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WHAT PEACE!

Boston, the city of correct speech, also records a remarkable case where a couple lived in the same house without speaking for six years.

PEACE AND HARMONY

The two parties in Randolph held their conventions—the Republicans the last Saturday in July and the Democrats the following Saturday—the first one in August.

Both parties had keynotes—speeches of flowing oratory, but the signs of both point toward great peace and harmony within the ranks of both camps.

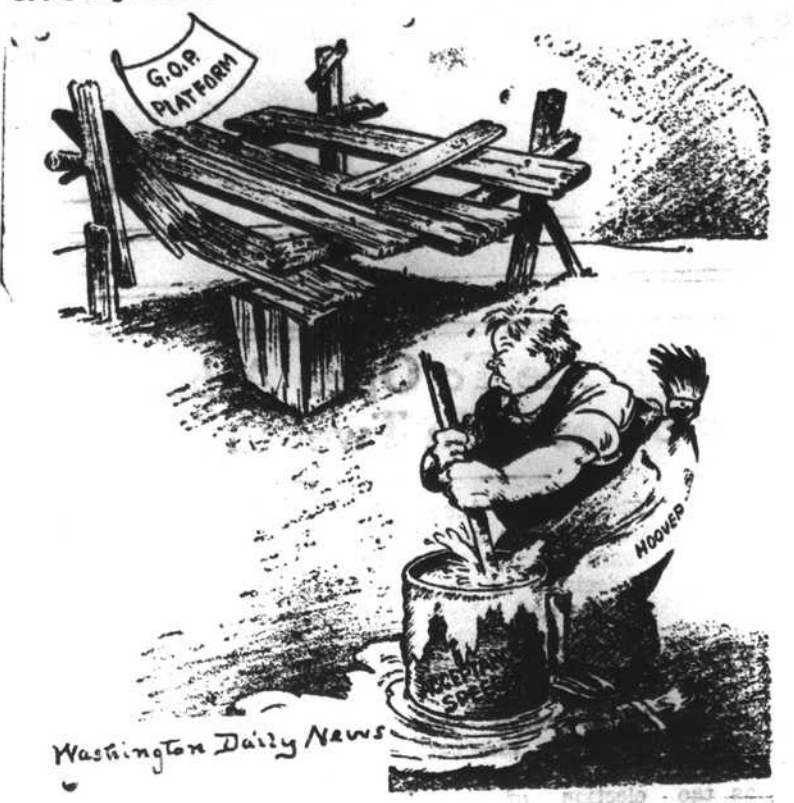
RIDING AND THE LIKE

Virginia took up the question of firing hitch-hikers some months hence. Minnesota is now considering the same subject and it might not be a bad plan for North Carolina to put the subject under consideration.

Charles A. Hylton, of Randolph county, has entered suit in middle district federal court against the Veterans Bureau for recovery of \$1,725 in accrued monthly compensation payments and also an unspecified amount in erroneously paid insurance policy.

Libby Holman Reynolds, young widow of Smith Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, who was supposed to have committed suicide several weeks ago, is charged with the murder of her husband.

It's Going to Take More Than Whitewash, Herbert!



The Open Forum

ARMFIELD GRATEFUL FOR PEOPLE'S SUPPORT

To The Editor of The Courier: I wish to thank my friends of Randolph county for their loyal support of my candidacy for the State Senate, and hereby pledge my every effort toward electing the Democratic ticket in November from Constable to President.

Regarding the county ticket I want to go on record as endorsing and approving of the entire action of the Democratic Convention Saturday. I am sorry all the candidates could not win, but we all know some of us must lose in order that some might win.

Again assuring the Democracy of this county that I am very grateful and that I shall always be at the service of the Democratic Party. I am, Faithfully yours, W. J. ARMFIELD, III, Asheboro, Aug. 8.

