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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)	

ROOSEVELT'S SECOND TERM

Mr. Roosevelt's second term as President will start on January 20th, six weeks less than four years since he was inaugurated on March 4, 1933. One effect of the Constitutional change in the date of Presidential inauguration is to put an end to the custom of great military parades with which Presidents have long been ushered in. Washington is sometimes springlike in March, but in January it is always wintry.

DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY

While the year's tally of automobile deaths is not yet complete, the figures already available make it clear that the record of 1936 is higher than that of 1935. About 37,000 persons were killed in motor accidents in the twelve months. This brings the total number of persons killed in America by motor cars, in the 15 years since records began to be kept, up to above 425,000. That is more by half than all of the Americans who have been killed in all our wars from the Revolution down to the World War. The motor car has become the nation's deadliest weapon. With 2,000,000 more cars on the roads, we may expect even more highway deaths in 1937.

Those who have given this subject the closest study agree that the blame for most of these motor killings lies not with the car nor the road, but with the driver. There are still twenty states in which no license is required to drive a car; in many others, the examination of drivers for licenses is no perfunctory that possession of a driver's license is no proof that its owner is a good driver.

The most dangerous place to drive is on a wide, well-paved highway on a clear day. That is where and when motorists get careless. Sunday is the most dangeraus day in the week, Wednesday the safest. Twice as many persons are killed by cars between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening as between 7 and 8 in the morning.

The motor death rate in the cities is coming down, by reason of better lighting, more effective traffic control, and better enforcement of the traffic laws. The rate is going up in the country. It would take more money than the taxpayers would stand for to light and police a million miles of highway.

The solution of the problem would seem to be the better education of drivers, not so much in the alert of driving but in what might be called "motor manners." If every driver behaved on the road with the same consideration for others that he shows elsewhere, the toll of motor murders might be greatly reduced.

GOOD MEN ARE SCARCE

Every once in a while somebody's name will be mentioned and everybody present will say: "He's a good man." But how often are most of us moved to pay that tribute to one of our fellow citizens?

The truth is that good men are scarce. Good men, that is, in the sense of being first-rate workmen at their trades or professions, honest and upright, in all their dealings with others, independent and self-reliant, industrious and sober. The highest tribute one man can pay to another is to say "He's a good man."

Of how many in any community can that be said? How many farmers are really good farmers? How many workers in any trade can be relied upon to do an honest day's work, and do everything as well as it can be done?

From all over the country the complaint is heard that good men are scarce. Industrialists are saying that there is a real shortage of competent workers, in spite of all the talk about unemployment. Good men are seldom unemployed and never for long.

Public attention has been directed in these recent years to the plight of those who, for one reason or another, have not been able to earn a living. It might be a good idea to pay a little attention to the good men who have got along without calling for help. They are the "forgotten men." Maybe there are a lot more of them than we realize. They are not heard from so loudly as are the second-raters and the no-goods.

THE SCRAP BOOK

THIS LITTLE story could have
* * *
HAPPENED IN any home where
* * *
THERE ARE more or less neg-
* * *
LECTED HUSBANDS And it did
* * *
HAPPEN IN a Main street home
* * *
SUNDAY MORNING. "Where in
* * *
THE WORLD did you get that
* * *
HORRIBLE NECKTIE? Asked the
* * *
WIFE. "'THE laugh's on you,"
* * *
WAS HUBBY'S ready reply. You
* * *
GAVE IT to me at Christmas a
* * *
YEAR AGO, and this is the first
* * *
TIME I have got up nerve enough
* * *
TO WEAR it."
* * *
I THANK YOU.

MEANEST MAN OF 1936

Who was the meanest man of 1936? Read this unusual story, relating many instances of cruelties and man's inhumanity during the past year. One of the many interesting features in the January 3rd issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Your news dealer has your copy.

