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But it is not related that that "cotton road" has been approved by the neckers.

The coal dealer who would be pestering a fellow with last winter's fuel bill this kind of weather, ought to be shot at sunrise.

When a farmer turns politician he learns a lot about the necessity of keeping the machinery in repair.

"Before the average man can get married these days he has to show his girl two licenses—marriage and automobile."—Ex.

This bit of fine philosophy is from Philander Johnson's Uncle Eben: "Mind yoh own business, an' iffen yoh ain't got no business, make it yoh business to get some."

Those who contend that the bathing girl at the beach doesn't look like she did ten years ago, should remember that much time is calculated to show on anyone.

Congressmen who overrode the President's veto in order to keep low interest rates for farmers must not have paid for a square meal lately.

**In The Senator's Defense**

The Charlotte Observer would keep history straight by reminding that the North Carolina Federation of Labor at its recent annual meeting did not put its stamp of approval on the resolution condemning Senator Bailey for his desertion of President Roosevelt and the New Deal program in general.

As the Observer points out, such a resolution had been prepared but not passed, the State labor body contenting itself to go on record as approving Roosevelt policies without singling out his foes for criticism.

The Observer with understandable enthusiasm defends Senator Bailey this way:

"Along with a large number of other Democratic senators, Mr. Bailey has not been able to see eye to eye with the President on all of his policies . . . It always happens when a strong man, with the courage of his convictions, takes a decided statesmanlike position against a popular figure in public life, he incurs the enmity of the partisan, who, sometimes for diplomatic reasons only, takes the other side of the question.

"In the judgment of this newspaper, Senator Bailey by his independent attitude, has not only won the favor of thousands of North Carolinians, but at the same time, on account of his courage, has won the respect of many Democrats who did not support him in the last election."

Evidently The Observer forgot to mention that the Senator was serving a "holy cause," and by all means that should not be overlooked.

As for increasing the Senator's stature in the eyes of voters in North Carolina, it would take an election to determine that, and an election with Senator Bailey as the central figure would make the Observer mighty nervous in its boots, despite its boasted confidence to the contrary, as the editor now very well knows.

**Doesn't Make Sense**

When former Governor Ehringhaus turned down a government assignment offered him and gave as his reason that some lawyer nearer the scene of the litigation ought to be able to do the job as well and cheaper, North Carolinians felt rather proud of him, for was not here a man who was above trading his prestige and influence for a mess of political pottage?

But evidently we were rather previous in our appraisal, for the news columns tell us that Mr. Ehringhaus has just been paid a \$10,000 fee as "special" attorney for the government in some sort of suit that it has taken him away from Raleigh for any great length of time, his neighbors didn't notice it.

As lawyer fees go, doubtless Mr. Ehringhaus came as near earning his ten thousands as any other of the "special" assistants of the attorney general, and we are glad to see him get it. Doubtless as Governor he experienced an interruption in his earning power, and needed to revamp his finances.

But it must be remembered that this check is more of a retainer fee than anything else for the case it involves has not yet been tried, and it is reasonable to suppose that before it is through with there will be still other remittances, that will run the ex-governor's earnings into real money, and it is probably true too, that there are other at-

torneys assisting on this special assignment who will fare equally as well.

In this case the former Governor has earned as much in a few months as is paid our congressmen for the year, and no election expenses involved, which goes to show that not all the gravy is dished out into one plate.

Whatever may have been the merits of this right considerable fee, it looms the bigger when one considers that there are any number of young men and women working in clerical positions in Washington and for this self-same government, who are being denied salary advances that are justified by increased living costs, simply because some of these higher-up are pleading economy, it doesn't exactly make sense.

**Living On Forever**

Most of us have learned not to become too wrought up over the promises the scientists have from time to time held out to us, particularly as regards our physical well-being. Researchers have accomplished wonders and interfered with our traditions to our own good, but many of their promises remain unfulfilled.

But now comes a doctor in California who declares that "it is now within the realms of theology, philosophy, science and sanity to consider the possibility of humanity living on forever." No, he is not extolling the wonderful climate of California and claiming that to be necessary to this desirable achievement, but actually believes what he says.

Furthermore Colonel Lindbergh and Dr. Alexis Carrell have gone beyond their "artificial heart" and have designed machinery to test the theory that the life of human organs may be restored. This may serve to bolster the claim that eventually a way will be found to revive an animal apparently dead for years and bring it back to life for lengthening or even indefinitely prolonging it.

Even Marconi, who discovered the principle of air communication, did not envision the radio of today and few of us can anticipate the developments of tomorrow. And while these theories of our scientists seem so ridiculous and impossible, it is not safe to brush them aside simply because they violate our every sense of reason.