THANKS DEMOCRATS FOR SUPPORT GIVEN

Editor Courier: I desire to express my gratitude to the Democrats of Randolph county who cast their vote for me in the county convention Saturday for the legislature. I was not an office seeker and never expected to be, and had not announced for any office; but it makes me feel good to know that there are several Democrats that believe with me.

A. C. LOWDERMILK, Aug. 8, 1932. Seagrove, N. C.

"ALL TOGETHER, DEMOCRATS"

To The Courier: The county democratic ticket has been nominated and I am supporting it, and calling on all democrats in the county to forget their differences and get together for the good of the party.

As Chairman of the Trinity precinct committee, I promise that if they show up in November as well as we do, the entire ticket will be elected. I was not able to be at the county convention, and I do not think I need to repeat that I had nothing to do with my name being placed in nomination after I had announced that I had nothing whatever to do with any trading or attempts at any such thing.

My interest in politics is mainly with the purpose of making the democratic party democratic; and I believe with the primary two years hence, the people of the county will take charge of the party and there will be no more political manipulation by a few. There is no office I want for myself, but I shall continue to work for the party just the same.

A majority of the people in this county are farmers, yet it appears that they are not considered in choosing candidates for office, but there are going to be some new developments in politics in the next few years.

In this general connection I want to express my thanks to The Courier for their fairness to everyone, and especially to myself in enabling me to try to stir up the people to a realization of the fact that the issues before the country are more important than the men running for office. This I tried to do without any selfish ambition mixed up with it, and while I didn't succeed very extensively, I think something was done in the right direction. BRUCE CRAVEN, Aug. 8 1932. Trinity, N. C.

MR. PALMER PROPOSES A CHANGED PROGRAM

Editor Courier: I submit some remarks on the present condition of the farmer and some of the things that have brought about these conditions: 1. Low prices obtained for farm products: Wheat 60c, cost of production \$1.05; Rye 35c, cost of production \$1.10; oats 28c, cost of pro-

duction 70c; Corn 35 to 40c, cost of production 75c; Cotton 5 1/4c, last year at this time 8c; Tobacco 1/2c to 16c—average about 7c, cost of production and a decent living it should average about 34c. Pork 7c, Beef average about 8c, Calf hide 11c, killing said calf 90c. Milk Cow \$23.00, one year ago same cow sold for \$50.00; Pigs \$2.00 now, one year ago \$10.00 a pair; Chickens, fancy, 12c—one year ago 21c; Chickens, common 8c—one year ago 15c; Eggs 10c—one year ago 22c; Butter 10c a pound—one year ago 24c; Practically no sale for milk; Cream lowest price in history of the dairy business—is that enough, Gentlemen?

I propose to make a few comments—do you think you can live on the farm, pay your taxes, educate, feed and clothe your children with the present prices of farm products? Let's look for a moment at tobacco, not one percent of the tobacco raisers of 1931 could pay their taxes out of their tobacco, at the same time one tobacco manufacturer in our state made a clear net profit of 36 millions of dollars. The corn, wheat, cotton grower would not have been able to pay his taxes, buy school books for his children if he had sold four-fifths of his entire grain crop for cash.

There must be some entrenchment of the reckless expenditures of the tax payers' money in the county of Randolph to wit: Take off the \$10 per day that is being paid to the Randolph County Hospital, Inc.; I recommend that you take off the amount paid to the County Farm Demonstrator, less one half of one percent of the population of Randolph county may have been benefited by his services. Let this group of tax payers pay his salary if they want him retained by the county, and thus relieve the other 98 1/2% of the tax-payers of the county who have positively not been benefited by his services.

I am reliably informed that the county game commission gets from dog tax, principally, from \$1400 to \$1700 annually, with an equal amount paid into the school fund. Gentlemen this condition of affairs should and must be changed if we hope to get on our feet and save our farms and homes from being sold for taxes.

We are reliably informed that the auditing of our books in Asheboro is costing the taxpayers more than twice the amount that it ought to. There is being a most extravagant practice tolerated that should be changed.

