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Editorial

THE McLEAN BILL

If the McLean bill, providing for
an eight-months' school year, passes
the General Assembly, it will reduce
the taxes of the Wake County school
district and yet will not shorten our
school term. It would abolish the local
tax district providing for a special
school tax, and make every part of
the state share and share alike in raising
taxes for the public schools.

BUILDING INSPECTOR NEEDED

Every contractor does not know
how to construct a building to meet
weight and fire hazards. And a town
the size of Zebulon, needs an inspector
to pass on building constructions.
As an illustration of the need, a citizen
called our attention to the repairs
being done on the store building occupied
by A. D. Antone and M. T. Debnam.
It seemed that the contractor was
leaving the middle wooden plates on
the brick wall, and raising the wall
above the first story by resting the
brick on the wood timbers. In a few
years, doubtless the timbers will decay
and permit the roof to give way, or
in case of fire each building would
be equally endangered.

We hope the Mayor and Aldermen
of the town will appoint some responsible
builder to look after this important
matter. It should not be delayed.

A NEWSPAPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

A newspaper has character, or
should reflect that of the publisher
and editor. The editor often, in seeking
to give the public the news, finds
himself in the difficult position of
deciding what is news and in the more
difficult situation of deciding what
should be printed and what should not.

People come in and advise us what
we should say about every sort of
matter. Others send in news at times
that we dare not publish till we edit
it. We seek to learn the truth, then
to publish only that which will interest
and help people, and also to know
and appreciate the experiences and
conduct of others.

Just a short time ago a man told us
that if he was running a newspaper,
he would not publish announcements
or reports of bridge parties and tournaments,
but would jump on such
things with both feet covered with
printer's ink. We publish such news and
it is of interest to at least some of our
readers. People generally know our
personal opinion of gambling of every
ings of such is a matter for the con-

sort and also of things calculated to
hurt one's influence for good. The dis-
sideration and decision of each indi-
vidual for himself alone.
Another instance: Two weeks ago a
colored man came in and asked us to
run an ad. for him advertising for a
wife. We ran it just as we would have
done for any other person. There was
no moral element involved. It was
purely a matter of business. We had
no reason to refuse his business. Yet
we have been arranged by several of
our friends for allowing a negro to
advertise in the RECORD for a wife.
After all, there is not such a great
difference between a newspaper and
other businesses having to do with the
public. I run a newspaper and you
run a store. Each of us suffers loss
or rejoices in prosperity according to
the business policy used in carrying
on the enterprise.

We are personally responsible for
our editorials. In them we express our
opinions and convictions about all sorts
of matters of general interest and
welfare. We try to make them have
a general application and do not intend
a personal offence to any one. However,
we hope people generally will not be-
lieve we are talking just to have some-
thing to say or fill space.

But a newspaper must have charac-
ter. It is just as important as a man's
character. We admire backbone in any
man. A newspaper without principle
is just as colorless as a jelly fish and
as spineless as a sponge. And a man
may be even worse. By giving the
facts we seek to keep down gossip
and exaggeration. It is just as impor-
tant to run a newspaper as it is to regu-
late a life in the right way.

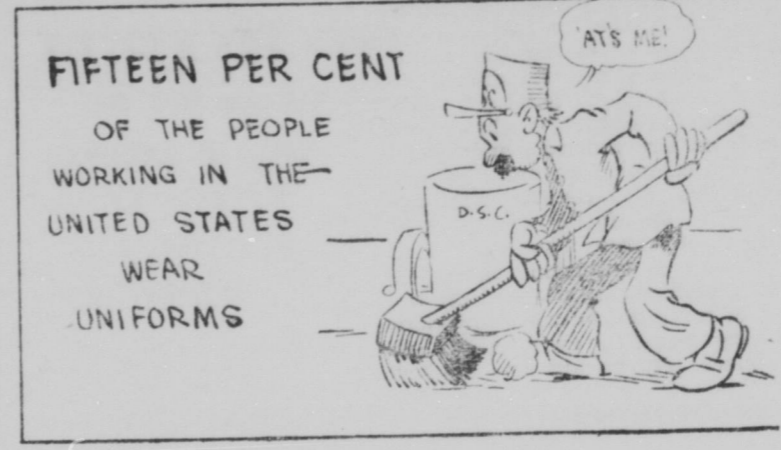
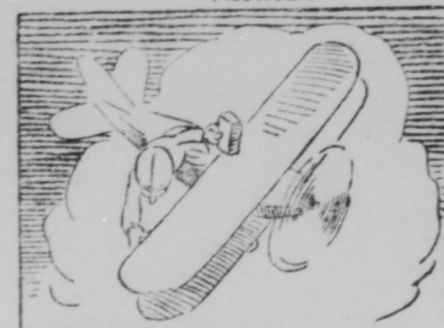
As a disseminator of news our
columns are open to all the people as
far as space admits. While we re-
serve the right of deciding what we
shall print, yet as a rule we print ev-
erything sent us by our correspond-
ents and others. We may at times
make comments on the news or even
venture opinions concerning matters
pertaining to other people, yet when
we do, it will be with "malice toward
none and good will to all."