According to Dr. Carrell's investigations, people who seem to die of "old age" or from natural causes are not laid low by lightning or other such accidents, but the "accidents" are there none the less. He says we die simply because we do not know how to avoid them.

This continuity of life may be a glorious conception with which our children's children will play and piddle, but it should not encourage our undertakers to curtail their service in this present day, looking to the final salvaging of their investments in equipment for laying us away as cosily as we can afford. We reckon they will be safe in going to the expense of a fresh coat of paint for the old hearse, and new straps for the dinkus that lowers our bodies into the grave.

And besides, with all these strikes, and legislatures and mosquitoes, who wants to live on forever anyway?

**There May Be Surprises**

Gradually but inexorably Japan has been cutting into China, taking a slice at a time, picking opportune moments when other nations were occupied with their own problems. Having borne no part of the cost of the world war, Japan has been readier with her resources to work her will with cumbersome and unwieldy China.

Years ago some one predicted that the great Chinese dragon would awake and woe be unto the foe that got in its path. Perhaps that time is not yet, but there are signs that tell of a China aroused and united, and the present conflict may bring its surprises.

Nippon's fighting machine is modern in every particular, her soldiery trained to perfection, and she is capable of striking swiftly and mightily, which is the only way she can win and her generals know it. That's why Japan is about the business of cutting another comprehensive slice out of China to appropriate to her own profit and use.

Chinese soldiers, like the Japanese, are fatalists, and "fighting to the death" means just that to them. Add to their patriotism, the continued smarting under Japanese oppression and you have a worm turned that may put in some deadly work before this unofficial war is over.

The Chinese people are not as dumb as some are inclined to regard them. It is significant that China's financial structure is in good shape. Her leaders have arranged for a loan from England of \$100,000,000, plus \$50,000,000 from America. Thus the Chinese Central Government has fortified its financial position while that of Japan is described as growing steadily worse. The Japanese trade balance has reached a record adverse figure and new domestic bond issues in Tokyo are considered certain as the conflict in China widens.

Given a reasonable hope for success, world financiers will respond favorably to China's plea for co-operation, for there is general world sympathy for the Chinese underdogs that are having to defend themselves and are so inadequately prepared to fight.

And so it appears that there is the barest possibility that cocky little Japan has become over-ambitious; that she has been too insistent and persistent with her carving knife, and that she may have a number of surprises coming to her. And secretly deep down in our hearts, that is what we Americans are hoping.

**FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY**

(By C. M. Dickson)

Grapes that we cannot easily reach are usually sour.

When Sampson lost his hair, he almost lost his head.

I wonder if more people besides Romulus and Remus have not been nursed by she wolves.

Claiming recognition because of its stupendous weight, Aesop's fabled gnat still sits on the bull's horn.

The adjective "straight" cannot be compared.

By nature a man's a man, but if he functions as a dog, what would you call him?

Some people's minds are like a terrapin's head—hard to find.

Many homes have been converted into tourists' camps and filling stations.

A ram usually uses his "head" when he goes to butt.

The raising of Poodle Dogs bids fair to be an important industry in this country. So far, no one has figured that birth control will figure in raising them.

Sometimes a very tough nut is cracked to find a "colonel."

Why should a person who goes to "cawldige" make either a "high-brow," a "frill," a "fanatic" or a "furbelow."

For the benefit of society, it might be better if some of our larger institutions were "Gideonized."

I had rather be a little man on top than to be a big man under the bottom.

A medical student when asked to name the bones in his head said, "I am confident they are there, but I do not remember, for the time being, just what they are called." It is possible that the sutures in this particular case had not only "ossified," but "solidified," and thereby made just one "bone-head."

A pet sin may be caressed until it becomes a millstone.

If a light does not shine, something is wrong with either the oil or the vessel.

Education is to liberate as well as to subjugate.

One had better be unarmed than to shoot wrong.

'Tis said that we should not antagonize nature. If not, where does grace come in?

Climb high and drink deep to satisfy ambition.

To think much and say little is often the easiest way out of trouble.

A knife that's dull ought to be sharpened.

An honest confession is often a cure for indigestion.

**SHOALY BRANCH**

Rev. I. C. Woodruff of Mountain View will fill his regular appointment at Shoaly Branch Saturday evening and Sunday. Our Sunday school is gradually improving, we are glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gentry and son and Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Gentry were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gentry.

Miss Susie Grace Henric of Elkin, was the Sunday guest of Misses Anna Lee and Sallie Gilliam. They also visited Miss Mable Tubert.

Miss Ruth Pettyjohn and Lyle Tubert returned Monday from Lynchburg, Va., where they visited their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Pettyjohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spencer have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lyons at their home in Elkin.

