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I SYMPATHIZE

For the farmers, laborers and folks generally, I desire to express condolence to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., in their loss of \$12,000,000 in profits in 1933.

CHEAPENING THE COURTS

Head Line: Grady Rules Kernith Davis Must Leave State or Serve Long Sentence.

Just this sort of ruling by the courts not only cheapens justice, but turns loose a convicted criminal on some innocent community. And, such penalties are no punishment to the law breaker. I wonder where any judge ever found in jurisprudence grounds for such a decision. He must have pulled it out of a cocked hat or had it up his sleeve.

SERFS OF THE SOIL

A farmer was telling me yesterday that the sign-up campaign under government direction allows the landlord to sign reduction acreage in his own name. This seems to tie the tenant so he cannot sell a pound of his tobacco without the landlord's approval. Then, too, it appears that the landlord alone profits by the cut in acreage. Should the acreage of any tenant be cut twenty-five per cent, he not only has this cut in a possible money crop, but gets no share in the allowance to the landlord for this reduction under 1933. This farmer said he did not intend to make any agreement with his landlord unless he would agree to give him his proportionate share in the payment made by the government for acreage reduction. And, I agree fully with this troubled tenant.

Holloway's Hits

By James H. Holloway

President Roosevelt has again electrified the nation with his far-reaching recommendations to Congress. There was no hint of hesitancy in his demands on Congress. His courage and frankness again brought him universal acclaim. He is more firmly entrenched in the hearts of his countrymen today than ever before. The Republicans were dumbfounded by his message but they do not know how to successfully assail him. He is getting results all over the land and no matter what method he pursues in accomplishing his aims, results are what count with the people. 1934 will be a much happier year for the people of America because of the successful leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Democratic clans all over North Carolina are busily girding themselves for the next Senatorial and Gubernatorial contest. The number of aspirants are Legion and they are all playing for place and show. The leading contestants are yet to become known. Future developments may eliminate a number of potential candidates who now seem to be in the running. Senator Josiah William Bailey will meet the first

assault two years from now. Governor Ehringhaus at the present time looms as his most formidable opponent. His popularity today is unquestionably greater than that of any man who has been mentioned in connection with the senatorship. If the election was held today he would easily defeat the Senator. Both the Governor and Senator Bailey have two more years to go before the issue will be joined. Many things that cannot be foreseen may transpire in the meantime which may completely upset the present lineup. Senator Bailey is in a very strong position with the Washington administration. If he follows the President loyally and enthusiastically, it will add greatly to his prestige and give him a decided advantage in the coming contest. On the other hand, should he decide to throw in with Glass and other reactionaries, as he did in the last session of Congress, Ehringhaus will be the next United States Senator from North Carolina. The patronage question will not add to Senator Bailey's strength. He has handled patronage much more wisely than has Senator Reynolds but he has made many mistakes in his selections of the various appointees. Both he and Senator Reynolds have made thousands of bitter enemies by their disposition of Federal patronage. The appointments they have made, with few exceptions, have hurt more than they have helped them. It has seem-

ed to those who failed to secure the appointments they were seeking, that the Senators have deliberately ignored the loyal Democrats when

"WHAT DOTHT IT PROFIT A MAN?"

I notice that the editor of an exchange is using the same argument for allowing people to break the automobile license law that he used against licensing liquor in the November election, namely, that the state is losing thousands of dollars in gasoline taxes by keeping people from running their cars without licenses. I believe in the long run—the one that will ultimately win—that the state of North Carolina will gain far more by demanding that her citizens respect the law. The few extra paltry dollars to be gained in revenue from letting down the law would be gobbled up through the courts in prosecuting law-breakers who lost their respect for the law by the State's contempt for it.

CARL GOERCH JUST LIKE HIMSELF

I have never seen Carl Goerch in the flesh, but have frequently heard him over the radio and have almost seen him through the columns of The State. He is to be at the local school on a night before long and I already have the admission fee, which I understand will go to the P. T. A. and Mr. Goerch will not get a thing but the pleasure of talking to a crowd of good listeners. I want to see if this versatile shuttle-cock newspaper man looks as well as he talks and writes.

I have been reading The State from its first issue—almost every word of it—and if a child was ever like its father, it surely must be like Carl. Goerch is unique. The State is unique and that makes a very effective combination which fills a unique place in newspaperdom, and public life that no other combination has ever done. His paper, like the mythological goddess from the head of the god, sprang full-grown from the brain of Goerch.