It is a matter of common knowledge that there are hundreds of tax payers whose property is being sold and will be sold for the excessive tax that must be paid within the next few weeks. Who can stand up under it? Can we hope to live and take care of our families under such damnable conditions? I say, gentlemen, it is high time that we wake up and do something about it or we must be thrown out of a house and home and join the ten millions of unemployed in this country that knows not one day where the next day's meal is coming from.

Relief for the farmer will come through a judicious expenditure of our tax money properly distributed by our county board of commissioners. Gentlemen, I beg of you to get busy and call a halt. R. C. PALMER, Liberty, Aug. 2.

TWO BARRED ROCK HENS LAID 4 EGGS IN DAY

Four eggs in a day is the record of two Barred Rock hens, the property of Mrs. F. E. Gay, of North Asheboro. Mrs. Gay found last Friday that her two hens—both in the same pen—had laid two eggs each. One hen apparently laid two well-rounded eggs, one normal in size, and white in color, the other smaller but perfectly formed. The other hen had laid two oblong shaped eggs, dark yellow in color, one regular size, with the other smaller in shape but also oblong shaped.

Otho D. Lyon, 52, farmer and filling station operator on the Durham-Oxford highway, was shot and killed Friday night by unidentified persons who attempted to rob his place of business.

Davidson's tax rate will remain 65 cents on the \$100 valuation for the year 1932-33. A year ago the rate was cut from \$1.35 to 65 cents. Loss of a million dollars in valuations this year was offset by economies in administration.

Tax rate of the town of Rockingham has been fixed at \$1.45, as against \$2.93 in 1929. The Richmond county tax rate is 57 cents on the \$100 valuation.

With Other Editors

SIMMONS BACKS CANDIDATES

(Winston-Salem Journal) Perhaps no man knows Senator Simmons better than does Frank Hampton, who was his secretary for many years while he was active in politics and statesmanship. Hampton has just returned to Washington after visiting the distinguished North Carolinian. He says that the former Senator will support the national Democratic ticket since he regards Roosevelt and Garner as personifying the best in Democratic ideals and traditions.

Simmons interprets the opposition of the big interests and special privilege to the nomination of the New Yorker and the Texan as the best sort of evidence that the nominees are real Democrats and dependable friends of the people. It was largely because of former Governor Smith's close alliance with Tammany Hall that Senator Simmons opposed him so unrelentingly in 1928.

Mr. Hampton declares that Senator Simmons is the greatest North Carolinian, living or dead. While he may be speaking somewhat superlatively out of the enthusiasm of friendship and long association with the former Senator, yet no one, regardless of party or interest, will dispute Senator Simmons' title to rank with the very greatest of North Carolinians. This State has had, and now has, many distinguished citizens, men and women alike. Senator Simmons is typical of the best that these represent.

HOW WE HAVE LOST FREEDOM

(Fountain Inn Tribune) America's great gift to mankind was freedom.

Here, for the first time, the common man had opportunity to choose his own way of life and rid his soul of chains.

But the ideals of a race are made by its literature. And American literature, for many generations, confined itself to variations of a single theme, "From Rags to Riches."

It was, at first, excellent propaganda. It encouraged people to get away from poverty, which is degrading and ugly and prolific of evil.

But the universal ambition to "get ahead" soon made money the measure of all value. The rich were somebody; those that failed to get rich were nobodies. Riches meant power and honor and social standing.

People no longer were content to escape poverty. They no longer were content with enough. Since money proved their excellence, it was necessary to show off to prove their possession of money. Keeping up with the Joneses became the national ambition.

And liberty was gone. People are no longer free. They no longer choose their own way of life. They pant in a treadmill, chained fast to custom, sweating play-pretties to impress the neighbors. No one dares to violate the rules, for one who prefers living rather than getting is called a crank or a leech.

Work is a necessary evil, not a virtue. Machines are built and the hours of labor shortened in order to give men more leisure.

