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The Right To Eat

THE human race has come a long way since primitive times when it was the custom to kill off the old and disabled of both sexes, to drown superfluous babies like so many kittens, and in general to compel everybody to shift for himself regardless of his needs. It was nobody's business whether a man starved to death or not, in the bad old day.

The modern world has been coming, through the past thousand years, to a more humane view of the responsibilities of society to its unfortunates. The parable of the Good Samaritan and the other teachings of Jesus Christ have been a tremendous influence, even upon a world which falls far short of the Christian ideal in other matters. There is a far broader recognition of the duty of everybody to give a helping hand to the sufferers from disease or accident, to those who for any reason other than their own shiftlessness find themselves lacking in the necessities of life, food and shelter.

We sometimes wonder, however, whether there is not a growing tendency to extend this Christianism too far. We think it is time to give consideration to the words of Saint Paul, in his Second Epistle to the Thessalonians: "This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

We hear from all sides reports of men and women "on relief" who refuse to take jobs that are offered to them, preferring to live at the expense of the public rather than to make an effort to help themselves. We hear of others who quit good jobs to "go on relief." We do not know how widespread this situation is, but from all accounts it is pretty extensive.

Nobody should be allowed to starve in free America, but nobody who is offered work and refuses to take it should be treated as if he had a right to hold up his head among honest, industrious workers. Such individuals have thrown away whatever rights they had, and ought to be regarded as what they are, objects of public charity, and allowed only the barest necessities of existence.

Saint Paul saw clearly the problem, which to many well-meaning persons today, is blurred by a fog of sentimentalism.—Selected.

"How's Business?"

THE commonest question when two men meet is: "How's business?" The answer may be anything from "Rotten!" to "Swell!" It is our observation that about half of those of whom the question is asked answer to the effect that "things are moving along."

Much depends upon what sort of business the man is talking about. A great deal more depends upon what part of the country he does business in, apparently.

We have just seen a survey of business conditions in the whole United States, based upon one of the numerous reliable indicators of business activity. We all know that the difference between good business and bad business is largely a matter of how fast money passes from hand to hand. The best index of that is the monthly reports from the banks of the number and volume of checks cleared.

Leaving out New York City, where these check exchanges may represent not so much buying and selling of merchandise as speculations in securities, these April figures show, on the whole, an improvement in business compared with a year ago. In twenty-three states—New York, South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, North and South Dakota, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and Arizona—business is definitely better than at the same time last year, by this index. In nine states—New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri and Nebraska, it is just about the same as a year ago. In the other sixteen states—Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Illinois, Utah, Nevada and Oregon, business is not as active as at this time in 1934.

Summed up, here is the answer. In twenty-three states, business is better. In none states about the same. In sixteen states not as active.—Selected.

THROUGH CAPITAL KEYHOLES

BY BESS HINTON SILVER

STORM BREWING?

In the fourth congressional district, represented for more than a third of a century by the late Edward W. Pou, it now appears there may be a lively scrap. It is rumored around Raleigh that Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, known to one and all as the co-author of the McDonald-Lumpkin plan in the late legislature and "a people's candidate" may offer in opposition to Congressman Harold D. Cooley. Mr. Lumpkin was a bitter opponent of taxing "fat-back and molasses," always a friend of the schools and an avowed "liquor control" man. He has carved a name among young Democratic leaders. The rumor-graph also reports that former Representative Otway Binns Moss, of Nash, is feeling out the Fourth District Congressional waters. Others mentioned as possible foes of Congressman Cooley are State Senators Carroll Weathers, of Wake, and W. P. Horton, of Chatham.

RE-DEALS—

Is there to be a re-deal in North Carolina politics? Some of the natives think so. Representative Wm. Scholl, of the great State of Mecklenburg, has announced his candidacy against Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, and Representative Ed. Summersill, of Onslow, would not surprise his neighbors if he announced against Congressman Graham Barden of the third district.

NEW TARGET—

Now that the general assembly is no more (at least for ninety days or so) Tar Heels will focus their attention more acutely on national affairs and instead of petitioning state senators and representatives, appeals will go to U. S. senators and congressmen. Right at this time North Carolinians probably are more interested in agricultural, bonus and public utilities legislation. Many a letter will go forth to Washington concerning the Warren potato control bill, the Patman bonus bill (fated for a Presidential veto). Many communications also will concern that section of the Wheeler-Rayburn bill which proposes to place operating gas and electric companies under federal rather than state control. Proponents and opponents of both the bonus and Rayburn bills are reported active.

