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Editorials

WHOSE FUNERAL WILL IT BE?

If the Roosevelt program fails, the Democratic party will be buried three years hence so deep, that to unearth it, the quickest way will be to begin digging somewhere in China.

PLAYING THIMBLE AND NEEDLE

When an European princess got married the other day she wore a dress made with her own hands. Now if some of these American heiresses and lesser breeds would learn this game of thimble and needle, some poor fellows could play the game of life easier with them as partners.

ARE THERE ANY MORE LIKE THESE

Sully Bailey who lives just across in Johnston county is twenty-three years old and says he has never ridden on a train although he has owned nearly a dozen cars of various sorts.

When I expressed surprise at his statement, he told me that Jas. Parrish who lives a half mile on down 22 highway had never chewed gum, drank a coca cola or other cold drink, nor ridden on the train. And he is 75 years old. Wonder what caused him to abstain from these pleasant exercises to his teeth and his taste.

CHAPERONING CUBA

If there is any one thing that stirs a feeling greater than disgust to me, it is to see a big husky fellow who is not able to look after his own affairs trying to teach and regulate the conduct of some kid. That's about the way a great many citizens besides Will Rogers feel about Uncle Sam's meddling with the affairs of little Cuba.

And yet less than an administration back the Democrats were cussing the Republicans out for meddling in Nicaraguan affairs. America has quite a lot of the big brother attitude, but it is considerably mixed up with the bally and dictator spirit. She seems to be unable to forget that I AM BIG BROTHER.

DR. DOUGLASS' ARTICLE

Read Dr. Douglass' article in this issue of The Record. It is somewhat long, but it is well-worth the time it takes to read it. As I said sometime ago, we have the sales tax and there is no way of getting rid of it for a while.

However, it appears that there should be some way of collecting this tax without making those least able to pay, pay as high as ten per cent tax on small purchases. And, if the state profited by this difference, it would not be so bad. As it is, about nine-tenths of the one cent tax on a ten cent article goes into the pocket of the merchant. Mr. Maxwell should in some way regulate the tax so as to relieve the purchaser of a ten cent article of this burden. As the law now stands, if I purchase ten separate ten cent articles I pay the merchant ten cents tax on the dollar. Every cent collected by the state on a ten cent sale should be state and not the most of his till. A fairer adjustment of already obnoxious tax

should be made. I believe if it is done, there will be considerably less complaint from the buying public. And then, too, this is the fair and just thing to do.

THE SCRIPTURE AND NRA

Far be it from the editor of this paper to condemn men for seeking to justify by the holy scriptures the things which they believe. Would that all men might search them more!

But let us bear in mind that not only text, but also context, must be studied. And let us be careful how we quote, lest we wrest the passages to our own destruction—or to that of our argument.

We have seen recently several articles which claim that the NRA symbol and its use are foretold or sanctioned by the Bible. They quote from Revelation 13: 16-17—"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or his number."

If these readers of the Bible had only gone farther, they would have found, in Rev. 14:9-10, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in the forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God... and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... and they shall have no rest, day nor night."

The sixteenth chapter of Revelation tells of the pouring out of the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. "And there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast." "and they gnawed their tongues with pain."

We do not claim that NRA methods are not sanctioned by the Bible; but we insist that the references given must in that case refer to something besides the Blue Eagle. Or else we are in a mighty bad way.

William Smythe Is Interviewed

Uncle Haywood Smith, noted and otherwise well known colored man about town dropped into the Record office the other night. He said he had not had any supper and had just come in from up and around town. The office force was consuming a melon of reasonable dimensions, so shared the remains with Uncle Billie, better known around town as "Charcoal."

When he finished the melon, some rind and a few seeds, and was apparently feeling very much satisfied with himself and the world, the said office force proceeded to interview him. "How long have you been living, uncle," we asked. "Two hundred and eight years," he replied.

"How old were you when the civil war come along?" "O, I wuz a big boy helpin' along most like a man."

"But you could not be one hundred and four years old now, if you were just a boy then," we said. "O, yes," he replied, "but you see I've been living both day and night all this time and that makes me twice as old as I is."

We next asked him what he thought of the prohibition question. "Now, what's that?" he asked. "We tried to tell him. 'O,' said he, 'what do the Bible say about it?' And that was all he would say."

"Well, uncle," we asked finally, "what do you think about these public dances they are having around town these days?" "Don't think a thing in the world of 'em. They ain't a thing but trash business."

Someone asked him what is the difference between a negro and a Republican. With a chuckle he asked, "Wy is there any difference? I tells you a 'publican means something, yes, sir, a 'publican means something."

