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Spring house-cleaning is about over, but there's still many a skeleton in the closet.

Woman's place is in the home—of a neighbor, if there's a bridge game on.

If our opinion is worth anything, what we like most in these new spring frocks is—a nice-appearing—gal.

With so many of us having to be content with a sandwich, what in the heck's the use of learning how to use a knife and fork?

If you don't think this nation means to take care of our mentally incompetent, just take note of the number we elect to office.

With 2,000 strip-teasers out of a job and 2,000,000 wives complaining that they have nothing to wear, it looks like we're headin' into another mess.

Pour the gas to her, Big Fella, the tank don't leak. And besides Japan is providing a profitable market for our scrap metal.

What Christopher Columbus didn't foresee was the difficulty in finding parking space on Main Street Saturday afternoons—else he'd have stayed at home.

It's Philander Johnson's Jud Tunkins talking: "There's as much difference between talkin' sensible and actin' sensible as there is between givin' a note and payin' it punctual."

**Will Mr. Hackett Hold to His Expressed Purpose?**

When J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, was named to a place on the State Highway Commission by Governor Hoey he stated that he had coveted this opportunity to be of service to the people of this section and that now he would seek to be remembered by them as a man who had served their interests unselfishly and efficiently.

That, we submit is a high purpose and meaningful, and if carried out literally, there is no question but that Mr. Hackett's objective will be attained.

The notion here is that Mr. Hackett could demonstrate this unselfish purpose in no better way than by curbing the urge to move the highway office from Elkin to North Wilkesboro, for the transfer would serve no other purpose than the selfish desire to bring some new prestige and material advantage to his home town.

Such transfer would not by any stretch of the imagination promote economy, and goodness knows every dollar that can be saved to the roads—should be. On the contrary it would work in reverse. Elkin is more nearly in the center of the district that is under Mr. Hackett's supervision, and the nature of his duties certainly doesn't require that the administrative office be within arm's reach.

The welfare and convenience of the employes who are to be retained should not be disregarded. Some of these own their homes here and to require them to pick up and leave for no better reason than to satisfy a whim is an injustice that Mr. Hackett will find hard to defend.

Once before the highway office was moved from Elkin to Winston-Salem, but the fallacy of this move was soon realized and the office came back where it belonged.

If Gordon Hackett still holds to his purpose of serving unselfishly, and not undertake to use his authority and influence to make a political football out of the highway service in this district he will say "Get thee behind me Satan" in this inclination to benefit one neighbor town at the expense of another.

**Rural Electrification**

According to a survey made by the Edison Electric Institute, only 3.6 per cent of the farms in this State had electric current available on July 1, 1935, the date the Rural Electrification work was started. Now the same survey shows that at the end of last year 8.2 per cent of North Carolina's farm homes had electricity. This is an increase of 4.6 per cent, a great part of which may be credited to the various power companies serving the State, prodded to action by government interest.

Since July 1, 1935 a total of 3,381.31 miles of rural power lines have been constructed, serving 18,511 customers; 544.85

miles are under construction, to serve 2,966 families; and 1,943.96 miles have been authorized, these lines to furnish power to 10,750 farm homes.

All of which is but scratching the surface, and is nothing at all to boast about when compared with what some of our European neighbors are doing along these lines.

But these spidery webs of rural electric lines that are being spun in increasing numbers each day are bringing many city comforts and conveniences within the grasp of North Carolina's farm population and the days to come will reflect in a more contented and prosperous citizenship.

And our rural people are not the only beneficiaries. Power producers have learned that increased consumption of power, even at a lower price, nets a greater profit than lower consumption at a higher rate. Private concerns are about the business of finding a way to curtail loss in transmission, and with improved methods stand to increase their earnings under this new order.

Surely North Carolina is on the threshold of that more abundant life that we have been hearing so much about, and this white servant provided by nature will be contributing its share.

**Paternity Wards**

No longer can there be any question about California's supremacy over Florida, and no longer need that state boast about its climate and its film stars for it has pioneered in another direction and in a manner that will win the love and acclaim of all men everywhere.