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CITIZENSHIP

Many citizens apparently believe
that they have discharged their full
duty when they cast their ballot at
the polls. But that is only the begin-
ning of citizenship responsibility. Af-
ter voting one should follow the official
with his moral support and do all
he can to make it possible for every
man representing the people to dis-
charge his duty well. He should also
be a sort of watch man to see that
the people's interests are fully safeguard-
ed.

In the communication we publish in
this issue of the Record from "Citi-
zen", matters are indicated in which
every citizen of this community should
be interested. It is no reflection on
any official for any citizen to investi-
gate and advocate changes and cor-
rection in saving money to the tax
payers. In doing so, he is doing an
invaluable service to his community
and the country generally.

We believe with our contributor that
if the Clerk of the Recorder's Court
could and should do certain work in
issuing warrants and other papers
at a saving to the people, he should
do it. We also believe if it was
legal and necessary for a different
man to be sworn in as constable, then
the people should have been informed



of such necessity at the time the
change was made. In that way present
criticism might have been evaded. On
the other hand if the deputy sheriff
could do the work assigned ordinarily
to the constable, then for the interests
of the community, under the very
distressing times, it should be done.
We hope that the matters referred
to by "Citizen" will be looked into,
adjusted and the public informed there-
of, so that certain criticism may be
allayed and some misunderstandings
dissipated for the interests of both
the officials and the public.

Holloway's Hits

By James H. Holloway

Congress continues to fiddle while
Rome burns, the entire country is
both disgusted and indignant at the
manner in which it is conducting it-
self. The Nation's business is rapidly
approaching the shoals of disaster
while this body spends its time in
fruitless discussion of frivolous mat-
ters. If the incoming congress con-
tinues to dawdle as the present one
is now doing, a national revolution
is inevitable. Moreover, unless speedy
action is taken by the next congress
President-elect Roosevelt's adminis-
tration will be wrecked before the end
of the year 1933. The patience of the
people is nearly at the breaking point
and if it does break this country will
witness the most terrifying conditions
since its formation. With millions of
men out of work and other millions
deprived of their homes and property
by ruinous taxation and extravagant
misgovernment the stage is being set
for a catastrophe of the first mag-
nitude.

The North Carolina General As-
sembly has now reached a critical
stage in its deliberations. They started
off well and it was generally be-
lieved great good would be accom-
plished. Signs are now beginning to
multiply which indicate a slowing
down of the initial enthusiasm and
a growing tendency on the part of
the Solons to compromise and hedge
on the more momentous problems.

The Committees in both the House
and the Senate were carefully stack-
ed by the speaker and the Lieutenant
Governor either by accident or design
and the result of this action is begin-
ning to make itself felt. There are
enough old members in both houses
who by reason of their experience and
knowledge of parliamentary procedure
to keep the new membership in check
and defeat any measure which does
not please the big business represen-
tatives. The defeat by the Senate of
the bill to abolish the Corporation
Commission is a victory for the Old
Guard. It is highly probable that
this clique will be able to defeat all
the reorganization recommendations
of the Committee of Eight before
adjournment. The new members have
a majority of the votes in both houses
but in the Committees, the old guard
holds the reins. A majority Committee
report is hard to overcome unless the
new members take the bit in their
teeth and rebel. This seldom happens
as legislatures seem to consider a
majority Committee report a sacred
mandate. That accounts for so much
unfair and rotten legislation. Some
form of sales tax now seems inevi-
table. Every little business in the
state is already taxed to the point of
confiscation and any added burden
would bring disaster. The legislature
continues to remain both deaf and
blind to the most fruitful source of
new taxation, which is the unreason-
able profits reported by tobacco Manu-
facturers. If they had the intestinal
fortitude of a fishing worm they would
proceed to levy a Tax on the Hundred
Million Dollars of wet profits of the
Tobacco Companies and balance the
state budget. To add Twenty Millions
of additional Taxes on the Hundred
Million net profits advertised by The
American Tobacco Company, R. J.
Reynolds and Liggett and Myers would
not be a hardship as after that was

taken they would still have Millions
more profits than they have any legal
or moral right to rob the farmers
of. They have taken the farmer's all
and some method to make them dis-
gorge should be found. Captain Kidd
Jessie James, and other noted robbers
would doubtless roll over in their
graves and groan with envy if it were
possible for them to realize what
pickers they were at the art of high-
way robbing as compared to the North
Carolina Tobacco Trusts.

