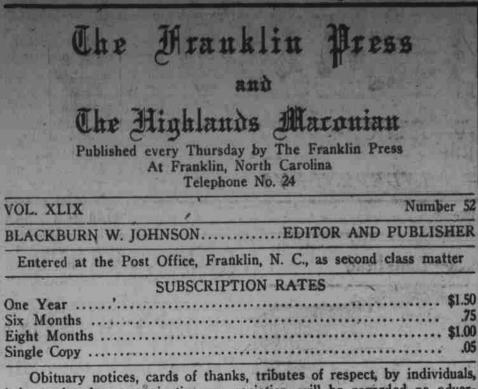
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E CAME to my desk with quivering lip,. The lesson was done. "Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher? I have spoiled this one!" I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted And gave him a new one, all unspotted, Then into his tired heart I smiled: "Do better now, my Child!"

I went to the throne, with trembling heart. The year was done.

"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master? I have spoiled this one!"

He took my year, all soiled and blotted And gave me a new one, all unspotted, Then, into my tired heart he smiled: "Do better now, my Child!"

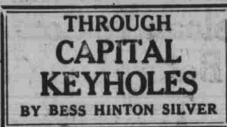
-Author Unknown

The Steady Subscriber

HOW dear to our heart is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of each year; Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says: "Stop it; I cannot afford it, I'm getting more papers than now I can read;" But always says: "Send it; our people all like it-In fact, we all think it a help and a need."





CHERRY BLOSSOMS-

Raleigh politicians are inclined to take the newly-hatched boom in behalf of Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, for Speaker of the 1935 House of Representatives sembly is almost sure to pass some tain game wardens. All has changwith a grain of salt. The opinion is expressed freely on Capitol Hill that Mr. Cherry's friends would like to see him get chairmanship of an important committee and it is known by one and all that a good way to assure that is to line up some votes in the Speakership race.

thing looks brighter. State em- race from Sparta, N. C., to a cerployes are not failing to hang up tain 'red brick house on Blount their stockings, even though some Street in Raleigh. of them may have to tie up holes in the toes and heels.

DEADLY-

Death takes few holidays on North Carolina's highway system. objects of concerted legislative at-The total highway fatalities reached the all-time high for one month during November when 115 persons were killed. The next General Assort of drivers' license law but the ed R. Bruce Etheridge is winning more important thing is enforcement. It will take money to do the Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill job and many more highway patrol- has done the latter office untold men will have to be employed, in good. Prospects are good that the opinion of authorities on such both these important State offices matters. The money is in the high- will get better than the shoe-string way fund to pay for the job but doled out by the last General Asa lot of folks want to use it for sembly. something else,

they did two years ago and every- that gentleman decides to start a

MAY FARE BETTER-

Two years ago the Department of Conservation and Development and the Parole Commissioner were tacks. The parole office had been an issue in the gubernatorial campaign and the conservation department was in Dutch because of cer-

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum How it makes our pulst throb; how it makes our heart dance;

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him-The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

-Author Unknown

Life Insurance

IN THIS Year of Depression 1934, more than two billion, seven hundred million dollars have been distributed by the life insurance companies of America to the holders of life policies and their beneficiaries. And in the same year more than fourteen billion dollars of new life insurance was bought by the people of the United States.

There is a great deal of significance in those bald facts, it seems to us. For one thing, the fact that two-thirds of the payments were made to policy holders, rather than as death benefits, indicates that to witness another political "Batthere are many persons who are scraping the bottom the century" in the spring of the barrel to find money with which to meet their tor Josiah W. Bailey and those of obligations, and are borrowing or cashing in on their Governor Ehringhaus. There is no life insurance as a last resort. And the increase in the volume of new business appears, in all probability, horns, Certainly Senator Bailey is to reflect a growing thriftiness on the part of those who still have incomes, and who are trying to pro vide for their families, or for their old age, by the beor to get him to make the race safest means that has yet been evolved.

