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DID WE HAVE PLENTY?

Just why Doris Duke, donating heavily to the Democratic campaign fund in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Connecticut, didn't include North Carolina on her list is quite puzzling.

CAN'T STAY ON ROAD

The first freeze of the winter shows that busses and trucks can't handle ice to any advantage. So the railroads do have something left.

Truck and bus managements deserve congratulations on their orders to stop all schedules but before these regulations were put into effect plenty of them went into ditches.

You know if something happens to your car you are going to be run over because the truck can't stop. This also goes for busses. To have a car behind you is bad enough but there is a little better chance for you if a car hits you.

This thing of stopping when ice forms, of course, is not only advisable for drivers of commercial vehicles. Its a mighty good plan for all drivers.

WE VOTE AGAINST IT

A bill to be introduced at the next session of the legislature would provide that if a teacher is elected by a school for three years in succession, further elections will not be necessary.

The bill, in our opinion, is not only unnecessary, but would be a veritable trouble maker. Dismissals of teachers are sufficiently rare that no teacher need have any real fear of losing her job so long as she does it well.

On the other hand, if school boards give teachers permanent jobs, they will soon find themselves in a muddle of embarrassment on the score of ridding themselves of some teacher, who being more or less indolent, lets up on her job when she considers it a certainty, but commits no actual offense to which the board might object strenuously enough to dismiss her.

The business of hiring and firing teachers, in this day of keen competition for jobs, is already a delicate one. The matter of re-electing teachers at the end of each year, even though it be purely a matter of form, will leave the school boards a loophole in case of an undesirable situation, and if they should ask our advice about it, which they won't, we should say leave well enough alone.

TRAINING IN DISTRIBUTION

The George-Deen act in congress appropriating \$1,200,000 to the states, provided states match federal grants to some extent, for vocational training in distributive lines is tremendously interesting.

In North Carolina now we have in most instances only three vocational courses. In town and city schools there are home economics and bookkeeping or other commercial courses. In rural schools are home economics and agriculture.

The new fund provides for training in salesmanship, window dressing, delivery service and other courses in distributive jobs. This shows the trend in education today; to make education serve actual needs of the individual and the community.

In North Carolina we are so rapidly becoming a commercial state the value of such courses is apparent. From an agricultural state a few years ago North Carolina has become quite commercial and commercial minded and every indication is it will be even more so in the near future.

JOHN RINGLING

On Tuesday, December 2, death invaded a Park Avenue apartment in New York City to write the final lines in the dramatic story of John Ringling, last of the seven famous Ringling brothers.

The son of a poor harness maker and second youngest of seven brothers, he began his career as a showman by collecting pins and marbles as entrance fees to the back yard shows staged by his brothers, and from thence went in swift strides to the top in the amusement world.

In addition to his collection of circuses and railroads, John Ringling was a collector of art treasures and founded a museum of art at Sarasota, Florida, as a memorial to his first wife.

He showed the world—what they have seen often but persist in forgetting—that humble birth and poverty are not deterrents to a man of real ability and force; he entertained Americans for half a century and taught them entertainment values; he went outside his particular field to promote the cause of art; and he must have had a tremendously good time doing all of it.

What Other Papers Say

FUTURE WAR (Salisbury Post)

Less than a year ago newspaper front pages were crammed with pictures, maps and details of the war between Italians and Ethiopians.

To a certain degree, that war is still going on. One quarter—a rich section—of Ethiopia remains unconquered, and 50,000 natives are stoutly resisting the Italian columns.

Now newspaper front pages are crammed with pictures, maps and details of the civil war in Spain.

Let's hope that a year from now a greater conflict will not have usurped the front pages. If it's hard to believe that may happen, remember that a year ago, there was no outward sign of a coming Spanish war.

"When was the first lie detector made?" a reader asks. While Adam was in a deep sleep.—Washington Post.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

WHO'S WHAT IN FLAT ROCK

dear mr. editor:—yore kind letter received asking for a list of the leading citizens of flat rock for yore "who is who" column, and I will give you their names and their information, as follows:—

1—hon. mike Clark, rfd. a direct ancestor of the mr. Clark who opened up the front-tiers of the west into washington and oregon, and is mentioned in the u. s. history. he also runs the finest beef market in the south. hams, c22, fresh livers, c17, porch chops, all meat, c25. famous in politics and religion, also a noted publick speaker.

2—scudd Clark, son of the aforementioned mike Clark, rfd. he was a world war veteran, went across, shot down 14 bombing planes, torpedoed 7 german warships on the way over. captured 1 machine guns nests by hisself one day with 1400 prisoners of war, including the kazer, marshall von hindenburg, and many others. was decorated by haig and haig with 26 metlies, but lost them on the way home.

3—mudd Clark, also a son of the hon. mike Clark, rfd. he is noted for being a ather-lete. he pitched baseball for the yankees 2 years, for the jints 3 years, then went on the football gridirons for yale and harvard and beat the navy and army by scores of 67 to 0. mudd scored ever tetch-down made except one, and he was laid up with a broke leg enduring that game, but played the next day against the university of michigan and wonned 45 to 2.

4—miss sudie-lou Clark, third darter of the aforesaid mike Clark, rfd. finished high scholl in flat rock, then when into the movies and played dubble for norma west and mae talmage, was also in sever-aj pitchers with bing Crosby and tom mix. she evidently lives in beverly hills, hollywood, at present, as she has not rote home in 8 months. she has both talent and vim.

