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A Real Cleanup

This week has been set apart as "Clean-up Week" for North Wilkesboro. The North Wilkesboro Woman's Club and city authorities are co-operating in promoting this annual event.

This year let us all lend a hand to make "Clean-up Week" what it is supposed to be. Let us clean rubbish from our lawns and back yards from the alleys and from the vacant lot.

We boast that we have an attractive city but think of how much better it could look with just a little work in cleaning up the worst looking spots. Some of the vacant lots present somewhat of an unfavorable appearance. The owners should attend to cleaning them up.

Treatment Of Teachers

According to a survey made by the Associated Press, teachers of the nation have bright prospects of receiving better pay the coming year. The survey reveals surprisingly hopeful trends in every state mentioned except North Carolina.

California, which pays her teachers on an average of \$2,000 annually, is considering the question of restoring cuts ranging from 5 to 12 1/2 per cent. West Virginia, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Utah and many other states have promised more adequate compensation. But no word from those in authority has been heard in the Old North State.

Hope still remains. That hope lies in the next legislature. According to news dispatches from all sections of the state, the friends of education seem to be taking a part in the primary campaigns of legislative candidates.

While teachers in a rural county such as Wilkes are not as hard hit by the present low salaries, it does seem ridiculous for a state to ask teachers that have spent years in preparation for service in their profession to teach for the average salary of \$546 per year.

A teacher who has to pay \$25 or \$30 per month for board, has little left to buy clothes, pay insurance, and lay anything away for the future.

The trend in other states is toward better pay. Whether North Carolina keeps step is entirely another matter.

A Terrible Crime

Most of the kidnappings which have been called to the attention of North Carolinians are too far away for us to fully realize the heinousness of the crime.

The present wave seems to originate with the abduction and murder of the Lindbergh baby. Only mothers could visualize the sufferings of Anne Morrow Lindbergh and then only in a vague sort of way.

But those who read the gruesome details of the experience of little June Robles, whether able to truly realize the seriousness of the crime or not, could not but be impressed with the horror of the kidnapping.

A headline in an afternoon daily last week read: "Horror Still Grips Mind of Kidnaped Child." For almost nineteen days, the six-year-old child was chained to an iron cage in a desert hole with only the sky and a cactus bush over her. For almost nineteen days, she lay there, unable to get out and play with other children. And occasionally, her abductors came at night to visit her and place a few things for her to eat.

The remarkable thing is that June did not go insane. It was a horrible experience.

It was a happy termination of this particular kidnaping that the victim was not murdered as was the Lindbergh child.

How to prevent these kidnappings is a problem that confronts the nation. Whatever else one may say, it is to the credit of the federal government that everything possible is being done to make crime unpopular. Present laws which enable the government to step in and aid state authorities in the hunt and prosecution of those who prey upon society in this manner should prove a deterrent.

Visible Trends

First results of the Literary Digest's nation-wide poll on public sentiment toward President Roosevelt's recovery program indicate the man in the street favors the new deal by a margin of more than two to one. The radio broadcast giving the first returns was made Wednesday night.

The question as worded does not present much opportunity for different interpretations: "On the whole, do you approve or disapprove of the acts and policies of the Roosevelt administration?"

The total vote cast was announced as 40,219. The approvals numbered 27,162 and the disapprovals numbered 13,057.

Whether other tabulations will be less favorable to Mr. Roosevelt is another question. The chances are the final vote will be proportionately favorable to the administration.

While the Literary Digest was sending out the news of the "new deal" approval, political observers were reading their papers and learning that Pinchot, a Roosevelt Republican in Pennsylvania, had gone down in defeat at the hands of Senator David A. Reed, one of the most bitter critics of Roosevelt. Senator Reed took the stump to denounce the "new deal" program, while Pinchot regularly asserted his belief in the fundamental principles of the Roosevelt doctrine.

Democrats, who were ready to celebrate if Reed had been defeated, pretended to be unimpressed. Figure the results in Pennsylvania and then look over the Digest's poll and you arrive at no conclusion. Is the "new deal" in the saddle, or are there still millions who disagree?

Frankly, we can't draw any definite idea of the trend from these instances. We merely cite them as interesting evidence of paradoxical returns.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

NO DANIEL AND NO ESTHER

Everyone who has read the Old Testament at all knows about Daniel, who spent a night with the lions rather than give up his religion; and about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, his three, sturdy associates. They were cast into a fiery furnace but walked comfortably upon the hot coals and came forth without even smelling of smok. Similarly, we are well acquainted with Esther, the beautiful Jewess, who became queen and had the satisfaction of seeing Haman, the wicked prime minister, hung upon the high gallows which he had built for Mordecai, the Jew.

These are two heroic figures, Daniel and Esther, and it is sad indeed to be told that the scientists, in digging around among the ruins of those far-away times, have been unable to find any trace of a prime minister named Daniel or a queen called Esther. We are forced reluctantly to conclude that the two books bearing these honored names are splendid pieces of Jewish propaganda, written by patriotic gentlemen who sought to uphold the spirits of their fellow-exiles and, in the case of Daniel, nerve them for one of the most heroic struggles in history—one that in spite of overwhelming odds succeeded.

As with Daniel, so with Esther. The author of the book that bears her name made her victory complete, as we shall have occasion to note more fully when we come back to her again. You will remember that her uncle, Mordecai, a Jew, was prime minister.

And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple and . . .

The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour . . .

And many of the people of the land became Jews; the fear of the Jews came upon them.

But these verses which make so brave a showing for the Jews, are not an historic document; only a pious hope. The Jews, in regarding them, buckled their belts a little tighter and took courage.

In taking leave of the Old Testament we must stop to pay reverent tribute to two great truths which give eternal significance to these ancient books.

We have in the record of the division and downfall of the Jewish nation the first instance in human history where the god did not go with the land. In earlier days each tribe and nation had its own particular deity or set of deities, and when a man transferred from one country to another he, of course, changed gods. Naomi urged her two beautiful daughters-in-law to go back to their own country after their husbands had died of starvation.

A Missouri farmer grew a truck-load of turnips from a dime's worth of seed. Breaking even like that is better than hundreds do.—Richmond Times-D ispatch.

A number of people are assuring the country that the dollar still contains 10 dimes or 20 nickels. The problem is not change, but exchange.—Virginian-Pilot.

Vice President Garner has refused a \$2,500 check for a magazine article. We publish this merely to inform a good many persons just who is vice president.—Dayton Daily News.

President Roosevelt is no different from the rest of us. He has relatives that don't like him, too.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Solider.

NOTES FROM "THE HIRED MAN'S" SCRAP BOOK

By J. F. WILLIAMS

PHILOSOPHY

When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passing of a cloud,
When a fit of laughter gits ye,
An' your spine is feelin' proud,
Don't forget to up and fling it
At a soul that's feelin' blue,
For the mint that ye sling it,
It's a boomerang to you.

The capital you must depend upon most is the capital I.

The concern of the individual that fails to build up good will goes bankrupt sooner or later. The chief ingredient of good will is courtesy.

Pride indicates weakness—and foolishness. The truly wise know they have little to be proud about. They know themselves.

The spirit of loyalty can be engendered by cooperation and the effort to achieve any worth while task. The larger the range of interests, the greater the result of the achievement.

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