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Maybe it was over-confidence, maybe it was the rain, but anyhow Duke settled that little Rose Bowl matter in a rather bull-ish way.

Some of these stratosphere fans one of these days are going to topple over the rim and spill themselves against the moon.

Inasmuch as we still have the slot machines that the last legislature outlawed, there's little use whining about a balanced budget.

The Macon Telegraph says: "An old-timer is a chap who can remember way back when a nickel sack of animal crackers almost beat Christmas."

Victor Meekins, Dare county sheriff, deplores the fact that he never went to college and never saw a football game, because it hampers him in conversation these days.

Mr. Hoover's speech in New York Saturday night, curiously enough, included nothing to indicate how the grass is getting along in the streets of all American cities.

According to a New York office manager, stenographers should not sport ruby-colored finger nails, because ditto makes the boss see red when he ought to be looking after his dictating.

Those who have been predicting the end of time, will have to extend that event beyond another year, for Blum's Almanac is out, and twelve full months have been charted, not even neglecting to list a few legal holidays.

At that, those stratosphere adventurers may be doing us a good turn, in providing a way to start off in the right direction, because there are a lot of us headed south just about the time for us to go "west."

Washington Calms Business

Whether because of the approaching battle of ballots or as a part of a well planned program, the fact remains that the administration is letting business know that basic reforms have been completed and that the "breathing spell" will be continued indefinitely.

The address of Daniel C. Roper before the Associated Grocery Manufacturers carries such a message to business in general. From this address one must conclude that the administration seeks to end uncertainty but to the expectation of further drastic moves by the government in business regulations.

In fact Secretary Roper even holds out the olive branch to big business when he says "if we are to be motivated primarily by the assumption that bigness must be penalized and restricted, merely because of its size, broad and penetrating recovery will be impossible." He also refutes the persistent rumor that the administration is against the profits system.

Evidently the administration is feeling the urge both of economic and political necessity. Business must be set at ease, public expenditures must be cut down, definite steps must be taken to balance the budget, and plans must be laid for trimming the \$30,000,000,000 public debt.

As a new election year approaches the President remembers his promise of a balanced budget by 1936 and a reduction in governmental expense. The voter next year will be wanting to have before them not only definite figures of recovery, but also indication of reduced spending and paying back.

Nothing Will Be Done About It

Two negro boys who had confessed to criminal assault upon a high school girl in Columbus, Texas, were snatched from officers and hanged to a tree near the victim's farm home. Seven hundred persons are said to have participated in the lynching.

The lynching was termed "an expression of the will of the people," by the county attorney, who said that he did not consider the citizens who executed the negroes a "mob," yet he said that he would "vigorously prosecute" any of the seven hundred who participated in the affair. But will he? With that sort of attitude it is not reasonable to expect that anything will be done about this Texas lynching. Not so you can tell it.

These negroes were in the hands of the law and headed toward a quick retribution, and as provoking as this crime was, "the will of the people" could have awaited the outcome which was as certain as death itself.

Evidently to this prosecuting attorney, sworn obligation does not count when it is obvious that it opposes any considerable number of voters. He is of that type of official to whom nothing is criminal if enough people are concerned in it. He could just as well have saved his breath in declaring that he would "prosecute," because the word has an empty and hollow meaning in his case.

Vast Colonization Plan

A movement has been launched for the purpose of establishing a huge farm colonization undertaking in Eastern Carolina which would place 1,500 families on 25,000 acres of land there, to work out their destiny as self-supporting citizens. The federal government will be asked to give aid in this undertaking, if not embrace it as a governmental program.

This is by no means a new and untried project. Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, has already blazed the way successfully in the establishment of smaller farm colonies that have resulted in scores of happy, prosperous farm families, not only making good livings, but laying something aside on only ten acres of land per family. Mr. McRae has been directing this program for the past thirty-five years, and says of it:

"What these farmers have done on their 10-acre farms in New Hanover county can also be done by thousands of other farmers who face failure and even starvation on their present farms and under the old methods of farming. Their only hope of ever attaining economic independence is to leave their present farms, stop trying to grow cotton and tobacco and learn the new type of farming which has made our present farm colonies in New Hanover county such a success. If they keep on trying to grow cotton and tobacco and adhere to the old methods of farming, they are bound to fail and become more and more of a problem."

