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THEN AND NOW

HOT weather causes many a look toward the calendar—wondering how much longer this torrid heat can hold out. And calendars are interesting. People even have favorite calendars. The favorite one in a newspaper office usually is flanked about with much marking but in the meantime, several important historic events engage the eye and mind.

It was on July 26th, 1775, that the American postal system was established and two days later, July 28th also brings an important date on the calendar, the beginning of the world war on July 28, 1914. These two happenings are as far apart as the two poles in a way. Think of earlier wars when news was scarce because of transportation. Mail service was indeed a crude affair and uncertain, at best. When we sit down for a good session of complaining about the mail service—the slowness thereof, etc.—we might contrast the mail service now with that of the first day of July, 1863, the date of the battle of Gettysburg. Men were dead for weeks before their homesfolk found out the sad tidings. Then, often, some foot-sore soldier brought the tidings first-hand, before the official notice, if any, was sent.

The World War dispatches were censored, it's true, but they were quick and the picture on the walls of the galloping horse of 1775 may well be compared with the postal and cable service of the World War days.

And, historic minded North Carolinians who are looking toward Manteo and thinking of the birth of Virginia Dare, and of the establishment of the first representative assembly in America, at Jamestown, on July 30th, 1619—comparing then and now, is an interesting sport for hot weather. But, calendars are interesting things—even in hot weather.

GEOGRAPHICAL PERFECTION

HUNTING the mountains, they found and enjoyed the ocean. was a story that came from Kinston where many such come. Kinstonians say that a New York family landed in their town this week and stopped to inquire the way to the mountains, Shenandoah Valley and such. When told that they were several hundred miles too far east for mountains, the versatile Kinston folk recommended the ocean, just 70 miles distant. And, a good time was had by all, runs the tale.

This is a fable with a moral, revealing the geographical advantages of North Carolina as a state above other states. Few states are blessed with the mountains on the west, the ocean on the east—and with some very fine beaches, too—and the Piedmont section full of delicious patches—all at the same time.

Irvin Cobb was right—what North Carolina needs is a press agent. We have everything heart could wish, but we do need to tell the world about it. Possibly many people will trek to Manteo for the pageant of historic interest during the ten weeks. It is surprising that many North Carolinians do not seem to know about it themselves. How, then, can we expect visitors to know, or care?

With Other Editors

BAILEY'S BARRAGE TIMELY Senator Bailey's barrage directed yesterday at the so-called compromise bill for reform of the judiciary, as proposed by the administration, was a timely and reasoned contribution to the fight upon a proposition fundamentally unsound. The stubborn opposition may, with such brilliant logic as offered by Bailey, successfully block the steam-roller pressure the New Deal is applying in its purpose to achieve this dangerous but so-called reform.

perhaps a bit lavish in his praise of the court as presently constituted and operated, but his case was before a vast and not unprejudiced jury and naturally he made it strong. The issue stands simply, as Senator Bailey pictured it that the Supreme Court must be protected against intimidation or even more direct abuse by stacking its benches.

Mr. Walter Lippman, writing recently in the New York Herald-Tribune, made the point that there is no good reason why the measure must pass now, however much insistence there be for such on the part of Mr. Roosevelt and his advisors. The powers of the Federal government have been greatly extended, and they are ample for any legislation Congress might really wish to enact. He makes the case for filibuster on the measure by asserting that it is purely a fight for preservation of American liberties.

The new court reform proposition is no more moral because of the modification of its scope and purpose—and it deserves to die as unambiguously as its predecessor. We hope it will not require a filibuster to defeat it, but if that is the only course open there seems no other choice.—High Point Enterprise.

Lambeth Demands Retrenchment

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telephone and telegraph bill for nine months amounted to \$3,309,000 which is in excess of the total costs of operation of all the public schools of North Carolina for one month.

The speech ended with the following summary:

"The conclusion of the whole matter is this. The time has come for the government to put its house in order. The national income for this year is estimated to approach 70 billion dollars, having climbed from the low point of 39 billion dollars in 1932; so that it is now well above the normal level. We should now not only have a balanced budget but should begin to reduce the public debt."

Railroads Request Rate Alteration

Would Adopt ICC Schedule For Cotton, Woolen And Knit Goods.

