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"Fame sometimes hath created something from nothing"—Fuller

- APRIL 2-Ponce de Leon anchored near St. Augustine, 1512. 3-Tom Dewey won Wisconsin delegate, 1940. 4-WPA head asked Congress for \$85 million, 1940. 5-Discussed possible joint Anglo-French parliament, 1940. 6-Mormon Church founded at Fayette, N. Y., 1830. 7-Marietta, O. founded, 1788. 8-King Zog fled from Albania, 1939.

Only Two Days to Register

Every citizen of Plymouth should register before the books close Saturday night and vote for extension of the city limits at the special election on April 15.

Only two days remain for registering, and it should be kept in mind that no one is eligible to vote unless he, or she, registers before the books close Saturday night, regardless of how many times he may have voted or registered in the past.

It is generally admitted that a big majority of Plymouth people are in favor of the extension, but the kind of indifference being shown can easily defeat it; and unless a decided change is manifest between now and Saturday night, it is a foregone conclusion that the proposal is dead.

Labor at the Crossroads

As a whole, American labor is as patriotic as any other group, which makes it all the more difficult to understand why organized labor is putting up with the type of leadership which is rapidly undermining every gain it has made during the past 10 years.

The American people are in no frame of mind to countenance inexcusable delays in the national defense program, such as are being caused by jurisdictional strikes or wars between contending factions of organized labor.

Labor is on trial before the country, and leaders who advise "grabbing while the grabbing is good" are doing the cause of organized labor far more harm than all of its most vicious foes.

Responsible labor leadership must realize that management and capital

also have the right to a fair return for their ability and investment. Recurring demands for wage increases become impossible to meet in the face of constantly increasing taxes and government demands that prices for finished products not be raised.

Organized labor has come far in the past decade, its very progress attracting numbers of get-rich-quick schemers who have little thought for the rank-and-file workman.

The Building & Loan

The fourteenth series of stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association went on sale here this week, once more providing an opportunity for would-be home owners to "get in on the ground floor."

In the first place, it has made it possible for a number of badly needed homes to be built here in Plymouth. It has enabled a number of persons to become home owners who otherwise would still be paying rent.

It merits the whole-hearted support of Plymouth people, not only for what it has done and is doing to build up the town but for the good it is doing its own shareholders.

The building and loan shareholder pays himself to save, knows what the wage scale is, and is 100 per cent certain that there will be a pay day.

The recent annual reports of building and loan associations in North Carolina indicate that they have done right well, thank you.

Watts

WILLIAMSTON

Thur.-Fri. April 3-4 BARBARA STANWYCK HENRY FONDA in "THE LADY EVE"

Sat., Apr. 5 1 To 11 P. M. CHARLES STARRETT in "Thundering Frontier"

Sun., Apr. 6 3 & 9 P. M. MARLENE DIETRICH and JOHN WAYNE in "SEVEN SINNERS"

Mon.-Tues. Apr. 7-8 GINGER ROGERS and DENNIS MORGAN in "KITTY FOYLE"

Wed., Apr. 9 Mat. 3:30 LIONEL BARRYMORE and EDWARD ARNOLD in "THE PENALTY"

Thur.-Fri. Apr. 10-11 EDWARD G. ROBINSON JOHN GARFIELD and IDA LUPINO in "THE SEA WOLF"

Marco - Williamston

Fri.-Sat. Apr. 4-5 "Los Vegas Nights" with PHIL REGAN BERT WHEELER and Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra

EXCESSIVE SPEED—A KILLER

By RONALD HOCUTT North Carolina Highway Safety Division

"Yours may be the only car on the road and you still will stand a chance of being involved in a serious accident unless you drive at a safe speed."

Hocutt made this statement after studying the 1940 record with respect to single-responsibility accidents on North Carolina streets and highways.

"It doesn't take two cars to make an accident," he declared. "It only takes one car driven improperly. Last year, 988 persons were killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina, and 280 of these were killed in single-responsibility accidents. Fifty-

four were killed in cars that struck fixed objects, such as bridge abutments, telephone poles, etc., on the roadway or on the right-of-way. And 181 were killed in cars that got out of control and ran off the road. Sixty-eight were killed in cars that overturned in the roadway."

"A large majority of these accidents are a direct result of excessive speed," the safety director said. "Cars just don't turn over in a ditch or go sailing off into a ditch or field unless they are being driven so fast that their drivers are unable to control them."