If leisure, then, is the goal of man's striving, why doesn't he quit work when he has a competence and devote himself to the art of living.

Little wealth is needed to provide necessary comforts and security. Millions now in the treadmill have enough and to spare. Why should they cling to jobs they do not need while men as able are jobless and destitute?

They do it because they are slaves. They are slaves to the fallacy that the making of ash trays is more respectable than leisure—slaves to the idea that success consists in making more money to buy more expensive trinkets to impress more people.

Certain natives of Africa stretch their lips to the size of dinner plates. They do it to excel their neighbors, for they are enslaved by custom and unable to realize how silly it is.

BACK-TO-FARM MOVE

(Southern Cultivator.) Passage by the United States senate of the measure calling for federal supervision of the movement of unemployed persons to the farm is a step toward government aid for the soundest and most permanent form of unemployment relief.

There may never again be work for some of the millions who are now walking the streets of our cities in idleness.

In the unstable, unsound and unwise expansion of business during the boom years work was plentiful, but business has learned the folly of its error through painful deflation and reduction of unnecessary overhead expenses. In addition, it is certain that the so-called "machine age" through which we are now passing will still further lower the demand for man power.

Whatever work is found for these millions of unemployed at this time most of basic necessity be of a temporary nature.

Independence is assured in the safety, shelter and possibility of reasonable prosperity on the farm.

Not only does the back-to-the-farm movement offer a sound rehabilitation plan for the unemployed, but it is the most economical in the long run, as is demonstrated by the case of an Atlanta family which regained independence as the result of an Atlanta woman's generosity.

The head of this family, an experienced office worker, had been without work for months and he, his wife and their three children were faced with actual starvation and dispossession of their furniture and their home.

Sent to a farm in a nearby county at an expense of less than \$400, they have become independent in a few months and have sufficient fuel, vegetables and meat already in hand of growing to assure sustenance during

the winter. From a pathetic liability in the city they have become a valuable asset to the community in which they now live.

A sound solution of the unemployment and economic trouble with which the country is now afflicted is the re-adjustment of our unbalanced population through sending the surplus millions out of work in the cities back to the farm. The question of the prices of farm products would not necessarily be involved, for if no market, these farm families would produce enough for their own consumption.

Proof of High Culture in Sodom and Gomorrah

The inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah reached a high state of culture before they were destroyed by "brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven."

The people of the two cities lived before the iron age, but they exercised great ingenuity in utilizing other materials. The excavators found stone ovens in the irregularly shaped houses. These are similar to ovens still in use in some peasant parts of northern France, England, Wales, and Ireland.

Traces of violent conflagrations were found in the ruins, tending to confirm the Biblical story of the city's destruction. One excavator said that on the plain below the hill on which the cities stood there was a curious rock formation, about five feet high, which legend associates with Lot's wife, who, according to the Biblical story, was turned into a pillar of salt at the time the cities were destroyed.

The excavators penetrated twenty-six feet and dug through three cities, each built on the ruins of another. Undoubtedly these three, they said, is probably a fourth. The ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah were found in the top layer.

Hawaiian Plant Highly Prized by Botanists

One of the most interesting plants in the world, the Haleakala Silversword, once abundant, has now become so scarce that botanists cover every specimen of it that comes into bloom with cheesecloth to protect it from insect enemies that would otherwise destroy its seeds.

The Haleakala Silversword grows only on the rim and in the crater of Haleakala, a great dormant volcano in that portion of the Hawaii National park located on the island of Maui.

When young the plant, known to Hawaiians as "pohinahina" or "ahimuhina" from their word "gray," is a beautiful silvery sphere of incurved linear leaves. The silver coloring is caused by the dense covering of hair which repels some of the penetrating rays of the sun and also guards the plant from too rapid loss of moisture. When it attains a diameter of about two feet, the great silvery ball shoots up a magnificent cluster of flowering heads to a height of from three to six feet.