5—dudd Clark, fifth son of yore corry spondent, hon. mike Clark, is also famous. he went to the south pole with it. byrd, so he says. (p. a. he was away from home enduring that expedition, and that's what he said when he got back: he beat mr. byrd home 4 weeks). he handled pres. rosevelt's last election with mr. farley and alf. smith. no one else in flat rock deserves to get into yore "who's that" column, only us Clarks.

yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd. corry spondent.

THREE'S A CROWD



Not Sickler

A Washington Daybook

By PRESTON GROVER

(Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON.—Part of official Washington has the jitters over what may grow out of the Mexican expropriation law.

It is a sweeping act under which the president of Mexico is authorized, in the interest of the public's need, to seize any property within the republic, either temporarily or permanently. The purpose for the seizure may range from military needs to the simpler desire for "the equitable distribution of wealth whether hoarded or monopolized to PRESTON L. GROVER the exclusive advantage of one or several persons and in detriment generally of the population as a whole or a social class in particular."

American investments in Mexico are estimated at a billion dollars. English and Dutch investments also are large.

Embarrasses Peace Parley

The law would be embarrassing enough to United State officials at any time. But it was shot through the Mexican congress at the behest of President Cardenas just when the inter-American conference was taking shape.

Peace is the watchword of that conference. Property seizure doesn't look too peaceful to American eyes, whether on this continent or elsewhere.

The seizure law has a terrific double-edged impact. It provides for compensation where seizure or government control is imposed. But the compensation is to be the amount at which the property is listed for tax purposes.

Now anyone acquainted with tax procedure either in this country or elsewhere knows that property is assessed for taxes at any level from 20 per cent to its full cash value. But usually far less than the latter. Courts have upheld the right of railroads, for instance, to have one value for tax purposes and another higher value upon which passenger and freight rates are based.

In Mexico the situation is reported as the same. Oil wells, gold and silver mines and other vast properties are on the tax rolls at an assessment far under cash value. Thus an owner of such property is faced with this dilemma:

He either can run the risk of having the government seize his property at its low tax value or voluntarily go to the tax official and have the assessment raised. That of course means paying more taxes year after year.

Capable Of Drastic Action

Troubled particularly are owners of mines and oil fields, where labor troubles have arisen. Under certain circumstances these could be

Sundown Stories For The Kiddies

Indian Puddle Muddlers

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

"The bears and Sweet Face were left alone. Nearby was the huge pile of sticks and old leaves, built where it was rocky so that there was no danger of fire spreading from it, and, too, there were some big buckets of water which Willy Nilly had put nearby so that he could make sure no flames would creep along the earth without being stopped."

"What do you suppose the secret is?" growled Honey Bear. "I can't imagine," answered Jelly Bear. "I know it hasn't anything to do with food because Willy Nilly spoke of bringing up a picnic supper. He made no secret of it."

Just then came a terrific noise. Shouts, and the beating of a drum and whoops of joy and shrill cries came from the direction of Willy Nilly's house. And now the Puddle Muddlers appeared.

Leading them was Willy Nilly, his face magnificently painted; and he was wearing a headgear made of feathers, which he had put away in the Big Box That Held Things Just For Fun.

Next came Rip, the dog, with a little drum fastened on his back which he beat with his tail.

Next came the ducks, their feathers painted red and yellow. After the ducks came Christopher Columbus Crow with a string of beads around his neck. And then came Top Notch, the rooster, a bow and arrow under his right wing.

Now they all began to dance. "Whoops, whoops!" they shouted. "The Puddle Muddle Indians have come to celebrate the winter sleep of fine brave bears!"

Predicts Settlement

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(P)—Jean Mistler, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the French Parliament, today told a meeting of radical-socialist deputies he was convinced the United States and France will "in time" reach an agreement on war debts.

taken by the government as justification under the law for expropriation of property of native and foreign investors alike.

That the Mexican government is capable of taking drastic action is indicated by the manner in which large landed estates have been chopped into communal plots for former peons.

The whole prospectus doesn't fit nicely into the peace picture President Roosevelt hoped to see drawn at Buenos Aires.

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EVERYDAY LIVING

Just Living

"Just living is sheer fun," writes a reader-friend, who is a painter and a poet, as well as a dramatist. Having known him for years, I know how much he has been in love with the job of living.

"No doubt I was lucky," he goes on, "to have been born with so great a sense of wonder and curiosity, that I have never been able to get used to the incredible oddness of just being alive."

"It is amazing. Even when I am disillusioned as regards my own life, as I sometimes am in off moods, the strangeness of my fellow-livers fascinates me. They are not only amusing but interesting."

"They are funny and pathetic by turns, like myself; and I have found that in the darkest seasons of life there is always consolation to be had, if we are not completely imprisoned within ourselves."

"How dull the world would be if it had been people exclusively by persons of my type. We should all be living quite pastoral lives, far from the maddening crowd—not a machine on earth!"

"If everyone else had my likes and dislikes, belonged to my political party, held my religious faith, and lived as I want to live, it would drive all of us to the latch ditch of desperation."

"To me every human contact is an experience, every friendship—or even acquaintance—is an adventure. Never yet have I met any human being in whom I did not find something unique, charming."

In respect to the future, my friend has a mystic philosophy—he does not call it a faith—the roots of which are too deep to discover, which assures him utterly—leaving no margin of fear.

How good it is to see a man who loves life for itself, who enjoys it and does not simply endure it; one to whom it is a romance, not a burden or a bore. Yet he has known hard knocks aplenty.

Surely the secret of his joy in living is that he is not imprisoned within himself. He knows how to get into the lives of his fellows; and that secret is open to us all.

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