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Editorial Comment

WOMEN AND POLL TAX

WE quote below an editorial which recently appeared in the Morganton, N. C., News-Herald:

Reading that the South Carolina Legislature in its struggle to find ways and means to finance public institutions and charitable enterprises is considering the idea of requiring women voters to pay the same poll tax paid by men, we are disposed to think the proposition altogether just and fair.

The Columbia State, saying there is no valid reason why any voter, regardless of sex, should be exempt from poll tax, prefers that the women should take the lead. It approves a suggestion of a South Carolina woman that the proceeds of poll tax paid by women go to a T. B. sanatorium, and adds: "That, we think, is a wonderful idea. Let the women pay a poll tax and then let them see where that money goes."

If and when a similar movement is started in North Carolina, here is at least one woman who approves the idea. We can think of numerous causes which would appeal to women generally and for the support of which they would not object to paying poll tax.

We are inclined to agree with Miss Cobb that this idea is a good one. It should be thought over and seriously considered.

FOREST TAXATION ESSAY CONTEST

A letter addressed to the County Superintendents of Public Instruction says: Dear Sirs—

Those high school pupils who are taking part in the essay contest on forest taxation conducted by this Department must, in accordance with the rules, hand in their essays to the principals of their schools not later than March 17. Between that time and April 10 when the successful essays must be received at this office, the school principals must pass upon the essays and turn over the three best in each school to you and your committee consisting of yourself and two others as outlined on page 2 of the enclosed letter to the principals of the high schools who must decide on the winning essays for your county.

The French Broad Bank and the Southern Bank are the only banks in the county that have a...

prizes should be awarded by authorized representatives of the donors at the commencement of the schools to which the successful contestants belong. A considerable number of children in your county have applied for material so that I think you may expect a keen contest.

I hope by this time you have selected your county committee giving Mr. W. K. Beichler, the District Forester at Asheville, an opportunity of looking over the essays if this meets with your approval. I shall look forward to receiving the three winning essays from you or your committee not later than April 10.

If one of the winners of the State prizes is from your county, we will notify you as soon as the decision is made.

Very truly yours, J. S. HOLMES, State Forester.

GENERAL NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

The University of N. C. was saddened the latter part of last week when it was learned that President Harry Woodburn Chase had tendered his resignation to the college. Dr. Chase had been in Chapel Hill for twenty years. He is to become president of the University of Illinois.

The second executive lost by N. C. colleges in two days last week was Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, of Wake Forest College, who tendered his resignation to the board of trustees of the college on Friday of last week. Dr. Gaines announced Thursday night that he would accept the presidency of Washington and Lee University, tendered him following a meeting of the board of trustees in Richmond, Va., Thursday.

Station WWNC, the radio station now owned and operated by The Asheville Citizen, observed its third birthday anniversary last Saturday night immediately after midnight, with a special "Night Hawk" program.

A nine-hole golf course is being laid out in the Bridewell or county jail, a report comes from Chicago, this course being built by the prisoners for the benefit of the judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys with an hour or two to lose from the courtroom.

Six persons were slightly injured, although all of them escaped serious injury, when an Asheville-Oteen bus left the Black Mountain highway Sunday afternoon, turning completely over and landing right side up in the Swannanoa River. A broken radius rod was given as the cause of the accident.

The Carl LaFell orchestra of the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville has been signed for another year. This will be good news for the many people who listen to this orchestra.

Tears shone in the eyes of on-lookers during the brief ceremony Monday as Charles Evans Hughes ascended to the chief justiceship of the United States, at which time there was an atmosphere of mingled gladness for the coming of Hughes and sadness for the serious illness of his predecessor, William Howard Taft.

A twenty-five room, one-story school building is to be built at Enka, N. C., near Asheville, under tentative plans submitted Tuesday night to committeemen and principals of four Buncombe county school districts.

A new, commodious, modern freight depot has been built in Morganton, N. C., by the Southern Railway. This depot has been in use for some time, and the building is of brick and concrete with concrete floors, steel frame, cement tile roof, copper gutters, steam heating plant and electric wires.

