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Boo! Are you scared yet, at the terrible things we are being told will happen to us when Roosevelt is elected?

Father Cox, candidate of the Jobless Party for the Presidency, has withdrawn, and is urging support of Roosevelt by his followers.

Norris, Johnson, Lafollette, and still the roll grows of Republican senators and congressmen, who are supporting the Democratic ticket.

At that, it does sound funny, to those of us who are old enough to remember back to the first ten years of the present century, to hear Democrats yelling "Hurrah for Roosevelt!"

Senator Robert M. Lafollette, or the Younger Lafollette, has come out in a statement advocating the election of Roosevelt, stating that his election is the only hope of 10,000,000 unemployed and 6,000,000 farmers.

The net bonded indebtedness of the State of North Carolina has been reduced from 183,000,000 to 141,886,000 during the last four years and in spite of the depression, according to the Greensboro Daily News, Piedmont Carolina's great independent newspaper, that is no respecter of persons or political parties.

One hundred eighty economists petitioned President Hoover to act under the provisions of the law, and reduce the Leavitt Tariff Act. They say, in their petition: "Such rates defy all sound principles of economics. They spread the blight of unemployment and strangle commerce. While deluding them with a false promise of improvement in their condition, they impoverish the working people of all nations." The people who said that to the President are not politicians. They are hard-headed economists, who have devoted their lives to a study of such things.

One family in every twelve in America is now subsisting either totally or in part upon charity, according to Newton D. Baker, chairman of the relief mobilization of the nation. Mr. Baker further states that the demand for help is greater by 16 times than when the depression began. This does not take into consideration the millions who have seen their life savings go down as banks crashed, or their homes and farms sold from under them, because of the depression. Unless they have been reduced to such straits as to be forced to live upon charity. The big job before all Americans is, first to take care of the needy, as well as we may, and then to see what is the matter with a political and economic system under which such conditions could come about.

Mr. Hoover said in Cleveland that the depression is the result of the terrible devastation of the World War; but Mr. Hoover knew as much about the World War, four years ago, when he was promising a job for every man, two automobiles in every garage, as he knows now. He knew then that his party had had ten years in which to enact any legislation that would be helpful in meeting the situation. He knew that the leading economists had warned were warning, and are now warning that a high tariff would only aggravate the situation instead of being helpful; and yet he signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill; and is now urging even higher tariffs as the remedy. During the first years of his administration, with the knowledge of the war and its havoc before him, and the light of history to lead him; he refused to admit that there was a panic in progress; and when conditions forced him to the admission, he predicted that yet 60 days and the depression will vanish, and prosperity shed its beneficent rays to the four corners of America. He did nothing to stave it off, and he only began an attempt to lock the stable door, after the horse had been removed.

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N. C. HAS REDUCED EXPENSES MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION

It has taken just exactly \$12,228,000 less from the pocketbooks of the taxpayers of North Carolina to run their government this past fiscal year than it did the year previous, according to an analysis of the financial condition of the state released this week by Governor O. Max Gardner.

Coupled with that reduction in the property tax bill for the state is the significant fact that the cost of the operation of the departments and institutions of North Carolina has been reduced from \$8,658,000 in 1929 to \$6,187,000 for the current year, or a net reduction of 29 per cent in the cost of operating the government, it was shown in the Governor's statement.

Getting down to a specific analysis of the governmental costs, it was shown that by reason of the action taken in the last General Assembly the total tax bill in Mecklenburg county, for instance, was reduced the grand sum of \$750,000, and Gaston county was able to slash off \$449,000 from its total property tax bill. Burke county's total reduction for the year amounted to \$80,710.

The total reduction throughout all North Carolina of 20.4 per cent of the property tax constitutes the largest tax reduction ever achieved in the history of the state, it was pointed out.

Figures just completed by the Tax Commission show a total property tax levy of \$59,911,000 in 1930 and a drop to \$47,684,000 in 1931—the first year to have the benefit of the 1931 school and road legislation, and of the legislative and administrative economies put into effect in local government.

The analysis shows the remarkable reduction in county levies of \$10,455,000 in district levies of \$1,704,000, and in municipal levies of \$169,000. This means, the survey points out, that the businesses and industries of North Carolina were called upon to pay only four-fifths as much property taxes in 1931 as they were called upon to pay in 1930.

In other words, these governmental economies left just exactly \$12,250,000 more money in the pockets of the taxpayers of North Carolina than the normal and regular appropriations for the support of the government.

This is generally regarded in administration circles as the biggest reduction ever brought about in a single year by any State in the Union.

More important than any of these reductions, in the minds of some, is the fact that the administration was able to shave off the impressive sum of \$2,750,000 from the salaries alone is regarded as a very flattering contrast to the increase in salaries shown in the federal government.—Morganton News Herald.

R-U-LISTENIN'?
(By John Parris, Jr.)

"Dusk wraps the village in its dim caress; Each chimney's vapor, like a thin gray rod, Mounting aloft through miles of quietness, Pillars the skies of God."

Our Western Carolina mountains are in a riot of autumn color. Every tree has a very soft and pleasing tint which tends to blend in with the atmosphere and surroundings.

Doing Their Stuff Now

By Albert T. Reid



Frost has already fallen. Soon the pumpkins will be in the store house. And in morning as you wake you can see across the fields and see the mists rising. It's a pleasing scene which we only witness once a year. There's something about autumn that any of the other seasons of the year don't have. A feeling of luxury, not in the sense of money, but of sitting by a fireside, dreaming, or out on a cruise in the beautiful weather and beauty of the country.

