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It is always too soon to quit.

The good parties are the ones you miss.

A big mouth attempts to make up for an empty head.

A thousand tons of paper are required each year to print postage stamps for the United States.

Those who go to church to make a show and to be seen rarely take any good home with them.

It is better to be cheated now and then by rascals than to believe all men are crooks.

Marriage is life's biggest job—that's why so many little folks fall down at it.

It is a good thing to remember that your most foolish neighbor has two good eyes and a bad tongue.

Mileage saved by taking the inside of every curve won't add to the life of your car—nor to yours.

He who has reached the top step by step is not likely to be made dizzy by the heights.

The housewife two decades ago used to burn her finger cooking. Now the nearest she comes to that is to cut her finger on a can-opener.

Good Correspondents

We were talking one day last week to an experienced newspaper man. "One of the best features that you have in The Pilot," he said, "is the community news from all over the county. I read it every week and I've heard others say that they enjoy keeping in touch with what is happening in the different sections."

We, too, think this is a valuable feature of our paper and we wish to thank our correspondents for the news they have been sending in.

Their fellow citizens owe these correspondents their loyalty and appreciation, for they are doing more than anyone else to advertise their home community.

Thirty Years Ago

Recently there was published in The Sun-Journal, daily newspaper of New Bern, an editorial concerning Charles L. Stevens, who was editor of the New Bern Daily Journal thirty years ago. Mr. Stevens is now a resident of Southport and the following copy of the editorial will be of interest to his friends in Brunswick county:

"During the past Christmas holidays the editor of the Sun-Journal met for the first time that amiable gentleman whose name appears in the Sun-Journal daily as the editor of the New Bern Daily Journal thirty years ago. Visiting in the city at the time, Charles L. Stevens came into the Sun-Journal office and sat down at a desk to write some Christmas cards.

"Perhaps that brief visit after thirty years meant more to Mr. Stevens than the writing of the Christmas cards. He was more than a casual visitor to the editor and to others associated with the present-day paper as he spoke briefly but most interestingly of his experiences here. In his words were the names of New Bern's most prominent families. There remained the conviction that New Bern must have been, thirty years ago, much the big family circle of friendly folk that it is today.

"The Sun-Journal has had many indications that the column of items from Editor Stevens' papers of thirty years ago is one of its most interesting features. New Bernians told Mr. Stevens so. At

their request, he has written a series of short reminiscences. The Sun-Journal is grateful for the privilege of publishing them, and will add them each day to the 'Thirty Years Ago' column under the sub-heading Mr. Stevens chose, 'After Three Decades.'"

Santa Claus

News and Observer—

"Only the most naive sort of person would believe that people give contributions to a political party just because they they want to play Santa Claus," says Francis W. Poulson, Democratic State chairman of Ohio. Mr. Poulson's remark may be unduly cynical. There surely may be some contributors who wish to see principles prevail. Certainly there have been many such contributors. Nevertheless, it is a dangerous situation when a man cannot even think of running for Governor in North Carolina unless he has a minimum of \$15,000 with which to pay his own freight, or unless he accepts contributions from those who generally do not give order to play Santa Claus.

Some Ranch

Wall Street Journal.

A civil engineer, E. M. Card, running lines preparatory to dividing up the 1,400,000-acre King ranch down on the Rio Grande, in Texas, discovered fences of the bordering Kenedy ranch to be over too far. Placing the fences where they belonged would mean a loss of 30,000 acres to the Kenedy holdings, Card computed, and so informed the owner of the ranch. "All right," said the owner, "let's move the fences." That was all there was to it—no arguing, no lawing or anything, which makes you want to take off your hat to the Kenedy rancher. The King ranch, one of the largest in the world, covers most of five counties. One railroad runs through it for 125 miles.

Birds In The Garden

Goldsboro News-Argus.

Charlie Best, resident of 1304 East Holly Street, is about to convert his neighbors to the belief birdshot rattling around in a paper bag are much more effective than are scarecrows.

Mr. Best has rigged up a series of paper sacks, all blown up and containing enough bird shot to rattle, about over his garden. A string leads from the entire "alarm" system, and all Mr. Best has to do is lay in bed early mornings, pull his string and keep the birds from eating up his beans, squash and other vegetables.

Government Institute

Two leading Brunswick county officials last week were in attendance at the Institute of Government held in Chapel Hill. It would have been a fine thing if every single county official, from the highest to the lowest, might have found time to attend this conference.

One of the primary objectives of the Institute is to impart knowledge of government, its scope, its operations, its duties to those into whose hands the reins are entrusted.

