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Government Versus Citizen.

The government through its great Tennessee Valley hydro-electric power development, will soon furnish power and lights to the public in competition with private companies and at much cheaper rates.

It is not doubted that everybody will welcome cheaper power and lights. But when the government enters into a private business field, it is invading the rights of its citizens and giving a serious check to business incentive.

It is a wrong principle, as we see it, and one out of line with our constitution and repugnant to our free institutions.

The newspaper and job offices of the country have long experienced this aggressive tendency on the part of Uncle Sam in a small way when they have had to compete with the government printing office on envelop printing.

The merchants, the lumber dealers, the tobacco manufacturers, the shoemakers, the blacksmiths, the lawyers, the doctors, the butchers—none of these would relish competition in their respective lines of business or profession with the boundless resources and equipment of their government. They would naturally feel a slight disadvantage, an inferiority complex, or something like that.

Neither does the S. P. U. Company, the Carolina Light and Power Co., or the print shops smile over their situation.

We have a great and noble President. His agencies of the New Deal are saving and have saved the republic from chaos and we have an abiding faith that the fight against the depression will be won. We are consoled with the belief that the government's methods in the TVA program is only an emergency expedient, and not a permanent policy. The government will not embark on a socialistic program.

Use A Seasoned Maul.

You are telling a good story to a party of friends who stand around you, and you are about to reach the funny climax, when up comes a Mutt and butts in with a loud voice on another subject, and the crowd turning from you listens to the new idiot, and you rapidly look over your audience to see if there is anybody still listening to your joke and you see one fellow with his reluctant gaze yet on you and you direct the rest of your story to him, and he laughs kind of sad-like at your point, as he turns to the fresh attraction of the new idiot.

Now, you ask, whom to hit first in this embarrassing situation, and we would advise, kill the new idiot first, and then follow with the audience until you come to the final-listener, the considerate friend.

Give him a good stiff kick, but don't kill him. We need a few friends in the world.

The Court House Square.

The county commissioners are making it a violation of law to depredate on the court house square, which is a piece of public property entitled to be respected and protected. No longer will children be allowed to make it a playground, to break up glass on its green lawn and haul dirt and brick to mar its beauty. No more will the tired loafer be permitted to sprawl inert on its carpet of tender grass with his half bare legs crossed in the air, to the amazement of visitors passing through.

The court house green of any county seat town should be a place of beauty and made to form a pleasing foreground to the temple of justice.

The Medicine Needed.

It is said that since the government began insuring deposits, there has been only one bank failure. Your deposit in the bank now is guaranteed by Uncle Sam up to \$5,000.

This ought to bring out of old tin cans, socks and bed ticks many millions of idle dollars, returning them to circulation and stimulating the return of business to normalcy.

Stokes County's Rare Mineral.

The following item is from the last issue of the Literary Digest:

"Rock usually is rigid, but there is a specimen of sandstone at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, which can be bent easily. Known as itacolumite, it is composed of many uncemented interlocking grains, and is found only in Brazil and North Carolina."

Itacolumite is called flexible sandstone back home. It exists plenteously on the Saura mountain near Danbury. If found anywhere else in North Carolina, we don't know about it.

So thus with the South American State of Brazil, Stokes enjoys the honor of being the exclusive home of this rare mineral.

Some time ago W. R. Young mailed samples of itacolumite to Hoover, F. D. Roosevelt and Al Smith, respectively. From the then President, Mr. Hoover, a nice letter of acknowledgment was received. Later, President Roosevelt also sent a gracious epistle of thanks. No reply was received from the Happy Warrior.

It is conceivable that a close examination and study of the component parts of the steel-like itacolumite influenced Hoover in his hard-boiled financial policy, as this mineral has never yet been cut by any instrument. And it is possible that Roosevelt got an idea from it in manufacturing his flexible currency, which is also rare to many people.

It is not known what use Al made of the specimen mailed him by the Danbury man, unless he sent it to the Pope to use in hammering his bull over the head occasionally.

Excuse Me, Oklahoma.

That was a dismal but fascinating picture in the Baltimore News a few days ago showing some of the drouth scenes in Oklahoma.

Dotted over a vast field of sun-baked sward could be noted the prostrate bodies of cattle that had died with thirst.

The poor animals had given up the fruitless search for a drink of water—cool water with which we are surfeited now in North Carolina. Just a drink to relieve their agony before dissolution.

But the brassy skies, the clouds of dust borne on burning winds, the relentless hot sun, offered no pity to the beasts walling their eyes in death.

And then there was a view of the dry bed of the great Arkansas river—the stream now dwindled to where you could in places almost jump across it.

In the days of the past many Stokes county citizens have migrated to Oklahoma in search of their fortunes.

But when we consider the disadvantages of that country as compared with North Carolina—its arid scourge, its dust storms, its cyclones and tarantulas, we beg to say, Excuse me, Oklahoma.

How to Pay Relief Funds Back.