The matter of the appointment of
the Raleigh Post Master has been
settled according to street rumor.
Herbert Gully has already assured
Commissioner Carl Williamson he
would be appointed and Mrs. Palmer
Jermain will be left out in the cold
and all her loyalty and service to the
Democratic party will be ignored
while a peanut politician will enjoy
the fruits of victory. Gully has made
the statement on the streets of Raleigh
that Williamson has got to be appoint-
ed or else he is going to kick a certain
unmentionable portion of Josiah
William Bailey's anatomy all over
Washington. Senator Bailey would not
dare subject himself to such an indignity
at the toe of his chief Lieutenant
by refusing to comply with his de-
mands. Consequently, Williamson will
get the job while other deserving De-
mocrats will be ignored. Of course
three years hence Senator Bailey will
pay a terrible penalty for his Gully
folly but some people take advice very
lightly.

Dr. S. E. Douglas seems to be the
only member of the General Assembly
from Wake County who is honestly
striving to serve the people in an able
and enthusiastic manner. He promised
during the campaign, as the other
representatives from Wake promised,
that he would champion the cause of
the people and he is doing so.

READERS FORUM

Dear Readers:
I wonder how many of you read the
item which appeared in last week's
Record, entitled A Thought. I really
wonder is it so much confidence Mr.
Ford has in the people or has he
thought of the city of Sodom which
the Lord promised to save for the
sake of ten righteous men. It is my
own opinion that if this world is being
held together by honesty and right-
eousness and good deeds as claims
Mr. Ford, it is subject to destruction.
I do not doubt that the Lord heareth
the prayers of his few people, but I
say it is not the good works of hu-
manity that is holding the world to-
gether; it is the tender mercies of
God. I do not mean to say that good
will be overcome with evil. But I do
say that I had rather depend on this
world being destroyed by sin and
wickedness than being held together
by righteousness.
A. D. BRANTLEY.

Mr. Editor:

We read a great deal about how the
high-ups in government are "silk-
hatting" and doing other things at
the people's expense. But folks at
times are liable to get so interested
at what the big fish are swallowing
that they fail to see what or how much
the little ones are getting as they nibble
around.

If reports are true, there seems to
be a situation in Zebulon and Little
River township very much like the
fish spectacle. Some of us have got-
ten so concerned over what the state
and county officials are doing at Ra-
leigh, we have lost sight of local af-
fairs. Instead of two courts—one at
Raleigh and the other in Zebulon—for
the benefit of the county and Little
River township especially, it
seems we have two right here in our
midst doing duplicate work.

Mr. J. M. Whitley is the elected
magistrate of this township and also
clerk of the Recorder's Court. We
understand that he receives a salary for
his services as clerk. Regardless of
the amount of work he has to do, he
is expected to do certain work if called
upon to do it, such as issuing ca-
piases, and other papers.
Then, Mr. G. C. Massey, our fine

deputy, is here to serve all papers
in Little River township. He also
works on salary. At the last election,
many of us voted for him as township
constable, thinking that he would be
reappointed deputy and could serve in
both capacities with no extra cost to
the people.

Now if reports are true, and I have
heard from various sources that they
are, Mr. Massey's son, having the
same name, has been sworn in as con-
stable and draws the pay of a constable
for serving papers. Yet his father
was the duly elected constable for
Little River township and should serve
such papers as come under a constable's
duty.

Again, we understand that a justice
of the peace has been appointed and
business that could be attended to
without extra cost by the clerk of the
Recorder's Court is being turned his
way, such as drawing up warrants
and other such papers. Should the
Clerk do this, I understand it would be
without cost to the people. Yet when
the extra official draws such papers,
there is a charge for such work which
might very well be dispensed with if
the clerk was allowed to do it.

