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Sheep-shearing time out west; lamb-shearing time on Wall Street.

When you ask them "how are you feeling today," some people make the mistake of thinking you really want to know.

But you just wait a couple years, Ed and Wally's command to "hurry" won't sound so thrilling.

The question is, when Wally takes her marriage vow will she be the "Merry Wife of Windsor?"

Robert Quillen advises: "So live that you won't yearn to skin Junior when he is up and tells the whole truth before company."

In case the scientists are right when they say the hair reflects the general state of one's health, the bald-headed man is in a powerful bad fix.

The federal government announces that it will buy up surplus fish. But that doesn't mean that the sportsmen can palm off those that get away.

North Carolina spends an average of \$22.62 annually on each public school pupil, but \$240.76 a year to support and supervise each convict.

Highway robbers are specializing on courting couples parked along the roads in Forsyth. The which is calculated to curtail the necking business.

It is hard to decide which are the more to be pitied, the women who lend themselves to the strip-tease "art" or those who pay good money for this sort of entertainment.

If that Tennessee faster really feels that he is called to preach, the publicity he has had will serve as a good build up for him.

A medico says that whiskey is no better for a cold than that much hydrant water. One by one we are being robbed of our great traditions.

Pulitzer prize goes to "Gone With The Wind" as the best book of the year. But that Mitchell gal's divorced hubby won't get to spend any of the shekels that come because of it.

One writer reminds that "John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee is being sued by his wife. It looks like John didn't even carry his home precinct in the last election."

Moldy Conscience Too

It is barely possible that tobacco farmers in this county have occasionally noticed the absence of tobacco plants from beds that held them the day before. Which is another way of saying that somebody found themselves in need of tobacco plants as well as prayer—and proceeded to take 'em.

But not to the best of our knowledge and belief has this county ever complained of such wholesale pilfering as that reported by a Johnston county farmer who declares that night prowlers stole three acres of his plants which had already been set in the open field.

That is what you would call heaping it up and rubbing it in. Pilfering plants from the beds is bad enough, but this Johnston county farmer not only lost his plants but the time and pain of setting them out. For if anybody doesn't think that sort of work is "toil" just let him try it.

The reason for this eagerness for possession of tobacco plants is—blue mold. This disease of seedling plants in the tobacco bed is said to have taken a toll of approximately twenty per cent of the bedded tobacco plants in North Carolina this year. But it manifested a greater greed in Georgia, and as a consequence tobacco growers of that State, flocked to North Carolina for plants, paying as much as fifty dollars for enough plants to set out an acre.

As a result of our neighborliness in going as far as we could in supplying this need, North Carolina growers, find themselves pinched for enough plants to stock their fields, but we never expected to hear of such bald discourtesy as to go into another's planted fields to get them. It would seem that the ordinary ethics of the agricultural clan would prohibit that.

Barnum Was Conservative

It was the late Mr. Barnum, the big show man, we believe, who said that "a sucker is born every minute." There is abundant reason to believe that Mr. Barnum was extra conservative.

The American people are a gullible lot. That's why in yesteryear the medicine show rode the court circuit — and raked in the shekels. That is why an Insull could build an industrial empire on a thin dime and a Van Swearingen swing a vast railroad system with a shoe string—but in the end both of them found that they themselves had been sucked in.

The great American trait of falling for the "hot stuff" is not confined to any one class. Sooner or later, mostly sooner, if the right string is pulled, somebody will sell us, some sort of gold brick.

If we refuse to provide the fee that will lead us straight to the recovery of our share of Manhattan which our grandpa failed to deed away, offer us a bogus sweepstakes ticket and we'll eat it up.

Get a bag of horse salts, add plenty of water, pack the mixture in small, fancy bottles, label it any sort of cure-all, price it at a dollar a bottle, and if you put enough ballyhoo behind it, you'll soon be taking a trip to Europe to avoid the income tax collector. It has been tried and proven.

And haven't most of us thrown aside a dependable and odoriferous old pipe because we listened to the siren voice that told of aged-in-wood, specially treated, exquisitely blended, sunkist tobacco, a ballyhoo that made smoke rings spell romance and caused us to dream of Burley fields and happy workers who were there to pull long, green worms off the golden leaves before they cheated us out of our happiness?

We pitched aside that old pipe because somebody had taken a dime's worth of tobacco, mixed in a lot of hokum and not a little pokum, put the whole in an attractive package, and made the price high enough to be interesting.

The more we think of it the more certain are we that Mr. Barnum was quite conservative.

When the Governor Travels

When the secretary to Mr. Ickes insisted that Congress approve the purchase of a \$4,000 automobile for his chief, newspaper paragraphers made it the subject for a lot of space-filling wise-cracks, and at least one North Carolina paper editorialized about the extravagance of it all.

