

PEN AND INK

A local lady had recently acquired a dog and was proudly demonstrating his good points to a friend.

"I know he's not what you would call a pedigreed dog," she said, "but no tramp or begger can come near the house without his letting us know about it."

"What does he do?" asked her friend, "bark the house down?"

"No, he crawls under the sofa," replied the proud owner.

A small youth here, whom we'll call Bobby, ran into the house looking somewhat puzzled.

"Mother," he said, "why is it some people are so rich and we're so poor?"

"I guess it's just God's will," his mother replied.

Bobby pondered a moment and then asked: "Why weren't we mentioned in God's will, mother?"

A young bride of this county said to her husband a few days ago, "I was to have some sponge cake as a surprise for you, dear, but I confess it was a failure."

"What was the matter," asked her sympathetic husband.

"I don't know for sure," she replied, "but I think the store must have sent the wrong kind of sponges."

The story is told of the Kentucky colonel who had an argument with the devil. The devil said that no one had a perfect memory. But the colonel maintained that there was an Indian on his plantation who never forgot anything. The colonel agreed to forfeit his soul to the devil if the Indian ever forgot anything.

The devil went up to the Indian and said: "Do you like eggs?"

The Indian replied, "Yes". The devil went away.

When the colonel died 20 years later the devil thought, "Aha, here's my chance." He came back to earth and presented himself before the Indian. Raising his hand, he gave the tribal salutation, "How?"

Quick as a wink the Indian replied, "Fried".

The defense had closed, prosecuting counsel had finished argument, and the judge, who was both long-winded and pompous, charging the jury. Suddenly he noticed a jurymen asleep. His indignation was unbounded. Rapping sharply on his desk, he awakened the sleeper. After glaring at him for a few minutes, the judge said, in his most sarcastic tone:

"So that's the way you attend to your duty? You're a fine specimen to have on a jury! Do you think your opinion will be of any value when I send you out to determine the fate of the prisoner?"

"Yes, your honor," said the jurymen quietly, "I think so."

"Oh, you do, do you?" shouted the judge. "Tell me, how long have you been sleeping?"

"I don't know, your honor," was the reply, "How long have you been talking?"

A small child asked her mother here recently, "Black hens are smarter than white hens, aren't they, mummy?"

"Why, Jeany, why ask such a silly question?"

The girl replied, "Well, black hens can lay white eggs, but white hens can't lay black eggs can they?"

The newly wed bridegroom and his bride had the drawing room. The bridegroom gave the negro porter a dollar not to tell anybody on the train that they were bride and bridegroom. When the happy couple went to the diner for breakfast the next morning all the passengers pointed and eyed the couple knowingly. The groom called the porter and demanded: "Did you tell anybody on the train we were just married?"

"No sir," said the porter. "I told 'em you all were just good friends."

CUT RATE PRODUCTS

A gigantic program is taking shape in the U. S. Department of Agriculture which would "dump" surplus farm products into the hands of poor Americans at cut prices. Commodities which might be affected are cotton, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and meats.

NICE CORN YIELD

Mabee Lawrence, 4-H club member of Bertie county, reports a yield of 77.7 bushels of corn on his club acre using the Biggs Prolific variety.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, October 26.—Reminiscent of the troublesome code days are the hectic scenes enacted at the Labor Department this week where thousands are clamoring for rulings as to the status of various classes of employees and industries. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, fixing minimum wages and maximum hours of work for millions, became effective Monday. Harassed and overworked Administrator Andrews is begging his questioners to be patient, and, in turn, promises no immediate "crack-down" of Federal power on compliance. Industries generally are expected to comply with the new law of the land until many vague and disputed points can be clarified by interpretation or by the courts.

The government is hopeful legal cases may be restricted until the inherent difficulties are ironed out. In sharp contrast with the turbulent scenes of NRA days, the city is relatively free from incoming delegations of business leaders called to the capitol to set up codes. The statute is not as far-reaching and is based on a blue print which differs materially from the Blue Eagle design. The objectives of providing more income and better working conditions through shorter hours are identical.

It is an easy conclusion that the Act will be amended at the next session to strengthen the administrative provisions. In addition, it is proposed to reach into states by a series of interstate compacts patterned after the Federal statute to lessen the competitive advantages of a business operating solely within a commonwealth as against neighbors who may be shipping their products across state lines in small quantities. After all the Act was designed to make the employee the real agency of enforcement whenever he or she feels the boss is dodging the law by short-changing the pay envelope.

Down at the Department of Agriculture they are quietly preparing for a siege. The dopesters say that Congress will probably demand an investigation of the department's methods because of the widespread feeling among the farmers that the much-publicized farm program was not as good as touted. If some of the Congressional candidates actually keep the pledges they are making so glibly in the election contests the fur will fly in an attempt at house-cleaning under Capitol Hill pressure. The workers on farms are disgruntled as the Department's figures show the monthly wage rate for farm help declined during the last three months. Buried in the latest official price report was the statistician's comment that the purchasing power of farm products "is not so favorable to farmers as it was a year ago." That is the nub of the political complaint and probable vote-switching in rural areas.