It seems to me that wherever we
can cut expenses without interfering
with the satisfactory dispatch of legal
matters, it should be done. If we have
an officer who can do the work that
may be done without extra cost, he
should do it. If the combination deputy-
constable can serve all papers, and
thus save the cost of an extra officer,
he should do it. I do not blame any
man or officer getting pay or fees legiti-
mately; neither do I blame the people
under existing circumstances want-
ing to cut every unnecessary expense
in government operation. I believe half
the officials in Wake county and also
North Carolina could very well be dis-
pensed with and still not affect the
operation of the government. And, so
long as this community fails to re-
trench and curtail in its local govern-
ment, it has no right to criticize, or to
raise any stir or stink in government-
al affairs higher up.
"CITIZEN".

Eagle Rock News

Mr. B. A. Weathers is improving
slowly after having been seriously ill.
Miss Lile Bay Anderson spent the
week-end in Rocky out with her
brother, S. T. Anderson.
Miss Gibson Scarborough spent Tues-
day in Raleigh.
Miss Peggy Anderson spent Sunday

Ye Flapdoodle

(From 1)
gent by his real name? Why in
language, it isn't anyone but Ch.
Bily, who lives above William's
pair shop—By the way, do
know anything about building?
either, but I'm reliably inform-
the wall that is being built be
Antone's Department Store, and
nary's Hardware Store is being
ed on the plate of the second fl
Why? To save money for the col-
tors of course, now of course the
being wood, will rot out within a
ple of years, but then we, the p
of this great democracy, must i
money somehow, even if it is in ur
buildings that endanger the live
people every day—Did the peopl
Zebulon ever hear of a building ins
tor? We need one folks, we need
—People have stopped trying
fathom me out now, all that they
when they see me is shake their he
—When I get so bad that they s
shaking their heads, I'm going to
for State Legislature, or get appoi-
to the Corporation Commission—S
vote for me, I'll let you eat your c
and then levy an indigestion tax
your head—Oh dear, I've tan
too long, here comes my keeper,
seems intent upon proving to me t
he is playing for "keeps", so I'll
"kept" for another wee, but wh
they bring me out to get my vitam
"N" next week, I'll let you in on t
secret of why a negro's hair is
curly—Long lif der kin!

with Miss Mary Sneed in Greenvill-
Iris Anderson is able to be up aft
being seriously ill with scarlet fever.
Miss Gus Faison has been confin-
to bed with flu.

Rev. Theo. B. Davis visited some of
the Hephzibah members in Eagle Rock
Monday p.m.

Miss Nellie Stephenson visited Miss
Louise Broadwell Tuesday.

Zander Duncan is in Raleigh as a
contestant in the swimming contest at
State College.

A. V. Anderson visited his mother,
Mrs. S. P. Anderson, Sunday.

Mrs. Z. T. Duncan visited Mrs. Ura
Broadwell Sunday.

Mrs. Clare Broadwell is home after
working in Gibsonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Earp and
family have moved to Eagle Rock, as
have Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Flowers and
family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nowell and
Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Weathers and fam-
ily.

Mitchell Mill News

Do unto others as you would have
them to do unto you.

Mr. Burrell Perry and Mr. Bryant
Raybon are still under the doctor's
care. We hope them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. R. A. Barham and Mrs. R. W.
Barham spent the week-end in Ra-
leigh.

Mrs. J. C. Mitchell's children gave
her a birthday dinner at her son's, Mr.
C. E. Mitchell of Youngsville, Sun-
day.

Miss Alice Mae Johnson spent the
week-end with Miss Lottie Mae Jones.

Miss Ruth Raybon spent last Thurs-
day night with Miss Madge Yarb-
orough of Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watkins called to
see Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Perry, Sun-
day p.m.

We are very sorry that Mr. Turner
Perry is in the hospital again and is
improving very slowly.

Mr. V. R. Raybon is on duty this
week in Raleigh.

Mr. Babe Carter is in a bad condi-
tion suffering with a cancer on his
neck.

Mr. Buddie Pulley, of Wendell, visit-
ed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pul-
ley, Saturday night.

Hales Chapel

The cold wind and snow did not
keep our people from church Sunday.
Every one enjoys Sunday school so
much it is hard to stay away.

Mrs. Otis Driver and daughter
Laura, returned home Saturday from
a visit to relatives near Wendell.

Some of our people report their to-
bacco plants coming up and the beds
not yet canvassed. I fear they will
have to sow again, if they have any
plants.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH

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considered most carefully, and the rule applies to news-
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that so often bring on chronic
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cleansing, with none of the painful
griping, or burning, feeling after-
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