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**ACTIVE MEMBER**

Dogs may be loyal critters, but they don't always show that they are good judges of character when they go to bestow their affections.

The last to condemn Japan for breaking treaties, are the women who pay no attention to that word "obey" in the marriage ceremony.

Old-timers who believed in the efficacy of the hot poultice, never learned that getting hot under the collar doesn't relieve a pain in the neck.

Our notion is that Mr. Hancock will have to drag out a more important issue than "pledge cards" if he craves to cross the tape ahead of Bob.

One would think that Mr. Roosevelt is too good a politician than to antagonize almost the whole nation by urging a curtailment of installment selling.

After all, the sum total of life is to live, to do a little good, to trust God and have a little fun, sharing it with the other fellow when it is calculated to bring mutual happiness.

Philander Johnson's Uncle Eben says: "Our preacher has de bes' system for beatin' a crap game dat I knows. He never risks nuffin' hisself, but depends on de winner to put a liberal percentage on de collection plate."

**The Reason For His Leadership**

"On most of our land we grow feed and sell it as milk and pork and meat." We are prepared to believe that this one little sentence explains why D. Hubert Boney, Duplin county dairy farmer, is referred to as one of the leading farmers of Eastern Carolina, although his farm includes only seventy-five acres of land.

As a result of that program Boney operates on a cash basis and has a monthly income the year 'round from five cash crops—beans, cotton, tobacco, truck and strawberries, plus two income sources from livestock.

That is intensive rather than extensive farming, and to this Easterner it means 300 working days each year. With twenty purebred milk cows, fifty Duroc hogs, a large flock of chickens, six acres of strawberries, forty acres of corn with interplanted legumes, Boney is diversifying his efforts, and on a little seventy-five acre farm he is making such a satisfactory go of it that he is recognized as one of the East's leading farmers.

Boney refuses to put all of his eggs in one basket. His cattle and hogs and chickens process his feed for him, and turn it into more and bigger dollars, than the feed would bring on the open market.

And here is his prophecy: "We believe the day is not far distant when our farmers will become more conscious of grass and livestock and have a steady income. They will not be so dependent on the credit system and will look to their herds and soil-building practices for food for their crops, instead of buying it in a guano bag.

This paper could covet nothing better or more important than that the farmers of this county would catch the vision of this Easterner and plan their work as he has planned his. It will be a glorious day for North Carolina when our farmers in greater numbers subscribe to the Boney creed.

**Calls For Straight-Thinking**

Our readers will remember that more than a year ago we predicted in these columns that soon there would be the demand that Congress provide pensions for world war veterans, with all that means to a nation already struggling to keep head above water.

Pensions came a step nearer recently when three veterans' organizations appeared before Congress to urge the enactment of a general pensions bill applying to "widows and orphans" of world war veterans; a bill that provides not only for pensions for widows and orphans of those who were killed in war (these are already receiving pensions) but for the payment of pensions to widows and orphans of veterans who will have died in the future, from causes that have nothing to do with war. Those who marry a war veteran up to July 3, 1941, become eligible for these pensions.

One lets the gap down to the charge of lack of patriotism, when voice is raised against war pensions. And there is no purpose here to discredit the good intentions of those who would provide for cases of

actual merit, but to blanket the whole, in what amounts to a raid on the public treasury by a strong pressure group, calls for a lot of straight-thinking, divorced as much as possible from amendment.

For it must be remembered that the United States is still paying pensions to "widows and orphans" of the war of 1812, which ended 123 years ago. Nor should we forget that Civil War pensions continue to amount to around \$200,000,000 a year. For which there is some excuse in the fact that for these no broad insurance program existed, such as was provided for the soldiers in the world war.

There can be no discounting the splendid service rendered by those who with a minimum of murmuring subjected themselves to the hardships and tragedies of war. But now they are faced with another test of their patriotism and should measure their demands accordingly.

There is no greater argument for staying out of another war, if it can possibly be avoided—than pensions.

**Should Have Assistance**

The committee appointed by Governor Hoey to consider the advisability of a State Department of Justice, has been studying the system under which the twenty-one solicitors of the State are operating.

Major L. P. McLendon, head of the committee, has brought to this more or less gratuitous assignment that same sincere and earnest interest that he exhibited as chairman of the State Elections Board, and whatever may be the recommendations of this study group, the State will be the richer because of this analysis that is ceasing all phases of the administration of justice in North Carolina.

Should the committee's study of the solicitorial system lead to the adoption of a program that will provide a more comprehensive and thorough prosecution of law violators, it will be time well spent. For the records indicate that efficiency in the administration of criminal law is not keeping pace with the increase in crime.