While the Administration was successful in staving off a Congressional investigation of the Federal Communication System, the snarls encountered in having the Commission probe itself have disclosed peculiar situations. The Commission has underway a thorough study of broadcasting as part of the nationwide inquiry by the temporary National Economic Commission. Several legislators who resent the intervention of White House pressure side-tracking a legislative investigation have openly stated their intention of bringing the controversy out into the open at the next Congressional session. The F. C. C. has broad powers over this newest method of communication because broadcasters operate under Federal franchise which makes them more amenable to political influence than other media. A small but militant group of law-makers want to see whether there are skeletons in the closet at F. C. C.

Talk of the town: what effect the numerous and scattered grand jury indictments of political leaders for alleged relief frauds will have on the elections; the belief that Congressional committees on Privileges and Elections will be obliged to hold deodorizing sessions to justify seating several contestants for high office as reports trickle into town about election methods having a bad smell either by excessive use of money or other means of persuasion; whether the militant Representative Patman of Texas can be hobbled to let the contemporary National Economic Commission investigate an dropout on the effects of chain stores rather than to put them out of business as he proposes; that the scope of the Administration proposals for extending the benefits of the Social Security Act will be modified if the \$30 each Thursday plan of pensions is defeated in the California tests next month; that the organized farm groups will have something to yell about when the reciprocal trade treaty with Great Britain is trotted out from the vaults after the elections.

RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR

By EARLE FERRIS



music changes and such are being executed, John entertains himself by reading.

Frank Novak, in addition to playing 25 different musical instruments, is also a prolific songwriter. The latest number on which he collaborated is "I Don't Want to Be the Forgotten Man."

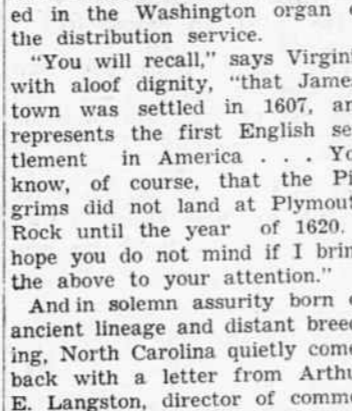
Andre Kostelanetz has again manifested his versatility in meeting all types of musical tastes. His latest recordings are "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" and "Swamp Fire."



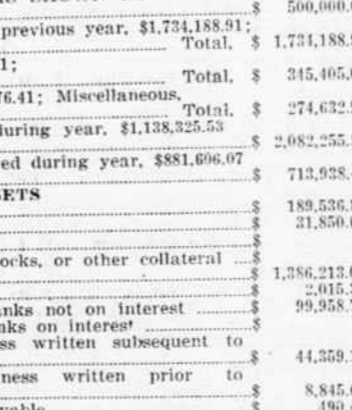
Extra Stone—he's "Henry" of the "Aldrich Family" on the Kate Smith Hour—pictured above, runs around Times Square in the same baggy trousers and faded green sweater he wears in "What a Life," the Broadway hit of which he is star.



M. P. Wamboldt, above, producer of the NBC "Public Hero Number One" series, originated the idea of presenting the policeman's side of crime stories in radio dramatizations. Until he wrote "Truth Serum" for an NBC coast-to-coast broadcast in 1931, radio crime dramas had glorified the criminal.



John Nesbitt, narrator of the "Passing Parade," never lets a rehearsal become dull or boring. He keeps the book he is currently reading on the stand alongside his script, and while



Claire Trevor, above, who is heard with Edward G. Robinson over CBS on "Big Town," is gratifying a school day ambition. As a youngster, she aspired to be a journalist. On the day today she plays the role of a girl reporter.

Welfare Officials Argue Birthplace Of Nation Issues

Some couple centuries or more since historians say it actually happened people—or at least magazines—on the eastern seaboard are still squabbling over "where the nation was born", with little semblance of agreement among themselves.

Witness the front cover of "The Minute Man", newly-born publication of the commodity distribution division of the Massachusetts State Department of Public Welfare, which emblazons on the red, white and blue sheet the fact that the Bay State is "Where the Nation Was Born And Is Still Making History".

All of which makes Virginia blow up with its still more ancient history and take issue with Massachusetts in the form of a letter from Julian A. Brooks, director of commodity distribution, to John C. Stalker, acting Massachusetts director, which was published in the Washington organ of the distribution service.

"You will recall," says Virginia with aloof dignity, "that Jamestown was settled in 1607, and represents the first English settlement in America . . . You know, of course, that the Pilgrims did not land at Plymouth Rock until the year of 1620. I hope you do not mind if I bring the above to your attention."