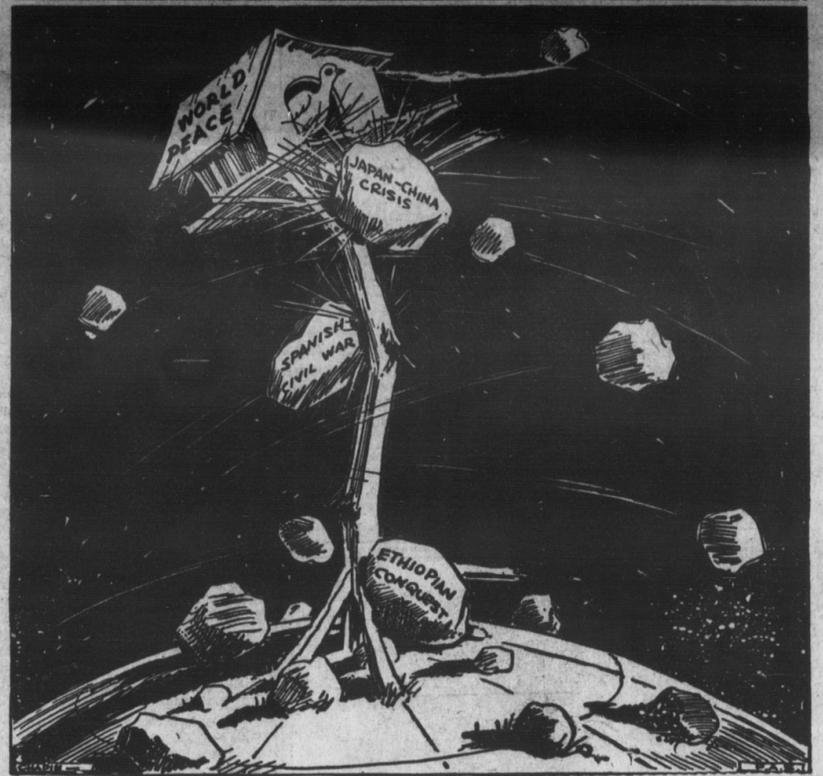
Mr. and Mrs. Meck Adams and daughters, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Poplin of Maryland, spent last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burchan.

The farmers in this community are glad of the fine showers for the last few days.

**A Wobbly Perch**

by A. B. CHAPIN



**TODAY and TOMORROW**

ALASKA . . . new gold rush

Forty years ago, in 1897, the discovery of gold in the Klondike started the greatest "gold rush" since the California excitement of 1849. Now a new gold rush to Alaska is beginning. A new gold "strike" on Goodnews Bay has brought hundreds of prospectors into that region, and reports come in of scenes which duplicate those of the wild days when "Dangerous Dan McGrew" and other legendary heroes of Alaska's first gold rush held sway.

Not only gold, but platinum and palladium are said to have been found in paying quantities. Naturally, everyone who can do so is trying to get all he can for the least amount of work; and naturally thieves and gamblers are there, trying to get the lucky ones' treasure away from them. This modern gold strike, however, has some new aspects. For one thing, goldseekers are going in by airplane instead of dog sleds. But in all other respects, the drama of human greed and sudden wealth is the same as it has been since the world began.

AGROL . . . motor fuel "Agrol" is a new word which you are going to hear more of. It means motor fuel produced from farm products. The development of agrol is one of the objectives of the chemists who are trying to find ways of making agriculture more profitable, by utilizing farm products and farm wastes for industrial purposes.

In Europe they are using alcohol made from potatoes, corn or what-have-you, to mix with gasoline for motor fuel. Alcohol is cheaper over there than gasoline. So far, we buy gas cheaper than anyone can afford to sell alcohol, but the time may come when we shall have to resort to European practice.

Meantime, there's a plant in Nebraska where they are making agrol, and folks who know about it tell me its works.

SEASERPENT . . . here again

A sure sign that Summer is at hand is the recurrence of sea-serpent stories. It is no longer the fashion to laugh at sailors' tales of strange sea monsters. Scientific expeditions have brought back so many specimens of queer things which we used to think were impossible, that I, for one, am ready to believe that anything may live in the sea. This year the first seaserpent to reappear is "Cadorosaurus," the seaserpent of Vancouver Sound. The crew of a tugboat out of Victoria, B. C., reports a good look at "Caddy," who is described as being about 18 inches thick, striped brown and yellow, with a mouth full of teeth.

Seaserpents, or the tales about them, used to be among the real terrors of the sea in the days of small wooden sailing craft. In these days of steel steamers they are merely curiosities.

