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If we get Mr. Maxwell right, passing either of the sales tax measures wouldn't do much good nohow.

Add to similes: As lonesome as a legislator in Raleigh not accompanied by his wife.

Mrs. Grady will probably not try any Jimmie Walker wise-crack again directed at Russians.

"Business has definite signs of flourishing", says headline. But at signs seem to fail on rainy Saturdays.

Jimmy Walker may merit his reputation for wise-cracks, but his reply to Governor Roosevelt contained mighty few of them.

To the big dailies: If Jack Dempsey and his woman can't get along, tell us about it, but forego the necking pictures as an accentuation.

"I love him, and want him to know it" was what a young Fayetteville girl wrote before she blew her brains out with a pistol. Wonder if the knowledge pestered him any?

The 138-year-old Turkish shepherd attributes his youthful spirit to goat milk diet. And now the tragedy of our graying hair will be that we were not reared on a goat farm.

Two years hence, in all probability, the Republicans will clip rather freely from the Raleigh News and Observer issues of legislative date to fill space in their state handbook.

With fifteen typewriting machines and forty-five good looking stenographers to operate them, maybe there is a perfectly good reason for the legislature remaining in session so long.

When the legislators get back home they may forget tax problems and legislative difficulties, but they'll never forget the eternal prodding of one who used to be secretary of the navy.

Banks and Resources Show Decline

From a recent report issued from the Banking Department of the Corporation commission concerning state banks and trust companies, it is shown that during the past year the number of state banks have decreased by 79. The resources have suffered a corresponding decrease, or $242,000,000 against $264,000,000, a net decline of $78,000,000. National banks during the same period were decreased by ten. The total resources of both state and national banks show a decrease of approximately $109,000,000.

Because of the unprecedented numbers of bank failures and the enormous decline in bank resources, North Carolina ranks unusually low as a banking state.

But there are brighter days ahead. The present legislature has provided for a separate commission to supervise state banks and trust companies. At the head of this commission Governor Gardner has appointed a man who is both capable and conscientious, and who has the confidence of the banks and of the people. We have reason to believe that Commissioner Hood has both the ability and the inclination to correct many of the evils that have crept into the financial institutions of the state.

The new supervision will tend to restore public confidence in banks, and with the anticipated improvement in economic conditions, it is not unreasonable to expect that our bank resources will show a decided upward trend. There will be millions of dollars available for deposit when the public renews its confidence in banks as safe places to deposit its surplus wealth, and this will add materially to needed relief, not alone to the banks, but all down the line.

Elkin banks have long been numbered among those with safe and sound management, and there has been little to bother the mind of the average depositor, but even the best of them must suffer because of the failure of others, and our local institutions will be able to render a greater service when these difficulties have been ironed out to the satisfaction of all.

If you've got a few hundred or a few thousand tied up in an old sock somewhere, remember that the safest place for the money is in a good bank.

We Make Our Best Bow

Elkin has double cause to be proud of its new hospital. Not only will it meet a long-felt need in the relief of physical pain and suffering, but its presence is giving this splendid little city of the hills favorable publicity that is deserved. The state papers, both daily and weekly press, have commented on the opening here last Monday of an institution that will mean much to the town.

We do not have room to carry all the nice things that have been said about us, but we would have our neighbors know that we appreciate every bit of it.

The Tribune is proud of its share in this publicity. The Hospital issue that came from our presses has helped to accentuate the importance of the undertaking; the fact that the typographical arrangement of the issue was far above the average has provoked favorable comment that has made us a bit cheesy, but we will be excused, we know, when we admit that this, too, is deserved.

Many things will contribute to make the year 1931 an important milestone in the progress of Elkin, but none more so than the opening of this splendid institution within our borders.

Increased Acreage Will Bring Disaster

Eight hundred million pounds of flue-cured tobacco was produced last year and everybody, particularly every tobacco farmer, knows the result: prices that scarcely covered the cost of production. Another crop this year of similar proportions, will only mean still lower prices.

But, according to reports coming in to the State Department of Agriculture, that is exactly what the tobacco farmers are getting ready for. The acreage planted to tobacco will be limited only by the credit which the growers can get for buying fertilizer; even new areas not heretofore counting much in the production of tobacco, will undertake it this year; in spite of all warnings the tobacco farmers are preparing to increase their acreage.

It will be recalled that last fall tobacco went begging on the floors of most warehouses and the farmers were crying for relief. That ought to be lesson enough. History has demonstrated that the farmer considers the doctrine of decreased acreage in anything as meant for the other fellow. The plea for less production is his signal to plant all he can get in the ground and mortgage up—which later he does anything else but.