With nearly one hundred billions of life insurance now in force in the United States, the responsibility upon the insurance companies is a tremendous one. Whatever tends to impair the security of investments strikes a blow at the savings of more than half of the people of the United States; for the holders of life other State hired help when the scribes are not mentioning his ing him to oppose Senator Bailey insurance policies number more than thirty million, and almost every policy represents protection for two dog with two tails over increases ons of their own which could not or three others.

Next to Government bonds, we know no safer expected to oppose increases in pay Mr. Bowie can't hurl that charge place to put money than into life insurance; and the body would be surprised if he rec- imized his political powers but has latter has the advantage of providing protection for the insurer's dependents which even Government bonds do not furnish.

CONSOLIDATION-

Sentiment for county consolidations is growing in North Carolina but the prognosticators will stake their reputation that the idea doesn't get beyond the dream stage during the coming session of the General Assembly. Home-town courthouse politicians would howl to high heaven if their Representatives began talking about abolishing their jobs and the natives would get into no end of squabbles about the county seats of the new districts. Capitol Hill believes that consolidation of counties will be among those things not done by the Legislature next year.

BIG WAR-

The opinion is growing over the State that North Carolina is going of '36 between the forces of Senadoubt that the sparks will fly if these two political Hercules lock going to seek re-election and if Governor Ehringhaus resists the pressure that is being brought to he'll be "a better man than you are HUNKA TIN."

SANTA CLAUS-

You can find plenty of political- GETS A BREAKly-wise people who believe that Representative Tam C. Bowie, the may mean something with a legisthere will be a real Santa for school political powder-keg from Ashe lative session just around the cornteachers, highway employes and county, is guoted as saying Raleigh er and the Governor's friends urg-General Assembly meets. Gover- name as a candidate for the guber- two years, or less, hence, nor Ehringhaus is as proud as a natorial homination in 1936 for reasin State revenutes and he is not be called ethical or public-spirited. for the public slaves. In fact, no- at Keyholes, which has never minommended a little more gravy to quoted his friends as saying that go with the drv bread. The legis- he will not run in opposition to his lators themselves, as well as their close personal and political friend, I

AT IT AGAIN-

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and State Treasurer bricks at one another again. Mr. Brummitt started when he dug up his pet row about who should audit books of the School Commission. Mr. Brummitt rulel that the Commission didn't have a legal right to advance teachers' salaries before Christmas but added that since the Commission didn't follow his ruling on the audit proposition it might go ahead and disregard him. That got a rise out of Mr. Johnson but the smoke is clearing away once more.

MONEY MAN-

Person, who held the Speakership forcement and fewer crimes. in the 1933 session, will head the House Finance Committee in 1935 SALES TAXif either Robert Grady Johnson, of get one of the major committee that he could beat Senator Josiah posts,

neighbors have more money than Congressman R. L. Doughton, if

acclaim for the former set-up white

CRIME-

All these State and national conferences on crime are striving toward a goal that can be described Chas. M. Johnson are, throwing in one word-cooperation. From coroner to Supreme Court and still upward to the Governor and Executive Clemency what is needed most, in the opinion of those who handle criminals in State Institutions, is cooperation. All too often police officers think that the whole system of justice depends on them. Likewise some judges seem under the impression that it is up to them to administer justice in its entirity from beginning to end. Prominent North Carolina criminologists are of the opinion that all these officers and their legal functions should work as parts of one big machine The Grapevine reports that Rep- of justice and that such cooperaresentative Reginald Harris, of tion would result in better law en-

Over in the Old State of Meck-Pender, or Laurie McEachern, of lenburg the boys who furnish the Hoke, are elected Speaker. If material for newspapers will tell Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of you that the sales tax is not so Franklin, gets the Speakership that unpopular as it once was and that will change the picture and Tam Governor Ehringhaus is gaining C. Bowie, of Ashe, friend and sup- popularity. Some of them will even porter of Lumpkin, probably will venture the prediction (off record)

W. Bailey in the 1936 race for one of the State's seats in the most august legislative body in the world. That

