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To every reader of the News we extend our best wishes for a happy New Year.

A few of the newspapers that come to this office seem to approve of Senator Morrison's course in voting to seat Mr. McNinch on the Power Commission but many of them do not approve of this action of the new Senator. Some of them predict that he will lose many votes if he should have an opponent in 1932. On the other hand if the Simmons folks can forget what Mr. Morrison said about Senator Simmons they might vote for him.

MIGHT BE WORSE AFTER ALL

It is said that there are five million unemployed people in the United States. It is also said that there are forty millions who are at work. There has been much talk about the unemployed millions but not much is said about the much larger number who are at work and have been at work all during the year now just ended. Of the unemployed one may reasonably deduct a million or so. There always are many people out of work on account of sickness or some physical disability. There are always many people out of work who do not want to do any thing. They prefer living off other people in one way or another. The number of those who cannot find any thing to do—that they are willing to do—is large but not so great as some folks think it is.

So far there does not appear to have been any marked reduction in wages. The railroads, steel companies, automobile manufacturers and other big industries appear to be paying the same wages that they did in prosperous times. Of course they have found it necessary to lay off some of their help. When prosperity returns they will increase the number of their employes. However that may be a country that has forty million people at work at good wages has not gone to the devil by any means.

THE NEW YEAR IS HERE AND PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES

The year 1930 seems likely to go down in history as one of the worst the United States has ever known in so far as business is concerned. Fortunately there has been no great epidemic of sickness such as the influenza epidemic of 1918 and 1919. Farmers, manufacturers, business people of all sorts have for the most part had a pretty hard time. Many wage earners have not been able to find steady employment. Merchants, bankers, newspaper publishers, professional people have all felt the sting of hard times. A part of the country was afflicted with a terrific drought that caused immense loss to the farmers and other people in that section.

Granting that things have been pretty bad, and we all know they have, they will eventually get better. There is no road so long that it does not end or turn. The mind of man is able to grasp with its problems today as well as it ever was. The troubles that we have had will pass away and the lesson that we have learned from them will be helpful in the future. The chances are that a decided turn for the better will come to pass this year. At any rate the new year is here and we must all try to make the very best of it that we can. We cannot change the past but we can do something with the future. We must conquer our fears and forget our disappointments. Confidence in our ability to do things and a determination that we will do them is what is needed to make the year 1931 a successful one for us all.

THE DRIFT TOWARDS SOCIALISM

There is a great tendency in this country on the part of some people who do not call themselves Socialists, to embark the nation in socialistic enterprises. The leaders in these enterprises are certain United States Senators like Messrs. Borah, Brookhart, Frazier, LaFollette, Norris and a few members of the House of Representatives. And then there are the editors of a few of the daily newspapers as well as some weekly and monthly publications. These people call themselves "Progressives." Their real name is "Radicals" for the policies which they advocate are of a radical nature that if followed to the end would entirely change the plan of government under which we have lived for more than a century and a half.

The United States started out as a republic composed of thirteen states or commonwealths. These states were jealous of their rights and at first the republic was a rather weak affair. From the beginning there was a fierce contest between those who desired to make the Federal government a strong, centralized, all powerful organization and those opposed to it. Alexander Hamilton was the leader the Federalists, as they were called. There was another political party which contended strongly for the rights of the states and the liberties of

the individuals who composed the nation. This party was called the Democratic-Republican party and Thomas Jefferson was recognized as its leader. Besides the leaders there were many able men in both of the parties.

The struggles between the nationalists and the states rights parties often resulted in compromises but upon the whole the idea of a centralized national government has prevailed over its opponents. The Federal government now performs a great many functions and has powers that the founders had no intention of giving it. A strange thing—and rather amusing too—is that some people who profess to be devoted followers of Jefferson are continually wanting to bestow more power and more duties upon the Federal government. Some of them think the railroads ought to be run by the national government. The late William J. Bryan earnestly advocated government ownership of railroads. There are others who desire to have the government engage in the electric power business. Some think the telegraph and telephone lines should be conducted by the government and of course there are various other lines of industry in which the Federal government might engage if the people desire it.