REACTIONS TO THE CWA

In Carl Goerch's The State for last week appeared an article by P. D. McLean on Some Weak Points About this CWA. This is one of the best discussions of the subject we have seen anywhere. Mr. McLean explains that, being of a charitable and emergency nature, perfection could not be expected of the CWA, and then proceeds to show how in some cases it seems actually headed the other way.

He claims that there are now on the CWA payrolls in North Carolina 70,000 persons, and that many of them are receiving higher wages than they have ever received prior to this time. Unskilled labor is being paid 45 cents an hour, while skilled labor may receive \$1.10 an hour. This is, of course, fine for the laborer, but is all out of proportion to what can be paid by private employment. The reaction, Mr. McLean contends, is unhealthy and unwholesome. The man who has stuck by his job—any job—and has held on, hoping for better times, now sees men far less capable than he making more money in less time. He cannot be thus employed. CWA will not take men who already have jobs. Will his moral fiber be strong enough in every case to prevent resentment?

A flexible wage rate is commended as the only satisfactory adjustment. In conclusion the article says: "These governmental relief measures are essential at present, but they should not operate to make charity more profitable than labor."

hey came to make their selections. This feeling is state wide and will be a powerful factor in the approaching senatorial campaigns. Governor Ehringhaus almost ruined himself with his very unwise disposition of state patronage the first six months of his administration. Every appointment he made was very unpopular but his subsequent activities have enabled him to overcome this handicap. The Senators have yet to meet the repercussions from their patronage mistakes however and they will both have to make almost perfect records in the future to retain their Togs.

At this writing Sandy Graham seems to have the edge on the Gubernatorial aspirants. It is believed by many people he is to be the "Heir Apparent," to the Ehringhaus administration. If this idea becomes general over the state it may prove disastrous to the ambitions of the genial candidate from Hillsboro. The people have about decided they are disgusted with the efforts of certain leaders to select all candidates in advance. It cannot be successfully denied that most of our Governors in the past quarter of a century have been handpicked by a small coterie of men and the great mass of voters had absolutely no choice in the matter. All they were asked to do was to go to the polls and vote for the selections of the Bosses. A new deal will be demanded by the voters the next time and any candidate who enters the race who seems to be tainted with Bossism behind him will have a very hard road to travel. This principle will be applied to the minor as well as the major candidates.

For many years the people have been indifferent to the legislative candidates. Man after man has been elected to the General Assembly who was not fit to referee a hound dog fight and the result has been that our statute books are cluttered up with rotten legislation on every question under the sun. Little two by four lawyers with a Sears Roebuck law license have been elected to make the laws under which we all must live. These little half starved fellows knew nothing about making laws and many of them have not been averse to taking bribes in one form or another for their support of measures which were antagonistic to the popular interest. Wake County has been afflicted with more misrepresentation than probably any other county in North Carolina. Just take a look at the Wake Delegation in the last General Assembly and the half dozen which preceded that notorious session. Only one member

from Wake earned the salt he ate during the entire five months of the session. He being new to the game had about as much influence in that General Assembly as a Chinese would have had in the Japanese Parliament. Already we see signs indicating a desire of these misrepresentatives to again enter the contest for the next General Assembly. Any Wake County Democrat who votes for either of the three who betrayed them last year should be disfranchised for the balance of his natural life. All they have to do is look at their record, it stinks to high heaven and if they are again elected it will be considered by them a popular mandate to go as far as they like in their schemes and plans. There are at least a thousand good and available men and women in Wake County who are capable of giving the county the very best representation, then why not draft them for this very important service and keep these nonentities at home?

Four To Die

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Six men are under death sentences at the state prison in Raleigh. Four of them are to die January 26. The Supreme Court has just dismissed appeals made in their behalf and unless the governor intervenes, they will die on January 26. Never before have more than two been electrocuted on the same day.

Longest Flight Over Water

Six big seaplanes are somewhere over or in the Pacific Ocean on their way to Hawaii. This is the longest non-stop mass flight ever undertaken over water. Thirty men are on the planes. Naval vessels are stationed every 300 miles to lend aid to any plane in need.

Foraker-Kemp

Edward Kemp, formerly of this community, of Wakelon and Wake Forest, was married on Dec. 23, 1933, to Miss Elaine Katherine Foraker, of Pittsburg, Pa. The young couple are living now at Wooster University, Mass., where Mr. Kemp has a teaching fellowship, and where he will next June receive his degree as a doctor of philosophy. Mrs. Kemp has been awarded the degrees of B. A. and M. A. and is a writer for the public press. Mr. Kemp is the son of Mrs. Carrie Kemp, of near Zebulon.

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