And in solemn assurance born of ancient lineage and distant breeding, North Carolina quietly comes back with a letter from Arthur E. Langston, director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to Massachusetts' Stalker and Virginia's Brooks.

"Please permit me to call to the attention of both of you gen-

lemen the fact that you were both in error, as history reveals that the first English settlement made in the western hemisphere was on Roanoke Island, which is now in the State of North Carolina.

So while government agents continue to uphold the "birthplace of the nation" arguments, the rank and file of Tarheel citizenry made business of laughing at the innocence of history books in Virginia and Massachusetts that so carelessly overlook the fact that there once was a man named Walter Raleigh who spread a silk coat over a mud puddle for some foreign queen to step on a long time ago.

FARM WAGES DOWN

Farm wage rates declined during the July-September harvesting period, in contrast to the usual increase in these months. However, said Julian Mann, State College extension statistician, wage rates on October 1 were 118 per cent of their pre-war average.

Farmers Paying Obligations On Their 1938 Crop

FARMERS PAYING OBLIGATIONS ON THEIR 1938 CROP Under Supervised Loan Program Of Farm Security Administration Farmers Are Repaying Their Crop Loans

COLLECTIONS ARE AHEAD OF 1937

This Is Seen As Encouraging Sign In View Of The Fact That Poor Crops Were General

Raleigh, October 22.—"Despite adverse crop conditions, including low cotton yields in many sections, and low cotton prices, North Carolina farmers farming

under the supervised loan program of the Farm Security Administration this year already have repaid \$139,000 more on their loans than for a similar period last year," said State Director, Vance E. Swift. From June 30 to middle of October this year, \$43,921 was collected as compared with \$292,287 for the same period in 1937. Treasury receipts show.

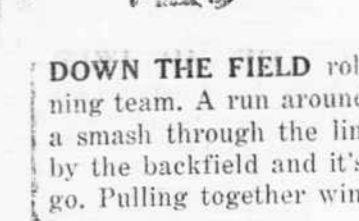
Collections for the one week ending October 12, totalled \$70,510.94, and collections for the week ending October 19, amounted to \$64,875.07, bringing total cumulative repayments from Farm Security Administration borrowers in North Carolina to \$2,409,484.99.

Although certain crop conditions and cash crop prices have

not been favorable this year, FSA farmers on the whole grew more food and fiber than last year and have done better than previously. These more potato hills and fall wheat and smokehouses as a result better prepared to meet their obligations because they did not get into debt for maintenance of it was pointed out.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Improved conditions under the domestic demand for farm products have been reported by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Industrial demand has expanded and export comes have increased in the last months.



TEAMWORK

DOWN THE FIELD rolls a smoothly running team. A run around right end, a pass, a smash through the line, a dazzling play by the backfield and it's first down, ten to go. Pulling together wins—everytime.

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STATEMENT

TWIN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Minneapolis, Minn. CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1937, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED

Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$ 500,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets, December 31st previous year.	\$1,734,188.91
Increased paid up Capital, \$0.	Total, \$ 1,734,188.91
Income—From Policyholders, \$275,694.31	Total, \$ 345,465.06
Miscellaneous, \$89,710.55	Total, \$ 274,632.94
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$80,476.41; Miscellaneous, \$194,156.53	Total, \$ 2,082,255.59
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$1,138,325.53	In Force, \$ 713,928.48
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$881,606.07	In Force, \$ 189,536.82
	21,850.00
	1,386,213.01
Value of Real Estate	2,015.72
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	99,358.77
Loans on other than first lien	150.00
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks, or other collateral	2,015.72
Value of Bonds and Stocks	99,358.77
Cash in Company's Office	11,210.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	10,240.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	230,773.67
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1937	8,845.68
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1937	2,151.25
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balance Payable	18,559.72
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks	11,859.93
Bills receivable, taken for other risks	62,179.00
Interest and Dividends due and accrued	1,807,029.36
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	198,372.10
Total	1,658,657.26
Less Assets not admitted	25,832.06
Total admitted Assets	283,110.51
	150.00
	150.00
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	150.00
Unearned premiums	62.00
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued	150.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	150.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued	62.00
Reinsurance and return premiums due other companies	330,773.67
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	827,883.69
Total Liabilities	1,658,657.26
BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1937	
Fire risks written	\$510,429;
All Other Risks written	\$ 48,294;
Losses incurred—Fire	\$ 943;
Losses incurred—All other	\$ 62;
Secretary L. B. Van De Wall	
Treasurer C. W. Hall	
Home Office 117-129 S. Fifth St. Minneapolis, Minn.	
Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.	
Manager for North Carolina Home Office (Seal)	
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.	
Raleigh, September 15 1938	
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the TWIN CITY Fire Insurance Company of Minneapolis, Minn. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company, on the 31st day of December, 1937. Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.	
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.	