Rail carriers of North Carolina yesterday sought permission of the Utilities commission to revise rates on cotton, woolen and knitting factory products moving interstate to conform to interstate rates on similar commodities.

Complete revision of present schedules and adoption of interstate rates would mean both increases and reductions in freight charges with the majority of commodities receiving reductions, said C. H. Noah, freight rate expert for the Utilities commission.

Applicants pointed out that the proposed revision would make interstate rates uniform with interstate rates prescribed by the Interstate Commerce commission and effective since July 8, 1937. The new rates would cancel present commodity rates and would not affect lower rates adopted to meet truck competition, applicants said.

The revision would establish the freight rates on the affected commodities at specified percentages of first-class rates.

STORIES IN STAMPS

THE STRUGGLE OF YANG AND YIN.

Far back in the history of Chinese civilization, the world was considered the battleground in the eternal struggle of the two major forces of life—male and female. It was not a conflict, but an effort to create a unity, a harmony, between these forces. Symbolizing this struggle, the Chinese drew two symmetrically curved figures, one black, the other white, opposing each other within a circle. It is the "yin-yang" so well known and so universal in Oriental design. According to Chinese belief, every part of the world, both animate and inanimate, is ruled by the yin-yang, the opposition of male and female, light and darkness, active and passive.

Out of this symbol, other mystic forms have risen—the squared maze pattern around Oriental rugs, similar designs for borders, and the swastika. Early Chinese stamps included this symbol in their border designs, and many stamps of Korea have featured the yin-yang. The symbol appears at the top of the stamp shown here.



BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

BY RODNEY DUTCH, NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—That party the Democrats had at Jefferson Island is well in the past, but some of the best stories of what happened on the island are just beginning to leak out.

One of them evidences the fact that although President Roosevelt will call a man by his first name as quickly as one thus addresses a banker or waitress—often applying the pronomen to a lady or gentleman on first meeting—it takes a Jim Farley to remember the correct name every time.

A group of anti-court bill senators stuck close to each other on the island, and a half dozen of them approached the President in a group to pay their so-called respects. Senators Bailey of North Carolina and Byrd of Virginia had passed by and had not been greeted by their first names, which would be a story by itself. Then up stepped Senator Clark of Missouri. And the President either had become flustered by this time or else suffered one of those brainstorms or memory lapses which at one time or another afflict us all. The only other possibility is that he was trying to be funny, which is unlikely.

"Hello, Frank!" exclaimed Frank Roosevelt.

And was Bennett Clark sore!

YOUR correspondent also has indulged in research as to the hog-calling contest which was a feature of the picnic, heretofore inadequately reported. Not with any thought of inflicting any bum humor about hog-calling and pork barrels, but rather with the thought that hog-calling might soon enter into the court plan debate.

It seems that Roosevelt himself organized and umpired the hog-calling contest, entering Harry

Reporter Loses Good Story; But Writes Another Wedding

Sometime ago, in that great city of New York, a city editor sent a cub reporter to cover what was supposed to be a top hat society wedding. The wedding was scheduled in an uptown church, in the 70s block.

It came near press time and the reporter had not returned—then the "sheet" was sent down stairs and the press started its run. A few seconds later the cub came in—and explained to the boss that the bridegroom failed to show up, so there was no wedding and no story. That cub looked for another job.

Which brings us to this—yesterday a news desk in Asheboro received a tip that a young lady who had recently married, obtained her husband through the medium of a matrimonial agency advertisement. That seemed like a hot tip, so off went a reporter.

He didn't get his story—for the lady in question met her groom through regular mediums, stars and moons and things like that.

But we did hear tell of this one—and the names of the recently wedded pair are so well known here that we fail to mention them—maybe most of their friends know the details, another can piece two and two together.

The adv. was placed with a "bureau" by the Asheboro girl, not the first one we mentioned. Letters began to use up Uncle Sam's stamps, between here and an army

post—so they thought they might as well look each other over.

Arrangements were completed, the prospective groom was scheduled to arrive at the local bus station at 5:45 o'clock. The girl was to stand nearby, with a white flower—guess she wanted to have the first look. In came the bus and off stepped our man. He looked for the stone wall, which the girl wrote was located opposite the bus station. She looked first, then held the flower in her hand. The groom, bashful, of course, looked, walked hither and yon, then plucked up courage enough to speak.