Yet one of the first official acts of Capus Waynick, as the new director of the division of purchase and contract, was the approval of the purchase of a custom built auto for Governor Hoey costing \$6,015.93. This is said to be the finest and most expensive ever purchased by the State for one of its governors. A description of the luxurious big car, pictures it a regular palace on wheels as compared to the mere flivver proposed for Secretary Ickes.

Don't get us wrong. We are not recording this purchase for the purpose of criticism. We are inclined to string along with the board of awards in the contention that the State should provide a car for the Governor in keeping with the dignity of his high office, even though it costs a pretty penny to do it.

And then it should be remembered that the higher you go the less in proportion you pay—in sales tax. The sales levy on the Governor's big Lincoln deluxe will not amount to more than we pay on our flivver costing in hundreds what his cost in thousands. But daggone it, we do think the manufacturers should have knocked off that ninety-three cents from the purchase price. We would have thought the Scotch in Capus Waynick would have prompted him to look after that little matter.

Reclaiming Waste

Announcement comes from one of the government laboratories that a process has been perfected for turning sawdust into a thing of value and utility. By cooking and mixing with certain common and cheap chemicals to bring about dissolution it is possible to obtain a hardened mass that may be rolled into sheets of plastic character, which in turn may be utilized as floor tile, wallboards, table tops, electric instrument boards insulators and even for building roads.

Remembering the mountains of sawdust in wood and at factories, the importance of this reclamation becomes apparent. If the process can be cheapened and made applicable to small producers, this item of conservation would play an important part in our economics.

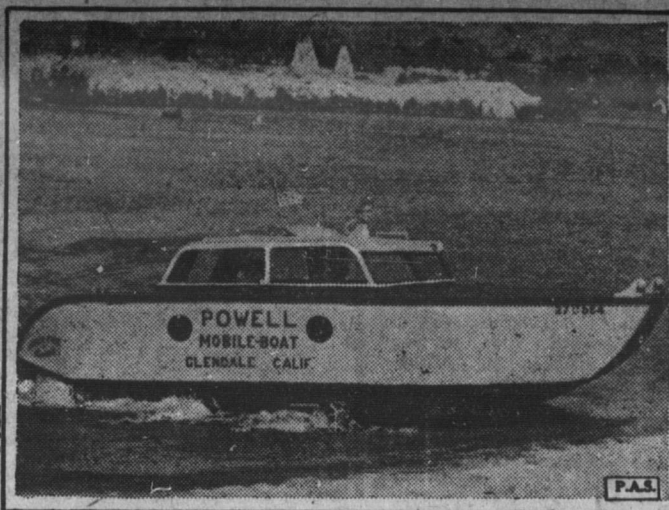
But this nation is so plentifully supplied with everything that we do not sense the need of conservation. But we will come to it in time, even if we do not sense our need until the time is past due.

Tin is an expensive metal yet the municipal dump heaps all over this fair land contain mountains of tin cans from which the American public is feeding itself. We'll get around to that too. We'll have our municipal smelters to take this unsightly junk and litter and turn it back to us again—and incidentally pocket a few escaping dollars.

European nations are far ahead of us in this conservation business. Germany saves her razor blades, converts waste paper into some useful thing—wastes nothing but the blood of her young manhood.

At some future day there will be more definite need for us to conserve, so we should be about the business of learning how.

Amphibious Auto Passes All Tests



Roscoe, Calif. . . . George E. Powell's "Mobile-Boat" comes out of the lake for a tour on land. The queer craft is perfectly at home on land or afloat. The next step will be to give it wings.

BRUCE BARTON Soap



Moving Mountains Is Not Easy
Mahomet, who after more than a thousand years has two hundred and twenty million followers, told the people that he was directly commissioned by the Almighty and hence endowed with super-natural powers. The Arabs, being skeptical, said: "If you will cause Mount Safa to come to you we will believe that you really have the goods."

Mahomet accepted the challenge and, full of faith in himself, commanded the mountain to approach. Nothing happened. Mount Safa did not budge an inch. This was a ticklish moment. Had he been a modern politician he would immediately have sought to divert the people's minds by crying: "I did my best, but the Supreme Court would not let me." Or, "The House of Morgan has run around behind the mountain and nailed it down."

Mahomet was wiser. Said he: "God is merciful. Had the mountain obeyed my command it would have fallen upon us, and all you Arabs would have been killed. I, therefore, will go to the mountain, and I thank Allah for having had mercy on a stiff-necked generation." The stiff-necked and bare-footed Arabs, wooed by the candor and innate wisdom of the remark, concluded that so wise and frank a gentleman must indeed be endowed with something more than human intelligence, and promptly gave him their loyalty.

There's Always Reform
Theodore Roosevelt was the first restorer. He denounced the "malefactors of great wealth," and with a vast pounding of the base drum, he chased them away and restored the government to the people.

