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A reformer is a person who wants you to let his conscience be your guide.

Explanation: You see we spent all the money for the radio broadcast, so we have to get the newspapers to print it free.

As we understand it North Carolina is expected to wait awhile on that two million from the Reynolds inheritance, in the hope that when it comes, it will be less.

If and when Huey Long decides to come to this State, weighted down with the responsibility of telling us whom we shall elect to the United States Senate, then Senator Bailey should voluntarily contribute to the Kingfish's traveling expenses.

Says the Greensboro News: "As an example of brotherly comity commend us to the Wake county coroner who, sitting as a magistrate, fined a Brunswick county ditto \$4.75 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct while stopping over in Wake on his way to the Duke crematory with a corpse in a trailer."

When Farmer Bob Doughton leaves his desk in Washington long enough to run down home and rest for the week-end, Raleigh political prophets see in the visit something to do with the governorship. Maybe the longer Congressman Doughton mingles with the boys in Congress the more pleasure he gets in communing with his cows.

Discouraging the Criminal

If the governor of New Jersey is successful in negotiations now under way between that and neighbor states, persons who flee from one to another of these states, either to escape arrest or to avoid testifying in a criminal case, will not be so lucky as heretofore. Fugitives who have been able to hide behind legal technicalities, will have the barricade cut away, and the heretofore divided purposes which impede or delay the forces of justice, will be welded into a more consistent and co-operative plan.

The national government in its campaign against crime has repeatedly felt the need of such co-operation. While Congress has extended federal authority looking to a more effective coordination in the campaign against criminals, there still remain circumstances in which only the states can meet the demands of justice.

Congress has empowered states to enter into regional agreements for crime control, and the Governor of New Jersey seeks to form such a group embracing his own State, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. If the Governor's idea works out, it will serve as a precedent for other state groups to follow.

In the main it can hardly be said that there has been no co-operation heretofore among the officials of the various states, but voluntary co-operation is not enough. Means should be provided for mandatory, direct action, if the criminal is not to be shielded by existing technicalities, against his prompt return to the scene of his crime.

This proposed coalition, along with other methods looking to crime control, indicates more and more that the criminal's path will become thorny and anything but romantic.

High Financing

The government, in its efforts to sustain the \$3,089,900 assessment placed on former Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon's 1931 income, is throwing the spotlight on the former secretary's financial wizardry in such a way as to make it easy to understand how come Mr. Mellon is a multi-millionaire.

The greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton knows his financial onions, and is familiar with the subtle secret of removing the odor from his dollars by juggling them in his hat, in a manner practiced by myriad others before his day and since.

The government is digging into the records of sales between the father and his daughter's Ascalot company, her personal holding concern, and contends that both Ascalot and Mr. Mellon established "losses" for income tax deductions through "shadow sales" claiming that many other sales by him were not real sales, but simply transfers to provide an intricate smoke-screen against the government tax-collecting hounds.

The layman is not able to follow the maze of figures involved in stock sales or transfers or whatever the big fellows like to call them, but he does understand that Mr. Mellon along with hundreds of his apostles, managed somehow to show a "loss" when income tax returns were being made out, while he, the layman, was compelled to ante up.

The more these methods of the immensely rich are brought out into public view, the easier it is for Huey Long to find fertile soil for his dangerous doctrine embraced in his "share-the-wealth" program.

We Deserve It

The news columns of this paper last week told of the completion of the survey looking toward the erection of a new federal building in this city. This will be pleasing news to patrons of the postal service in Elkin. We have waited a long time for our government to get around to us; waited patiently and somewhat enviously as neighboring towns have been favored with accommodations no more deserved than we.

Aside from the fact that the construction of federal buildings is one sure way of furnishing employment to communities that need it, there is actual need for better postal facilities for this little city. The record covering the postal receipts at the local office will show that the volume of business is far above that of many towns that long ago moved the postoffice from rented buildings into a home of its own.

Government red tape, of course, will tend to prolong the dream. We may not expect to wake up some morning next week and find a placard on the doors of the present quarters directing us to another location where we are to get our mail. But a start has been made, and right considerable start at that.

With a friendly representative in Congress, and with the citizens of this city united in the purpose, we should see ground broken for a new federal building before many moons, providing the present Congress doesn't prolong its personal squabbling.

Having made this start it behooves our civic leaders to jot down advance dates in their diaries when the matter should not be allowed to lag. Everything comes to him who waits, but sometimes it is well to break the monotony of the silence. Let's not let Washington forget that we want, need and deserve a new postal building.

Commendation

Carl Goerch, editor of The State, published at Raleigh, admits that he doesn't agree "with many of the recommendations which have been suggested under the McDonald-Lumpkin plan," but gives these gentlemen credit for absolute sincerity in the things they are advocating, adding that "in a lot of respects they are talking through their respective hats."

