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Watch Out For Grafters

The Elkin Tribune seems to have experienced an unusual amount of the trouble in that area recently with grafters, and in a pointed editorial, warned their readers to be on the look out.

This community is not immune to such tactics as "pulled" in Elkin, which prompts us to pass on the timely information of The Tribune.

With as many opportunities as there are nowadays to make an honest living, it is puzzling why there are always people around who insist on methods of "turning an honest dollar" that are anything but honest.

A series of robberies that have occurred in Elkin and neighboring communities recently is proof that some people had rather risk being caught stealing than to do honest work. And now, to cap the climax, the report comes, as contained in the last issue of this newspaper, that someone has been busy at work playing on the generosity of people by soliciting funds for an orphanage. Needless to say, contributions do not find their way to the orphanage, but into the pocket of the solicitor.

This latest outrage on the part of a low chiseler came to light here when a number of people reported having been approached by a person "telling a pathetic story of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville being in dire need of medical care," and asking for contributions. It so happens that the Baptist Church supports this orphanage from funds contributed by its members, and has never authorized any person to go out and make a general canvass.

It's just another case of someone too lazy, or too warped in mentality to make an honest living, seeking to live off the gullibility of kind-hearted people. And although we have no way of knowing, we imagine this grafter has done pretty well at his racket.

With so many "causes" needing money these days, everyone approached by a solicitor should first make sure that the cause is legitimate, and that the solicitor has proof that he or she is actually working for the cause represented. Otherwise, many more dollars might go to further the health and happiness of those working a racket.

A Thirst For Education

The story in this newspaper last Thursday about five Haywood children walking eight miles daily to attend school almost sounded fantastic in this day of "riders."

Yet here is an actual case, right here in our county, of youngsters, interested enough in getting an education, that they will hike four miles over a rocky mountain road to school, and then trudge back down the mountain after school.

Such interest as that never calls for a truant officer. Such interest as that means the children are absorbing everything offered them—and they are remembering what they learn.

This is a remote case, we are glad to say, and certainly not the general situation for many Haywood children.

Their determination to get an education should be a lesson to the thousands of students who are privileged with more advantages of school closer home.

The whole story would not be complete without just tribute to Major Cecil Brown, and her co-workers at Maple Springs, in providing a day school for the hiking students.

While we have never seen the students, we can visualize the little 6-year-old boy as having sparkling eyes, and a speller of the "A" quality; while the 13-year-old girls could out-spell, and out-figure many high school graduates.

After all, an education is acquiring the knowledge one wants, and ignoring what else is offered, because of indifference, or self-satisfaction.

A Beautiful Beginning

Within a few years, this community should be known as the dogwood center. The Richmond Garden Club members are doing their part in attaining such a distinction. Their planting program, already past the 500 mark for the season, will continue for sometime.

The state flower is beautiful, and a prolific tree, which takes but little care once given a good start in a new place to grow.

The program started by the Garden Club should not stop with the plantings, but should be stressed year in and year out throughout the area.

The soil and climate here are ideal for shrubs, and flowers of many types, and we would do well to take advantage of this asset.

A Russian Citizen

You have undoubtedly at one time or another wondered what life would be under a Communist regime. You may have built up lofty ideas of there being capitalists, and everything belonging to "the people."

No one has been able to say for sure what life would be under the Communistic code of laws, for the Iron Curtain, about which we have heard so much, has been effective in screening the unfortunate Russian-dominated peoples from the weaknesses and pitfalls of our outmoded, capitalistic form of government.

What we have been able to discover is what the Russian citizen is forbidden to do:

- May NOT own land;
- May NOT be tried by a jury;
- May NOT choose his own job;
- May NOT absent himself from work;
- May NOT strike;
- May NOT picket;
- May NOT employ labor;
- May NOT travel;
- May NOT own jewelry;
- May NOT ring a church bell;
- May NOT be friends with one who is a foreigner, and is forbidden freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom of soul.