Life in the Middle Ages

In many ways the coming of the Germanic barbarians into the western Roman empire meant a setback for orderly government and economic prosperity, and for art, science, literature and education. After a time, however, the vigorous northerners absorbed the fundamentals of the classical civilization, and on the basis of a mixture of older and newer elements a political, social and economic system was developed which had a character of its own. The fairest way to look at the Middle Ages is first to study its characteristic features such as feudalism, the unity under the church, Gothic architecture, serfdom and the manor, and second to notice how these gradually developed into more familiar modern forms, such as national states, national literatures, town life, and a strong middle class.—Chicago Tribune.

Neck Yokes and Sabots

Holland is a very old country, and is an odd admixture of ancient and modern. In the town of Waardenburg, for instance, the inhabitants still depend upon the community pump for their supply of water. The housewife carries a pair of wooden shoes, which mark her as a true daughter of the Netherlands. The neck yoke is an aid to carrying burdens in an instrument that goes back into antiquity for its beginning. Many primitive people of the East Indies use the neck yoke in transporting weights. In China the neck yoke has developed into a long bamboo pole that is balanced on the shoulders and to the ends of which burdens of equal weight are attached.

Siam's Clinging Customs

Shaving the heads of men and boys in Siam is a religious rite, and is performed in the temple by priests. Although the Siamese have an up-to-date king and numerous western ways are being introduced into their governmental life, they remain at heart typically oriental and cling to the ancient customs of their ancestors. White elephants march in their sacred processions, maidens dance in the temples as the king is carried in a palanquin, and, save for the occasional buzzing of an airplane, the visitor to Siam could easily forget that he is living in the Twentieth century.

In Conclusion

Two club members were having a heated argument in the club lounge. Every moment their words became more personal. Finally one said: "You've enough tin in your head to make a kettle."

"And you've got enough water in your head to fill it," was the reply. "At that a quiet member stood up and said: 'And both of you have enough gas to hold it!'" he said, and vanished from the room.

Since

In mathematics a line is defined as the perpendicular dropped from one end of a circular arc upon the radius of the other end; the ratio of this perpendicular to the radius considered as a function of the angle subtended by the arc.

SERIES OF MEETINGS AT FRANKLINVILLE CHURCH

A series of revival meetings will begin at Pilgrim Holiness church at Franklinville Sunday morning, August 14th, at 11 o'clock, and will continue two weeks or more. Services will be conducted every evening at 7:45 by the pastor, Rev. F. R. Cooper, of Asheboro. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The bank at Magnolia, Duplin county, was entered and robbed Thursday by masked bandits who got away with \$1,318 in cash. This was the second time this year the Magnolia bank has been robbed, the first robbery having occurred January 12, when five men entered the bank and got away with \$14,300. They were afterwards apprehended and sentenced to prison.

NORTH CAROLINA BOYS HONORED

Gold and Trips Awarded Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild Competition

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special)—When 112 boy craftsmen from all parts of the United States and Canada gather in Detroit next month for the second annual convention of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, the State of North Carolina will be represented by Marcus B. Andrews of Mount Gilead, state judging just concluded here. He will receive not only the trip, but \$100 in gold, and his model will be judged in the international competition for four university scholarships of four years each.

Second-place award for the state went to C. H. Moffett of Madison who earned one of the Detroit trips last year. He will receive \$100 in gold, and his model will also be judged in the international competition for scholarships, though he will not attend the convention. Additional awards, ranging from \$15 to \$25, were made to W. R. Mass of Whitakers and Phillip J. Carmichael of Waketown. A similar list of awards is being offered in each of the 48 states, in the District of Columbia, and in each of the seven Canadian Guild districts.

Claude Reagan, of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, in charge of the North and South Carolina and Georgia judging, held here, voiced gratification at the high standard of craftsmanship achieved in the state this year. "Every boy who finished a model," said Reagan, "has not only developed his manual skill, but far more important than that, has learned a lesson in perseverance which will stand by him all his life."

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