For a San Francisco hospital announces that it soon will open a "paternity ward" where expectant fathers may soothe their anxiety in streamlined comfort. No longer need they pace the bleak corridors of hospitals in San Francisco, suffering all the pangs of anxiety and uncertainty that only expectant fathers know. Needless to say that this improvement will spread until hospitals everywhere will be providing this service for those who must foot the bill for what is taking place in another section of the institution.

A hospital official sketches briefly some of the fittings and the setting that is to be provided for expectant fathers: A long room fitted with comfortable chairs, reading lamps, ash trays, pictures—but no bar, appropriate pictures will be on the walls including photographs of the Dionne quintuplets, (a soothing factor to be sure) and there will be accommodating nurses to answer all his anxious and foolish questions; textbooks on the care of children will be within convenient reach, and everything possible will be done to make comfortable a most miserable and anxious man.

For centuries the hospitals and physicians have placed all the emphasis on improving facilities to aid mothers during childbirth, while the fathers have been shunted aside and neglected. Now they are being recognized and their misery ministered unto.

Surely this is another accomplishment of the Roosevelt administration which in the beginning was dedicated to the relief and emancipation of — forgotten men.

**The Leaven Is Working**

"I feel that a firm owes a lot to employees who stick with it a long time. Besides, the politicians have been taking our money and distributing it for us, and with our own money they have been getting our employes gradually to feel that their future depends on politicians instead of on us. So we might as well distribute it ourselves."

That is Harmon P. Elliott, wealthy office machine manufacturer, explaining how come he has issued \$250,000 worth of preferred stock to his employes. They had just come to him demanding an increase in pay, but immediately they forgot their grievances and once more are a contented lot.

Those workmen who had spent years building adding machines, probably knew how to do little else. They had contributed much to Elliott's success, had helped him build a fortune and deserved the break he gave them.

But his was not such a magnanimous act after all. In the main his workers have the government to thank for their good fortune. By Elliott's own confession this is so. More than any other in recent decades the Roosevelt administration has reached the government hand into the pockets of wealth, and with two objectives: to meet the expenses of government and to prod industry into a willingness to divide with its workers the profits they have helped to create.

Only a few months ago industry was falling over itself in announcing wage increases, liberal dividends, and new policies of partnership with labor, and for the self-same reasons that Elliott advances.

The leaven is working. Industry is sensing the fact that it owes an obligation beyond the pay envelope; that in making \$100,000 salaries possible for executives, labor deserves a cut-in somewhere down the line.

Having observed what a smidgeon of nitrate of soda will do for a growing plant, we're wondering if it wouldn't be a good thing to apply to that fast-growing bald spot a-top our head.

People who have a mania for counting things such as pin holes and pieces of paper are in the first stages of insanity, say the scientists. In the future the sheep can jump the fence until they're skare, for all of us.

**WESLEY CHAPEL WILL HAVE HOMECOMING**

There will be an all-day home coming at the Wesley Chapel Methodist church, Sunday May 30. The program will begin at 10:00 A. M. The speaker of the morning will be Prof. Gentry, of Statesville, and former superintendent of schools of Iredell county. The afternoon will be taken up with singing by a number of choirs, a history of the church by F. M. Trivette, and an address by Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, a former pastor; also talks by any of the other former pastors that may be present.

The public is invited to come and bring dinner and be assured that you will feel that the day was well spent.

**LITTLE RICHMOND FINALS UNDERWAY**

Commencement exercises at the Little Richmond Consolidated School began Wednesday evening, May 26, with an operetta, "The Fairies Are Really True." Thursday afternoon, May 27, a black-face comedy will be presented by the fourth and fifth grades. Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the graduating exercises will be held.

J. Lee Thompson is principal of the school. Other members of the faculty are Miss Dovie Moore, Miss Florence Wall, Mrs. Mable Brendie and Mrs. Lula Woltz.

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*A Thought for Memorial Day* — by A. B. CHAPIN

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