If the tobacco and cotton farmer will not learn from the experience which came to him last year, then he is hopeless, and does not deserve the sympathy which otherwise he should have.

If the farmer will first provide food for himself and family and livestock and then wants to gamble with tobacco, that's his business. But when he places his dependence on the one crop as a provider of his own necessities, and that one crop fails him, then his action becomes the business and concern of his neighbors. If he won't listen, then he ought to be allowed to feel.

When the farmer as a class realizes that he can get as much for a short crop, with less effort, as he can get for a long one, with all its added toil, then he would listen to curtailed production as a weapon to secure fair prices for his product, but if the experience of 1930 doesn't bring that realization, when, in the name of high heaven, may he be expected to know his lesson?

If the tobacco farmer persists in his intention to plant an increased acreage in tobacco, the situation indeed looks foreboding.

A New Source of Revenue For The Farmer

The Tribune has been persistent in preaching wild-life propagation to its land-owning readers; it has insisted that money from hunting privileges could be obtained in sufficient amount to pay the taxes on the land, provided, of course the farmer raised a crop of something to hunt.

Now the plan has been given governmental sanction. A bill was recently passed in the legislature "to provided better hunting in North Carolina, and to give landowners in the state revenue therefrom." Under the provisions of this measure landowners may form an association, adopt rules and regulations, stipulate prices to be charged for hunting privileges, operating under the Department of Conservation and Development.

Three thousand acres will be the minimum area recognized under this act, and a charge of $4.00 per day for hunting privileges is established as the maximum price for hunting.

It is hoped that some progressive group of farmers in Surry county will organize their neighbors into the necessary area at once and be prepared to operate under this measure. The State will give its aid and advice as to the methods of game propagation, and will post the land and lend its influence in the prosecution of violations of the laws governing the area.

There is no question in our mind that this plan will work to the definite advantage of the landowner. But it is just another case where there will need be the closest sort of co-operation between the group and the state, and between the individual and the group. We believe that the farmer would derive a lot of pleasure from the wild creatures, when he recognized in them a source of revenue. Quail and pheasants would help to rid his crops of insects, and there is every reason to believe that the advantage would at least balance the disadvantage of the presence of increased wild life on the premises.

The Tribune will hear with genuine satisfaction of plans to organize such an area in Surry county.

Alfonzo Gets The Pink Slip

The Spanish people elected to hand the pink slip to King Alfonzo, which is mighty hard for a king to swallow so he up and left. But he didn't close the gate against his return; he can't recognize the hand that has been writing on the wall for the past 581 years and he hopes some day to go back to his comfy throne and his regal authority. He considers his kingly rights "deposits accumulated by history" for which he will have to one day answer for their preservation. The populace being concerned more about their own rights, overlooked this little matter of inheritance, and busied itself with the task of forming a republic.

Reputed to be well-fixed financially in his own right, Alfonzo shouldn't find it hard to live this thing down. Kinging isn't always a pleasant job at best, because there are responsibilities and formalities to be measured up to. But like our own politicians who fasten themselves onto a public job, they dislike to turn it loose and oftentimes try to perpetuate it as a sort of family inheritance. They seem to think that lengthy service entitles them to ownership.

Anyway, Alfonzo had the first page for two-three days, and now he will be promptly forgotten unless he unsuspectingly proves himself a good sport and bursts out living a peaceful life, or unless he proves himself a fool and tries to get his old job back. In either case he will be "good copy" once again.

The question of whether dancing should be allowed at Davidson College has used up much valuable space in the newspapers recently, and with the result that the youngsters will probably use their own judgment about the matter and either find a way or make one—to dance.

In 1900 there were less than 10 miles of concrete road in all the United States; in 1929 more than 40,000 miles.

A new radio-beacon is to be established at Fowey Rocks lighthouse, to guide ships through the strait of Florida.

Many Compliments On Hospital Edition

In addition to the many personal compliments paid on behalf of The Tribune's special hospital edition last week, we also desire to express our thanks for the remarks of the press, and also of Mr. C. O. Kuester, executive vice-president and business manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the latter being addressed to Mr. C. S. Foster, president of the company which publishes the Tribune. The comment follows:

A TRIUMPH IN WEEKLY JOURNALISM

A thirty-six page special edition of The Elkin Tribune, published Thursday, celebrating the completion of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, which is to be opened for public inspection on Sunday, April 19, and officially opened for service to the public on Monday under the management of Dr. Harry L. Johnson, former Greensboro physician and surgeon, has reached The Journal and Sentinel offices and has drawn much favorable comment from members of the staff and other citizens of Winston-Salem.