In England, before a man may hold public office, he must first be trained for that service. The British have found it to be profitable in more ways than one to make this requirement. We might ourselves learn a lesson from our cousins across the sea.

The Institute of Government is a leaning toward this direction. In Chapel Hill for one week the officials of state and county get together for the purpose of studying government, and the knowledge thus gained always proves invaluable.

County Government

A convention which will be watched with widespread interest throughout the country convenes in Chicago next month, when the American County Government Association, now entering in upon its second year, will hold its annual nationwide gathering.

This organization represents the first attempt toward organized support of county government, and as a definite means of forwarding the improvement of county government, the National County, a Monthly magazine has been inaugurated.

Washington Letter

Washington, June 19—Extracting choice olives from a narrow-neck bottle with the fingers is a relatively easy task compared to president Roosevelt's problem in rescuing favored pieces of legislation from the Congressional junk-heap. The blow administered by the judiciary in the recent N. R. A. test case has given many rebellious Democrats the much-needed excuse to run out on the party leader. These lawmakers talk privately that the situation was timely and made to order. Not even the prospect of patronage in the public works program pacifies the rebels who are anxious to close shop and rush back to the home-folks. The net effect of the seething undercurrent on Capitol Hill will be the shortening of the present session to force adjournment not later than July 15.

Plagued by job-seekers and propaganda from their districts, the legislators are displaying frayed tempers. The humidity and heat now registering here play a part in increasing the discomfort of "the people's choice" on duty in the Senate and House. This state of mind is obviously not conducive to good government. The tendency is to take the fewest possible measures and jam these bills through without the deliberation usually expected and seldom given. Congressional leaders have made known this sentiment and consequently nettled Mr. Roosevelt. He is not so much concerned with the negligible Republican opposition as with the growing dissension within the ranks of his own party. The chances of coercing the rebellious element to do his bidding are decreasing day by day. The party "whips" or vote-getters at the Capitol are discouraged as the members turn a deaf ear to their appeals for cooperation.

Mr. Roosevelt is determined that the sapping operations will not restrict the scope of the public utility regulation bill. He has given this matter his special attention presumably because of a deep-seated personal animosity to the utility interests. Fortunately for his purpose, the bungling opposition of the utility companies and their shady financial deals of other years has brought these outfits within the Roosevelt traps. The central bank idea which is also close to the heart of the Chief Executive has not fared so well thanks to the unswerving attacks by the doughty Senator Glass, former Secretary of the Treasury in the Wilson administration. The present Administration has a wholesome respect for the power of the outspoken Virginian to sway his colleagues.

