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A flat head and a sharp tongue is a heap-much bad combination for the human species.

It will be a great day for humanity when the nations of the earth employ their heads instead of arms to "make their interests safe."

Anyhow you got to hand it to Ethiopia's emperor that he think up a good scheme whether his oil concessions stand or not.

Greensboro Daily News says: "There should be no long-winded speeches at the nudists' convention since the speakers must be interested solely in presentation of the bare facts."

Why bother so much about prohibition. The drys have their liquor laws and the wets have their liquor, so what's the use to get het up about it.

It becomes increasingly evident that the recent activity of the grass roots Republicans is not what the name would imply—an "Herb" movement.

With fifty-nine additional lawyers turned loose on the state, maybe some of them can make their time profitable by advising Congress what is and what is not, constitutional.

Having shipped 130,000 Italian troops to Ethiopia, who is there in the audience gullible enough to think that she means to bring them back without enjoying a war?

Should Steel Himself For the Blow

Senator Bailey says that "it is generally recognized that the Bankhead Act will be held to be unconstitutional when it is tested early this Fall." Mr. Bailey has held to this viewpoint from the first, even when it was unpopular to do so. But now he is being joined by fellow-members of the legal profession in increasing numbers.

And if and when the Bankhead Act is declared unconstitutional along with it will go all other AAA provisions whether they be good or bad, and there will be no longer governmental compulsion in acreage and production of farm products. Farmers will be privileged to plant as much or little as they please, and they will be unhampered in their efforts to make that much or little produce as much as they know how per acre.

The farmer might as well get ready for this. The AAA is headed out the same window through which the NRA went to its crucifixion, and from the complaints about the restraints of the triple A, its demise ought to bring real joy to some of the agriculturists who prefer to do as they please. But we are wondering if it will? True, they can go back to the good old days of every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost, but will the privilege of this liberty counterbalance the loss of benefits that have come from the farm administration program?

For the first time in history the farmer has been provided a place under the governmental wing alongside of industry. His subsidy has been his rental payments for abandoned acres, and his protective tariff has been in the form of benefits paid him through the processing tax. Will he be happy when these advantages are denied him? And all because these provisions do not dovetail in with the purpose and intention of a hoary old document that was written more than a century ago to meet the needs of that day and not for this.

The farmer can again make a stab at price control through voluntary crop reduction, but from the start he will remember that this never has worked, and never will without some sort of governmental supervision.

Proud of Baseball Team

Elkin has a right to be proud of the splendid record of the local baseball club, the Chatham Blanketeers. This is a swell bunch of players who in mowing down opposition reflect the excellent coaching they have received; coaching that has taught them to stay on their toes and scrap for everything in sight and out of it; to be alert for any and every break that may be turned to advantage on the score board—but a coaching that has not overlooked the importance of being gentlemen and good sports on the field and off it.

This team has given Elkin some favorable publicity, and it is right and proper that the boys should be given a hand. Friendly competition in any of the sports is a wholesome and helpful factor in community life, especially when loyalty to the home-team does not become top-heavy and unwieldy. The desire to excel in anything that is honorable and good is a worthy ambition and should be cultivated by the fullest support, and doubtless the Blanketeers will admit that the enthusiastic faith and confidence on the part of the local public has been a definite inspiration to them.

We repeat, that Elkin is proud of the achievement of this athletic group, and this paper is glad to be the mouthpiece for expressing our fullest appreciation.

National Politics

The voters of the nation were favored with two addresses recently that may well be considered the keynote pronouncements of the two major political parties in the presidential campaign, and they summarize about what the voters will hear during the coming year.

One was the address of Colonel Frank Knox before a conclave of Republicans in Massachusetts, and is calculated to launch that gentleman as a candidate for the presidential nomination of the Republican party. Col. Knox offers for the primary issue in the campaign "the preservation or scrapping of the constitution." He praised that document with powerful adjectives and attributed the success of this nation to this masterful document of statecraft; he appealed for the return of individual liberties as guaranteed by the constitution, and made a scathing attack on the New Deal.

But contrary to what might be expected of a man aspiring to the presidency, Col. Knox did not offer any program to replace the policies he attacked.

The other address was delivered by President Roosevelt to the young Democrats gathered in convention at Milwaukee, and it is significant that he did not say anything about scrapping the constitution. To the contrary he made it plain that he considers that document an elastic one; one to which the legislative acts which have been passed under the new deal can easily be adapted, not in so many words but by inference, in that he strongly defended his New Deal laws and showed no hint of any intention to retreat from the new order of things. He catalogued the constructive steps taken by the administration and explained in understandable words his attitude toward the constitution with respect to these steps. He feels that the constitution should be interpreted in accordance with conditions existing in 1935 and not in 1776.

