

# OBSERVATION AND COMMENT

By F. O. Carver, Jr.

It is said that if you stay in the same place long enough along the coast of North Carolina that the shifting sands will finally cover you up and bury you completely. There is living evidence of this shifting in the ship wrecks that are strewn up and down the coast, either lying partially or completely buried by the sands, ships that at one time lay wholly out of the sand.

This calls to mind something that Jesus said on this subject: "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

We talk much about our tobacco market. Meet a man in the street and ask him what the trouble with it is, and you will more than likely get one or more of these reasons as his idea of the trouble or a remedy thereof, too much tobacco going out of Person County to be sold, not enough interest taken in the market here, the farmer does not think that he can get an even break on this market, etc., etc., or why not give a big stew and invite all the farmers to it, establish good will among the town and county people, go out and invite the grower to sell on this market, send them a message through the papers, etc., etc., far, far into the night. Effective measures, all of them.

But there is no denying the fact that year after year more and more influence is being carried away from Roxboro and made useful to some other market. Farmers who raise large amounts of tobacco go away to sell it, pulling some others with them by their personal friendship and standing. No truer words were ever uttered than "It is harder to get a lost customer's business back on your books than it is to get new business." Through various means Roxboro has lost many tobacco customers in the past years, at the same time keeping many satisfied ones.

There are two rocks that it seems would be well to use as foundations for our market. One is the practices that have already been followed to some degree of success. That, of course, is personal contact between the grower and the business houses and men of the town. The other is influence.

You can't ring a bell or raise an alarm sixty days before the market is going to open and make a successful effort to bring tobacco here in the quantities which this market should sell. Nor can a few people carry on a successful campaign and hope to reap great benefits, but influence would take up where these leave off.

The small market is doomed. That is a recognized fact. So, the thing to do is to build a big market here. Some way, some how, stop that influence that is yearly draining this county of its life's blood.

Too many times markets have grown to enormous proportions only to fail and die under just such practices as these. We cannot let the same thing happen to our market.

## \$42,274,000 In Building Work Contracted For

### Manufacturers Record Reports Increases In Industrial And Private Operations In July.

Baltimore, Aug. 6. — Construction and engineering projects costing \$40,274,000 were contracted for in the south during July, the Manufacturers Record says, with substantial increases in industrial and private building operations.

The July total was approximately \$5,000,000 below that of June but the publication attributed this to a sharp decline in public building and highway construction, due partially to "delay in starting federal government projects."

Industrial awards for the first seven months of 1935 amounted to \$55,863,000 as compared with \$41,332,000 for the corresponding period of 1934 while private building contracted for to August 1 this year totaled \$41,748,000 compared to \$19,267,000 for the seven months last year.

# WILL YOU SMILE

Modesty

Old Maid—Has the canary had its bath yet?  
Servant—Yes, ma'am. You can come in now.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Safety First

"I see you're letting your little boy drive your car."  
"Yes, he's still too young to be trusted as a pedestrian."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Now And Then

An American film actress was applying for a passport.  
"Unmarried?" she was asked.  
"Occasionally," she answered.—London Opinion.

Below Par

"I need a holiday," said the pretty cashier. "I'm not looking my best."  
"Nonsense," said the manager.  
"It isn't nonsense, the men are beginning to count their change."—Evening News (London)

Process Of Elimination

"Herbert," said the mother to her 6-year-old son, "is it possible that you are teaching the parrot to use slang?"  
"No, mamma," replied Herbert, "I was just telling him what not to say."—Montreal Star.

Lady of the House—"No we don't want no books!"  
Agent—"How about a cheap grammar?"

Oh, Oh!

Voice on Phone—John Smith is sick and can't attend class today. He requested me to notify you.  
Professor—All right. Who is this speaking?

Voice—This is my roommate—M. I. T. Voo Doo.

Gob Humor

Downes—What would your wife say if you bought a new car?  
Shaw—Look out for that traffic light; Don't hit that truck; Why don't you watch where you are going? Will you never learn? And a lot more like that.—Pennsylvania Keystone.

Innocence Aboard

Drill Instructor—Now take this rifle and find out how to use it.  
Recruit—Tell me one thing. Is it true that the harder I pull the trigger the farther the bullet will go?—U. S. S. New York, Knickerbocker.

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Old Lady to Old Tar—Excuse me. Do those tattoo marks wash off?  
Old Tar—I can't say, lady.—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

Beyond His Control

Girl to kennel-man—When you sold me this dog you said it would grow into a magnificent Russian wolfhound.  
Kennel-Man—Can I help it if the five-year plan failed?—Denver Post.

"Can you imagine anything worse than being a corn-stalk and having your ears pulled by farmers?"  
"How about being a potato, with your eyes full of dirt?"

Wonders of Invention

"Call that a Caruso record? The man is singing in German."  
"Yes, sir. The record has been translated."—Nurich Nebelspatter.

Democratic

Artist—Shall I paint you in a frock coat?  
Mr. Nurich—Oh, don't make any fuss—Just wear your smock.—Ludlow (England) Advertiser.

Marvelous

Two friends, one married and the other a bachelor, were at the latest play, admiring the performance of a famous actor.

"By jove," the married man murmured, "he's wonderful! The way he displays affection toward the leading lady, eh?"

"Yes—pretty good," the bachelor agreed. "But you know, he's been married to her for eighteen years."