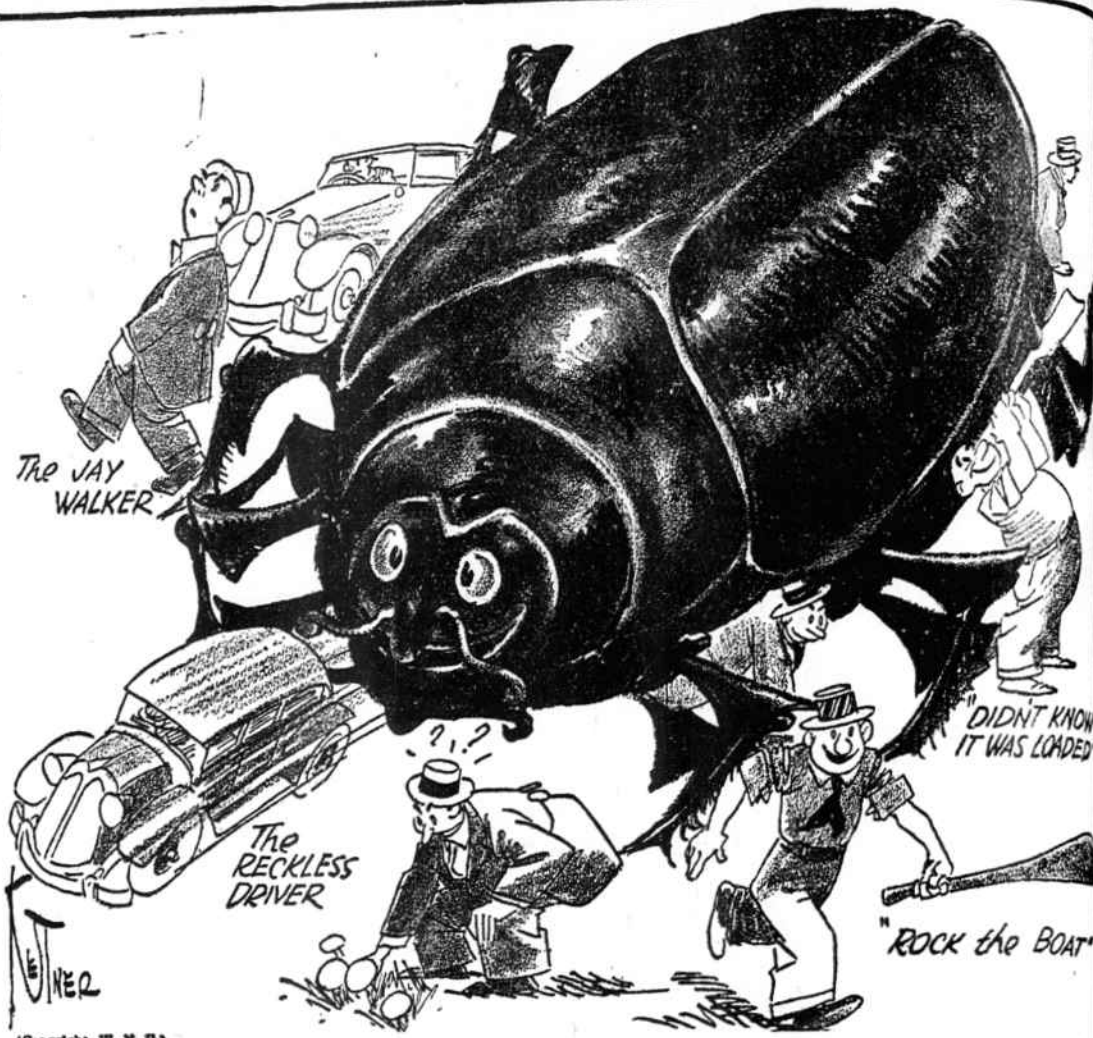
Speculation now turns to the methods which will be utilized to "sell" the new NRA to the country. Considering the millions spent in an endeavor to make the nation "Blue Eagle conscious", observers feel that the Administration will adopt a plan for another insignia testifying as to cooperation with the Federal government in recovery measures. Doubt is expressed as to the advisability of whooping it up along the lines used by Gen. Johnson. Experience showed that too much hurrah hurt the NRA with the people.

President Roosevelt's thinly veiled criticisms of the Supreme Court following the opinion which nearly wrecked his New Deal agencies may arise to haunt him. Already the seeds of suspicion are sprouting that he will be beyond the scope of the NRA extension act in developing new social concepts and new social values through executive orders. This procedure is possible because Congress must necessarily leave many matters of detail to the Administration, which actually applies the law. It will be manifestly impossible for the courts to control such administrative acts by adjudicating disputes arising for alleged extra-legal use of authority by the Chief Executive. It is freely predicted that business groups will derive cold comfort from the opinions of their legal advisors regarding the curbing effect of the Schechter NRA case and the delegation of legislative power to the executive branch so clearly denounced by the highest tribunal.

If the threatened coal strike fails to materialize you will be safe in assuming that a pretty deal was made behind the scenes. The dopest predict that wages will be increased by a small amount and the miners will sign another contract before August 15, when the demand for fall deliveries starts. Incidentally, John L. Lewis, the miner's union chief, far overshadows William Green as the real leader of trade union forces. It is whispered in labor circles that Lewis really rules the roost at the American Federation of Labor although Green holds the title as president.

When a citizen considers him-

June Bugs



Weekly Quiz

1. By what other name is Formosa known?
2. What is the capital of Latvia?
3. Who is Alla Nazimova?
4. What author wrote: "Lamb in His Bosom"?
5. When was slavery officially abolished in U. S.?
6. What is the meaning of the French Word: ennui?

7. How much is a gram?
8. Who was the 10th President of U. S.?
9. What is a polity?
10. How long is a metre?
11. In what state was Ned Eddy, the singer, born?
12. What is a neophyte? (Answers on page Seven)

OPENS OFFICE

Representative R. E. Smith has opened a law office in Southport adjoining the rooms occupied by the Bell Telephone Company.

HONEST AID

IT WAS LINCOLN, wasn't it, who gave us that epigram about fooling some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time? Times have changed. Some people, today, can't be fooled at all.

They are the ones who buy thoughtfully and spend wisely. They are guided by the most up-to-the-minute news about products, prices and values. They read the advertisements in the papers.

Whether you're marketing for tonight's dinner, for a refrigerator or for a home—the most reliable guides are printed right her in this paper for you.

Make it a habit to shop at home, by newspaper, before you set out. It saves time . . . saves tiresome searching . . . and it saves real money.

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