If this then, is to be the outline of the issues that will face the voters next year insofar as the presidency is concerned it would not be out of place to consider these suggestions:

The Republican board of strategy should ask its speakers to talk in explicit terms and not in generalities; they should explain their interpretation of debatable terms such as "preserved constitution" (do they mean pickled or saved) "rugged individualism", etc. They should criticize the New Deal, for by criticism the voter will get the other side of the picture, but in criticizing they should not hit below the belt. They should offer a constructive program and explain how they are going to achieve their aims, and mud-slinging should not be a part of their program.

On the other hand Democratic speakers should follow the example of the President and speak in plain, understandable language, putting aside meaningless words which flow from silver tongues. The New Deal policies should be defended, of course, but with honest words, because the voters deserve to be dealt honestly with. But there should be more than a defense of the record; there should be a comprehensive perspective of what is to follow. There should be plans for balancing the budget, for paying the mounting debts, for a gradual getting away from farm and unemployment subsidies, and again there should be no mud-slinging.

And to the voters we would say: Learn as much as you can from the newspapers, speeches and magazines, about the affair of your government, weigh the merits and short-comings of both sides as you see them; demand of your sources of information that facts be given. If there is attempt to dodge the issue by use of honeyed words and generalities, throw out the evidence as irrelevant—then vote your conviction. That is the duty of every voter. Until that duty is fulfilled, no man has a right to raise his voice in protest against the way his government is being run.

This paper is not a blind admirer of the New Deal and of the legislative acts sponsored by the administration, but it is making an honest effort to serve as a constructive influence in this community, and what we are saying here about national politics can as well be applied to state affairs.

Flour From Cottonseed

Maybe after all his loss in the world market, the cotton farmer may be able to find new uses for his product, including a place on the breakfast table, for a Texas concern has developed a cottonseed baking flour, which, it is claimed has all the qualities a housewife would want. And it is proposed to go into cottonseed flour manufacture as a commercial venture.

A mixture of one-fourth cottonseed flour and three-fourths wheat flour composes the new bread flour, which it is said, has all of the elements desired in good bread. Salad oils, cooking oils, shortenings had been yielded by the cottonseed kernel, so the chemists were determined to add flour to the list.

As the story is told: "For three years the chemists worked in the laboratory, testing and re-testing, grinding and baking. One day a golden yellow flour appeared in the test tubes. It was so fine that it went through a 100-mesh screen, whereas ordinary flour goes only through an 80-mesh screen. It baked like the airiest cake flour."

Now wouldn't it be just fine if the farmer could get his shirt and his bread out of the same cotton boll. Of course the boll weevil might beat him to both, and the plentitude of wheat might cramp the style of the cotton biscuit so far as a profitable market is concerned.

But whatever the laboratories may develop from cotton, it will come in good sometime. The Germans, in looking ahead to scarcity of food, claim that they have developed a process of converting wood into food, and according to our notion a cotton leaf is much to be preferred than a steaked plank.

If Congress had worked as hard in the forepart of the session as it did in the closing days the members could have been back home in time to plant a spring crop of something, even if it were nothing more than dissatisfaction.

SOCIETY.

Miss Myers Entertains In Honor of Guests

In honor of her guests, Misses Susie and Frances Davis, of Rome, Georgia, Miss Amy Catherine Myers entertained at a swimming party and wicker roast at Crystal Lake, Winston-Salem, last Wednesday.

Those enjoying the delightful occasion were: Misses Susie and Frances Davis, the honor guests; Miss Dorothy Colhard and her guest, Miss Mary Nichols, of High Point; Miss Frances Hendren and her guest, Miss Nancy Clay, of Hickory; and the hostess, Miss Myers.

Leonard-Johnson

In a beautiful ceremony at the First Baptist church in Statesville Friday evening at 8:30, Miss Martha Pauline Leonard, of Statesville, was married to Charles Smoot Johnson, formerly of this city. Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the church, officiating, using the impressive ring ceremony.

The church was artistically decorated for the nuptials in a color motif of green and white. Just before the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Rachel Leonard, cousin of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied at the organ by Miss Amy Heinzerling. During the ceremony Miss Heinzerling played Schubert's Serenade. Wagner's Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, was used as the processional and Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the recessional.

The ushers, John Knox, Samuel Laws, William High and George Wasson, entered first and were followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Katherine Tillery and Elizabeth Montgomery, of Statesville, and Misses Jean and Norma Braidwood, Scarsdale, N. Y.

Miss Mary Leonard, only sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Master Allen Marion Morrison, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morrison, Jr., was ring bearer. The bride entered with her father, who gave her in marriage. The bridegroom was attended by Paul Gilliam, best man.

The bride was lovely in her wedding gown of white duchess satin with princess lace overdress and a bandeau of gardenias in her hair. The lace overdress was finished with a long train edged with a circular satin flounce and had long tight-fitted sleeves and high flared collar of the De Medicis style. She carried a beautiful arm bouquet of white asters and fern.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left for a motor trip to Carolina Beach. On their return they will be at home on East Broad street.

