fireplace that warms the Jenkins home. In the fireplace the girl prepares meals for the family, when all of them are at home. Cabbage, potatoes, turnips, etc., are boiled in a red coal beneath the tripod. The hoe cake bread is baked in a skillet that reposes on red coals beneath the criped. Continuing, the girl told the newspaper man: "I have never been more than two miles from home and that is to a store. Then pap minded

'Bud for me to go after some sugas and coffee." At night when the girl and her afflicted brother are left alone, she has her father's rifle hanging from pegs over her bunk in one of the two rooms in the mountain cabin. The revolver is kept under her pillow and her neighbors say she would not be slow in using it if occasion demanded. She is an expert marksman with either of the weapons. The only dresses she has ever had were of her own making, and her ideas of dressmaking are crude, some trail the ground, others end far above her knees. She revamps her father's overalls for her brother. Despite her years, the girl is an inveterate tobacco chewer. She does not hesitate to say that she has tried "ever so often to get 'Bud' to chew, but it always makes him sick and sometimes will bring on a fit if he takes a chew." The girl's home is immediately outside of the boundaries of the Shenandoah National Park. Her mother has been dead a half dozen years. No public road is within sight and the only glimpse of a railroad train she has ever had was when she saw it ten miles away—across the Page valley.

25 UNC Grads Recommended

Chapel Hill.—Twenty-five outstanding graduates of the University of North Carolina have been recommended to the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the United States Navy as good prospects to fill commissions in the Civil Engineer Corps Reserves, whose number is being increased from 100 to 500, it was announced here today. The following graduates of high scholastic standing were recommended: John N. Gilbert, Chapel Hill; A. S. Chase, Georgetown, Mass.; Dwight Plyler, Monroe; Fred C. Ray, Leaksville; William Crammer, Willoughby Beach; M. F. Hetherington, Lakeland, Fla.; W. C. Johnson, Gastonia; J. S. Lewis, Jr., Rocky Mount; P. L. Abernethy, Hickory; E. C. Dobbins, Chapel Hill; W. J. Bolen, Schoolfield, Va. John P. Lynch, Raleigh; R. P. Howell, Washington, D. C.; R. H. Hayes, Kershaw, S. C.; M. F. Wooten, Jr., Charlotte; W. H. Horney, Jr., Greensboro; A. Mitchell, Kinston; A. C. Brown, Kinston; W. A. Brick, Jr., Chapel Hill; Fred C. Cain, Conton, Miss.; F. E. Culvern, Charlotte; C. C. Glover, Newnan, Ga.; R. M. Dailey, Hatteras; Sidney Franklin, Brooklynn, Mass.

TO FURNISH LEE'S HOME

New York—Mrs. Robert W. Bingham, wife of the U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, attended a luncheon of the Robert E. Lee memorial foundation and discussed plans for the furnishings of Stratford Hall, Lee's birthplace at Stratford, Va.

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