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The secret in being a successful loafer is to be able to look like he is busy, when he is anything else but.

If he starts to talking loud and fast you can bet the other fellow was getting the best of the argument up to that time.

Now the scientists are about to make silk out of pineapples. If they finally get around to manufacturing sandpaper from spinach, it will be perfectly all right with us.

Philander Johnson's Uncle Eben says: "When I goes to church, I counts de congregation, an' if de's any member missin' I goes back home an' counts de hen roost."

It's not always the greenhorn that horns the loudest on the streets at night when you are trying to sleep. More'n likely he is a regular hellion.

If humanity is the same under the skin, there is perfectly good reasons why the Chinese think more of their sires than they do of their sons.

Every dollar a man saves to make life easier later on, requires him to hustle that much more to protect it. So life is just one danged thing after another, even for a lazy man.

Maybe getting all het up over this Sino-Japanese war business will serve to take our minds off this new Black spot on the Supreme Court. If so it will be worth it.

When Edward Comes

Soon we will be having distinguished visitors. Edward and Wally are coming, and even this far ahead we are figuring on what sort of welcome we should give them. Individually we will be scrambling to see who is to be who and when and where. But collectively and nationally we will be wanting to watch our step.

The Duke is of royal blood and once was enthroned by the greatest empire in the world, and therefore is not just an ordinary visitor. His wife is a native American, back home for a visit. Impulsive Americans will want to be quite liberal with their hospitality, but it would hardly be considered cricket if we do too much gushing. To give too much of an official character to the reception of an ex-King, might be embarrassing to the British government, so we will be wanting to watch our step.

Fortunately Edward will come with sympathetic understanding. He knows what it's all about; knows that the American people like and admire him, and while his will not be a "royal" welcome it will be the next thing to it. It would not be surprising if his wife should persuade him to become a part of her own people, which would be a happy ending, to be sure.

It is announced that Edward is coming partly as a part of his program of studying the "well-being of the working man, in whom his royal highness has always been interested himself." Coming from any other European high-brow than Edward Windsor, that sort of talk would be accepted with a liberal sprinkling of salt. But, as everyone knows, Edward's interest in the common herd is sincere, and is not a trumped-up cause, for lip-service only. As much as anything else that is why he is not on the throne of England today. When he on one occasion looked upon miserable poverty and wondered how a nation could build palatial ships and permit such as that, and when he continued to fraternize with the workers and hold out promise to them, he was but digging the bear-trap into which he eventually fell.

But whatever the purpose of his visit, this nation will welcome him and his bride—for they know a regular guy when they see one.

Where A Clean-Up Is Needed

The 1935 legislature passed a law prohibiting magistrates from soliciting business for their offices: a law that was initiated and sponsored by the magistrates themselves, that is, those conscientious among them who appreciate the high place in our judicial system which this group should occupy.

But one has only to pause and look around to find that some of these officials who are supposed to help administer the law as it applies to others, are not willing to abide by it themselves. Yet when have

you ever heard of a magistrate answering an indictment for soliciting business?

Some of them specialize on marriages and hover around the marriage license register like vultures around a carcass; others dicker with the enforcement officers in private understandings that bring cases to their court and fees to their tills; still others solicit collections, which if they cannot be made upon presentation are reduced to judgments involving fees that in the aggregate amount to little less than a "racket."

Right now the North Carolina Association of Magistrates is trying to clean house; appealing to its members to adopt a code of ethics that will lift this factor of our judicial system from the depths to which it has fallen.

There are some magistrates who make it a point to know something of the law they are supposed to administer, but there are more who don't even know what it is all about. They look wise, hear cases and then take counsel of the lawyers appearing in them to determine how they shall be decided. Manifestly this is a travesty on justice, and justifies the charge that justice is more often thwarted than promoted in magistrates' courts.

There are exceptions of course, but in all too many cases the most charitable thing that can be said of some is that they are a horrible misfit, which would not be so bad if it were not so serious.

Here is hoping that the N. C. Association of Magistrates will not stop until they have found higher ground for themselves.

Criminals and The Law

The Lindbergh kidnaping brought this country to the realization that crime is largely an interstate industry, and in order to fight it the least said about states' rights the better. In acknowledgement of this reality Congress passed what is known as the Lindbergh Law, and forthwith J. Edgar Hoover's men set about their work in co-operation with local peace officers, with the result that out of 106 actual kidnapings investigated they have solved all but two.

The records show that 233 persons have been convicted under that law; sentences aggregating 3080 years are being served; 30 men are doing life; six received death sentences; five have committed suicide; six have been killed in the chase and six others murdered.

That proves two things: First, that when all is said and done, the criminal must admit that crime doesn't pay, and second, when effective laws are passed and backed by vigilant and concerted effort to enforce them—crime can't flourish.

One may as well discount some of the tradition built around J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men. They have been given and have accepted credit for much that should have gone to local enforcement officials who were less covetous of publicity. But the fact remains that someone, somewhere, somehow has managed to get results and thugs are less encouraged to take a chance.

And what the nation has learned about the effectiveness of co-ordinated effort, the one hundred counties in North Carolina should apply. Some counties are able to maintain effective investigating and enforcement agencies and others are not. The State should make available a trained and dependable crime fighting organization to which all counties could turn in emergencies, and with interlocking responsibilities and co-operation, we would not have many Bill Payne's galloping over the State thumbing their respective noses at the law.