Inasmuch as the McDonald-Lumpkin bill strikes at the vitals of Editor Goerch's beloved general sales tax, it is not expected that the Raleigh man would see much in the measure worthy of commendation.

But what interests us most is Goerch's interest in getting Dr. McDonald a job. This from The State:

"He has a most pleasing personality, and is one of the most likeable fellows you'd want to meet. If any business corporation—or anyone else, for that matter—wants the services of a man who is thorough-going, conscientious, sincere and a hard-worker, we recommend Dr. McDonald without any equivocation or reservation. He's really a mighty fine man, and is thoroughly popular with everyone in the legislature—despite the fact that the majority of the members might disagree with him about many of the things which he is advocating."

Bully! The State with a fairly large circulation in North Carolina ought to be able to land Dr. McDonald in a profitable place. Heads of corporations read the magazine, we presume, with a great deal of interest, and heads of corporations, as we recollect, were instrumental in severing his connection with another institution because of his views on tax matters. In their bigness of soul they will want to do something to make amends—especially after this splendid tribute by The State.

And corporations have a habit that way. You can count a number of prominent legislators, who were members of the last General Assembly, now drawing good pay from corporations, and one of them at least was among those who in the closing days of last session, succumbed to the "inevitability" of the sales tax.

Wish Carl could see something in us worthy of commendation. It would help a lot.

Stupid Neglect

Two footless negro men will thump their way about the state, living monuments to the callousness, neglect and stupidity of prison camp officials, whose inhumanity has cast a blot upon North Carolina, and upon other like officials who take their duties more seriously.

Whatever may have been the contributing causes that led to the necessity for amputating the feet of the two Mecklenburg prisoners, the fact stands out plain and simple, that this would not have become a necessity if the negroes had had the medical attention that any human deserves, no matter how onery and mean he might be.

Their refusal to work and cursing the guards, required discipline; placing them in chains in upright position for ten hours at a clip, may have been justified by their offense, but it should have been somebody's business to heed their cry of aching feet, before these limbs became "cold and dead" as the amputating surgeon declared them to have been for a long time.

But these two negroes, footless as they will remain through life, may serve North Carolina better than if they had been able to wiggle their toes the rest of their days, if by the loss of them the spotlight of public interest is thrown on a faulty system to its correction.

Prison camps are not expected to be run according to the rules of an old ladies' knitting party, but camp officials should be selected on the basis of their fitness for their job which should include a bit of sympathetic human understanding, along with the necessary sternness, and the doctor who ministers to their physical needs, should know something of the fundamentals of diagnosis, before he is allowed to sign the pay check.

And does it necessarily follow that homely wit is that which the old man tries out on his wife and kids before telling it to the Kiwanis.

Early Gardening Difficulties — by A. B. Chapin



QUINTUPLET CUTS HER FIRST TOOTH

King George Practically Has Famous Babies On His Hands

Callander, Ont., March 12.—King George practically had a teething baby on his hands tonight in the person of little Annette Dionne, first of the famous quintuplets to cut a tooth.

The event took place early this morning, the tooth breaking through the lower front gum and being discovered by nurses during the usual morning inspection. It caused more excitement at the Dafoe Hospital, home of the world-famous babies, than the legal battle being waged over their guardianship.

A bill making them "wards of the king" and under the care of the welfare department until they are 18 years old seemed assured today of passage at Toronto, where it required but one more reading.

"The other babies will be following Annette's example within a few days," said Dr. Dafoe, who had been awaiting the event since the quintuplets became six months old. Annette and her sisters will be one year old on May 28.

"Their teeth should be along any time now. It is probably that Marie will be a little tardy due to her comparatively poor start in life, but the others should follow Annette's example very soon."

Marie, smallest of the five, has shown few signs of teething. The others have swollen gums. When they were measured a month ago, Annette, Yvonne and Cecile each were 26 inches tall, Emilie trailed them by an inch and Marie was 24 inches.

Cycle News

Farmers in this section are busy preparing wood for curing tobacco. Old fashioned community choppings are being held.

The Royal string band furnished entertainment for a crowd of young people at the home of Mrs. Vic Nicks Saturday night.

Mrs. H. G. Nicks is quite sick we are sorry to note.

The Sunday school at Mountain View is progressing nicely, with an average attendance of more than one hundred during the past winter.

The new home of Walter Johnson, near Marler, is about ready for occupancy. Henry Brown and sons are erecting the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Pinnix and daughter, Eloise, visited Mr. Pinnix's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pinnix, Sunday.

The ladies of the community are enjoying quiltings. There were six last week.

Miss Opal Johnson and Roy Shore slipped away to Virginia last Wednesday and were married. Mr. Shore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, and was in her second year of high school at Yadkinville. Mr. Shore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Shore, highly respected citizens of the Brook's Cross Roads community.