Twenty million words have been put into the public ear by Chicago alone, in getting the Republican campaign under way, so an inquisitive reporter of the Chicago Sun has reported. Thousands and thousands of words are sent out to the papers every day in bringing the party's platform, and its principal speeches to the public. That's quite a few words, but the public ear is plenty big so it takes a lot to get around.

Dan Tompkins, candidate for representative to the General Assembly of North Carolina, made a very fine speech Tuesday night, to a crowd of Jackson county voters, at Allison field, where more than one kind of serap has taken place. However, the Tuesday night went off fine. Dan told the crowd just what he stood for, and how, on the different issues. And he expressed forcibly that he is not the candidate for any section, group, or faction; that he was a candidate for the people.

Eastern Carolina newspapers have been full of the "Hoover-cart" riddles that have been taking place throughout Eastern Carolina. Wonder who and what county will be the first to come forth with one of the "depression chariots," up here in Western North Carolina. Already reports have it, that the "cart" is pushing its way westward. So, it seems that the "Hoover-cart" is following the sage of Horace Greeley, in "Go west, young man, go west."

BRUCE BARTON
Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

A STRONG MAN SPEAKS

First, in considering Jesus as a healthy strong man, read of his power of healing.

He was teaching one day in Capernaum, in a house crowded to the doors, when a commotion occurred in the courtyard. A man sick in bed for years had heard reports of his marvelous power, and persuaded four friends to carry him to the house. Now at the very entrance their way was blocked. The eager listeners inside would not give way even to a sick man; they refused to sacrifice a single word. Sorrowfully the four friends started to carry the invalid back to his house again.

But the poor fellow's will was strong even if his body was weak. Rising on his elbow he insisted that they take him up the stairway on the outside of the house and lower him through the roof. They protested, but he was inflexible. It was his only chance for health and he would not give it up until everything had been tried. So at length they consented, and, in the midst of a sentence the teacher was interrupted dramatically; the sick man lay helpless at his feet.

Jesus stopped and bent down, taking the flabby hand in his firm grasp; his face was lighted with a wonderful smile.

"Son, thy sins are forgiven thee," he said. "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

The sick man was stupefied. "Walk!" He had never expected to walk again. Didn't this stranger understand that he had been bedridden for years? Was this some sort of cruel jest to make him the laughing-stock of the crowd? A bitter protest rushed to his lips; he started to speak and then halting himself, he looked up to the calm assurance of those blue eyes, the supple strength of those muscles, the ruddy skin that testified to the rich blood beneath—and the healing occurred! It was as though health poured out of that strong body into the weak one like electric current from a dynamo. The invalid felt the blood quicken in his palsied limbs; a faint flush crept into his thin drawn cheeks; almost involuntarily he tried to rise and found to his joy that he could!

"Walk!" Do you suppose for one minute that a weakling, uttering that syllable, would have produced any result? If the Jesus who looked down on that pitiful wreck had been the Jesus of the painters, the sick man would have dropped back with a scornful sneer and motioned his friends to carry him out. But the health of the teacher was irresistible; it seemed to cry out, "Nothing is impossible, if only your will power is strong enough." And the man who so long ago had surrendered to despair, rose and gathered up his bed and went away, healed—like hundreds of others in Galilee—by strength from an overflowing fountain of strength.

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Bruce Barton

only it is "Go west, "depression chariot," go west." One sign on one of the carts in a parade in a city in Eastern Carolina read, "I was a gas burner in 1928, Hoover prosperity, now a hay burner in 1932." In case you don't happen to know what the "Hoover-cart" is, I will try to explain. An old car is taken, the motor taken out, a mut hitched to it, but the front wheels are also taken off, and there you have the first and last words in the depression chariots," which are taking East Carolina by storm. Thousands are reported now in service.

NOTICE
To Hunters and Fishermen of N. C.: In 1930 there was held throughout the State meetings of licensed hunters and fishermen by counties for the purpose of making recommendations to the Department of Conservation and Development relative to changes in the hunting and fishing laws. These meetings were very successful and gave this department and the legislature valuable information regarding the game laws. The Department of Conservation

and Development desires to repeat these meetings each year. Sportsmen of this county are requested to meet at 2 P. M. Saturday, November 5th in the County Court House, for the purpose of discussing changes now needed in the game laws and for the selection of delegates to attend a State-wide meeting of sportsmen which will be held in the House of Representatives at Raleigh at 2 P. M., Tuesday, November 15th.

In the county meetings changes in the game and fish laws should be discussed, recommendations relative to these changes drawn and approved and at least two representative selected for the State meeting. This is an earnest appeal to the licensed hunters and fishermen in North Carolina. The Department tries in every way to administer the fish and game laws for the benefit of those who buy licenses and the Department feels that those who do buy the licenses are the ones who have the rights to recommend adjustments in the game and fish laws. J. W. Harrelson, Director C. H. England, State Warden Mack Ashe, Co. Game Warden.

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TO VOTE: Put a Cross (X) in the square before the name of the candidate you prefer.

- These Candidates have been officially nominated
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Herbert Hoover | <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin D. Roosevelt |
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Voters need not sign his or her name. But to assist in national tabulation please fill in name of Town and State.

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