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And after all, we expect the Popovich we read about in the paper is just the Russian for Popeye.

A chain is as strong as its weakest link, and a chain letter is as strong as its lease gullible victim.

The House has a ways and means committee. They may be able to devise ways, but finding the means is the important matter.

The fellow who said we could think better on our feet, certainly must not have had any corns.

If it weren't for the friends of politicians to do the pushing, we doubt if there would be any candidates for office.

A man who marries for money eventually earns it.

We are beginning to understand the Southport slogan: "They'll come back."

Optimism is a necessary characteristic of a good fisherman.

Somebody could get famous by discovering a way to squirt toothpaste back in a tube.

The biggest thrill we have had since coming to Southport was the trip we made on the speedy little pilot boat out to a ship last Thursday.

Daylight saving time gives radio listeners in this section the satisfaction of feeling that they are staying up later than they should when really they are not.

Popular songs are no worse than popular fiction—and they last just as long.

No job is more obviously the work of an amateur than a home-cleaned pair of white shoes.

**Welcome Contributions**

We are well pleased with the response to our request that residents of Brunswick county send in news articles for publication in The State Port Pilot. The different communities in the county are pretty well represented in the paper this week.

That is exactly what we want The Pilot to do—carry the news of the county to the people of the county. We thank you for your co-operation and interest in the paper and for the many nice things you have said and done to encourage us in our efforts to give the citizens of Brunswick county a weekly newspaper of which they may be proud.

To those who plan to send in news, we offer the following brief rules of correspondence: Write legibly, on one side of the paper; don't use first and second personal pronouns, except in a quotation; in writing an account of an important story let the first paragraph tell who, where, when, what and why; petty gossip isn't news, so don't engage in personalities; and be sure to sign your articles.

News for publication in The State Port Pilot must reach the office not later than Monday morning before the paper comes out on Wednesday.

**Bible School**

The annual session of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which came to a close here Friday night, was the most successful ever held in Southport and the 141 children enrolled in the classes received valuable training.

Much credit is due the Rev. T. H. Biles, principal of the school, and the departmental superintendents and their assistants. These leaders made the school

so attractive that the average daily attendance was maintained at 125. The manner in which their classes were conducted was responsible for the outstanding work accomplished by the children.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools today are called upon to serve a need that once was filled by mothers in their family circle. The meager knowledge that many of us have of the Bible is what remains of that early training. This influence and training is missing more and more in our home life, and that is the reason that the Daily Vacation Bible Schools have such a rich field for service.

A knowledge of Bible stories and the principles of Christian living; memory work that includes the 23rd Psalm, The Lord's Prayer and The Ten Commandments form a wonderful background for youth education and gives the normal child the proper perspective of right and wrong.

**Rural Electrification**

We have never been able to understand why anyone preferred to live in a city rather than in the country. A few modern conveniences are about all that can be counted in favor of argument for urban life, and we never thought these were worth the cramped conditions they impose.

The program of rural electrification which is now being planned for North Carolina will add these conveniences to the other advantages of farm life.

Recently Dr. Clarence Poe, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Committee, made a report to Governor Ehringhaus of a survey conducted throughout the state to determine the electrical needs of the people of the rural sections and their interest in a program which would make power available in practically every North Carolina home. In his report, Dr. Poe recommended that the governor name a board of six as a Rural Electrification Authority and this has been done.

The Federal Government has set aside the sum of \$100,000,000 for the erection of power lines through rural sections of the United States, and this state board, appointed by Governor Ehringhaus, is already at work to secure a large grant for North Carolina. The entire program has the support of President Roosevelt, who said that a program of rural electrification "can relieve the drudgery of the housewife and lift a great burden off the shoulders of the hard-working farmer."

We can think of nothing that would do more for the comfort of the people of rural North Carolina. Bright lights would put an end to hours of study by the dim, red glow of oil lamps; electric water pumps, electric radios and refrigerators are conveniences that would be available for the entire family; but the greatest relief would come where it is most needed—to the farm housewife. Electric washing machines, electric irons, and the countless other electrical appliances would be greatly blessed by the construction of power lines. When the actual work of construction begins, we should like to see residents of this county share in the benefits of this fine program.

**Another Bouquet**

O. O. McIntyre, famous New York columnist, recently paid the following tribute to members of the country press:

"Much of the best stuff written in American newspapers reaches only a limited audience. This is because it is turned out for country weeklies and small town dailies. It is a pity that more of it is not syndicated.

"There are very few smart alec writers or exploiters of the personal pronoun among them. They write deeply, if impersonally, of the things they feel. They are interested and believe in the triumph of right, the church and dignity of good citizenship.

"They run clean as the wind of their native hills or the waters of their local streams. I commend to any newspaper reader fed up with shocking crimes, blackmail, law suits and Hauptmann trials a careful perusal of their home town paper.

"Many of the homely little personals may offer a comic touch, but no more so than a city society scribler's rave that the debutante Miss Gwendolyn Smith-Park is singing hotcha songs in a decadent night club. Or that Lovely Lacey of the chorus walked a baby lamb up the avenue on a platinum leash."