Newspaper Kindlin'

If you want to start your winter fires with newspapers, do not shred the papers and dump them in a heap. Instead, soak them, folded flat, in water; then twist them into tight rolls to wring out the water, and lay them in the sun to dry. Use them after they are fully dried. The flame will last much longer.

The Scott cheese plant at North Wilkesboro is securing vetch, barley and winter oats seed for supplying at cost to dairymen who wish to plant winter hay crops.

Holloway's Hits

By James H. Holloway

President Roosevelt has taken personal charge of the NRA Blue Eagle and is now teaching him to scream. Under the management of General Hugh Johnson his wings were beginning to droop, his voice was also mute. Certain influences hostile to the fundamental principles of NRA have been desperately trying to circumscribe his freedom and range. They almost succeeded in their efforts before the President took charge of the situation.

NRA must succeed if this nation endures. Numerous major and minor prophets have been predicting failure followed by a revolution. They have entirely lost sight of the fact that this country has been passing through the greatest revolution in all human history for the past six months. This revolution started the day President Roosevelt was inaugurated and it has not yet reached its peak. The most startling developments are yet to come. Before the first of January, 1934, what has already happened will seem tame by comparison with what will follow. President Roosevelt, having set his hand to the plow, cannot turn back. His power is practically without limit. If necessity demands, he will use this power to the limit. He is going to shoot the works. The magnitude of his plan has not yet dawned on the consciousness of the American people. Those who are holding back and consoling themselves with the idea that the plan will eventually fail, will be sadly disappointed and will live to regret their mistake in sackcloth and ashes. President Roosevelt is as much the divinely appointed instrument to lead this nation and the entire world out of this terrible depression as Moses was to lead the children of Israel out of the Wilderness. Those who continue to bow down to and worship the Golden Calf and other idols will suffer the same fate as the wicked Israelites who refused to follow Moses four thousand years ago.

Old Man Depression was given a handsome funeral by the people of Raleigh Friday night. Thousands attended the obsequies and not a tear was shed over his demise. No such procession ever followed a body to its last resting place as the one which marched down Fayetteville street with music and rejoicing. Let us hope that the old fellow's body will not arise phoenix-like from the ashes to which it was consigned in front of the Memorial Auditorium by the mourners.

From all reports the sign-up by the farmers of North Carolina for the reduction of the tobacco crop has been a howling success. A processing tax will be placed on tobacco similar to the cotton processing tax. When the markets re-open much higher prices are expected. The markets should not be opened to the farmers who have refused to sign the agreement. Any farmer who refuses to cooperate in this movement in the face of this emergency is not entitled to any consideration and he should be denied the right to sell his present crop and also forbidden to plant any tobacco crop next year. This is no time to fool with such. If they will not conform they should be reformed by the law if necessary for the good of the many who are trying to improve their condition. This unfair attitude of the non-conformist should be discouraged in all lines of business. They can and will wreck any plan if they are allowed to follow unmolested their selfish inclinations hoping thereby to reap the benefits of the plan without contributing to its success.

The North Carolina Purchase and Contract Carolina has just shown the contempt they have for the

NRA by purchasing a large order from Henry Ford. This department is nothing but an expensive joke perpetrated on the people of North Carolina during the administration of Max Gardner. It has never saved the state a penny since it was first established notwithstanding the numerous long statements of self-praise they have published in the press. A quality product has no appeal for this department, cheapness is what they demand and as a consequence the state has bought more inferior junk since this department has been in existence than has been purchased in the last hundred years under the old methods. The present inferior automobile tags is only one of their inexcusable mistakes. If a good grade of paint had been used, even though the price was higher, there would have been no trouble about the letters and figures fading. Any paint made by a reputable firm will last a year under the most severe weather conditions. Before the year ends the numerous replacements will cost several times the amount the purchasing agent claims to have saved by using an inferior article.

The purchasing agent seems to take a delight in awarding contracts to people outside of North Carolina. A local man is given no consideration and if he represents a firm with a reputation for making quality products at a reasonable price he has no chance of getting the business. Of course if he is willing to make a donation of any profit he is entitled to by making a bid below the cost of production to meet the rotten competition of the junk dealers and irresponsible firms, he will sometimes get a little business but if he hopes to secure any considerable amount of the business purchased for the state he will be forced to make a connection with Cheap John concerns to do so.

The City Commissioners of Raleigh have just employed two additional City Attorneys to assist Hon. J. M. Broughton, the new City Attorney. This is simply a form of political graft the politicians have saddled on the shoulders of the tax payers of Raleigh. The present city attorney is said to be highly indignant at this latest action of the commissioners. It is rumored that the commissioners acted without consulting the city attorney. This habit of public officials of paying their political debts with the people's money is a disgraceful thing and it should be stopped. No wonder taxes are high and still increasing. The voters of Raleigh should keep this fact in mind when they come to cast their votes in the next municipal election.