Said he, "Are you satisfied?" Said she, "Do we get married?" "I reckon we do, that's what I came for," was his reply. They then toted his baggage to her sisters' apartment, then made a quick trip to a well known justice of the peace.

But we lost our story.

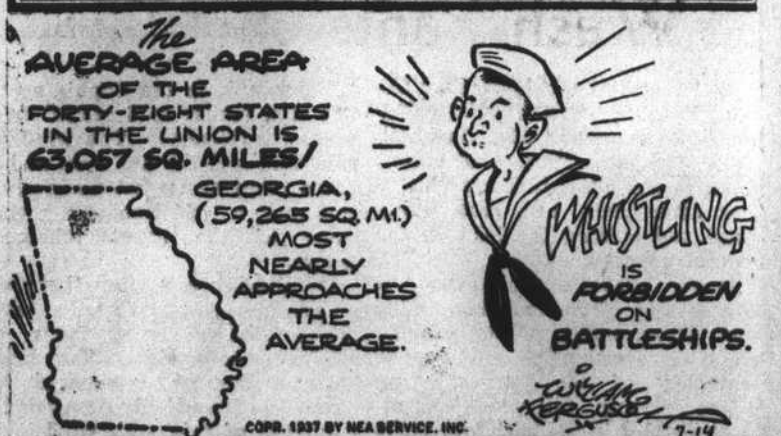
Peace Meeting Ashton B. Jones, Atlanta, Ga., will be a speaker at an outdoor meeting on the court house lawn Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Jones will speak on world peace.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he will be a speaker at the colored M. E. church. Sunday evening he will be at Friends meeting house.

Loneliness is one form of torture from which none escapes.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

ANCIENT PHILOSOPHERS TAUGHT THAT PLANTS WERE NOURISHED FROM THE SOIL ALONE! BUT HELMONT, A PHYSICIAN OF BRUSSELS, DOUBTED THE THEORY. DURING THE 16TH CENTURY, HE WEIGHED A WILLOW TREE AND PLANTED IT IN A POT CONTAINING 200 LBS. OF SOIL! FIVE YEARS LATER, THE WILLOW HAD GAINED 164 POUNDS, AND THE SOIL HAD LOST ONLY TWO OUNCES.



JAN BAPTISTA VAN HELMONT, after making the experiment regarding plant nourishment, settled on the erroneous conclusion that the tree had taken on its extra weight from the water that he had given it, and not until 200 years later was the discovery made that nourishment was taken in from the air, through the leaves.

Queer Slants

By The Staff

We sat through a miserable hour and a half the other evening watching and listening to Wallace Beery make a shambles of the grand play "The Old Soak." The only redeeming feature was the title had been changed to "The Good Old Soak." Emphasis on the proper words would place Beery's acting where it belonged.

Just why eBeery was picked for this role we are lost to understand. He overplayed parts that should have been underplayed and lost "laughs" on best lines in the script.

This is no triade against Beery as an actor. We think he is one of the grandest ever produced—but as "Clem" Hawley he was a failure. Maybe he had been bitten, like lots of others, who have played all manner of roles, then want to play the great Romeo. We have seen them fail, but this was due to the casting director. And, also, poor direction.

The bank scene was a flop. "Clem" as Beery played it—failed in his greatest moment—that "hanging scene" as it has been expressed by all familiar with the show. He didn't do the hanging properly—he didn't let "the banker swing," he merely made a pass at the light cord.

Then too, in the same scene, he lost lines which has brought the house down in "doubles." After Beery cut the telephone cord, he hogged the scene, didn't give the banker time to discover the shears—cut off the line with his own—"I ain't agoing to cut you." That was one of Don Marquis' great heights in the scrip—Beery too, in a boorish manner, tried to play the lovable part created by the author. Instead of bringing his audience into "Clem" sphere he left a loathing for character.

We have seen several do this show—probably one of the best, but not known in this section of the country, Georgie Pierce, that grand actor son of a grand sire and actor, "Pete" Pierce, who rolled 'em in the aisles as "Lightnin'" Both father and son, from the dramatic school at Williams.