The bride is the older daughter of J. Paul Leonard and Mrs. Sudie Turner Leonard, and is an attractive young woman of the brunette type. She was educated at the Statesville high school and the Bronxville School, Bronxville, N. Y.

The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mrs. Jane Ray Johnson, of Winston-Salem, and the late Andrew Johnson. He has made his home with Mrs. Sam T. Ray and the late Mr. Ray for several years. He is well-known here. He holds a position with the Ray & Gilliam Clothing Company, in Statesville. He was educated at the Elkin high school and at Campbell's College, and served in the United States navy for five years.

AAA PAYMENTS AID N. C. FARM INCOMES

Surry Farmers Receive Total of \$165,396 In Payments

Farmers of Surry County who are co-operating in the agricultural adjustment programs received a total of \$165,396.29 in rental and benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935.

These payments, together with the increase in prices paid to farmers for their commodities, have been reflected in the larger income being received by farmers, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

From 1932 to 1934, he pointed out, the total income of North Carolina farmers increased by approximately 155 per cent, or from \$104,362,000 to \$266,449,000. The 1933 income was \$194,390,000.

The total AAA payments to farmers of the State during the past fiscal year ran to \$14,732,147.51, divided as follows: tobacco growers \$8,015,380.21, cotton growers \$5,945,844.43, corn-hog producers \$719,363.20, and wheat growers \$51,599.67.

During this period the expense of administering the programs amounted to \$1,147,290.71, or approximately seven per cent of the total AAA disbursements in the State.

The administration expenses were largely payments to county and community committeemen who were selected from among the farmers to assist the county agents locally with the crop adjustment program.

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PROMINENT YADKIN COUNTY WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Amelia Reavis Martin Victim Of Heart Attack

Mrs. Amelia Reavis Martin, 70, passed away at her home on the Courtney road, Monday afternoon at two o'clock, following a short illness with heart trouble. She was the wife of U. A. Martin, a prosperous merchant and farmer. Mrs. Martin was well and favorably known in this section. She was married to Mr. Martin in 1892.

Surviving is her husband and the following children: C. E. Reavis, W. L. Reavis, of Yadkinville, children of a former marriage; M. D. and R. P. Martin, of Mocksville; U. E. Martin, of Rockford; Mrs. J. H. Hauser, Mrs. C. A. Wilkins and Mrs. Opal Sprinkle, of Yadkinville. Also surviving are two brothers: Lee Reavis, of Texas and Henry Reavis, of Lone Hickory; and two sisters: Mrs. Lillie Wilkins, of Courtney and Mrs. Mary Anne Groce, of Southern Pines.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at South Oak Ridge Baptist church, where the deceased had been a member many years. Rev. M. F. Reavis and Rev. R. E. Adams had charge of the service. Interment followed in the church graveyard.

Julius Speas Injured In Automobile Crash

Julius Speas, of Boonville, has recovered sufficiently from injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday night to return to his home from the Baptist hospital, of Winston-Salem.

The accident occurred on the Elkin-Winston-Salem highway. Lights from an approaching car blinded the driver who swerved the car, hitting an embankment and causing the car to overturn.

Speas, the only one to suffer injuries, received a fractured vertebrae and a few minor cuts.

TWO TEACHERS ARE NAMED FOR POSTS

Miss Alice Dixon and Ted Griffin Fill Local Vacancies

Teachers for two vacancies on the local school faculty have been filled, it was learned Tuesday morning from J. Mark McAdams, superintendent.

Miss Alice Dixon, of Elkin, who last year taught in the Lenoir high school, will take the place of Miss Sarah McCracken, who recently resigned to accept a position on the faculty of the Sanford school.

Ted Griffin, a graduate of Guilford College, has been named to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Coach A. C. Hood, who has also gone to Sanford as head coach of the high school there.

While at Guilford, Mr. Griffin was a football, baseball and basketball star, and is said to be well qualified for the place.

Football practice started here Wednesday morning.

CRASH STORIES CONFLICT
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 1.—Conflicting stories of the careening motor car crash that killed Mrs. Harold L. Ickes, talented wife of secretary of the interior, caused the coroner's office today to call a second inquest to inquire into the wreck at the edge of rugged Rio Grande canyon.

Ibrahim Seyfullah, secretary of the Turkish embassy at Washington, himself seriously injured, told E. J. Hoose, Jr., chief of the state motor patrol, the rented car apparently skidded on slippery pavement before hurtling into the ditch. He could not say whether it had been contacted by a second car which some witnesses said might have been involved.

Clifford Hoose, of Ohio, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for highway robbery, although he obtained only 45 cents from the man he robbed.



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