"What! Really married? Gosh—what an actor."—London Tit-Bits.

He—Girly, I can read you like a book.  
She—O. K., boy, but don't use the Braille method.

Just Pals

Mr. Swear and Mr. Swanke were

# The Story of the Constitution

by CALEB JOHNSON

## CONGRESS THE SUPREME POWER

The form of Government set up by the Constitutional Convention was a compromise between the loose alliance under the Articles of Confederation, and the plan of a single nation with completely centralized powers. The small States insisted upon an equal voice with every other State. The large States felt that their wealth, size and importance entitled them to a larger voice in the affairs of the new country. These conflicting views resulted in what historians call the "Connecticut Compromise."

The colony of Connecticut from its earliest history had a dual system of representation in its legislature. One house represented the towns as equal units. The other house represented all the people as individuals. This plan became the basis upon which the Congress of the United States was set up.

The Constitution provides for equal representation of all the States, large and small in the Senate, and for representation of the people in the House of Representatives, in proportion to the inhabitants.

The Convention was a unit in agreeing that all power to direct and regulate affairs of the country should reside in this representative organization, the Congress. Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution reads: "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

That provision of the Constitution has never been altered. It has recently been brought to the front of public discussion through the decision of the Supreme Court that certain acts of the 73rd Congress were unconstitutional because they run contrary to this first and fundamental provision of the Constitution as drafted in 1787. Congress cannot delegate to the Executive, or to anybody else, the power to enact laws or to issue regulations having the force of law unless it puts

clear and definite limitations upon the regulative authority.

Members of the House of Representatives, elected directly by a vote of the people, must be at least 25 years old, and be inhabitants of the state in which they are elected. There is no constitutional requirement for dividing states into districts, or for members to live in the districts they represent. That is something for each state to determine. In New York, several members live outside of their districts. In Missouri there are no Congressional districts. The 13 representatives are elected at large by the voters of the whole state. Senators must be 30 years old and residents of their States.

As the body originally closest to the people, the House of Representatives was given in the Constitution the exclusive right to originate bills for raising revenue.

The insistence of the smaller States brought about another restriction upon Congress; it forbade the levying of any direct tax except in proportion to population. This was later changed by the income tax amendment, which became effective March 1, 1913. That is the only exception to the rule established in the original Constitution intended to provide that direct taxes levied by the Federal Government shall bear equally upon all citizens.

The Senators, as the direct representatives of State governments, were to be chosen by the legislatures of the States. That prevailed until 1913, when an amendment was ratified providing for the popular elections of Senators as well as Representatives. A still later amendment, the twentieth, ratified in 1933, changed the date upon which the terms of office of Senators and Representatives begin, from the 4th of March to the 3rd of January, and fixed that date for the annual meeting of Congress, instead of the first Monday in December, as originally provided in the Constitution.

### Next Week: What Congress May and May Not Do.

business enemies, but chance had so placed them on the same board of directors.

One day, after a meeting, Mr. Swear was holding forth.

"There are hundreds of ways of making money," he said, provocatively.

"Yes," put in Mr. Swanke, "but only one honest way."

"What way's that?" asked Mr. Swear sharply.

"Ah," retorted Mr. Swanke, "I thought you wouldn't know it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### COUNTY HAS 2 WHITES

Pierre, S. D.—Armstrong county, according to the 1935 state census, contains two white men. Both are married Indians.

## RHEUMATISM

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### Short Sermons

By Rev. J. B. Currin

#### MORE FAITH

When Jesus came down from the mountain where He had been transfigured, and where Moses and Elijah, who had been gone from this world for hundreds of years, came and talked with Him, and where He heard the voice of His Father say "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," He found a man in the valley who had brought his son to the disciples that they might heal him.

But as they could not heal him the father said to Jesus, "If Thou cannot do anything have compassion on us, and help us." To this Jesus replied and threw the IF back on the father. He said, "If thou canst, all things are possible to him that believeth."

The father then said, "I believe, help thou mine unbelief." What a familiar experience is this regulation of belief and unbelief. How many others like that man have desired and asked for more faith.

What can one do for himself towards the fulfillment of that desire? We know that God often works thru people. He feeds, clothes, and houses us partly through the efforts of men. It is also partly through ourselves that He gives us more faith.

Think for a moment of one of those

experiences when a salesman visited your home. He was selling some article in which you had little or no confidence. However he was determined that you should see the value of it. Therefore he just put it in operation while you sat and looked on. And he soon convinced you that it was an article of real value.

In like manner the work of God is ever before our eyes. When we behold this vast universe it should not be difficult for us to believe that He who made it can do anything He desires with any part of it. When we know of His answers to the requests of others we should be encouraged to express our own desires. Knowing He has answered others of our petitions we surely should take courage before His throne.

Since He has saved and remade our lives and the lives of others we should take to Him our friends and relatives for their salvation.

After He has brought us safely thru the years of the past why should we fear to trust Him for the present and the future?

Meditation on these and similar lines should do nothing less than create faith.

Mark: 9:24.

## Furniture Dealer Is Wounded By Shot

Raleigh, Aug. 6. — A Elton Wood, 28, a local furniture dealer, was reported in a serious condition here today from a pistol wound just above his heart. He was found shot in a hotel room here yesterday and declined to explain the shooting to the police.

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