**Washington Letter**

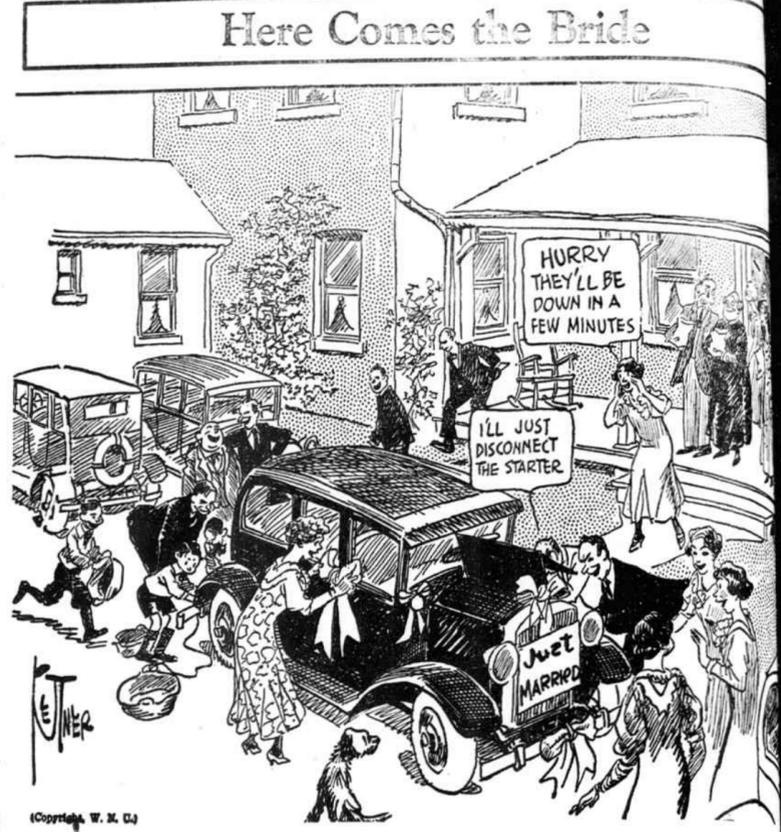
Washington, June 12.—Various expeditions of thinkers are not getting far out of the maze of confusion created by the Supreme Court decision in the NRA case. Sudden bursts of inspiration which bring out situation-saving plans are usually squelched by factual conditions of the hard-and-fast rule laid down by the highest tribunal. As a consequence the alphabetical agencies established during the last two years are working in the twilight zone between the shock of an adverse court ruling and new legislation to pave the way for future activities. The town is flooded with imperfect drafts of proposed remedies. The politicians are doing their best to confuse the real issues. The haunting fear of other nullifying decisions of the court is everywhere apparent.

The best picture of the reigning chaos here may be gleaned from random notes of private conversations in official and political quarters. For instance, they say the cold-shower treatment handed the New Deal in its first major legal test could have been avoided if Mr. Roosevelt had a Cabinet which dared say "no" to projects evolved by the "Brains-Trust." In particular, Democratic leaders are resentful that the Attorney-General, formerly a Democratic national committeeman, did not carry war into the camps of the young and untried lawyers who fashioned much of the emergency legislation. These critics contend that a two-fisted Attorney-General should have pointed out the legal pitfalls even at the risk of incurring the displeasures of the President's "fair-haired boys," who were happily engaged in selling their pet theories to the White House. Even now the Department of Justice remains aloof in a crisis when the major party chieftains feel they should be consulted freely on legal questions before rushing proposed laws to Congress.

Another burning topic in the cloakrooms at Capitol Hill is the "state rights" issue, once the war-cry of the Democratic party. The Republican strategists are digging into the public records and displaying Mr. Roosevelt's earlier views on the rights of states and the intrusion of the Federal Government into their affairs. The youngsters who have enjoyed a free hand for two years in experiments with a new economic and social philosophy are inclined to view the Constitution as a fossilized document entirely out of keeping with new problems of a complex age. As Mr. Roosevelt must necessarily depend on the loyalty of Southern Democrats, he cannot lightly lay aside the question of state sovereignty. His aides are moving on all fronts to escape the constitutional limitations on the activities of the central government. Millennial dreams of the young barterists and economists have been punctured, but they are searching around for more power.

Organized labor's stunt of lambasting the Administration program for extending the NRA has the town puzzled. The question arises as to the probability of a third party movement with trade unions marching under the banners of the Longs, Townsendites and followers of Father Coughlin. If labor groups adhere to the threat of the American Federation of Labor to sponsor an amendment to the Constitution, then the issue will be clearly drawn. The success of a campaign of this sort would definitely enthrone a labor-controlled government and probably hasten the dissolution of the Democratic and Republican parties as political units. Political leaders are anxiously awaiting the President's reaction on this latest plan of the trade unions. There is a growing hostility toward the tactics of unionists in pending legislation on the ground that they seek great power and immunity at the same time. The program of organized labor for an amendment of this sort may have the effect of making the Chief Executive change his views about going to the public for power to amend the U. S. Constitution.

The revision of the amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act forecast adoption by the Congress. Taking a cue from friends in Congress the proponents of these drastic amendments asked the Department of Justice for advice. The troublesome question growing out of the late court decision is "just what is interstate commerce?" The court had a list of decisions over a period of years which set forth their concepts of law in phraseology which puzzled law-makers. It seems certain that in the anticipated tests of the AAA amendments the Supreme Court will be obliged to define just when inter-state commerce begins and where intrastate connec-



tions are severed. The enactment of laws controlling interstate commerce alone will unquestionably free many large corporations to divest themselves of interstate labels and confine their activities within a state. The proposed compacts between states to control the shipments of goods are meeting with skeptical comments. It is claimed some states would not sign a pact and thus create a situation leading to the breakdown of interstate agreements.

**MOVING RESIDENCE**  
The Harkers are moving from their home on Moore Street to Lovers Lane.

**Weekly Quiz**

1. Who is poet-laureate of England?
2. In what year was President Garfield shot?
3. How many lives were lost

4. Who conducted the Polar exploration?
  5. What is a mirage?
  6. What is orthography?
  7. What is the capital of Illinois?
  8. How many gills are in a pint?
  9. What is the meaning Latin phrase, "Status quo"?
  10. Where is the Amazon river?
  11. What is the largest afloat?
  12. Who is Max Baer?
- (Answers on page Seven)

**YOUR FRIENDS**

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