Albert Tangors, world's champion typist, gave a demonstration at Cecil's Business College in Asheville Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock.

Chicago's present financial plight...



SHAKIN' SAM SEIZ.

Did you-all ever notice how a feller sometimes involuntarily (where, o h, where did I get dat word?) mentions de place he come from, dat is, de place where he has formerly been for a longtime? Well, speaking parenthetically, I do de same thing onct in a while, an' dat's why I'm goin' to tell you 'bout a little experience I done had in Alabama years an' years ago. It happened dis way—I was out fishin' one day, an' de fish wasn't bitin' much, an' I was jes' sittin' on de bank a-smokin' my ol' pipe an' kinder dreamin', you know, when all of a sudden—BAM!—jes' like dat, some-thin' hit my line. Well, I thought I'd hooked a whale er somethin' like dat, when I really was jes' fishin' for a mess o' catfish, but I yanked on de pole, an' den de fun began. Oh, my gosh, I never is seen sich a fuss as dat ol' fish was makin'. I thought he was goin' to drag me overboard in spite of all dat I could do. Onct he jumped plum' out o' de water an' I got a good look at him, an' boy, he mus' have weighed at leas' fifteen pounds, an' he was a doggone good-lookin' BASS at dat. Imagine dat—fishin' for catfish an' hookin' a bass like dat. Well, I mus' have got excited or some-thin', 'cause anyway de line broke, an' I guess dat ol' bass is still livin' today—at leas', as far as I've had any more to do wid him, he is. Dat's jes' a case o' fisherman's luck, er I should say, hard luck.

I'm goin' to tell you folks some mo' of my exper'ences some time. Boys, I've seen things an' done things. Yassuh!

I don't know why, but I still gits a little item onct in a while in regard to de Office Kat, whose Kolum used to run' in dis paper. I want to tell you, onct an' "fur" all, de Office Kat is dead an' dee-funct, an' I reckon it's a good thing I got here when I did to start another column in place of de other one.

HOME DEMONSTRATOR'S COLUMN

Organization of County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

Monday, March 3rd, at 1:00 o'clock in the Court Room there will be a meeting of the home demonstration women for the purpose of organizing a County Federation. Every home demonstration club member will automatically be a member of the County Federation. The nature and business of such an organization will be explained at the meeting.

Then there are several important matters to be discussed pertaining to County business. Please, every home demonstration member come.

Leaders School Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension Food Specialist from State College, will give her first leaders school in foods, our major project for the year. Miss Thomas will be here March 12 at 10:15. She is especially anxious to meet all the leaders and as many of the other women that can come. But it is especially requested that all leaders attend.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK Monday, 1:00—County Federation. Tuesday, 1:30—Spring Creek girls. 1:30—Spring Creek women. Wednesday, 2:30—Walnut women. Thursday, 10:30—Beech Glen girls. 2:00—Pioneer women.

Mon—Young Mr. Snortin sent Grace a bunch of orchids last night; I think there's something up. Tue—The sure there is, I see him coming out of a pawnshop yesterday without his overcoat.—Pattin'.

From GRAND VIEW

Saturday, Feb. 22, another noble character, Rev. Mr. H. Hooker, age eighty years, and of the Red Oak section, passed away. For some time he had been in declining health having steadily grown worse for the past several months. He bore his illness patiently unto the end and is now doubtless resting in perfect peace with the Master, free from the hardships of this sinful world.

Funeral services were held at the Grand View Baptist church, Monday at 11:00 o'clock, after which his body was placed in the lonely cemetery nearby, there to sleep until the great resurrection morning. The beautiful floral offerings were many as they were, placed upon his grave of clay.

Mr. Hooker professed faith in Christ at the age of 14, ever after remaining a devoted Christian and a laborer for God, of which forty-five years of his life was entirely sacrificed in the duties of his Master. His prayers, council, and remarkable influence shall long be remembered in the lives of his numerous friends and relatives to help guide them along the same pathway.