Think about that for a while, and then decide whether or not Communism is a boon or a bane.—Newberry, S. C., Observer.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

5 YEARS AGO
John Evans resigns as chief of Hazelwood police to accept similar duties at Clyde.

Ed Sims is elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lt. Hobart Hyatt received honorable discharge from the army.

T. N. Massie heads Wild Life Group in ninth district.

10 YEARS AGO
Work starts on construction of

the plant for Dayton Rubber Company.

Miss Grace Platt Campbell, first lieutenant in the Army Nursing Corps, is ordered to report to duty at a base hospital in Puerto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prevost entertain with buffet supper as a courtesy to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Burlington, Vt.

15 YEARS AGO
T. Troy Wyche is unanimously

elected Grand Master at a meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina in Gastonia.

Ninety-two students will receive diplomas from local high school in May.

Building and Loan pays \$17,600 on matured stock.

Howard Hyatt, student at McCallie's, is spending the spring vacation at home.



ON THE RUN—This session of the Legislature has its usual share of lobbyists, those gentlemen and ladies who are somewhat referred to as "the third class." With the exception of only a handful they are modest, try to behave themselves, and keep out of the way of legislators unless interested in some special legislation.

They don't move a great deal in the lobbies and galleries as a rule.

One thing they fear is being singled out for recognition. Other visitors to the Legislature love it and a great deal of time is used by senators and representatives in having the chair extend the courtesies of the floor, the lobby, the gallery, or what-have-you to distinguished citizens from Podunk. They are always distinguished. They are always charming, prominent, or honored. "I move you, Sir, that the courtesy of the lobby be extended to..." It's a good way for the legislators to make and keep friends. However, the lobbyists don't want it.

Knowing this, a legislative friend of three or four lobbyists observed them in the east lobby last week. He had one of the pages take them a note informing them he was getting ready to have them recognized. They cared nothing for the recognition, took it on the run, and at last report were confining their lobbying activities to the rooms of the Sir Walter and the rotunda of the Capitol.

A NEW LOW—When the "New Republic," the most liberal of our liberal publications, begins lambasting the Fair Deal, it's time to go home. In the latest issue of this bright-as-tomorrow magazine, there is an editorial which scorches President Harry Truman.

This came in a week of crime revelations, RFC inquiries, Alger Hiss' departure for prison, and investigations in other fields associated with our Federal Government. Meantime, inflation rode unfettered.

Many life-long and rock-ribbed Democrats in the Legislature admit privately that only a miracle can save the National Democratic Party from defeat in 1952.

There has never been a time when we so much needed great confidence in our Government. Yet has there been a period in our history when there was so little confidence in our Government?

ALUMNI OR TRIBBLE?—A private but rather important man-of-

Grateful Citizens Give Restored Loot to Cops

TALLADEGA, Ala. (UP)—The victims of a series of burglaries here showed their appreciation of a job well done when police solved the cases; arrested three youths and recovered the stolen property.

When the officers made the rounds to return the loot to the rightful owners, the victims refused to accept the stolen goods.

They told the officers to sell it and use the money for a police banquet.

war is being fought between Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, and various prominent members of the Wake-Forest Alumni Association over control of athletics at the Baptist school.

Some of the alumni are claiming that President Tribble has things of greater import than athletics which should be engaging his mind. They are pointing for instance, to the recent brochure on Wake Forest's proposed move to Winston-Salem. This shows that cost of the new plant in the Twin City will total \$17,500,000 as compared with an estimated cost of only \$6,000,000 when the project received approval.

N. C. IN RFC?—Although North Carolina swings a lot of weight in Washington, it has somehow remained free of the semi-scaudalous indictments which have been made against the administration. On the contrary, it was Controller General Lindsay Warren who first told them that RFC books were in a mess; and it was Senator Clyde R. Hoey who first moved on the five percenter.

