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"A two-headed calf over at Wenatchee bawls through both mouths. They should run him for something."—Ex.

If Japan really wants to save her face, American women can give her a point or two.

What we don't seem to understand is that most real happiness comes from things not bought with money.

Simple Sadie claims that she is keeping abreast of the times because she always manages to wear next year's hat—now.

At least in the old days a successful marriage was not measured by the amount of alimony collected.

Advice is wisdom which a fellow cannot use himself, but which he hates like the dickens to see go to waste.

What this country needs is somebody to invent an alarm clock that will emit the delicious odor of frying ham and fragrant coffee.

And then there's the fellow who was worked so hard in his youth, when he grew to adulthood he felt he was entitled to take a permanent vacation.

When you hear him wish he was a boy again, you can put it down that it's not because he would make better use of his days in school, but that he is only yearning for the ole swimmin' hole—and his puppy love.

Senator Byrd is a stickler for honesty, but you don't hear any protest from him when they are referred to as Virginia hams, although the hogs were from North Carolina.

Betcha there be some of our representatives who are now unconcerned about the unemployment problem who will get first-hand knowledge of ditto through experience.

An Honor Guest

North Carolina has again been honored by the presence of the President of the United States. At Roanoke Island last week he joined the people of this State in their celebration and thus focused the attention of the nation on the beginning of a history that continues to deserve nationwide recognition.

But it was not his presence alone that counted, but the significant things he said while here. For back of all his well-rounded phrases it could plainly be seen that he is still able to stand up and fight for a cause that even his critics must admit is basically right.

There may have been a note of bitterness on this occasion, but it was by no means the bitterness of the vanquished. Rather was it a challenging call to the people to rally behind the reforms for which he has been contending, and if his new foes within his own political family got any comfort from his utterances, it was in the hope that his words would so inflame the tory element in this nation that they would dig deeper into their jeans and in their determination to crush him.

President Roosevelt gave no indication that he was discouraged by his recent reverses on an issue that he felt essential to his program. And his answer to those who have been challenging the spirit and purpose of the New Deal was stronger and more vigorous than ever.

Some contend that the President's speech at Manteo will tend to widen the split in the Democratic party; that political ethics demand that he humble himself in the interest of harmony, and accept the rebuff that has been given him by party leaders who forget that they rode into office on his coat-tails and now want to revert to the old order of political chiseling.

If the cleavage is so wide that it cannot be healed, there is the consolation that finally the people will be called on to decide. One side or the other is right and one is wrong—the people ought to be able to determine which. Probably Mr. Roosevelt in his zeal for the underdog, is leaning too heavily his way; maybe a middle course is more to be desired, but certainly there is no indication of willingness for a middle course from the other side, and if it takes a split to bring the issues to the supreme court of all the people, then it will be worth the cost.

Major Fulk

Surry citizens, of course, are pleased with the appointment of Arthur Fulk as head of the State Highway Patrol, not alone because he is from our mongst, but because they have an abiding faith that he will measure up to his new responsibilities in a most satisfactory way.

If editorial comment in the newspapers of the State is any criterion, the people of the State as a whole are pleased. True Arthur Fulk, as director of the highway safety division, has made no outstanding record to attract state-wide attention, but it must be admitted that this is not a place that lends itself to the spectacular, and no matter how diligent or aggressive Fulk may have been, he was not in a niche where he could shine.

Now he is altogether differently placed—without powerful effort he would shine by contrast. For the State highway patrol has received a lot of criticism, not through weaknesses of the personnel, but because of what seemed to be a weakness at the head—the fountain where policies often interfered with performance.

Captain Farmer, who has been the target for many sarcastic darts, remains "Cap'n" Farmer still, but his field is in the East, and that means that his unfrinds in this part of the State can let him rest, and leave him to the tender mercy of his Eastern friends. If he had any special qualifications as helmet of the patrol he kept them under his shirt.

And so Major Fulk faces a splendid opportunity to be of real service to the people of North Carolina by directing the activities of the patrol according to the chart for which it was created. He understands that the motorists of North Carolina are footing the bill and for a single purpose—making the highways safe for travel by seeing that traffic laws are observed. Unfortunately the gap has been let down for diverting their activities to other calls upon their time, but a cautious and considerate directing head can hold these diversions to a minimum if he wills, rather than welcoming every occasion that would take them from the job they are paid to do.

We are proud of this recognition of our fellow countian and are expecting bigger and better things from the State highway patrol under the new set-up, and we believe they will eventuate under the direction of Major Fulk.

Mr. Hoover and Party Blue-Prints

Former President Hoover, writing in a popular national magazine, takes note of the several proposals for the future of his party, and proceeds to tell why they are not workable. Not even a coalition between Republicans and insurgent Democrats, which from this distance looks like a reasonably good bet, appeals to him.

As a matter of fact it must be mighty embarrassing to the former president to have to discuss such unthinkable things as changing the name of his party, creating a new one, or joining hands with the enemy. And there be those who think Mr. Hoover is assuming a little too much anyhow. He can hardly be considered the titular head of the Republican party, unless Mr. Landon's utter failure gives Mr. Hoover priority. But be that as it may, when it comes to rebuilding the Republican party, Mr. Hoover is going to have something to do with preparing the blueprints.

He holds that a convention should be held next year to prepare a program of "constructive national principles," and he has much to say about "free men and women" which that convention should set about to attract. He charges his own party with blundering in the last campaign and says that it should profit from its mistakes and carry-on under the same old banner.

It will be well for the nation if Republican leaders can manage somehow to revive their party into an aggressive fighting organization. Under our system of party government a strong minority party is needed as a sort of balance wheel. The Democratic party served in that capacity for quite a spell, and did a reasonably good job of it.

But what has been going on at Washington since January is the result of lopsided power. Neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Congress would have been so bold following a less sweeping victory, and there would have been no unhealable split in the Democratic party had it not become so big as to be unwieldy. History tells that when there is no enemy to fight, Democrats begin clawing at each other and forget their objectives and responsibilities.

A strong, virile Republican party is needed in the nation and it is hoped that it will eventuate. It is next to treason to say it, but North Carolina, too, would not suffer greatly, if the voters here were more evenly divided.

Rich and poor alike have come to look to the government for a handout of one sort or another, but we are of one accord in our protest when government tries to make us behave.

Admitting that after-dinner speeches always are instructive it is surprising that more waiters are not wearing gold badges for wisdom.

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