SOLVING A MURDER MYSTERY

Fascinating story of how London's Scotland Yard detective brought to justice the slayer of an unusual crime. One of many interesting stories in the January 3rd issue of the American Weekly, the magazine published each week with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Your newsdealer will supply you.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Timely menus, recipes and other suggestions for meal time by well-known home economists will be found regularly in the American Weekly, the big magazine published every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your newsdealer.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
NORTH CAROLINA
ROWAN COUNTY

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage, from J. P. Alexander and Lula J. Alexander to Hayden Clement, Trustee, dated the 23rd day of April, 1929, and registered in Book of Mortgages No. 112, Page 248, of Registry's Office, Rowan County, N. C., default having been made in the indebtedness for which said mortgage was given to secure, and for the protection of the holder(s) of said indebtedness, the undersigned, will sell at Public Auction, for cash, at the Courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1937 at 12:00 o'clock Noon, after due advertisement as provided by said instrument or by law, the following property, to-wit:

One house and lot lying and being in the Great South Ward of the City of Salisbury on the Southeast side of Shaver Street at the South corner of the intersection of Shaver and Elm Streets; BEGINNING at said S. corner of the intersection of Shaver and Elm Streets, and runs thence with the edge of Shaver Street in Southwesterly direction fifty feet to a stake—corner to Lot No. 16; thence with line of lot No. 16 in Southeasterly direction and parallel with Elm Street one hundred and fifty feet to a stake in edge of Lot No. 37; thence with line of Lot No. 37 in Northeasterly direction and parallel with Shaver Street fifty feet to edge of Elm Street in Northwesterly direction one hundred and fifty feet to the BEGINNING corner.

Being Lot No. 17 of Plat of lots made by Southern Loan & Trust Company lying near the National Cemetery, Salisbury, N. C.

This sale will be left open for advance bid required by law.

Dated this the 29th day of December, 1936.

HAYDEN CLEMENT
Trustee

Clement & Clement, Attys.
Jan. 1—22.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Carrie R. Rice, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement.

This December 16h, 1936.

J. N. HOUSTON, Administrator
Estate of Carrie R. Rice.
George R. Uzzell, Atty.
Dec. 18—Jan. 22

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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30,000 reserve officers to active duty for two weeks each year instead of the present 20,000, to enlarge the capacity of the Citizens Military Training Camps, enlist about 150,000 "specialists" in the Army Reserve Corps, and to rush to completion the Army's program of 2,320 fighting airplanes.

Mr. Woodring does not say that he expects a war, but he wants to be ready to fight if necessary.

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THE "OFFICIAL" ELECTION

The official count of the ballots cast at the Presidential election on November 3 has been completed, and the Presidential Electors have met in their respective states and formally elected Roosevelt and Garner. The exact popular vote was:

Roosevelt	27,752,309
Landon	16,682,524
Others	1,379,565
Roosevelt's plurality	11,069,785

THIS WEEK IN WASH

The figures as certified by election officials included the following minor party votes:

Lemke (Union Party)	892,793
Thomas (Socialist)	187,342
Browder (Communist)	80,096
Colvin (Prohibitionist)	37,609
Aiken (Socialist-Labor	12,793
Scattering and void	168,911

The death of Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota reduces the number of Republican Senators to sixteen, or exactly one-sixth of the total number of Senators. Governor Tom Berry of South Dakota is expected to appoint a Democrat to succeed Mr. Narbeck, but unless he acts promptly the incoming Governor, a Republican, will have the say as to who shall fill the vacant seat.

NO ARGUMENT WANTED

Mrs. Wimpus: John dear, would you marry again if I were to die?

Wimpus: Now, Mary Ann, let's not start an argument.

Await President's Plans

ed. In the fact of demands by labor leaders for Federal wage and hour regulations, Mr. Roosevelt has not committed himself. The possibility of seeking enlargement of Federal power by constitutional amendment was as much in the air as ever.

White House advisors were divided in their hopes and expectations. One group would have the President seek merely to consolidate the policies of his first administration. Another would have him project his program farther to the left without pause to learn the Supreme Court's attitude toward the Wagner labor act the social security act, Federal encouragement of municipal power projects and other fundamentals of his policy.

Those who know Mr. Roosevelt well incline to look for a middle course. He took the massive November vote as an indorsement of foundations laid. First, apparently, will come an attempt to rivet those foundations.

Adjustments of details in the security act can be expected to precede any major extension, such as applying the pension section to more working classes. The principles of the tax on corporation surpluses is considered in the law to stay, but relief may be undertaken for debt-burdened corporations.

Second, a gradual building on the foundations in an attempt to remove the paradox of widespread unemployment at a time of recovery and to assure a steady farm income is in contemplation Postmaster General Farley gave the hint this week when he predicted the next four years would bring "valuable contributions to governmental reform."