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**The American Slangue**

"Let's go skipping through the dew!" If that invitation comes your way this week, don't hunt for your ballet slippers, just slam on your flying helmet and dash for the airport. "Let's go skipping" is just an aviator's way of inviting you to a three-mile-a-minute zoom through the upper air.

That's one example of modern occupational slang. Noah Webster may have known his "anti-disestablishmentarianistically" and his "haemapoetic" but a radio station's "fuzzy canary", a "belcher", and "bugs" would probably have left him completely at loss for words—even with his newest dictionary open in his hands.

Just for the record, a "fuzzy canary" is not a hairy bird, but a soprano with a shaky voice; a "belcher" isn't a gourmet with indigestion, but a professor with a "frog" in his throat; and "bugs" aren't insects, at least in a radio station, but just trouble in the wiring system.

In case the dictionary compilers want to take notes, here are a few more: "To bust the fan" hasn't anything to do with Sally Rand. It indicates an aviator is flying on a radio beam. "Kill the broad" doesn't order a murder. It's movie studio talk for, "turn off the lamp."

This is "inking you to show", or rather, this is written to say that all of this is part of the American slangue, and though the King would probably deny it, part of the King's English.

**The Clock Of Crime**

America's clock of crime ticks on! As the hands move around the face, each 45 seconds mark the purse-snatching of some petty thief, each two minutes records the robbing of some house or store, each three minutes sees the speeding dash of a stolen car, each ten minutes marks the hold-up of a bank, theatre, or service station, and each hour, each striking hour hears the final gasp of some human being under a murderer's blow.

Meanwhile, according to records just released, 121,871 convicted criminals each day hear the tick of other clocks in American prisons, clocks that mark the days, months, years they must pay for breaking society's laws. And in thousands of American homes still other clocks mark the seconds that wives, mothers, and sweethearts pass in waiting, a waiting born of fear and weaned on hope.

Despite the warning beat of prison gongs, the clock of crime goes on, sped by the main-springs of human frailty. The base emotions of the human alloy—greed, desire, lust, revenge, and hatred—send men out to rob and steal, kill and destroy.

As long as these emotions let loose criminals in America, so long the people of this state must continue their fight against crime. Police activity plus public interest will slow the clock of crime to a hesitant tick.

**Fire Protection**

The proposal on the part of Wilkesboro to secure the services of the North Wilkesboro fire department looks like a logical arrangement and should prove mutually advantageous.

The combined size of both towns should not be too large a territory for an up-to-date and well equipped fire department to serve and with the cost shared proportionately it should prove to be an economy move on the part of all concerned.

Drudgery is a necessity to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—Margaret Fisher.

**The Flowers That Bloom**

The flowers that bloom in the Spring are daily popping through their earth blankets, urged into the open by the cordial invitation of a warming sun. When they appear, the violets and the lilies, in all the glory of their new life—let's let them live!

Roadsides sparkling with the gay colors of forsythia, phlox, and flowering grasses, sheltered glens touched by the brilliance of trillium and brodiaea, lilacs banked on roads and paths—that's Spring!

Your Sunday drive down the road will be just as much fun if you come home with flowers in your mind, rather than flowers in your hands. Don't pick the blossoms, pick the memory, and leave the petals to remind the next traveler that Spring is coming in.

**No Diversion**

That diversion of highway funds is improbable in North Carolina this year is another piece of good news. Considering the excessively high taxes paid by motorists for privilege to use the roads, use of highway money for other purposes should be forbidden, especially when thousands of car and truck owners do not live near roads that can be traveled at all times during the year.

**Checks On Time**

It is good news to learn that the Unemployment Compensation Commission in Raleigh has made arrangements to get checks to unemployed soon after they are due. The checks should be paid out promptly, otherwise the unemployment insurance set-up would in itself defeat its own purpose.