Being an old pioneer minister, he was the second oldest in the French Broad Association, doing his work faithfully always, which has won for him many stars in his crown. Mr. Hooker was also known to never fail to visit the bedside of the ill, if they were anywhere in reach; to cheer them in hopes of Christ. The times he has filled his place in Grand View church, his prayers and interest for the upbuilding of the community and the edification of the church shall not be forgotten for decades to come. We, too, who are still remaining, through the moment of departure uncertain, should follow the example he has left behind, so we may in our dying moment, smile at death as a brighter life awaiting for us just beyond the crystal waters. Stretch our arms toward God, and fly into His tender, loving care, there to remain to sing His praise throughout the ceaseless ages.

Our deepest sympathy and regard we extend to the lonely companion and children, and only pray that they may travel in the footsteps of father and husband, the high ideals and the deep conviction he was always noted for; until they meet him on the other shore to reign for all eternity.

The many friends of Mrs. John Hunter who have visited her bedside during her illness will be glad to learn of her recovery.

People of this community were all sorry when the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Green was destroyed by fire. Very few furnishings were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reese and children spent the week end with Mr. C. M. Burnette.

Mrs. H. Keeter, of Rector's Chapel spent the day Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. O'Connor.

PRaise THEIR TEACHERS

We only have one more week of school. We are very sorry of it, too. Mrs. Bernice Payne and Mr. Winston Rice have taught us one of the best schools we have ever had. I think our school has been extra good. We have all learned well. We love them both.

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BANKERS FIND GROUP BANKING WIDESPREAD

Over 13 Billion Dollars of Bank Assets in Affiliated Systems Numbering 1,850 Members—In Nearly Every State.

Over 1,850 banks with more than thirteen billion dollars in resources are shown to be associated with chain or group banking systems in the United States in facts recently gathered by the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association. The chairman of the commission, R. S. Hecht of New Orleans, pointed out that the facts indicate that "almost 7 1/2 per cent of our banks and over 18 per cent of our banking resources are in the great net of group or chain banking that now covers almost every part of the country."

The commission's facts comprised chain and group banking affiliations in the broadest sense of the term, the report said. They included those groups in which the controlling element was a particular bank, there being reported 78 instances of this class involving 407 banks and about \$6,478,000,000 in combined banking resources. They included also groups in which a non-banking holding company, not subsidiary to any particular bank, was in control and of this class 28 instances were found, involving 390 banks and nearly \$5,835,000,000 in resources. The report also included groupings in which control was exercised by individual persons and these cases numbered 167, involving 1,071 banks and about \$1,468,000,000 in assets.

The Total Figures

The total was over \$13,275,000,000 in aggregate resources. Some of the systems comprised 50 to 100 banks each. Head offices of the groups were found in all jurisdictions, but nine of the states and the District of Columbia.

"We have not included in these figures," the report says, "banking groups in which a commercial bank, a trust company and an investment house, and sometimes a savings bank, are tied together by some form of stock holdings and operated as complementary elements in an organization rendering complete financial services. We have held that such groups are similar to a departmentalized bank and different in the purposes and operations from a chain or group banking system."

"For purposes of the present report we define chain or group banks as systems in which centralized control, whether corporate or personal and either rigid or informal, directs the operations of two or more complete banks, not functionally complementary, each working on its own capital and under its own personnel and located in one or more cities or states."

Commenting on the question whether the rapid development of chain banking was in the nature of a reaction against restrictions imposed on branch banking by the banking laws in many states the report says that observation does not wholly confirm this theory since chain banking is prevalent in some states where virtually no restriction is imposed on branch banking, as well as in those where the establishment of branch banks is prohibited. It adds:

The Question of Branch Banking "However the facts do show that anti-branch banking laws have been a factor in some cases, and probably in some sections, in the spread of chain banking. Instances have come to our attention where expansion along chain bank lines has been carried out by state banks whose expansion along branch bank lines was stopped by the passing of state laws prohibiting further branches. Yet whether expansion would have been along branch bank lines if the laws had imposed no barriers, it is impossible to say. There is obviously a well developed banking opinion in some sections that the chain bank method brings to outlying banks the strength and efficiency of a big organization without depriving them of their local individuality and sympathies. In view of the mixed factors noted, we feel it is unsafe to generalize as to what hearing branch banking laws have on chain developments."