The Filipinos, it is said, have their plans for the future. So have the Japs.

Benefits Paid to Farmers Is Reported

Washington, D. C., March 11.—North Carolina's share of the \$690,728,712 which has been paid out in rental and benefit payments to farmers all over the country from the inception of the AAA in May, 1933, through January 31, 1935, has been \$13,804,400.82.

The greatest portion of this went to cotton farmers in the state, who received \$7,695,672.92. Tobacco producers got \$5,669,965.28; corn-hog farmers \$365,676.37, and wheat farmers \$73,086.25.

Amounts by counties in this section follows:

Surry: Wheat, \$1,044.43; tobacco, \$82,322.13; corn-hogs, \$1,828.50.

Wilkes: Wheat, \$1,293.30; tobacco, \$4,698.75; corn-hogs, \$6,881.74.

Yadkin: Cotton, \$1,931.88; wheat \$5,205.80; tobacco, \$54,684; corn-hogs, \$2,698.80.

Henry Wooten, 79, Claimed By Death

Funeral services for John Henry Wooten, 79, were held at Oak Ridge Baptist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being in charge of Rev. R. L. Speer.

Mr. Wooten was born at Yadkinville November 12, 1855 and had spent his life in Yadkin county. He was married 55 years ago to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who survives him, together with the following children: Mrs. Dora Cain, Mrs. Della Hutchens and Mrs. Sylvia Freeman, all of Winston-Salem; Walter and Spencer Wooten, of Yadkinville. Two brothers, George W. Wooten, of Winston-Salem and Joseph Wooten, of Yadkinville; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Graves, of Yadkinville, also survives.

Mr. Wooten died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock after a short illness with pneumonia. Interment was made in the Oak Ridge church cemetery.

Cool Springs News

Rev. I. W. Vestal filled his regular appointment here Saturday afternoon and Sunday. His subject Sunday was "Come and go with us and we will do thee good." His appeal to the young people to travel the high road toward a noble and worthwhile life, was well delivered.

Rev. Carl Cockerham, a visiting minister, filled the pulpit Saturday afternoon.

L. M. Hinshaw gave a very interesting talk Sunday morning on "Obedience," and stressed the Biblical fact that "to obey is better than sacrifice."

The Young Peoples Bible Class gave a short memorial service in honor of a recently departed member, Mrs. Ada Key Burcham. Several members of the family were present for the service.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Cockerham and daughter, Miss Ruby, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Holbrook Sunday.

Misses Vetra and Irene Hanes, of State Road, were the week-end guests of their grandmother, Mrs. C. F. Fields.

Mrs. Jewette Jefferson, of Union Hill, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Haire this week.

J. Major Lyons will deliver the Sunday school address next Sunday.

Disciples of Dr. Coue may begin chanting "winter is gone."

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT STATE COLLEGE

Question: How can broodiness be eliminated from a flock of Barred Plymouth Rocks?

Answer: Broodiness is an inherited trait and can be eliminated by careful breeding. Start now and remove all broody birds from the breeding flock. These birds should be sold or used at home as flocks. If they are kept and placed in the laying flocks a band should be placed on the legs for identification. No bird showing a band should be carried into the next year either for laying or breeding. This is the only way to eliminate broodiness in any breed and several years of careful work are necessary to get the desired results.

Question: When should lespedeza be sown on small grain?

Answer: This legume should be sown on small grain either in February or March. Where the Korean variety is used the seeding can be made late due to the early germination of the seed. This variety will germinate in about two weeks while the other varieties require from four to five weeks for germination. When this is considered and the seed put in ON THE DATES MENTIONED the germination will be late enough to avoid late freezes but early enough for the young plants to be well established before the hot, dry weather.

Question: How much tobacco can the small grower with two or three acres plant this year?

Answer: Where the base tobacco acreage is 3.2 acres or less the grower may plant the base acreage of the farm or three acres, whichever is smaller, and may sell his base production allotment not to exceed 2,400 pounds. To plant this acreage, however, the grower must agree that no rental or adjustment payments, including any payment for deficiency in sales shall be made under the 1935 contract. To secure these payments the grower must reduce his acreage and poundage according to the terms of the contract.

Spainhour's Opens "Yarn Shop" Today

The Sydnor-Spainhour company of this city, in keeping with their policy to offer every advantage to their customers, announces the opening today (Thursday) of a "Yarn Shop," wool department on the second floor of their store. A beautiful array of yarn has been assembled for the opening, in addition to the new colored cotton threads, so much in demand for dresses and sweaters. An experienced advisor will be in charge of the department to aid and direct inexperienced knitters in the art.

String Band to Play at Jonesville School

The Jenkins family string band, radio entertainers, will present a program of music, singing and dancing at the Jonesville school auditorium Thursday evening, March 14, at 7.30. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.