**Better Farms**

The amount of lespedeza seed purchased in Wilkes this year is an indication that farmers intend to improve their farms. Someone made the statement that it would be a blessing if airplanes would fly all over the country and cover it with the seed of what has become known as the "poor land's legume."

**Borrowed Comment**

**NOT UNDERSTOOD**

- Not understood, We move asunder, Our paths grow wider as the season's creep
- Along the years. We marvel and we wonder
- Why life is life, and then we go to sleep—
- Not understood.
- Not understood, We gather false impressions, And hug them closer as the years go by,
- 'Til virtue oft seems to us transgression,
- And thus men rise and fall, and live and die—
- Not understood.
- Not understood, Poor souls with stunted vision
- Of measure giants by their narrow gauge.
- The poisoned shafts of falsehood and derision
- Are oft impell'd 'gainst those who mold the age—
- Not understood.
- Not understood, We make so much of trifles.
- The thoughtless sentence of the fancied slight,
- Has oft destroyed friendship years in making,
- And on our souls there falls a chilling blight—
- Not understood.
- Not understood, How many breasts are aching
- For words of sympathy. Ah, yes, today,
- How many hungry hearts are breaking,
- How many noble spirits pass away—
- Not understood.
- Oh, God, if men could see a little clearer,
- Or judge less harshly when they cannot see.
- Oh, God, if men could draw a little nearer
- To one another. They'd be nearer then to Thee—
- And understood.

—THOMAS BRACKEN, In Duke Power Co. Magazine

**CLEAN UP! RAKE UP! REPAIR!**

By ANNE PAULINE SMITH  
(Northwestern District Agent Acting Home Beautification Specialist)

A home and its surroundings must be clean, orderly, neat and attractive to give most comfort and happiness to each member of the family. The improvement of the home tends to improve citizenship. Children especially are influenced by their surroundings. The influence of the home is the strongest force in the life of an individual, child or adult. Habits and ideals developed during childhood largely determine the interest of adult life. We can help instill habits of orderliness and thrift in our people by practicing thrift habits and this means taking care of what we have and making the best possible use of the resources to be had.

Our home and its surroundings tell a story to the passerby. We have made a picture by which we are judged. One's first impression of the kind of family that lives in a house is gained from the conditions of the porches and yards.

Broken front steps leaning against a rotted porch open beneath do not make an inviting entrance. A new plank or two and some lattice work will change the appearance of the entire front. A replaced board in an out-building, or a new hinge for its door, will take away the rundown appearance of the building. Fence posts that are bent or broken, with their sagging gates, detract from the appearance of the place.

The most satisfying developments come as a result of careful planning. Putting the grounds in order is necessary before any attempt at beautification is made. Worn out machinery which has piled up in the yard should be disposed of permanently. That which may have any value for repairs or parts should be placed in a shed or arranged orderly in the rear of the barn lot. Systematic wrecking of old machinery and cars and storage of bolts, nuts, and other useful parts should be a part of the routine of every home, especially of farm homes.

Discarded automobile casings, rocks, boards, old stumps, and worthless kitchen utensils should be removed. The clearing of all fence rows so that they will not serve as a breeding place for insects and disease is a program that should be done now. The paper and weeds should be burned. All leaves and vegetable matter should be piled in some inconspicuous corner, allowed to decay and used later to enrich shrub borders. Roses, and shrubs growing out in the center of the yard should be taken up and heeled in out in the vegetable garden until the ground has been prepared for them. All fancy shaped beds, enclosed with rock, brick and automobile casings should be spaded up and the grass allowed to cover the entire yard or prepared for grass seeding. Open stretches of lawn are necessary for the well planted yard.

The backyard is the service portion and the place where all work should be carried on. The clothes line should be moved to the rear. The grindstone should be in the backyard or in a tool shed. This service area should be screened with native shrubs and trees which will cost only the labor of transplanting. In towns as well as in the country run-down-at-the-heel property, dirty backyards and unsightly dump heaps denote lack of pride in home surroundings as well as civic pride. Such properties deprecate not only their own, but all surrounding property values. Accumulated rubbish creates a needless fire hazard. Clean up work decreases fire losses and improves health conditions.