Those who have seen the various colonies started by Mr. McRae over thirty years ago, and who have watched their progress, are already convinced that the plan is workable and needs only the financial backing of individuals or government to make success certain.

Mr. McRae is so certain of the success of the plan that he has offered to make the government a present of the 25,000 acres if the farm colony does not succeed and if the colonists do not find it possible to make good livings and also enough extra to pay for their lands.

This probably would be the largest single undertaking ever attempted by the government, but it would be justified in adopting it because the beneficiaries need not be limited to North Carolina farmers.

Changes Donation Policy

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been making sizeable donations to the Northern Baptist convention's unified budget. He now has changed that policy and will make his funds available for non-sectarian projects sponsored by Baptists, Methodists or any other denomination.

Mr. Rockefeller says that his change of policy comes from his desire to aid "in emphasizing the basic truths common to all denominations, in lowering denominational barriers and in promoting effective co-operation among Christians of whatever creed."

Rockefeller's father was a financial pillar in the church, and together they have given millions to the Northern Baptist convention and its agencies, one gift alone amounting to \$2,000,000.

In announcing his change of policy Mr. Rockefeller speaks more the language of a churchman than that of a great industrial leader. Hear him:

"I believe in denominations—insofar as they make necessary provision for individual variation in religious experience. What gives me pause is the tendency inherent in denominations to emphasize the form instead of the substance, the denominational peculiarity instead of the oneness of Christian purpose."

"I have long felt that this denominational emphasis is a divisive force in the progress of organized Christian work and an obstacle to the development of the spirit and life of Christ among men."

"If the church is to go forward, if it is to hold the young people of today who, generally speaking, are not greatly concerned about denominational distinctions and have a decreasing interest in sectarian missions, and if their support of its activities is to replace that of the older givers who pass on, these denominational distinctions are bound to fade in the forward movement of a great, united church open to all who seek to follow Christ and find in Him the abundant life."

More and more denominational lines are becoming less distinct. The brethren no longer argue and fight over the mode of baptism, predestination, or the right to fall from grace, and it is well that this is so. There should be a oneness of Christian purpose, subscribed to and supported by those of every faith, and Mr. Rockefeller's approach certainly will contribute much to that end.

Scott's Got His Nerve

W. Kerr Scott, of Alamance county, is of the opinion that there should be a reorganization of the department of agricultural work in this state, and is seriously considering running for commissioner of agriculture against the present incumbent, William A. Graham.