It is interesting to watch the struggle between those who desire to have every thing run by the Federal government and those who think that the states and individuals should not be deprived of all of their rights and liberties. What will the outcome be? It is a reasonable prophecy perhaps to say, that if extra powers are granted to the Federal government in the future at the rate they have been given in the past, that Socialism will prevail here in less than a century.

Press Gleanings

ONLY STATUE-TORY CRIME

Before judging those Princeton students who were expelled for removing a statue from the campus, it might be well to have a look at the statue.—Oakland Tribune.

DON'T HATE THE LAND

Good investors buy on a low market, and poor investors buy when prices are high. The inherent rights of the masses are too important to let them slip into the hands of a few. Farmers, hold your land, and be the king of your own soul and body in the coming days. It is certain that the land owner is eventually going to boss the job. Your home is more important now than your car. Cling to the home; don't hate the land.—(Williamston Enterprise.)

DELAY ON WORLD COURT

Perhaps it is just as well that the consideration of the World Court protocols should go over until the next session of Congress. There would not have been time for a thorough discussion at the short session, and there would have been pressure to get the question out of the way with inadequate consideration. The more thoroughly the matter is discussed, and the better the country understands the Court and its relations to European politics and the League, the less likely the Senate will be to vote in the light of sentiment rather than of reason.—Kansas City Star.

SENATOR OVERMAN

The death of Senator Overman removes a picturesque figure from the political stage in North Carolina, and it disrupts a team in the United States Senate which has occupied a strange place for more than a quarter of a century—the team of Simmons and Overman. Senator Overman was more of a personality than a statesman. He harbored no love for the rough and tumble of battle. He was not a firebrand, nor was he moved by those who were firebrands. If his mind was not dazzlingly brilliant he had the fortunate faculty of seeing the ridiculous in many of the tirades of debate that went on in his presence.

No one enjoyed his distinctions and offices more than Senator Overman and no one was more generally courteous than he in the discharge of those duties. Good manners were a study with him and his charming personality was a gift of nature. If he had a real enemy certainly there was a minimum of bitterness between them.—(Lenoir News Topic.)

LOW IN ANIMAL UNITS

There are only three states that rank below North Carolina on the basis of livestock units per thousand acres of land in crops. These states are North Dakota, South Carolina, and Georgia. The Fertilizer Review has reduced all livestock in each state to animal units, as one horse or mule or dairy cow, five hogs, one hundred poultry and so on, and divided by acres of land in crops. North Carolina averages 144 animal units per 1,000 acres of crop land. When it is recalled that only one-fifth of our land area is in crops one gets a better notion of the small amount of livestock in North Carolina.

On any and every basis of calculation, North Carolina ranks from forty-fifth to forty-eighth as a livestock state, even counting our mules and horses which are work animals. If mules and horses are not included, North Carolina farms are probably the most lightly stocked farms in the Nation. No other area matches eastern North Carolina in this particular.

Arizona averages 1,197 animal units per 1,000 acres of crop land. There are fifteen states that average from 300 to 1,197 animal units per 1,000 crop acres. And outside the South these animal units are mainly meat and milk animals, and not work stock. Even some of the Southern states make a fair showing as true livestock states, notably Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Exhaustive crop farming—and almost all crop farming is exhaustive—may bring temporary wealth, but the only farm regions that have ever reached and maintained a high level of culture and wealth have been those whose agriculture was founded on livestock.—(University News Letter)

Letters From Our Readers

SOME FIGURES EXPLAINED

Editor of The News: In the December 11, 1930 issue of the Beaufort News there is a statement prepared by the former Auditor Plint.

In justice to myself and fellow County Commissioners and Mr. Plint, I feel that a statement by me should be made. It is rumored that the former Board of Commissioners spent \$55,000 for Auditors and Lawyers and that the \$55,197.08 shown in the statement published December 11, is money owed to the Board of Education because of this expense. This is absolutely false.

First the Board did not spend half of \$55,000 for Auditors and Lawyers, it spent less than \$25,000.