Henry Burke is expected back in a few days to complete his survey of the financial affairs of the city and county. He started his audit some weeks ago, but after a few days he disappeared and no one seemed to know his whereabouts. Considerable speculation was indulged in over his disappearance and some of it was far from complimentary. Upon his return and completion of his audit some drastic action will possibly follow. It has been intimated by certain well informed people that the tax rate for the City of Raleigh will be almost double that of last year. If Auditor Holding knows what he is talking about the County Rate will have to be raised to balance the County Budget. The widely advertised tax reduction effected by the last General Assembly will not benefit the people of Raleigh and Wake County if the rates are raised higher than last year by the commissioners. If the personnel of both city and county was reduced and those retained were required to perform the amount of work they are being paid for considerable saving could be done. The Water department is one division of the city government in which the number of employees could be greatly reduced without affecting the service. When you go to pay

ODD BUT TRUE

BY ANDERSON

Advertisement for 'TONY'S TROUBLES' featuring a cartoon of a man with a rooster. Text: 'ELEPHANTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES'. 'THE AVERAGE SALE OF POPULAR FICTION BOOKS IN THE UNITED STATES IS LESS THAN FOUR THOUSAND COPIES'. 'IN BASLE, SWITZERLAND, IN 1474, A ROOSTER WAS ARRESTED FOR LAYING AN EGG - IT WAS TRIED, FOUND GUILTY OF WITCHCRAFT, AND BURNED AT THE STAKE'.

Announcement Crops Destroyed Gold Mine Re-Discovered

Next Wednesday p. m., September 27, is the regular time for the meeting of the Home Demonstration Club at Wakefield. The local program will be directed by Mrs. Eaton.

Carteret County reports the loss of a great part of the corn and potato crops, caused by the recent high winds, which drove the high tides even higher than they would otherwise have been. The salt water ruined the sweet potatoes and aided the wind in ruining the corn. Hogs have been turned into the fields to salvage as much as is possible.

From Painted Hills, Nevada, comes news that a famous gold mine, long lost, has been re-found. It is said to be a cave on the floor of which lie tons and tons of gold ore of almost unbelievable value. This mine was said to be known fifty years ago, but the secret of its location was not disclosed by Hank Knight, who discovered it. George Forbes, prospector, exploring the painted hills, claims to have discovered the cave mine on September 17. He said the cave extends far back into the side of the hill, and that the walls as well as the floor are lined with gold ore.

Relief Families To Plant Onions

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 17.—Relief families having land available will be asked to plant onions during the month of October for their consumption next spring, according to a memorandum issued yesterday to county relief administrators by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator.

It is anticipated that all the 135,000 families who have cultivated their own gardens during the summer will take advantage of the plan to supplement what they have already produced with onions. The various county and community gardens should also be utilized in the same manner.

Information is now being collected from the various counties of the State to determine the amount of sets or seeds that will be necessary for the planting. All sections of the state will be able to produce excellent yields of onions except approximately 20 of the mountainous counties in the western section, according to Chas. A. Sheffield, assistant director of agricultural extension work at State College, under whose supervision relief farming is being carried out.

I have one life and only one life to live. If I had another, I might take a chance. But, since I have only this one life, what must I do with it, where must I put it—to make it count for the most?—Walter Judd, a missionary to China.

your water bills three different high priced men are required to render you a receipt. The water bills are now about twice as high as they were on the old quarterly basis according to the reports of citizens who use the city water.

MUTT AND JEFF - Jeff Don't Know Whether He is Doubling For Rin Tin Tin Or Johnny Weissmuller - By BUD FISH

Comic strip 'Mutt and Jeff' showing a dog named Jeff and a man named Mutt. Jeff is scratching himself and Mutt is talking to him. Jeff says 'THESE FLEAS ARE AWFUL'. Mutt says 'IS THAT STUFF YOU'RE USING GOOD FOR FLEAS?'. Jeff replies 'NO, IT'S BAD FOR 'EM-- NOW WELL GO DOWN TO THE RIVER AND GIVE YOU A BATH!'. Mutt says 'WELL, COME ON, COME ON LEAP IN!'. Jeff says 'BUT MUTT, I CAN'T SWIM WITH THIS DOG OUTFIT ON!'. Mutt replies 'CERTAINLY YOU CAN-- ALL DOGS CAN SWIM!'.