Then came Woodrow Wilson, who likewise marshalled the forces of the righteous against the iniquitous power of Wall Street, and again "restored the government to the people."

Now Franklin Roosevelt. He, too, finds that government has somehow drifted back into the control of "entrenched greed" and so he sounds the Tocsin and "restores the government to the people."

Very decided good was accomplished by Theodore Roosevelt. The Federal Reserve System is an enduring monument to Wilson's administration. Some, at least, of the reforms of Franklin Roosevelt will prove permanent.

But reform is not a one-night show; it is a continuing necessity. Human nature is stubborn; progress is slow. Action and reaction follow each other. A thousand years from now, if the Republic lasts that long, the President of that day, having ridden the white horse of Reform against the bulwarks of Wall Street, will announce to his adoring followers that the "government has been returned to the people of the United States."

RESEARCH SHOWS WAY TO RESULTS

Fertilizer Application Should Be Made to One or Both Sides of Seed

BRINGS HIGHER YIELDS

Six years of research by the North Carolina Experiment Station indicates that when the fertilizer application is made in bands to one or both sides of the seed and a little below the level of the seed, higher acre yields of the crops so fertilized are obtained.

"In general, we would recommend as a result of our tests, that the fertilizer application be made two or three inches to each side and two to three inches below the level of the seed," announced Dr. E. R. Collins, fertility agronomist. "This application has given the highest percent of germination, the least seedling injury and the highest acre yields of cotton. Although the experimental work in North Carolina has been done primarily with cotton and tobacco, results from other states indicate that material increases in yields can be obtained with other crops. Therefore, suitable distributors for side placement may be utilized for crops other than cotton."

Dr. Collins found from his results last year that satisfactory results can be obtained by placing the fertilizer in two bands, about six inches apart, and then planting the seed half-way between the bands with a walking planter. This method of placement gave an increase of about 200 pounds of seed cotton per acre in comparison with placing the same amount of fertilizer behind a three-inch shovel in the conventional manner.

This side placement method, at planting time, in separate operations, gave an increase of approximately 400 pounds of seed cotton more than where the fertilizer was placed in a band three

inches under the seed ten days before planting.

Dr. Collins said it is advisable however to have new equipment that will place the fertilizer properly at planting time but that some alterations in the present equipment may be made to secure almost as good results.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT STATE COLLEGE

Question: What variety of chickens is best for developing capons?

Answer: Experimental work at this Station, both in developing and marketing capons indicate a preference to the Plymouth Rocks over the Rhode Island Reds as far as these two popular breeds are concerned. No work has been done with the other yellow skinned varieties such as Cochins, White Wyandottes, Jersey Giants, Langshans, Brahmans, and Cornish. The last three together with the Cochin are slower in development than the other breeds, but usually make a larger capon when finished.

Question: How can I control bud worms in my tobacco fields?

Answer: The best known control is the poisoned corn meal bait which is made by carefully mixing one pound of Arsenate of Lead with 50 pounds of corn meal. One peck of this mixture will cover one acre. Place a small pinch of the bait in the center of the bud early in the morning when the bud is open. Applications should begin ten days to two weeks after the plants are set in the field and repeated every week or ten days until the plants are topped.

A full-grown ostrich stands nearly eight feet high, and weighs 300 pounds.

GENE AUTRY SERIAL IS COMING TO ELK

Lovers of spine tingling thrills are soon due for a rare treat at the new Elk Theater here. Mascot's sensational chapter-play, "The Phantom Empire," will be shown each Friday and Saturday for twelve weeks, starting May 21.

The amazing story assertedly invades a serial field nobody has ever touched, in depicting "Muranian," a fantastic metal city filled with supermen possessing death-dealing inventions far ahead of any earthly weapons, and located 20,000 feet under ground. The thrills are said to surpass those of any adventure books or newspaper cartoon strips.

The stellar cast features Gene Autry in his famous radio songs and his two-fisted fights: Hollywood's boy star, Frankie Darro, Betsy King Ross, champion girl trick rider, blonde Dorothy Christy, Wheeler Oakman, Charles French, Warner Richmond, comic "Smiley" Burnette, William Moore and many others.

W. M. WALL TO GIVE AWAY GRUEN WATCH

A handsome Gruen watch, either boys' or girls' style, will be given away within the next three or four days by W. M. Wall, local Jeweler.

A large clock has been placed in the Wall show window, and on the face of it has been printed the names of the 1937 graduates of Elkin and Jonesville high schools. The big clock is scheduled to run down within from three to four days, and to the graduate to whose name the large minute hand is pointing when the clock stops, will go the Gruen watch.

WANTS

Twin Metal Beds, slightly used, \$3.00 each. The Eagle.

Wanted—Man to work on farm all summer. Apply to Clarence Holcomb, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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Beautiful 9 piece Dining Room Suite \$74.50. A rare bargain The Eagle.

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