Second; the \$55,197.08 due the Board of Education is an accumulation of Delinquent or Uncollected Taxes due the Board of Education, \$30,918.92 of which was left over from the former Board of Commissioners.

Let us figure some more. The statement of Auditor Plint shows \$217,577.51 uncollected or delinquent taxes. The Board of Education receives from 40 to 50 percent of each levy. Let us use 40 per cent. Then \$67,031 would be due the Board (40 per cent of \$217,577.51) whereas the former Board reduced it to \$55,197.08.

The Board of Education during the two years of our administration received its pro rata of all taxes collected. The Sheriff prorates his collections each week and settlements

Critical Moments

WHETHER TO RUN AWAY AND TAKE A LICKING OR GO TO SCHOOL AND TAKE AN EDUCATION.



are made in checks drawn for each fund—none of these checks have been diverted but are deposited as drawn by the Sheriff.

C. H. BUSHALL, Beaufort, Dec. 30, 1930.

A labor income of \$1,318.20 from 2000 bushels of apples grown on 3500 young trees is reported by J. W. Daniels of route 3, Taylorsville in Alexander County.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

We wish every one a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Let me take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your patronage during the past year. Oftentimes we have failed to live up to the high standard you have a right to expect from your druggist—but we have tried to do our best and we suspect we will fail in more instances during the New Year but you can rest assured we will do everything humanly possible to improve our service and to serve you in every way we can—in such a way that will leave nothing to be desired on your part.

Sincerely,
F. R. BELL, Druggist
Beaufort, N. C.

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F. R. BELL, Druggist, Agent

Last week in Macon, Ga., Lou Howard, 35, colored accused by her husband of having and concealing money, swallowed four \$1 bills.

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WE ARE NOT SO ESSENTIAL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

Joshua, in "Old Man Adam and His Chilluns" was a good deal concerned as to what was going to become of the children of Israel when he passed out of the picture. He had been an aggressive leader; he had performed marvelous military feats and was, to put it into the common vernacular, just about the whole thing. But he was growing old, his strength was waning, he realized that his time was short, his regime just about at an end, and he was worried. What was going to become of the undisciplined mob when he was no longer its leader?

"Well," the Lord said to him, "It won't never a man which died which I didn't have another man to step in his place. Now, I ain't low-ratin' you, Joshua, 'cause you been a mighty good man. And I ain't blamin' you for gittin' de idea ain't nobody kin do de job good as you been. Everybody figures like dat when dey gets old. But when you dies, de Hebrew chilluns is gontier git along."

The Lord was right. Every man who occupies the position of head of a family or an institution or an organization is likely to get the idea that when he steps down and out everything is going to the bow wows, and often his friends feel the same way. We all wondered and the old man did too, quite as much as anyone else, how the town bank was going to manage when old Bill Marshall passed on. He had founded the institution; he had established the conservative business principles upon which it had been run; he had been the president for forty years. We all thought him the whole thing and he agreed with us.

He has been gone ten years now and the bank still runs along as well as it always did. Young Bill is at the head of things and if there is any difference he is managing matters a little better than his father did. He has enlarged the business, he's improved the building, and the institution has quite as good a reputation as it did when old Bill was alive. I don't doubt that old Bill is annoyed, if he knows anything now concerning matters terrestrial, to see that his business affairs are being conducted quite as well without him as they were when he was on earth.

"Well, I don't know what we're going to do when the Holbrooks move away," the minister was saying. The Holbrooks had been the life of the church. They could be depended upon to carry anything through which they began, and now they were leaving. But somehow we seemed to get on better after they left than we did before. It wasn't a year until the minister's salary was raised, the church was completely renovated and redecored.

And that's just the way. Very few of us will be long missed when we are gone. The progress of the world or of any organization or institution in the world is not dependent upon the efforts or the genius of one man. When one man goes, there is quite likely to be just as good or even a better man to take his place. Joshua didn't need to worry.

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Chic Sports Suit



This sports suit shows the peplum styled jacket and the widely flared, unpressed pleated skirt. It is made of the popular ostrich tweed fabric and carries out the shade of brown and gray, with gray knits used for scarf lining and blouse.



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