

Turpentine Drippings

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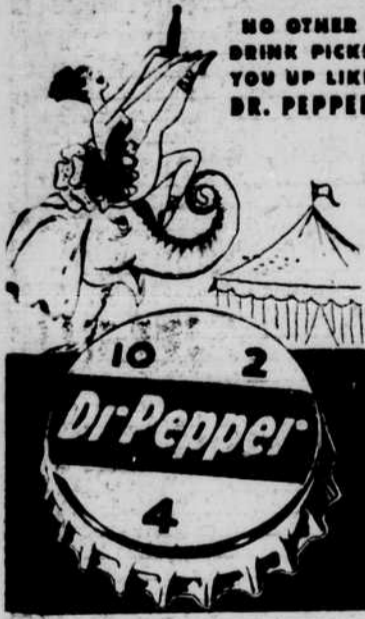
SHE ALREADY KNOWS
(Mrs. Theo. Davis
Zebulon Record)

Nearly every newspaper I pick up has joined the magazines in predicting what women will be wearing this year. It needs no look into the future to tell what the writer of this column will wear. A look into my closet will suffice; for what I'm going to be dressed in is just what is already hanging up there.

OLD FAVORITE

(Smoky Mountain Times)
A lady walked over to the prescription counter at Bennett's

A LIFT FOR LIFE!



Drug Store this week presented a prescription and handed Dr. P. R. Bennett a small medicine bottle that looked vaguely familiar. Looking at the old label on it he knew why.

It had been filled the first time by Dr. P. R. Bennett 11 years ago.

NEVER PEACE

(Pinehurst Outlook)
One fact about Janus is frequently forgotten. His temple in Rome was a barometer of peace and war. When there was peace in every section of the empire the doors stood open. In the whole existence of Rome as a republic and an empire, a span of almost twelve centuries, the period of closed doors could be counted on the fingers.

CIVIC LINE-UP

(Sanford Herald)
In a talk before the Rotary Club Tuesday, Hugh Hines, city manager, quoted a bon mot he had heard:

"Kiwians build a town, Rotarians own it, and Lions enjoy it."

WE'RE NOT ALONE

(Montgomery Herald)
No doubt any new agitation about school attendance comes from the recent hullabaloo about the number of men who were rejected in the draft. People in North Carolina who ought to have had better sense began talking about this being a result of lack of school attendance. They rose on their hind legs and shouted about the disgrace to North Carolina and the weakness of the public schools. This column knew that the whole thing was phoney and it proved so when it was

found that practically the same situation existed in other States, notably New Jersey, where the ratio of rejections were as high or higher than in this State. It was proven to be the peculiar ideas of the army, just as we contended at first.

"QUARE" WORLD

(Goldsboro News-Argus)
An Indian Springs farmer of about 65 watched from his filling station seat as the school bus went by one of the warm days recently.

"It's a strange world," he said. "Nowadays we have to buy a \$3,000 bus to keep the kids from walking to school."

"Then we have to build a \$50,000 gymnasium so they can get some exercise after they get to school."

IDEAL

(Camden Chronicle)
A medical writer comments that there are many skin diseases for which medical science has found no cure but has found palliatives. And this reminds us of the doctor who had taken up as his specialty the treatment of skin diseases and who was asked by a friend how he happened to select that branch of medicine. "There were three perfectly good reasons," the physician replied, "my patients never get me out of bed at night; they never die, and they never get well."

GOODBYE, RUSTICITY!

(Pageland Journal)
Attention is called to a new policy among the dry goods and dime stores. These stores agreed last week to close at 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesdays in order to give clerks a much needed half-holiday. Since then it was decided to close these places of business at 8:30 each Saturday night, thereby giving time to check up and get home and take a bath before midnight. Thus Pageland is growing out of the country town class and getting up to city ways.

SIMPLE PLEASURES

(Lee County Messenger)
A certain person who took a very active part in the Town of Bishopville election, but who did not offer for office, was told that "Some people wrote in your name on the ballot so that they would have the pleasure of scratching it."

NO POLICE IN SIGHT

(Richmond County Journal)
Met a nice young fellow the other day. His last address was "Somewhere in Korea" and he was visiting home on an emergency leave. We fell to talking

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about the police action in Korea. This lad told me that to date he hasn't seen any policemen in the police action, but that he had seen plenty of Chinese Reds barging up hills tooting little horns. He emphasized the importance of letters from relatives and friends at home—he said he would rather get patrol duty than not to receive a letter at mail time.

UNCLE SAM KEEPS IT

(Rock Hill Herald)
Back in 1944 a man, Ellis Lewis, an employer of the town, was paid \$22,000. He dutifully reported the fact to the Internal Revenue Bureau and paid the required income tax.

Later, however, it developed that Lewis had been overpaid and he was forced to refund \$11,000 to his employer. So Lewis went to the tax collector and asked that the tax he had paid on the \$11,000 be returned to him. The Internal Revenue Bureau refused.