This edition of The Tribune is an exceptionally well edited and printed paper and reflects much credit upon those connected with the Elkin newspaper, as well as upon the business men and merchants of the city who have taken liberal advertising space devoted to congratulating the section upon the completion of the new hospital. The paper is well illustrated with pictures of the institution, its staff of nurses and doctors, and of the late Hugh G. Chatham, of Winston-Salem and Elkin, whom the new institution honors; of Thurmond Chatham, a liberal contributor to the hospital; of the late James B. Duke, who established the foundation which contributed $40,000, half of the cost of the building, and of Rev. L. R. Abernethy, heralded as father of the movement to erect the hospital.

C. S. Foster and H. F. Laffoon are publishers of the Elkin paper; Mrs. Charles L. Crater is news editor, and H. G. Nichols, advertising manager.—Winston-Salem Journal, April 18th.

HUGH CHATHAM'S MONUMENT

This week's issue of The Elkin Tribune comes out in 36-page form, which it terms its "Hospital Edition," and the hospital it exploits is the Hugh Chatham Memorial, and a fine hospital it is as perpetual monument to a splendid man, whose many good works live after him. "Citizens of Elkin," says The Tribune, "who loved and respected the late Hugh Chatham as neighbor and friend, applaud the fact that his name is inseparably linked with this institution which will mean so much to its native town; they are as one in thus honoring his name with the hospital, and in honoring the hospital with his name. The Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital is but a fitting tribute to a man who has meant much to this community, and whose memory deserves perpetuation in just such a way as this."

The Hugh Chatham Hospital cost $100,000, and is a beautiful building in a beautiful mountain setting. Dr. Harry L. Johnson, of Greensboro, is at the head of it. The hospital will be launched on its mission Monday, and The Tribune gives pictures of the staff of nurses employed—and that in itself proves a drawing card for the ailing public. One feature of the management is that it provides a year's care for a charity patient for $600, and the popularity of this proposition is evidenced in the fact that the Centenary Methodist church of Winston-Salem has bought a room for patients it may send there, while some other organizations are arranging to follow suit. The people of Elkin have done themselves proud in the shape into which they have resolved a testimonial to the worth of one of the best citizens North Carolina ever knew.—Charlotte Observer, April 18th.

THE TRIBUNE'S HOSPITAL EDITION

We congratulate our good neighbor, The Elkin Tribune, on its 36-page edition last week, celebrating the opening of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at that place. The issue is well-printed and attractively arranged and carries a pleasing volume of advertising. Such an issue reflects credit, not only on the publishers themselves but on the business and manufacturing concerns who helped to make it possible. If there is anything to the theory (and there is) that a newspaper is the mirror of the community in which it is published, then The Tribune's issue of last week can but leave a very favorable impression of a mighty good town down the river.—Wilkes Patriot, April 20th.

Charlotte, N. C.,
April 17th, 1931.

Mr. C. S. Foster,
Elkin Tribune,
Elkin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Foster:

Just received your hospital edition of your splendid paper—one of the best special editions I have had the pleasure of looking over in a long while. I hasten to congratulate the folks of the fine town of Elkin on the fact that one of its most substantial citizens in the past has made it possible for such an institution as a hospital for your people.

The "Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital" will live forever, and in my opinion the greatest service that can possibly be rendered is that to the sick. I knew Mr. Chatham personally. He was a good friend of mine, and never failed to answer a single call I ever made upon him for anything, and the calls were frequent.

I know of no one else to write to send my congratulations to than you at this time, but I want the folks of Elkin to know that the people in other parts of the State also appreciate what the late Hugh Chatham has done for his own people at Elkin.

I know a great many of the Chatham family and they have always done their duty by everybody and everything for a community, and you are most fortunate in having such a family in your midst.

Sincerely yours,
C. O. KUESTER,
Business Manager Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Californians Are Here For A Brief Visit

Messrs. C. C. Triplett an John F. Gilliam, former Elkin men, but now residents of California, arrived here Saturday morning, making the trip by auto and in record time. They left California about noon of last Tuesday, consuming about four and a half days on the trip, notwithstanding the fact that they became lost twice while on the way. Their record, they claim, is three days from California to the North Carolina line. The delays occurred in North Carolina between Asheville and the Tennessee line.

An incident happening in connection with their visit was the fact that Mr. Triplett talked with a brother for some time without recognizing him. This is perhaps easily understood when it is learned that it was their first meeting for 13 years. The brother referred to is Mr. O. P. Triplett, who was away from home upon the occasions of his visits to North Carolina.

The trip was hurriedly made to North Carolina when these gentlemen were advised of the illness of Mrs. Charles Gilliam, mother of Mr. Gilliam, at her home in Jonesville.