The vast postal service has converted deficits of 152 million dollars in 1932 and 50 millions in 1933 to a surplus of five millions over expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1934. It is the first time the world's largest business operation has been self-sustaining since 1919, the seventh time in 50 years, and is a notable example of what can be accomplished by efficient, painstaking public service.

At this rate of earning money, if the rest of the Republican postmasters can be lifted out of their berths, we ought to pay a good portion of the federal relief expense back to the tax-payers by the end of Roosevelt's first term.

Colossal Enterprise.

The government, with PWA funds, will plant a belt of trees 100 miles wide and reaching from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico.

There has been no bigger federal undertaking since the war agencies of 1917-1919 functioned possibly.

The idea is to erect a bulwark against the devastating drouths of the west, to conserve the moisture and induce more regular distribution of rainfall.

And the enterprise will give employment to hundreds of thousands of workmen.

Winston-Salem to Stuart

There is talk of a bus-line from Winston-Salem to Stuart, Va., since the completion of the Lawsonville link of hardsurface.

Now you can run from the Twin-City to the capital of Patrick on a paved road.

There is no reason why it would not pay to put on a jitney schedule over this turnpike.

It is 50 miles from Winston-Salem to Stuart. Towns enroute would include Walkertown, Walnut Cove, Danbury, Lawsonville, etc.

A great deal of intercommunication is needed between this Virginia region and North Carolina towns and cities.

A new direct mail line could be established, which would add tremendously to the convenience of the territory, as well as afford additional income to the bus line.

We will be delighted to see direct and quick communication through this territory, and have no doubt it would be a paying proposition.

HARRY LEAKE LANDS FINE JOB

APPOINTED GOVERNMENT TITLE ABSTRACTOR—GONE TO TROY TO GET TRAINING—KING TIGERS DEFEAT WALNUT COVE'S CRACK NINE—BIRTHS RECORDED—OTHER NEWS OF KING.

King, Aug. 8.—Attorney H. H. Leake has received notice from Washington of his immediate appointment as government title abstractor. He left Monday for Troy, where he will spend several days acquainting himself with the work.

O. L. Rains and family, Mesdames C. S. Newsum, C. O. Boyles, Sr., Addie Lewis and Misses Thelma and Dorothy Newsum, Newel Newsum and Edgar and Robert Johnson left Monday morning for Carolina Beach where they will spend a week.

Grover Stone is treating his home to a coat of new paint this week.

H. D. Pulliam, who holds a position at Kernersville, spent the week-end with his family here.

John Rierison celebrated his 83rd birthday at his home three miles west of town Sunday. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present for the occasion.

Anthony Gordy has purchased the P. J. Gunter residence on Pulliam street and will move his family there as soon as some needed repairs on the building can be made.

Dr. G. E. Stone and family and Billy Helsabeck and Everette and Frank Stone are spending ten days at the Century of Progress fair at Chicago.

A. S. Boles, retired mail clerk of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with relatives here. Mr. Boles was reared near here.

The Fidelis class of the first Baptist church went on a weiner roast to Boiling Spring in Forsyth county Friday. It was a pleasant occasion for all who made the trip.

Julius Aldridge and Troy Spainhower have returned from an extended trip to Idaho.

The King Tigers defeated Walnut Cove's crack nine on the Pinnacle diamond Saturday by a score of 8 and 6.

Herman Snider of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, is spending a furlough with relatives and friends here.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Marshall, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Butner, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Payne, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Vaughn, a son, and to

JEFFRESS SAYS ESCAPES MUST STOP

CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SAYS "SHOOT IF NECESSARY" — 872 PRISONERS GET AWAY, BUT 700 ARE RECAPTURED.

Eight hundred and seventy-two prisoners, or nine-tenths of 1 per cent. of the average prison population of the State, escaped from various North Carolina penal institutions during the fiscal year 1933-34.

E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the highway and public works commission, reiterates his statement that "escapes must stop." The chairman has been visiting meetings of prison personnel and instructing guards and officials to shoot if necessary to stop prisoners who are trying to get away.

Mr. Jeffress also revealed that L. G. Whitely, second assistant superintendent of the prison division, has been investigating cases involving escapes and has warned prison camp superintendents and guards by letter that in general the guarding of prisoners must be tightened up.

While the 872 prisoners were getting away, the prison received 700 escaped convicts who had been recaptured. Some of these escaped in years prior to 1933-34.

Mr. Jeffress pointed out that less than 1 per cent. of the average prison population escaped though more than 7,000 prisoners are now worked almost every week day in "open" conditions on highways and farms, and that three-fourths of all escapes are recaptured.

The average prison population in 1933-34, first year of the new consolidation of prisons and highways, was 7,657.

Teachers For the Danbury School

A. A. Dofflemyer, of Virginia, principal. Graduated last year from Davidson college. Has had 4 years experience teaching in Stokes county, at Dillard and King.

Other teachers: Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. W. E. Joyce, Mrs. Mattie Sue Taylor, Miss Janie Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kirby, a son.

Mrs. Worth Vest and Miss Vick Talley of Elizabeth City, N. J., are spending some time near here. Mrs. Vest is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Spainhower and Miss Talley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Talley.