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Landon and His Budget.

The country was struck with wonder and surprise akin to admiration for a Governor who could make both ends meet and even lay by a surplus during the world's greatest depression.

Here was indeed a fiscal necromancer, here was the statesman of the ages, when other commonwealths were in the ruthless red and groaning with their tax-loads, to pay expenses and have a profit left!

But when the news slowly percolated out that the Kansas constitution DEMANDS a balanced budget and that the fine financial statement able to be issued by Landon was only a natural result of LAW, rather than a product of uncanny financial skill and unprecedented wisdom, foresight and conservatism, our surprise and wonder was succeeded by knowing smiles.

And then what became of our enthusiasm—When it was further disclosed that the Governor of Kansas had been one of the loudest in his calls for federal aid to his people—and that Roosevelt had sent him more than 450 millions of dollars for Kansas relief—that the State of Kansas had starved its school teachers on an average pay of \$25 per month—and that the State of Kansas was all the time and is now maintaining a tax on land of \$24.50 per thousand—?

The bursted bubble of Landon's boasted budget is one of the prize high lights of the great campaign to stop Roosevelt.

Our enthusiasm went the way of the budget.

Stokes and State Highway Funds.

The poverty of the State highway department in building new roads or repairing old ones, is nowhere so impressive as in the projects relating to Stokes county... No. 89 is and has been for two years in a deplorable shape, and other roads are badly in need of attention, yet the winter is advancing apace.

Stokes county has never had a square deal in road mileage or road attention, and but for its accidental juxtaposition to Winston-Salem we would doubtless be still in the mud.

Before the Moon Comes Over the Mountain.

Last tobacco fires winking in the distance—the parting crack of a squirrel gun deep in the big woods—the subdued croon of a thrush that sings only in lullabies—crows noisily flying homeward—the chuckle of ripe muscadines falling in the thicket—the silly laugh of the brook in the grass—sweet airs coming in with golden rod kisses—a sunset of purple and amber—stars, and the night.

As Maine Goes.

The old saying that "as Maine goes, so goes the nation," may not always be taken except with large pinches of salt.

For instance, in 1932, Maine went for Hoover, but nearly all other States voted in Franklin D. Roosevelt as President of the United States by an appalling majority, and most of them will repeat it this year.

It would be about as easy for a camel to negotiate a literal needle as for Maine to go Democratic. You might as well expect to see South Carolina in the Republican column.

Stuart-Winston Bus Line.

There is no question that a bus line to haul passengers, freight, express and mail between Stuart, Va., and Winston-Salem would pay. There is now a fine hardsurface road between the two points. It is only a 50-mile run. A round-trip schedule, going in the morning and returning in the evening, would be of great convenience to the public.

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Death Of Mrs. Ida Johnson Gerry

Mrs. Ida Johnson Gerry, of Walnut Cove, was found dead in bed early Tuesday morning. She was aged 48, and was the widow of the late Capt. T. H. Gerry. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Howard Marshall, O. T. Gerry, A. J. Gerry and Theodore Vance Gerry. Also one adopted child Essie Lee Shuskey Gerry and by seven grandchildren.

The deceased was a member of Salem Chapel Christian church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Young Republicans Meet Friday Night

The Stokes Young Republican clubs of the county will meet at Danbury Friday night. Hon Otis J. Reynolds will address the clubs.

Tom Petree Crippled Tom Petree, while hunting squirrels, slipped and sprained an ankle, necessitating his using crutches for a day or two.

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