Cat Makes Long Parachute Jump

A cat was released Sunday afternoon from the plane piloted by Ed. Newkirk, at the dizzy heights of about 3,000 feet. Mr. Tom, although inexperienced in aeronautics, made a perfect landing, coming down close to the place where the plane left the ground in its ascent.

Despite the inclement weather, a multitude of people went to the field to witness the performance. Mr. Newkirk himself, recently experienced the sensation of dropping through space when he made his first parachute jump about six weeks ago. This perhaps eliminated any fear of injury to Mr. Tom, although there is little possibility that he knew what it was all about.

One Week Left To List Taxes

Just one week remains in which to list property for taxation, the period of time allotted ending next Thursday.

Messrs. French Graham and J. L. Hall, Jr., list takers for Elkin township, state that a large number have not as yet made a return on their property, and to date a noticeable decrease is found in the total valuation. However, a good per cent of the decrease is expected to be offset when the final returns have been made. New buildings constructed during the past year will lend a hand in raising the figures.

They urge all who are subject to make a return to do so before the expiration date, next Thursday, and avoid future trouble and penalties.

Claude Davis Sent To Jail For 30 Days

Claud Davis was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff C. F. Foster this morning on a charge of public drunkenness. He was taken before R. L. Lovelace, Justice of the Peace, where he received a sentence of 30 days in the county jail. Davis' plea of substituting a fine instead of the jail sentence did not meet with the approval of Mr. Lovelace, who said that he was sending him to jail in order to sober him up.

Hold Conference

Many delegates attended the 11th annual conference of Yadkin Valley Friends, held here last week at the church in North Elkin.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, was scheduled to be present, but he was called to South Carolina for a court session, and in his stead Claire J. Miller, of Guilford College, was secured to fill a part on the program.

CHATHAM TEAM TO PLAY HICKORY

Game Scheduled On Local Ground Next Saturday For Benefit of Hospital and Legion

A benefit game of baseball will be played here Saturday, between the Chatham and Hickory teams. The game is expected to be hotly contested, and will doubtless prove interesting to local fans.

The receipts will go to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital fund of the American Legion and Auxiliary, a most worthy cause and deserving of generous support.

In addition to witnessing a splendid game of baseball, your presence will encourage the players, and lend aid to the local organization of the Legion and Auxiliary in its support of the new hospital.

Hen Or Rooster?

When egg gathering time came around at a local produce house, one would judge that the coop contained hens altogether, but when the hens were removed, egg-gathering time revealed the most astonishing fact that the rooster had laid an egg. As the days went by, the egg supply was constantly increased, and curiosity greatly aroused.

A Georgia gentleman, learning of the freak fowl, tempted the owner by offering a fancy price, which was accepted, and the hen-rooster was permitted to accompany him to a new home. Just what the purchaser intends to do with his freak was not made known, but it is quite likely that thousands will view "it" perhaps from a circus cage or at county fairs, and try to arrive at some conclusion concerning its nature.

The chicken was of the blue "game" variety, and had every earmark of a perfectly normal rooster—but it wasn't.

Mrs. Luther Ring Injured In Wreck

While enroute to Elkin last week to attend the funeral of Dr. J. W. Rind, the car owned and driven by Mr. Luther Ring, son of Dr. Ring, was ditched when it failed to negotiate a curve through defective brakes. Mrs. Ring was painfully injured by bruises upon her body, although Mr. Ring escaped unhurt.

The accident occurred about half way between Mockesville and Yadkinville, at about 9 A. M. The trip had been made from their home at Mount Olive, and because of the defective brakes it was impossible to slow the car down to the speed necessary for safely making the curve.

Mr. Wilmoth Ill

Mr. S. H. Wilmoth, former resident and business man of this city, is critically ill at his home a few miles east of Yadkinville, his many friends will regret to learn.

So serious is his condition that little hope is entertained for his recovery.

To New York

Messrs. Eugene Spainhour, of the Elkin store, and Bill Spainhour, of the Hickory Branch of the Spainhour company, left Sunday for New York City, where they are spending several days in the interest of the firm, buying goods for their four stores.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father.

MRS. J. C. HURT,
MR. AND MRS. R. C. FELTS.

STATEMENT

W. F. Reece desires to state that he is not a candidate for the office of the commissioners of the Town of Elkin in the election to be held May 4, 1931.

NOTICE

North Carolina,
Surry County
In the Superior Court

Nancy Cropps by her next friend Will Cropps,
vs.
Cainie Kellam

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the defendant on the 31st day of March 1931, for damages due plaintiff for seduction under promise of marriage, and a warrant of attachment against the property of said defendant, which are returnable to the Superior Court, of Surry County, the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, filed within 30 days or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This April 1st, 1931.
F. T. LSWELLYN,
Clerk Superior Court.
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