The case has just been decided in the United States Supreme Court and the decision was against Lewis. He won't get his money back.

His request was a fair and reasonable one, it seems to us. But the Supreme Court and Uncle Sam's tax collector thought otherwise.

SEGREGATION

(Mrs. Theo. Davis, Zebulon Record)

We so continually emphasize age groups and the urgent necessity for each child to be with his own that it would be surprising if some attention were not given to what we say. In school we are told that it will do strange and tragic things to a pupil's personality to be with those older or younger; he must stay with his age-group. In Sunday School the same principle holds; there must be classes for every year, too, and, if this seems impossible, we are ashamed of the lack of provision made. Even married couples must be sectioned off into groups according to their years on earth.

No more do we see whole families sitting in a row at church, the father at one end and the mother at the other, with "stair-steps" of children between. The little ones have their own service, suited to their age.

All this may make for efficiency, but it widens the gulf that is always between those of different generations. Small wonder that youngsters feel their recreation must be found, not at home, but where there are more like themselves; that it does not occur to many of them that parents are people who might sometimes say

something interesting, or that fun may actually be found at home.

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

(Smithfield Herald)
Mrs. Fleming follows the custom of remembering the birthdays of her boarders with a small cake and lighted candles.

Hubert Woodall, who was the object of this gesture on April 30, remarked after the ceremonies were over, and after he had been asked his age, that he was reminded of the colored prisoner who replied very sullenly to the question as to when he was born, "Wot do you care? You ain't gonner give me nothin'!"

ROY GETS A GRUDGE

(Roy Thompson, Winston-Salem Journal)
I'm starting a club called The Benevolent and Protective Order of All Men With a Grudge Against Ava Gardner.

She is a movie star. Every few months she comes here to visit a sister. Everybody is crazy about her. I was crazy about her until I wrote a story about her.

She was not delighted with the story, and she said so with a reference to a "small-town jerk." I resent that. Winston-Salem is not such a small town.

THAT'S POOR

(Mt. Olive Tribune)
Willie Hood gives Jonas Dail of Duplin County, credit for the following graphic description: "Land so poor you can't even raise h-l on it with a quart of whiskey and a fast woman."

SUBSTITUTE

(Howard White, Burlington Times-News)
A little girl had been particularly naughty all day and her exasperated mother finally sent her out in the back yard to get a switch off the peach tree.

Considerable time elapsed and the child didn't return. The mother called out the door for the child to come into the house and "bring that switch with you!"

The youngster, her lips puckered and quivering, meekly appeared with her hands behind her back.

"Well?" the mother asked. "I couldn't reach the peach tree," the child said. And then, holding out her hand, she added: "But here's a wock that you can frow at me."

STET

(Sanford Herald)
The big discussion of whether Hawkins Avenue should be widened or a by-pass constructed and the resulting decision to let the

matter rest for the time being reminds us of an occurrence in a church down in Hoke County. This particular church had long high windows on either side of the pulpit and members of the congregation decided something ought to be done with these two windows. Half the congregation favored covering them with drapes and the other half wanted to take them out completely and board up the space.

A meeting of the members of the church was held with the minister presiding. The minister ran hot and heavy for a long time. The two factions were practically equal in number and it looked as though no progress was being made at all. Finally an old gentleman rose in the back of the church and said, "Reverend, I move we leave them windows just like they damn are."

GUEST TOWELS

(Waynesville Mountaineer)
One of the most useless things man (or a woman) ever made was guest towels. Every one knows they are hung on the towel rack for looks and not for use. Now some farsighted soul has gone all the way and designed paper guest towels that can be used. Bless "his" heart, we almost know it must have been a man.

AND NOT SOONER

(Atlantic Coast Line News)
Miss Mandy, I'm delighted to learn you're engaged to be married. When are your nuptials coming off?

Mandy: "On mah weddin' night, Miz Jones, an' not a minit befo'!"

PROUD CHILDREN

(Sanford Herald)
Two Methodist preachers were invited one Sunday by a farmer to go home with him for dinner. The farmer's wife cooked what she thought was enough chicken, but the preachers ate so much the family hardly had any.

After dinner the farmer was showing the preachers around the farm when a rooster strutted proudly by. "Say, that rooster seems to be mighty proud about something," one of the preachers remarked. "Well, he should be," the farmer responded. "He's got two sons in the ministry."

REPAYMENT

(Dillon Herald)
Over a long period of years we have spent millions -- probably billions -- sending food, medicines and supplies to impoverished China. They have repaid us with bullets and lethal weapons that have killed or wounded 60,000 of the flower of our young manhood.

THEY CAN BE WRONG

(Stat Port Pilot)
Politicians once thought it would take 2,000 years to settle the United States, but the feat was achieved in a century. Politicians could be wrong in other things. There's still hope.

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