Few improvements pay such dividends as paint and whitewash. Supplies produced on the farm may be exchanged for good paint; many painters would be glad to exchange work for surplus potatoes, meat, etc., which some farms have.

For rough lumber or other surfaces not suited to paint, whitewash can be used. This improves the appearance and protects the surface. It is inexpensive.

The following directions for making whitewash have proved satisfactory:

Factory Whitewash: (Interior) For walls, ceilings, posts, etc.  
(1) Sixty-two pounds (1 bushel) quicklime; stake with 15 gallons water; keep barrel covered until steam ceases to rise; stir occasionally to prevent scorching.

(2) Two and one-half pounds rye flour; beat in one-half gallon of cold water; add two gallons of boiling water.

(3) Two and one-half pounds common rock salt; dissolved in two and one-half gallons of hot water.

Mix (2) and (3), then pour into (1) and stir until all is well mixed.

Contrary to popular belief, the ostrich, when hiding, conceals his body, and leaves only his head exposed so that he may watch the movements of his foe.

**Flooded With Requests For Material From Out-Of-State Editors**

Editors of magazines and newspapers in other states are rediscovering North Carolina. Judging from the many inquiries being received by the news bureau of the advertising division of the Department of Conservation and Development. As the outdoor and vacation season approaches, there has been a heavy increase in the number of requests for news stories, special articles and pictures dealing with North Carolina subjects, according to Bill Sharpe, manager of the news bureau.

"Newspapers and magazines outside the state are planning to run more stories and pictures about North Carolina this season than ever before," Sharpe said. "These stories will not only tell about what North Carolina has to offer along the line of recreational facilities and natural resources, but will also tell what the state is doing in its manifold phases. Articles dealing with the state's playgrounds and vacation spots, its personalities, industries, climate, government and history are being supplied every week at the request of publishers."

A number of articles in magazines of national circulation will begin to appear in April issues and the schedule of publication continues as far ahead as January, 1939.

Wald: "He's dying, madam—your seventh husband is dying"  
Madam: "O. K., Maria, go in and cut another notch in the 'bod post."

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Mrs. Minnie Shaw Jarvis and her husband Vernon Jarvis May 15th, 1937, to secure the payment of a note, which note is due and unpaid and demand having been made upon me as Trustee, the undersigned Trustee will expose to sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on the 16th day of April, 1938, at twelve o'clock noon, the following described lands, lying and being in Wilkes County, North Carolina and more particularly described and defined as follows: Beginning on a stake in the division line between Daniel Call and B. Benton, and running North 75 degrees East 157 1/2 poles to a rock on the East side of the road leading from Antioch church to Dellaplane, thence north 2 degrees east with the said road about 71 poles to a stone on the side of said road, thence north 88 degrees west 115 poles and 4 links to an old dogwood corner, thence south 2 degrees west 65 poles to the old Red Oak corner, thence north 88 degrees west 44 poles to a stake, thence south 9 degrees east 54 poles to the beginning, containing 75 acres, more or less.

The above boundary is the land of the parties of the first part purchased of Della Oakley and husband, recorded in book 127 page 535 and Delania Clark and husband book 142 page 18 and about 2 acres purchased of the Moses Armstrong heirs, on the east end of said above tract, in the Register of Deeds office in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina. The terms of the sale will be cash.  
A. F. KILBY, Trustee.  
4-11-4t-(M)

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

North Carolina, Wilkes County, In the Superior Court, Wilkes County vs. Barge Real Estate Company.  
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes County to foreclose a tax sales certificate for the year 1934, and tax liens for years prior thereto on the lands listed by the defendant, and the said defendant, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Courthouse in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on or before the 26th day of April, 1938, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This 25th day of March, 1938.  
C. C. HAYES, Clerk Superior Court  
4-18-4t (M)

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