Now Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's Robert M. Hanes is being considered as head of RFC. He says he won't take it. But he also said he wouldn't take the ECA job in Europe. He ended up taking the position and doing a grand job with it.

Here is hoping the RFC will be knocked in the head at once, with our Bob Hanes being given the job of liquidating it. Liquidation should require three or four years; and North Carolina would receive the credit for pulling a bad chestnut out of the fire.

Voice of the People

Would you favor a mandatory 5-day jail sentence for motorists arrested for driving drunk?

Ben Woodard: "I think he ought to have a year and a day on the road and not be allowed to own a car in the state of North Carolina."

Fred Edwards: "Yes."

Lester J. Stoekton: "Why sure. I'd give him life!"

Doug Bailey: "Yes, I think it would be a good idea."

Mrs. Sam Lane: "Yes, I would."

Mrs. Jack Edwards: "Certainly."

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, April 3rd
BETHEL

Mrs. Henry Francis	9:10-9:20
Mrs. Wiley Franklin	9:30-9:45
Bethel School	10:00-11:15
John M. Rigdon	11:30-12:00
Spring Hill School	12:30-1:15
Ed. Blalock's Grocery	1:20-1:40
Mrs. Welch Singleton	2:00-2:15
Mrs. Hugh Terrell	2:30-2:45

Friday, April 6th
CECIL & CRUSO

Parris Store	9:30-9:45
Mrs. James Reeves	10:00-10:15
Mrs. Edgar Burnett	10:25-10:40
Cecil School	10:45-11:30
Burnett's Cash Groc.	11:45-12:00
Springdale School	12:15-1:15
Cruso School	1:30-2:15
Henson Groc.	2:20-2:35

The Mackenzie, 2,514 miles long from its headwaters, is Canada's longest river.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Are most great men "realistic"?

Answer: Usually not in the same sense as ordinary mortals. The main difference is in the great man's attitude toward what the rest of us would "realistically" see as obstacles to the achievement of our goals, but which the great man manages to ignore or surmount—as Beethoven, for instance, did his deafness. But confidence based on mere wishful thinking will not make a man great, and in so far as their unique (natural) gifts make possible for them what is impossible for most of us, great men have their own special kind of "realism."

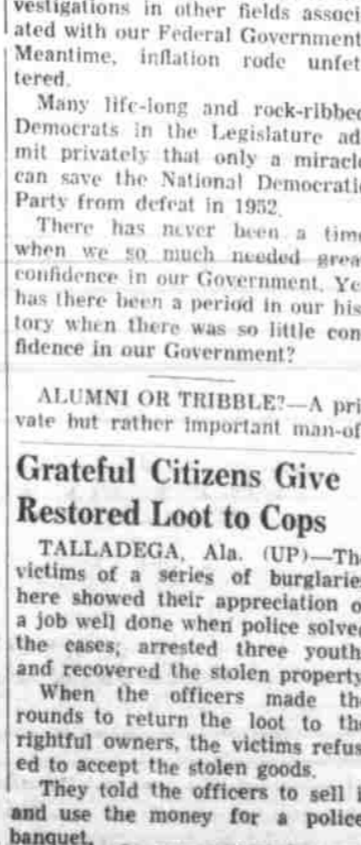
By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

less substance known as "muclose" which will fill a person's stomach without giving him calories which he does not need. It is said that after having fooled his sense in this way, a stout person will "leave food on his plate." Dr. A. J. Jones reports that with his patients, this method of treatment produced weight reductions of an average of 2.5% per month.

Are scholarship awards biased?

Answer: They would seem to be, say Drs. Irving Lorge and Rose Kushner of Teachers College, New York. The apparent bias does not involve racial or religious backgrounds, but the subjects which the givers of awards seem to think most important. The fact that more boys than girls receive scholarships does not mean that the boys are brighter, but that they more often specialize in science and mathematics, whereas girls are more apt to choose the "humanities."

