

**Ferguson News**  
Items Related

FERGUSON, Aug. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barlow and daughter, Mrs. Bessie, of Lenoir and Banner Hills, were visitors with relatives and friends here Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ollie, sister of Mrs. Barlow, and also by Mr. and Mrs. Holbert, of Banner Hill. Mrs. Holbert is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow.

Revival services began at the Baptist church Sunday night and are being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Peeler, of Taylorsville, and Rev. A. J. Foster.

Services were conducted at the Advent Christian church Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Prosser, of Hickory.

We regret to learn of the illness of Sammy Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, who has not been so well for sometime. Sammy is a very popular boy among his school mates and in the Juvenile Grange, of which he is a member. His many friends are wishing for him a speedy recovery.

Owen, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGuire, who was accidentally shot in the arm some days ago, is recovering nicely, we are advised.

Mr. C. L. Hartley and daughter, Miss Julia, of Buckner, Va., are visiting relatives and friends in this community for sometime.

The Parks and Yost Subordinate Granges of Rowan county, near Salisbury, gave a very interesting program to the local Grange at the school building last Friday night. There were 17 in the troupe and all seemed to enjoy their performance. The local order has its regular meeting Friday night of this week and the Juveniles also meet at the same time.

Miss Ada Horton, Misses Ida, Cora and Clara Greer, of Grandin, were visitors among friends in this community Monday.

Mr. W. F. Osborne and Mr. P. C. Collins, of Sparta, were here on business this week. Mr. Collins advises that he will conduct a cattle, sheep and horse sale at his home at an early date.

**Jimmy Walker Says He Is Out Of American Politics**

Dublin, Aug. 26.—Former Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, will never return to public life in the United States, he said today upon his arrival with Mrs. Walker for a holiday in the Irish Free State.

"I intend to go back there soon," he asserted, but added: "I have given up politics altogether. I have been suffering from a nervous breakdown, but am recovering now."

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**PUBLIC PULSE**

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**MISS RUTH LINNEY DISCUSSES RELIEF**

Editor Journal Patriot:

It goes without saying that nobody is more in agreement with the editor of this paper and with Harry L. Hopkins in the belief that loafers and the well-to-do ought to be weeded out of the relief lists than I am. If that had been done a long time ago, it would (1) have averted much distress among the really needy and speeded the end of the depression; (2) prevented vast, needless expenditures of the taxpayers' money; (3) averted much partly undeserved criticism of the government; and (4), incidentally, kept me from writing many reams!

I am sure I have written more than anyone else in North Carolina about the grabbing of relief by those who did not need it. And I am still more sure that I have been more persecuted by the relief families and others—and more unjustly—for my views. I think my criticism should have borne more of the stamp of truth than most people's, because (1) I am much poorer than the average person on the relief lists and, hence, know families with little means can live comfortably without relief; (2) I never tried to obtain relief and wouldn't have it on the proverbial "Christmas tree", or be caught dead in the woods with it; (3) I've been called the most vehement Democrat in Antioch township and am not, like many critics, a Republican constitutionally and unreasonably opposed to every act of this administration—though not opposed to gobbling up relief (!); and (4) my knowledge of the circumstances of the wealthier relief families, particularly of those in the rural districts, is intimate enough to cause considerable discomfiture among the relief cases, if not at the relief office.

Though we all devoutly hope that we will never see another depression, if only for the resulting boredom, it is an open secret that to poor people not entirely indigent the depression was not infrequently a blessing. By experience, I know that, except for losing money in bank failures, poor people often fared better under the depression, and without relief, than they had ever fared, because their little money would go so much farther. Now it is hard for them to live under the higher prices, because farm products, though higher, have not increased in proportion.

Many can tell you that it was almost impossible to hire anyone, at a reasonable price, to do odd jobs and unskilled carpenter work, during the depression, and it is even more difficult since times are a little better. Does that look much like people were hungry, or wanted work in private industry? As the Durham Sun said, "Strawberries in Eastern North Carolina rotted for lack of pickers. Unemployed on relief rolls had rather not labor. They preferred to toy not, neither to spin."

It is true that some rare families were noticeably, and deservedly, benefited by relief. Some of those most blamed by other relief cases, for receiving direct relief and relief work, labored even harder on the farm than they had before. They were more able to work. Though never starving, they had more to eat and more to wear while working. It is easy to credit the relief officials, generally so wilfully blind and so lachrymose over - sympathetic, with those good intentions which are said to pave hell. Relief did

considerable good among the few needy and worthy families who received it, but it did vast and irremediable harm among the hordes of lazy, well-to-do, and thieving.

The Winston-Salem Journal should have wasted few tears over the families likely to be put off relief since the WPA has got under way. Administrators and case workers seemed to be careful to deprive anyone who was really poor and of good character of help of help in the first place. And of those who are actually on relief the majority, perhaps two-thirds, have no more need of it than a wagon for the proverbial five wheels. I have known the relief office to seem willing to allow very elderly, cultured, and almost amusingly unworthy and saint-like aristocratic ladies to freeze to death and starve to death—even though the father of these old ladies gave bread and corn to nearly the whole of Wilkes county, at least along the Yadkin, in 1881, or whenever it was that this county was visited by the historic drought of fifty-odd years ago. (I don't mean myself. I have never needed relief, as well as never wanting it. And I don't even consider around 29 or 30 exactly dead with old age, though most people do. These ladies were in the seventies and one maybe 80). But, no doubt, the so earnest and virtuous ERA administrators would have liked to care for such indigent and worthy souls—if it had not taken all the funds to pay wealthy-society-women-case-workers, and others who had given up good teaching jobs to become case-workers!

Though I bear no relief family any ill-will, and never have, and though I have given them many times more than I could afford, there won't be anybody any happier in the United States than I, if, as they say, direct relief ceases in November and everybody goes to work. Even when graft and fraud is practised in obtaining work, I think it is better than the dole. I have always wondered, though, why so many jobs had to be created by the credulous Mr. U. Sam for men who had never had any regular work, except overseeing their broad plantations, and had never wanted any. It was strange that so many jobs had to be trumped up in offices and everywhere for the younger and pseudo-educated people, who already had jobs or were supported by wealthy relatives. ERA teaching, for instance, is noble, hard, and poorly paid work. Yet, though I am penniless and dependent on my own toil, I am heartily ashamed of teaching part of two weeks, and I probably deserve retribution in the shape of the dress I bought with my \$8.70—a dress guaranteed to fade with every ray of sun or breath of air. I don't see why so many teachers who are so well-to-do, and often have such low certificates, have to teach relief classes on "Toosday" evening, as they say, and on every other evening.

**Concord Woman Recovering From Caterpillar Bite**

Concord, Aug. 26.—Bitten late Friday by an insect identified as the poisonous "puss caterpillar," Mrs. Everett G. Cook, well known Concord woman, was reported today to be resting more comfortably. Her condition had been regarded as serious until last night. Mrs. Cook was seated on the front porch of her home when she felt a stinging sensation in her left arm. She found an insect on her arm and knocked it to the floor, but thought no more about the incident until later when she became violently ill. Physicians identified the broad, flat insect. The bite of the "puss caterpillar" is said to be almost as poisonous as that of the rattlesnake, but improvement in Mrs. Cook's condition today indicated that she will recover.

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