The maid, although played by Una Merkle, a gorgeous actress, was badly cast. The drinking scene was a fizzle, made brass out of what should have been smooth metal. The cameraman evidently afraid the audience would not catch the line concerning the parrot's egg—made it brazen by focusing on that egg. Good lines, out of a great mind, ruined by poor acting and poorer casting.

And that sudden shift, in a horse drawn vehicle, not in the script, from the country home to a hot spot in New York was another flop. A few seconds and "Clem" was transported to a dancers' apartment, then to the night club. The value of the lines and scene were lost in this atmosphere.

And thus it went—we saw a girl do the maid, that made Una look like a ham andegger. The latter lost her laughs on the "deceased himself" but the former played it to perfection.

We noted Frank Sullivan assisted in writing the scrip—now we know there are two Frank Sullivans somewhere in this sphere of ours.

We hope Don himself has not been forced to sit through this picture. We hope Beery will not want to play that immortal portrait of Frank Bacon's Lightnin' nor Lord Fauntelroy.

Mr. Eberhart's name is now famous in watermelon lines, as it has been in pencils. But another Eberhart. Yesterday a Mr. Eberhart was hauling a load of watermelons to the Asheboro market.

He hit a ditch near Fayetteville and Kivett street—the trailer lost its hitch and out went the melons. Green and red all over the highway—then a load of laughing colored men—bound homeward from a PWA job. The truck stopped, the boys started to eat and a feast was had by all.

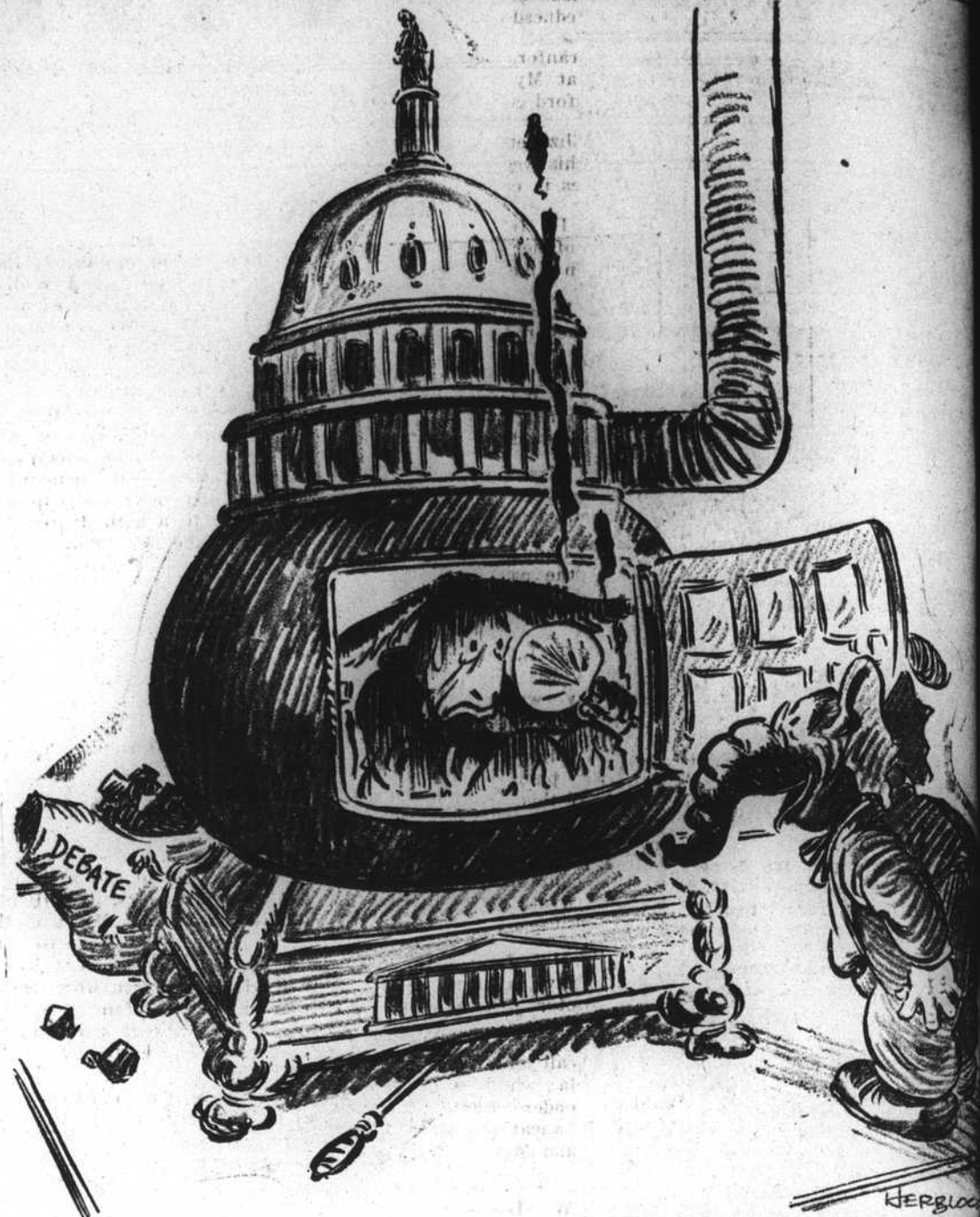
I reckon we had better sue the PWA's. Might start another long hot session in Washington. Bet those great statesmen up there would have forgotten the Court bill if they had been near the wreck. Bet the N. C. gentleman would have gotten together over the rine—even got melon in each others hair—Oh my, we meant ears.