METHODISTS . . . 200 years

Two hundred years ago John

Wesley, a clergyman of the Church of England, started a religious revival which developed into the Methodist Church, now almost, if not quite, the largest of the Protestant denominations. The whole Christian world is celebrating Methodism's 200th anniversary this month.

John Wesley had no idea, at first, of starting a new church. His aim was to bring his fellow-students at Oxford into a better way of Christian living. The other students gave them the name of "Methodists" because Wesley and his group were so methodical in their religious observances.

To me it is interesting that so many religious movements have had their roots in the ancient English university of Oxford. The latest, the so-called "Oxford Group Movement," is beginning to spread all over the world. Like Wesley, its founders have no idea of starting a new sect, but merely hope to lead people to better observance of the teachings of whatever church they belong to.

ACCIDENTS . . . and discoveries

Many great scientific discoveries have been made by accident. Charles Goodyear accidentally dropped some sulphur into a pan of melted rubber, and found he had a new substance, rubber that could be molded into any shape. An Italian workman dropped a piece of cheese from his lunch into a tub in the DuPont laboratory, and solved the problem the research scientists had been working on, how to make a lacquer which would dry quick and hard. Falling to find a glass vessel handy, a research worker at the Mellon Institute used a tin can and got what he was trying to get. He couldn't duplicate the product of that experiment until he remembered the tin can. Salts of tin proved to be the essential ingredient.

Accident alone does not often accomplish anything useful. It takes the seeing eye and the understanding mind to grasp the significance of the accident.

**DOUGHTON**

A revival meeting is in progress at Roaring Gap church this week. We hope much good will be accomplished.

We are sorry to note the condition of Mr. H. G. Blackburn is not improved. He has been right sick for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodruff and Mrs. A. A. Woodruff of Glade Valley, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gentry and family of Hays, N. C. were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gentry.

Mrs. W. R. DeJournette and Mrs. J. N. Gentry, who are attending the summer session at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. I. S. Gambill, Mr. Billie and Johnnie, Miss Bettie Gambill, of Elkin, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gentry.

It is yet quite dry in this section. The farmers need rain very much.

We enjoy reading The Tribune and wish it continued success.

An optimist is a person who thinks you a pessimist for not sharing his enthusiasm for the impossible.

**Reduced Income**  
"Uncle" Mose, your first wife tells me that you are three months behind with your alimony."  
"Yes, judge, dat am so. But it's dis way. Dat second wife of mine ain't turned out to be de worker I thought she would be."

**WANTS**

Lost: \$14.00 in bills Friday afternoon. Finder return to Billy Sparks, Elkin, N. C. and receive reward. 1tp

FREE! If excess acid causes you Stomach Ulcers, Gas Pains, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, get free sample doctor's prescription, Udga, at Turner Drug Co. 6-3p

MAN WANTED for Rawleigh Route of 800 families. Write today. Rawleigh's, Dept. NCH-64-SA, Richmond, Va. 8-19p

For good, dry, sound milling wheat testing 59 pounds and over \$1.20. Lower grades are discounted proportionately. Statesville Flour Mills Co., Statesville, N. C. ttc

See the New Myers Traction Sprayer. It is a one-man, one-horse, two-row sprayer. It sprays from 10 to 15 acres daily. Cassevens Hardware Co., Elkin, N. C. ttc

Wanted: All grades poplar, oak, pine, maple logs, seven feet long, delivered to our Elkin plant. Can use them as small as six inches in diameter; also oak and poplar lumber. Oak Furniture Co.'s Elkin plant, old Blitrite site, Elkin, N. C. ttc

Squibs Mineral Oil, quart size 89c. Antacid Powder, large size 50c. Nyseptol, pint 49c. Gallon Mineral Oil \$2.25. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. ttn

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. ttc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. ttc

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. ttc

**HOMES FOR SALE**  
6 Rooms, West Elkin .....\$2750.  
6 Rooms, North Elkin .....\$1650.  
8 Rooms, East Elkin .....\$1750.  
6 Rooms West Elkin .....\$1200.  
8 Rooms, Gwyn Avenue .....\$2800.  
Good Terms May Be Had.  
See Us for Full Information.

**REAL ESTATE**  
For Sale: 45 acre farm, 5-room house, good as new, good feed barn and other out buildings. Extra good young apple orchard. In high state of cultivation. 1 mile from hard surface road. Price \$1750. \$750. cash, balance in 5 annual payments. Also 50% acres adjoining the above tract with 6 acres good bottom land, orchard and barn. Good springs and branches all over same. Price \$1,000. \$500 cash, balance over period of 7 years.  
For good buys in real estate, see D. C. MARTIN