My Favorite Stories

By CARL GOERCH

H. J. "Doggie" Hatcher has held a number of political positions, but this incident occurred when he was representing Burke county in the General Assembly.

One Sunday morning when the legislature was in session, I happened to be in the lobby of the Carolina Hotel-it was about 10:00 o'clock-and saw Doggie strolling around rather aimlessley. I hailed

"Well," he said, in answer to my question, "I had some business matters to attend to yesterday, and I decided to remain in Raleigh over the weekend rather than undertake that 200-mile drive to Morganton last night."

"Kind of lonesome around here,

isn't it?" I inquired. "It sure is," he said. "Practically all of the boys have gone home.' "How about coming out to the house and eating dinner with us," I suggested.

'Well - I don't want to cause any trouble or -

"No trouble whatsoever. My wife will be tickled to death to have

So after a little more argument. he finally consented to go out to the house with me. He said he appreciated the invitation very much because he was feeling sort of blue and lonesome. My wife and daughter had met

Doggie on several previous occasions and they were delighted to my car and headed for town, see him. We sat around and chatted for awhile, and then went in afternoon?" he wanted to know, to dinner.

There's one habit that I got into a number of years ago, and from

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which I have seldom varied. As a rule, I do a lot of traveling over activities." about 5 o clock, with a little time gestion. And so-although I im- along.

out for some reading. when we naisned our dinner, we warked back into the living room and sat down to talk a while. it wasn't long before I began to get sleepy and started longing for in one of the other rooms with a distance."

However-as you may know Doggie is a most entertaining conversationalist, and my folks seemed to enjoy his remarks greatly. He told them about his experience as a student at Trinity, as a football coach, as a young lawyer, as a legislator - and heaven only knows what else.

I began to get sleepier and sleepier.

Then he started calking about Burke County and its many desirable assets. I waited until he came to a brief pause and then rose from my chair, sort of casual like, and said: "Well, Doggie, I've got to go down to the office and do some work this afternoon. I know that Mrs. Goerch and Sibyl will be delighted to have you stay here, or you can ride down town with me and I'll drop you at your hotel." "I'll ride along with you," he

And so, after giving him a little time to say goodbye, we got into

"What's the idea of working this

To tell the truth, I didn't have any idea of working. My thought was to drop him at the hotel and then turn around and go back home and to bed. Naturally, however, I couldn't tell him that. I explained that as a result of my legislative work—the broadcasting and everything-I had to put in a few extra hours of work on Sundays to catch up.

"Do you get any papers from other parts of the state?" he wanted to know.

"Lots of them," I told him, "I imagine that we get close to a hundred.

"Do you get the News-Herald from Morganton?" "Yes, indeed."

"I'll tell you what I'd like to do. You say you're going to work for a couple of hours?"

"How about me going up to the

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office with you and letting me look fore he showed any signs of being over some of the papers? I'd like through, And during all that time to get an idea of what they're say- I had to sit at my desk and preing about the Legislature and its tend I was working to beat the

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I've never been so sleepy in all Well, sir, I've never been so Sunday comes around, I like to completely nonplussed in all my my life, I could hardly keep my year Tire & Rubber Co, and the eat dinner at noon and then go life. There wasn't a single object eyes open, but in spite of that, I Stephens-Adamson Mfg. Co. by the upstairs and take a nap until tion I could think of to his sug- pretended to be working right Hudson and Manhattan Railroad

agine my tone of voice lacked a Finally, he said: "Well, I believe lot of being enthusiasttic-I told I'll walk around to the hotel." him I'd be glad to have him come "I'll drive you there," I told him hurriedly.

big stack of papers in front of him, But I insisted. So we drove ly over, too late to consider a nap.

and it was an hour and a half be- around to the Carolina, and I put Dog-gone, Doggie!

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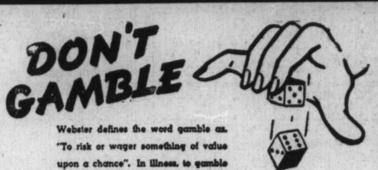
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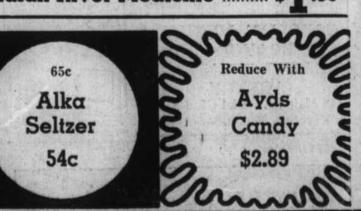
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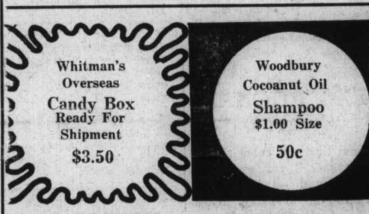
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