BLACKEYE—

R. R. Clark, columnist of the Greensboro Daily News, does not fail to crack down on Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade for his reported failure to take a voluntary salary cut along with the enforced shortened rations of other state employees. Clark wrote: "The constitutional officers whose pay could not be cut as a matter of law, were asked to voluntarily contribute a specified amount to the state in its hour of need. Some of them did. One state official was listed and published as refusing to contribute one thin dime. He is among those on the salary increase list. Since it seemed impossible to leave him off, we may hope if not pray, that he won't be on the receiving end when the salary begins to yield an increase." Mr. Clark might have added that State Auditor Baxter Durham, publicly declared to be neither auditor nor public accountant, made a "pitiable and miserable small" contribution. It has been intimated that both Secretary Wade and Auditor Durham may be faced with strong opposition in the primary next spring.

LIQUOR—

The eleventh-hour patch-work liquor bill passed by the late general assembly to call elections on legal liquor in seventeen counties of the state is still the subject of much debate around Capitol Hill. Many wets think their cause was hurt by enactment of the measure and the constitutionality of the law has been questioned. The constitution says that the legislature shall not enact local laws partially repealing any state-wide law and some able lawyers have declared that is just what the liquor bill does. The opinion here is that dries will seek injunctions to prevent the elections and that the supreme court will get a shot at the problem.

Highlands Highlights

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ELBERT BRIGSON WINS E. R. E. SPEAKING CONTEST

The E. R. E. classes of the southern half of Macon county held an elimination contest in speaking at the Methodist church here Saturday night Elbert Brigson, 35, a member of Miss Susan Rice's class, was selected by the judges as best speaker, and will speak in Franklin at the final elimination held for the county. The winner of this county-wide contest will be eligible to speak in Asheville on June 1 at the first commencement of the E. R. E. in western North Carolina. Judges of the contest Saturday night were Mrs. Barrington, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. J. L. Sanders.

Handcraft and art exhibits of Mrs. Westbrook's and Miss Rice's classes were on display in Franklin Saturday. The articles will later be sent to Asheville for exhibition. About twenty-five pupils and teachers from Highlands will attend the E. R. E. commencement exercises in Asheville next week.

INJURED IN FALL

J. M. Hall, Highlands contractor, received a bad fall Monday while working on the old Cobb place near Highlands. He was taken to Angel hospital in Franklin for examination and treatment. X-ray pictures showed that no bones were broken, but Mr. Hall suffered painfully from severe bruises.

BRIDE SHOWERED

Mrs. George Wilson was hostess at a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. E. H. Brown Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Cleaveland Cabe, recent bride. A number of friends called during the afternoon, and showered the bride with many pretty and useful gifts.

"CLEAN-UP" DAY

Wednesday, May 22, was general "clean-up" day for the Town of Highlands. A truck was busy all day carrying away rubbish, tin-cans, etc., from gateways and alleys where the trash had been piled. Since the town does not have the advantage of a regular scavenger system, the board of commissioners regularly sets aside a time when a truck hired by the town will haul off accumulated trash.

NEW DANCE HALL OPENS

The new dance hall, Helen's Barn, opened officially for the season last Friday night with Sam Wilson in charge. The hall is beautifully situated in a grove of old apple trees and is set somewhat further from the highway than was the hall which

burned last fall.

J. E. Rideout, manager of Satulah Cafe, is running an attractive lunch counter in connection with the hall.

NAMED ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Miss Eva Potts has been appointed assistant postmaster for Highlands post office by the new postmaster, C. C. Potts.

WE BEG PARDON

An error was made in last week's Press in an article about the Hotel Edwards. The manager of the hotel expects a delegation of fifty-five (55) people from Laurens next week instead of five (5) as stated in the paper last week.

THEATRE OPEN FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK

Highlands School Theatre is now running pictures on Monday and Tuesday nights as well as on Fridays and Saturdays.

TOURIST BUSINESS BETTER

J. Harvey Trice, manager of Highlands Inn, stated recently that tourist business in Highlands has been much better so far this year than at the same time last year.

SUFFERS BAD CUT

Albert Chastain cut his hand badly Monday night when he accidentally let a butcher knife slip. His hand was cut to the bone near the wrist.

Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Springs defeated the Murphy nine on the local grounds here Saturday evening by a score of 11 to 4 in the first official game of the Western Carolina Baseball league. The Cherokee nine will play at Rainbow Springs on Saturday, May 25. The public is invited to attend.

Wiley Vaught, who has been confined to his house on account of sickness for a few days, is able to return to his duty as mill engineer.

A party from Rainbow Springs of about 25 persons attended the Sunday baseball game between Murphy and Copper Hill at Copper Hill, Tenn.

Ernest Yount and family expect to move in their new house in a few days on Black street. The new home was built by Mr. Yount.

Clifton Vaught is expected to move his family into his new home on Black street next to Harry Danielson's residence about the first of the month.

Come to Rainbow Springs next Saturday, May 25 to attend the baseball game, which will be played between our local team and the Cherokee Indian team.



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