The recent era of rapid chain bank developments has found specific reflection in some state legislative action tending to restrict or control chain or group banking. Also we find a sharp difference of opinion among state bank commissioners who have expressed their sentiments regarding chain banking. In a foreword to the report, issued in booklet form by the association at its New York City headquarters, Chairman Hecht says that "the Economic Policy Commission does not take a stand in advocacy of or in opposition to this new method of concentrating banking resources through the affiliation of banks into groups and chains, but is simply offering as a fact finding body what we believe is the first complete national picture of this rapidly growing movement."

SCHOOL SAVINGS GROW

A total of 4,322,355 school children participated in school savings banking in the United States during the last school year, depositing \$28,672,454 and rolling up net savings of \$10,339,335, bringing total bank balances now credited to this movement to above \$6 million dollars, according to the annual report of the Savings Bank Association of the American Bankers Association. Send to the number of 15, 207 are enrolled in the plan.

From Walnut Creek

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maco Wallin on February 13th, a fine baby girl, name—Iva Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Massey, also Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Crow from Black Mountain, were visiting friends on Walnut Creek Sunday.

Mr. Patterson Will was the Sunday afternoon caller of Miss Erna Wallin.

Mr. Joe Wild has gone to Black Mountain where he will work for a while.

Mrs. Clyde Wallin spent the day Monday with her mother-in-law. Miss Vertie Fender is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jane Wallin, on Walnut Creek.

Mrs. Mary Wallin spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Bessie Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fender were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Maco Wallin, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Wallin and Miss Hannah Ball were, visiting at the home of Miss Erna and Eula Wallin Tuesday.

Shakin' Sam, come on with your column. It sure is fine. I am a weekly reader of your column. I have nothing to say about how you look. That is all right with me.

"ANNA CHRISTIE"

Greta Garbo's first talking picture, "Anna Christie, which because of the curiosity on the part of audiences regarding Miss Garbo's speaking voice, has aroused more interest than almost any other picture to come to the audible screen, will be presented at the Plaza Theatre, in Asheville during the entire week of March 3rd.

And for the benefit of those who are still curious about Miss Garbo's ability to adapt herself to the new medium of audible entertainment, it might be well to quote from a review of Mollie Merrick in the Hartford, Connecticut Times. — She writes "Yesterday at a professional preview the Garbo voice was run for these ears. It is the sort of earthy, thrilling, deep-toned voice you would have hoped she would possess. But her possessing this is just the beginning of the story. It is in the use of it that Garbo reveals herself an artist—an artist far beyond any of the limitations which silence imposed on her. She emerges thru this new form, a woman of surpassing personality. An artist with capabilities for a far greater gamut than the Garbo of the silent films."

Clarence Brown, who directed "Flesh and the Devil", directed Miss Garbo's first venture on the audible screen.

MRS. J. W. GOFORTH DEAD

After an illness of fourteen months Mrs. J. W. Goforth, age 29, of Barnard, died at her home Tuesday, February 25 at 1:45 P. M., of tuberculosis. The funeral was at four o'clock Wednesday conducted by Rev. Perry Sprinkle, interment following at Crosler Ridge cemetery on Big Pine. Mrs. Goforth leaves her husband, her father, W. H. Roberts; two sisters, Mrs. L. J. Harpe and Miss Vanita Roberts; and two children, Waltean, age 4, and Colleen, age 22 months. The husband, Mr. J. W. Goforth, wishes to thank the people of the community for their kindness during her death and burial.

Scene in modern apartment: She—Dear, there's a man under the bed. He—Don't disturb him—he'll freeze to death in an hour or so.—The Pathfinder.

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