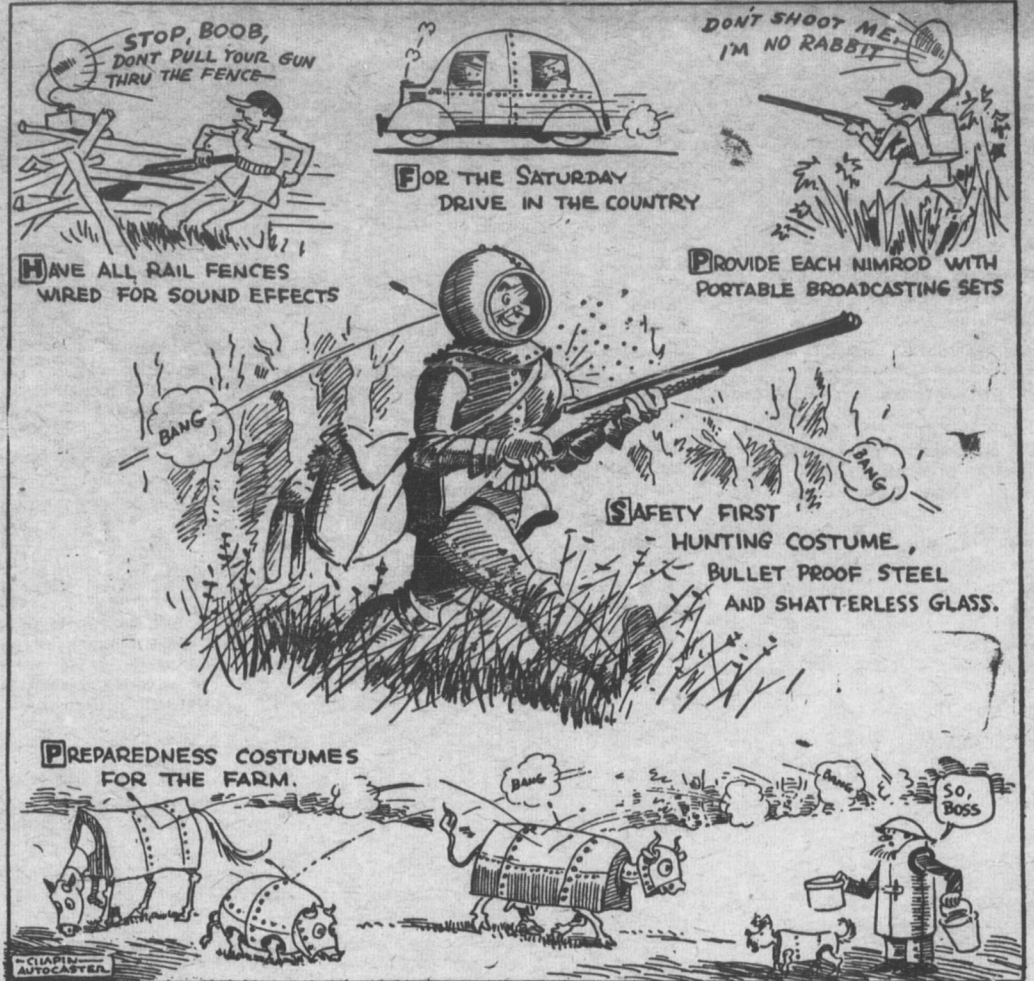
In the light of past political history, that would be a very foolish thing to do—that is if foolishness is to be measured with prospect of success in divorcing a Graham from the headship of the department of agriculture. For years and years father, then son, have occupied this place, either through able agricultural leadership or a superior brand of political acumen—just take your choice. To break the continuity of this dynasty would be nothing less than sacrilege, for which all the political slate-making at Raleigh, the political bell-wethers have failed to disturb this peaceful berth, on which the Grahams hold first claim.

There are frequent rumblings that indicate that this continuity is beginning to pall, but they don't get anywhere, and Mr. Scott will be nothing less than a magician if he enters the race and manages to break the hypnotic spell.

Mr. Graham's job primarily concerns the farmer and if the agriculturists want to perpetuate him in it, that should be their business. They ought to know what and who they want.

Hunting Season Hints

by A. B. Chapin



AVOID WRONG WAY OF KILLING HOGS

Haphazard Methods May Lead To Loss of Meat

The farmer who uses haphazard methods and trusts to luck at hog-killing time runs a big risk of losing his meat.

The right way to kill hogs is just as easy as the wrong way, suggests R. E. Nance, professor of animal husbandry at State College, and with proper curing, it virtually assures successful preservation of the meat. Many of the methods employed in "Dad's time" were responsible for the heavy losses usually experienced. Nance pointed out some of the worst faults, as follows:

Hogs were usually killed on the coldest day of mid-winter, under the impression that the extreme cold helped preserve the meat. Bitter cold weather made the task difficult, and it was rushed through in too big a hurry.

A temperature of 28 to 40 degrees is preferable. The carcasses should be allowed to hang up overnight in the smokehouse so as to let all the

animal heat dissipate before the curing is started.

The custom of shooting hogs or knocking them in the head was prevalent. Then the hogs were dragged to a vat of water that was either too hot or too cold.

The bodies were bruised, the carcasses did not bleed properly and the hair did not scrape off as it should.

Stick the hogs, Nance said, allow them to bleed thoroughly, and scald them in water heated to 150 degrees, no more no less.

Do not feed the hogs within 24 hours of killing time. Doing so wastes feed and makes the carcasses harder to dress. Do not cut up the carcasses until the next day, he advised.

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