"It is speed that is killing people every day on North Carolina highways, and until speeding is discouraged by unrelenting and impartial enforcement, we need not expect any reduction in single-responsibility accidents, at least."

For, after all, saving dollars, as important as that is, is not the sole function of the building and loan plan. Building and loan dollars are constantly at work creating new values, building new homes or improving old ones.

And that is by way of appraising these institutions from one angle only—the angle that has to do with dollars saved and put to work. But there is something else to be considered: the habit-forming angle in which the shareholder practices thrift until it becomes almost second-nature with him; he gets so he really enjoys the "pinch" of diverting a small portion of his weekly pay check, because he has seen how it grows and grows.

Wonder why more people are not employing this service and pay themselves for saving? Wonder why more of them are not educating their children to its value?

God Bless America

Hertford County Herald Steve Cardinale lives in Monterey, California. He is a native of Sicily and peddles fish for a living.

He appreciates much the privilege of living in America. A few days ago he wrote the following to President Roosevelt:

"I am sending fifty dollars to you to be used for the defense of our beloved country and all that I can do for this land that I love, I shall be glad to do. The real democracy is in this country and we pray it shall not die."

How many native Americans have sent fifty-dollar bills to be used in National defense?

The fellow who insists that life isn't worth living, surely struggles to hold on to it, just the same.

THE Public FORUM

WARREN'S HISTORY

To the editor: I have been following with keen interest Neil Battle Lewis' column for the past five weeks, in which she gives some very revealing information about Judge B. Warren's North Carolina History; and I was gratified to see that The Roanoke Beacon had an editorial on the subject last week.

Miss Lewis' column has been especially interesting to me, as I have one child in the fifth grade, and two in lower grades, who will eventually be called upon to study this book, as they will both reach the fifth grade before the five-year contract is up.

I am today writing Mr. Trotman, the principal of our school, protesting against the use of this book, and asking that my child be excused from further study of it. I feel that his time could be used to better advantage on some other subject.

Every parent of children in the fifth and lower grades, especially, should protest the use of this book; and I feel that they will, if they are all made aware of the facts in the case. Miss Lewis cites over 200 errors in fact, not including numerous errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation.

If the customer doesn't flinch, you then say, "That's for the frames. The lenses will be another \$10."

A colored man got his nerve together and took a flight in an aeroplane. As he climbed out of the ship on its return to the field, he turned to the pilot and said:

"Suh, I has to thank you fo both them rides."

"What are you talking about," said the aviator, "you only had one ride."

"No, suh," returned the passenger. "Ah done had two—mah fust and mah last!"

Visitor: "Are your father and mother in?" Skippy: "They was in, but they is out."

Visitor: "They was in. They is out! Where's your grammar?" Skippy: "She's upstairs."

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMELER

Dictating As Is—

"... Now, look here; I fired three girls for revising my letters, see?" said the Boss to his new Steno.

"Yes, sir."

"All right; now take a letter and take it the way I tell you."

And the next morning, Mr. O. J. Squizz, of the Squizz Soap Company, received the following letter:

"Mr. O. K. or A. J. or something—look it up—Squizz, what a name. Soap Company, Detroit, that's in Michigan, isn't it? Dear Mr. Squizz: Hmmm. You're a hell of a business man. No; start over. He's a crook, but I can't insult him or the bum'll sue me. The last shipment of soap you sent us was of inferior quality. I want you to understand—Hmmm—unless you can ship—furnish—ship—no, furnish us with your regular soap, you needn't ship us no more period or whatever the grammar is, and pull down your skirt. This damn cigar is out again."

"Where was I? Paragraph. Your soap wasn't what you said—I should say it wasn't. Them bums tried to put over a lot of hooey on us. Whadda you flappers want to paint your faces up for like Indians on a warpath? We're sending back your last shipment of soap tomorrow. Sure, we're gonna send it back. I'd like to feed it to 'em with a spoon and make 'em eat it, the dirty bums. Now read the letter over—no, don't read it over, we've wasted enough time on them crooks. Fix it up and sign my name. What do you say we out to lunch?"

April Fooling— This seems to be about as good a time as any to get the following off our chests. So here goes:

Father: "Mabel, that young man of yours stays too late when he calls. Hasn't your mother said something to you about it?"

Mabel: "Yes, daddy; mother says men haven't changed a bit."

The proprietor of a highly successful optical shop was instructing his son, newly entered into the business, on how to go about charging a customer.

"Son," he said, "after you have fit-

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