FALSE FRONT



Rambling 'Round

—Bits of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

freely but never accept...

Mrs. Barnum, the world-renowned circus owner, once made a remark that has become famous—and justly so. He said "There's a sucker born every minute." And how well he might have added to that remark—and most of them live! By reading and listening to the gambling investigations going on in New York at the present time, one can readily believe that the gullibility of the average public is beyond belief. It is like the motorist who believes he can make it safely over a deep mudhole into which he has watched a dozen cars mire up and have to be hauled out. It is a terrible thing that so wonderful an aid as Faith can be so desecrated!

There's no use in looking back when traveling this one-way street named Life... you can't return and pick up something you left on the way.

The reference to the melted butter recently brought to mind an incident which happened to yours truly. We brought home two bottles of milk and put them in the window over night. The next day (after a near-zero sudden drop) we found the two bottles... completely empty and with both bottoms neatly broken as though cut with a sharp knife. Frozen and then thawed out before we thought about them.

Maybe the grass looks greener and better in the other field, but there is a price in knowing that he has that will have to make you.

Heard in passing: "He looks like to me to be a good outside line rudder out."

Tiny green leaves, rumors; all they need start and then they'll grow.

Judge Pays Up

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (UP)—Nathan Ahlson received time parking tickets while paying the fine for an out-of-control car.

Advice is something we donate

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

MEAT, FRESH, MEAT, TO GO, MEAT, TO MEASURE

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Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Red Cross Today Faces Enormously Vast Task

Twenty Million Trained in First Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The Red Cross is going on a wartime march with a difference, because the "wartime" is different. A drawn-out "cold" war that may turn "hot" with the dropping atomic bomb presents staggering problems to this agency.

These problems are made no lighter by the fact that the Red Cross is a quasi-governmental agency; expected to carry a large share of the national civilian defense program, but without any military or government authority or aid.

This is what the Red Cross is faced with. Training 20 million or more non-combat children in first aid, including new means of victims of atomic attack.

Training (or retraining World War II veterans) 250,000 nurses aides for hospital duty to the civilian nursing shortage caused by war demands.

Organizing disaster units in every community emergency duty in feeding and providing for victims of war.

Building up a stockpile of one million units of blood plasma for use by the armed forces. It takes two and one-half million units to make one million units of plasma. And this does not take into account the immediate need for civilian use or donations of whole blood.

STAGGERING as the outlined program appears, the Red Cross could tackle it if they could find some way to "shake" the public out of their inertia.

"We just can't get them up onto their feet and out doing things on which their very lives may depend," one national Red Cross official very informally put it.

The most obvious ways of recruiting volunteers to take the aid training—through schools, factories and offices—have been employed by the Red Cross.

Trained instructors from more than 300,000 local chapters are training school teachers and factory and business foremen as instructors. These teachers and foremen in turn will teach the aid methods to their classes and fellow workers.

Even the smallest of school children are being trained. Those 14 years of age are given a special "junior" course. The new atomic attack training does not differ too far from standard courses taught during World War II. As one Red Cross instructor explained: "The radiation injuries are the ones that the public's imagination. But actually most of the victims of atomic attack, that could be helped, would be victims of blast."

THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE in the World War II training of the new first aid classes is the emphasis put on training large masses of volunteers—perhaps 100 or more to each instructor. It is being given in how to determine which victims deserve first aid; which are able enough to walk to a first aid station.

The national Red Cross is working very closely with the War Relocation Authority in planning for disaster relief. This is being followed in every community, large and small, as fast as civilian defense setups are organized. In Chicago, for example, the Red Cross has been asked to take over the training in first aid and disaster home nursing of all civil defense workers.

To meet its semi-war needs—and to keep its peacetime program as stable as possible—the Red Cross will have to call its roster of 225,000 trained, regular volunteers. In every community, first aid instructors, nurses aides, staff workers and Red Cross can't "draft" recruits. It must depend on