Glad all those guards have gotten the National guard straightened out. Seems, now, like they were in the right war but on the wrong side.

Ten years ago the drug marihuana was almost unknown in this country. Now it is known as the most pernicious drug. It is made from the weed also known as rag-weed or Italian hemp.

Responsibility is put on the shoulders of those who can bear it.

Is It Hot Enough For You?



Expect Record Wheat Yield In State; Corn Crop Good

Raleigh.—W. H. Rhodes, chief of the state department of agriculture's statistics division forecast today that this year's wheat crop would be the heaviest in North Carolina since 1910.

"Other crops throughout the state are growing nicely, cultivation is good, and generally favorable seasons prevail," Rhodes said. "While complaints of continued dry weather during June were reported from all sections of the state, the situation is much improved over that of a month ago."

If the 6,228,000-bushel wheat crop indicated July 1 materializes, it will be the fifth largest ever produced in this state, Rhodes said. "The harvested acreage reported at 519,000 is two per cent less than in 1936," he said "but the average yield an acre at 12 bushels is the heaviest average on record."

However, he added, the grain is not threshing out as heavily as earlier expected, and heavy damage from rust, aphid, root lice, and other pests was reported in the Piedmont counties.

July reports for other crops follow:

Corn Crop Good Corn—The crop is generally good in almost all sections. The 2,326,000 acres in cultivation this year is one per cent less than was harvested last year, but with the conditions reported at 84 per cent of normal, the production is indicated at 44,194,000 and with the exception of 1931 and 1935 is about equal to any crop on record.

Oats—While the 233,000 acres of oats harvested is one of the smallest since 1900, farmers generally claim that the crop this year is one of the best they ever had. The 20 bushel an acre average compares with 14 last year and a 10-year average of 17.6, indicating a total of 4,660,000 bushels for harvest.

Hay—With the exception of the dry weather of late April and May, weather conditions affecting hay crops have been rather favorable. The last alfalfa cutting early in May was exceptionally good. Clover crops with conditions averaging 84 per cent of normal are the best in many years. Small grains cut for hay were also extra good. There were 937,000 acres of hay in cultivation July 1 in the state compared with 890,000 harvested last year. The conditions at 79 per cent of normal compares with 66 per cent last July 1 and indicates a total production of 750,000 tons or an increase of 11 per cent over the 1936 crop.

More Irish Potatoes Irish potatoes—The total Irish potato crop including the early and late crops shows a 12 per cent increase in acreage this year, there being 92,000 acres for harvest compared with 82,000 in 1936. However, the 78 per cent of normal condition reported for late potatoes July 1 compares with 42 per cent last year when the late mountain coun-

ties were suffering from record dry seasons. The total production of Irish potatoes is estimated at 9,200,000 bushels, or an increase of 54 per cent over the 5,986,000-bushel crop harvested last year.

Mars may be having dust storms too. Astronomers report a huge disturbance there and several smaller ones.

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