An Official Battlefield

From this distance it looks like when the Spanish conflict is over there won't be much left of Spain for the Spaniards. If that is to be the final outcome, maybe Russia has the right slant on things when it is suggested that from that source that if the world is so crazy for a fight, why not let Spain be staked off for an international battle-ground—for a finish fight.

As tragic as that would be for the Spanish people, it cannot be said that they have not invited it. Instead of settling their civil quarrel among themselves both sides have drawn on other nations until hardly any way of telling who's fighting who. And the alignment which includes the nationals of the five major European powers, most of whom are not there by their own election, but sent officially and in armed droves for selfish national purpose, indicates that maybe Russia's suggestion comes a little late.

But at any rate the democratic nations of the world are perking up and challenging the saber rattlers who would have been strutting their stuff so long, and getting away with it, that they feel licensed to keep it up. When France and England virtually told Mussolini to put up or shut up, and when President Roosevelt proposed a "quarantine" against aggressor nations who cannot live up to agreements, and later when our government announced that it would join other nations in protesting in an effective way, the Japanese invasion, for the first time in a long while, there was a pause to think things over. Japan, Germany and Italy did not need to be told who Mr. Roosevelt was talking about.

And while they may have remembered that President Wilson's similar ideals for international honesty were shipwrecked on the breakers of American public sentiment, they forgot that Mr. Wilson had first been about the business of fighting a successful war, and tried his hand at effecting world peace afterward.

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

(By C. M. Dickson)

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY
"Tis more glorious to fight and not win than to win and not fight.

Much sin can be hidden beneath one's skin.

One's mind may either be a kingdom or a province be.

Better be a slave in want than to be enslaved by wants.

Foxes are long-winded.

Some people need lubricating worse than they need "gassing."

The sky is blue wherever you see it.

Blessed is the man who can be neither bought, bridled, nor bribed!

Wasted time — philosophizing with a moron.

There are many ways of leaving things unsaid.

It is often better to forestall than to recall.

The product (mathematically speaking) of the PWA should be the same as the WPA.

Result: the whole world is moving—cause: Archimede's lever has been lengthened.

No woe should be pronounced upon a doctor who will take his own medicine, or upon a lawyer who will take his own advice.

A "ring" is a "circle."

The person who prays very much has no time to "prey" upon other people's rights or property.

Greater love hath no man than the politician who fulfills all his campaign promises.

Modern education: think little, work less, spend much, sport more, drive fast, and drink deep!

No "oxidation" for parents — process too slow.

Why not have six days for rest instead of one?

If one pill will do, why take two?

WANTS

For Sale—Small farm, or lots, two and one-half miles from Elkin on highway 67. Land well watered and timbered. House, barn, pasture. W. B. (Dock) Holleman, Elkin, N. C. 1tp

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

Squibbs 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

One bargain table of overalls, shirts, ladies' shoes, children's shoes, boys' pants. Your choice of any article, 48c. W. J. Burcham, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For sale at a bargain—One pair of mules, weight 1,200 to 1,300 pounds. See Clyde Hinshaw at Sydnor-Spainhour Co., Elkin, 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. Castevens Hardware Co., Elkin, N. C. ttc

We maintain a complete battery service. Let us look after this important part of your car. Service batteries always on hand. Auto Motor Market, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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. ttn

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 Biltrite site, Elkin, N. C. ttc

Don't take chances with the weather. Avoid costly repair bills by letting us fill your radiator now with Eveready Prestone. Auto Motor Market, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Protest From The Sidelines — by A. B. CHAPIN



Wanted—Monumental representative. Pageland Granite Corp., Pageland, S. C. 1tc

We Buy Veal Calves, Hogs, and Beef Cattle. See us before you sell. Basketeria. 10-21-c

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For Rent: Seven room house in North Elkin. All modern conveniences. Excellent pasture. Call Mrs. W. S. Sale, telephone 161, Elkin. ttc

See us for new and used automobile parts. We'll save you money. Auto Motor Market, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For Quick Sale—One National cash register and all store fixtures. Shoes and all goods at a bargain. W. J. Burcham, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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

For Rent—Three or four room downstairs apartment with private bath, private entrance and garage. Mrs. Carl Chappell, Phone 126-M. ttc

For Sale—Between four and five hundred thousand feet of timber. Open bids acceptable now. Located three miles north west of Marler, Yadkin county. Mrs. Taylor Day. 1tp

I will trade my entire stock for a farm and rent building, or sell entire line and rent building. Must quit business on account of my health. W. J. Burcham, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

REAL ESTATE
For Sale: 7.3-4 acre truck farm. 1.1-2 miles from city limits, 1-4 mile from school bus line. 3 room house, cow stables, 2.1-2 acre pasture with spring and branch in it. Price \$600. \$300 cash, balance \$10 per month. For rent: 5 room house, 11-2 acres land in Jonesville, \$12 per month.

Don't forget you can get a lot in Arlington; the growing town with no town taxes, \$5 down and \$5 per month. D. C. MARTIN, Realtor

Wanted: Camp Care Taker; married, with farm experience, and general work. Only honest, sober and willing to work applicants need apply. Address, Camp Herman, Denim Station, Greensboro, N. C. 10-14c

For Sale—Two desks at a bargain. Come in and see the many bargains I have for you as I am quitting the goods business. W. J. Burcham, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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