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### AH, RATS!

Sometime ago this paper mentioned the high cost of privy construction in Wake county and the superintendent explained to his own satisfaction at least that the cost was much less. Now we would like for some one to come forward and explain if it really did cost the government, which is us, the pitiful sum of \$70.00 each to destroy a few rats. But why not? All the Pied Pipers of Hamlin are dead. Here's what an exchange has to say about this rat killing business.

We don't blame Brooklyn for dropping its CWA rat campaign. Seventy dollars a rat is entirely too expensive for skilled workers, and it is evident that the workers were not very skilled when 261 CWA workers could not even average a rat apiece per day. The sum of \$218,000 was appropriated for this very unusual CWA project, but after a trial of 45 days, during which time only 60 or 70 rats per day were trapped, it was decided to drop it.

### PAID FOR PREACHING

Here is another item from an exchange which we would like for you to read. After reading it, you may see your pastor in a different light—maybe so. Let's hope so, anyway, if you are not seeing your duty to your pastor and church definitely and directly.

A business man in a Southern city, who writes for a number of newspapers an unusual and usually humorous column, states in his extravagant style—behind which there is a very sober suggestion—that if he allows his payments to the church to lapse for three or four Sabbaths, he begins to question the sincerity of the men in the front pews; if he lets his dues get three months behind, he finds fault with the preaching, and if he so neglects his obligations as to owe on his pledge for a large part of the year, he begins to suspect that the preacher is a hypocrite and that there ought to be a change. This brings to our minds the saying of an old deacon: "Preaching that ain't paid fur don't sound good."—Stanly News and Press.

### LIQUOR IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

The Record wishes to commend to its readers the following clipped from an exchange, because of the truthfulness of its statement in regard to all classes of people without respect of person:

If liquor is no respecter of persons and can take a prominent man with too much under his shirt and cause him to be unable to handle an automobile with danger to all in his path, why should an officer make any difference between them and those who are not so prominent?

That is one trouble and the reason why so many accidents occur and the road is dangerous to venture on with a machine.

A prominent drunken man can see double as well as the man who has little money and influence. The way to handle the situation and stop all of them, and every one who has so little sense as to get in a car under the influence of liquor and take hold of the steering wheel, should be stopped at once, and be made to understand that it will not be allowed. Licenses should be issued, and the reputation of those who are in the habit of imbibing too freely and trying to drive a car under the influence of liquor should be taken into account when the licenses

### RECOVERY DEPENDS UPON INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

The heading to this piece is taken from the statement of General Johnson, head of the government recovery program.

I am glad that Uncle Sam has at last seen some daylight and is awake to the fact that much of what has been done to bring back conditions to the normal has had a radical tendency to destroy individual responsibility and weaken self-help. General Johnson's statement is fine, only it should have been made a year ago and then he should have set up a program that would relieve only the urgent immediate needs and provide self-help.

I believe much of the CWA has aided and abetted the disposition of many people to become more dependent.

"There are national perils and emergencies in which individual responsibilities multiply, and this happens to be one of them.

"The real objection of the few enemies of the Blue Eagle goes much deeper than they are willing to admit. They are of an ancient, Tory school of thought. Although we call ourselves a democracy, their idea is that the people must never be trusted to think or act for themselves. Alexander Hamilton said: 'The people are a great beast', and proposed a system under which all their affairs would be taken care of by the good, the wise, and the great.

"The trouble with that has been that the good, the wise, and the great have fallen down on the job. Education and training have so evened up things that nobody has a monopoly on goodness and wisdom any more. Times have changed. The newspapers and the radio and the moving pictures have enabled the people to know instantly what is going on, and more nearly every year to think and act as one. Given a trusted and able leadership, and with such a medium of unified action as the Blue Eagle, our people, for what I believe to be for the first time, have the opportunity to solve a national economic problem by their own action. Instead of sitting hopelessly and helplessly under the impact of forces of disaster, every person has an individual and important part in a symphony of action."—General Johnson.

### THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

While the Record has its subscription campaign on, perhaps the following from the Christian Science Monitor, one of the best edited newspapers in America, will be of interest to our readers, and incidentally help them to a better appreciation of country newspapers and especially The Zebulon Record:

Turning from city newspapers to small town press exchanges that come to the editor's desk is like stepping from the slums full of vice, into an old-fashioned garden sweet with lavender and thyme and the scent of perennial flowers. The pages of big dailies are so full of murder, thievery, immorality and selfishness that the better news is obscured by these glaring shatterings of the Decalogue. One puts the papers aside with a feeling of depression and heartache that the world is so full of terrible and unhappy things.

Then picking up the papers that record the happenings of the little towns around us, one gains renewed faith in life. Here are set forth only that which uplifts a community—the activities of the business men, the church items, the happy social gatherings of the people, the marriages, births and deaths, farmer's items, and all the thousand and one daily occurrences that make up the simple annals of the great common people, who are really the foundation of our broad country of ours.

Sometimes people speak lightly of the country newspaper, but it is one of the most potent and uplifting factors in our national existence.

### SEEN AND HEARD

#### AN ACCOMMODATING OFFICER

Chief of Police Baker is a man of varied duties in his official life. The other day he was seen driving a two-horse wagon through town and back towards the town jail. With him was a citizen from the country. Later the chief told me that that the fellow was drunk and asked him to drive for him, that he could not find his way out of town. In the otherwise empty wagon was a half-gallon of liquor. So the chief accommodated him, driving around to the jail, hitching the team and locking the man up. Yes, Chief Baker is a very accommodating officer.

#### SAFE OR SAVED DRIVER?

I went to Durham last week to see a young man from a nearby community who was in Duke hospital. Passing another car rather closely, my friend on the seat with me said: "I am somewhat like a man I know about riding with preachers. He said they are mostly thoughtless or careless drivers and he does not know why it is unless it is because they are better prepared to die than most folks and so don't mind much what happens. Anyway," said he, "I am not so well-prepared to die that I am willing

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