Under the present system the Solicitor is compelled to work at a tremendous disadvantage. Almost singlehandedly he must cope with all of the best legal talent in his district. The wonder is that any of these prosecuting officers are able to turn in as good records for convictions as they do. For it is obvious that the solicitor must be a superman if all his cases are properly prepared.

He comes fresh from one court to prosecute the docket in another, and certainly he is not able to make a study of all the facts or assemble convincing evidence in more than a few of the more important cases that he must try. Unlike the local attorney, representing the defense, he cannot get out and round up all the evidence. Yet he must meet opposing attorneys with this handicap.

The State, if it really is interested in the fullest administration of its criminal law, should provide an all-time assistant to the solicitor in every court in every district—a capable lawyer commissioned to work as effectively in assembling details as the private lawyer does for the individual. It would cost a little money, but fewer offenders would worm through the sieve because of necessarily poorly prepared cases.

**A Common Cause**

Certain members of Congress have been making a great to-do over whether this government has an agreement, alliance, understanding, or what else have you, with Great Britain, in case of war. Certain senators have implied that there is a secret agreement or understanding. Secretary Hull says there is not, and that should be enough to satisfy—unless the doubters are more interested in knifing the administration than in maintaining the international prestige of America.

What Mr. Hull didn't say, what there is no earthly need to say, is that there IS an understanding, although not SECRET. For it is as plain as the bump on your nose, that there has been and will be parallel action in military and naval policies so long as the two greatest democracies are challenged as they are being challenged today.

And why shouldn't there be such agreement and understanding so long as it doesn't amount to an alliance that would make us fight John Bull's battles on every occasion or on any occasion. Better, of course that such agreement be frank and out in the open, free from secrecy: better that the world should know for certain, as it suspicions, that England and the United States, bound together by blood ties, memories, traditions, ideals, will be found standing together, never for conquest or to oppress, but against such foes as already are disturbing the peace of the world and which are studiously threatening the very existence of democracy.

We have fought for peace and the principle of good neighborliness, but a world gone mad will have none of either. It is a pity the world has not learned its lesson; has not counted the dollar-cost of war. But it hasn't. We showed our good faith when we trusted the pledged word of other countries and scrapped finished and unfinished ships, but to no avail. Now there is nothing else to do but arm to the teeth just as any individual would do, if neighbors all about him were out to kill and destroy.

And if there is a common purpose why shouldn't there be a common front, with a minimum of duplication? To raise a howl about such uniform effort is but to give comfort to those who would destroy—if they thought it safe to try.

**FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY**

(By C. M. Dickson)

Animals that choose to live in water should have fins; those in air should have wings.

Extreme evolutionists take great pride in worshipping their ancestors.

Both heredity and environment figure very largely in the development of a human being.

No wonder that "static" asserts itself in many radio productions.

It's no more foolish for an ass to die at his master's crib than for a person to die ignorant in the midst of knowledge.

No mocking-bird would attempt to mimic all that's broadcast now-a-days.

Yes, a parrot can talk.

In the future, I suspect that traveling cards will contain the slogan, "Turn off the radio."

A buzzard does not enjoy the aroma of flowers.

It's economical in boarding establishments to turn on the radio full blast—no man can eat a square meal while it is going on.

Some quadrupeds walk upon only two legs.

Rip Van Winkle left the world better than he found it. He left a number of devoted disciples.

Esau is not the only man who sold his birthright.

A nudist and a naturalist have some things in common.

The eagle lowers his dignity when he lights on a carcass.

The most proficient mechanic cannot do good work with dull tools.

Which is the mother hen, the one that lays the egg, or the one that hatches and raises the chick?

Would a crow be less a crow were its feathers white?

A finished product has no defects in it.

Many people seem "spiritually" inclined these days.

Many homes have been made happy by the presence of poodle-dogs.

Blessed are the childless wives who administer to the comfort of other peoples' children.

**Leaf Market In Canada Nearly Gone**

Raleigh. — North Carolina which grows the major share of the United States flue-cured tobacco, "has virtually lost" Canada as an export market for the leaf, W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the state department of agriculture, said today.

"During the past 10 years, Canadian growers have increased their tobacco production from 6,000,000 to 53,000,000 pounds," he said. "While Canadian acreage is relatively small, the fact remains there is one less market for our flue-cured tobacco."

U. S. exports of flue-cured tobacco to Canada have decreased 300 per cent during the past three years, Hedrick said, or from 8,000,000 to 2,000,000 pounds. The 1937 Canadian flue-cured crop sold for an average price of 27 cents a pound, he reported.

"Since 1932, when the stalk-cutting of the Canadian crop was supplanted by priming, the yield and quality of the leaf has been greatly improved.

"Canada's knowledge of the cultivation and curing of flue-cured tobacco has resulted from the teachings of southern growers, annually make the trek to Canada for the priming and curing season."

**Polite**

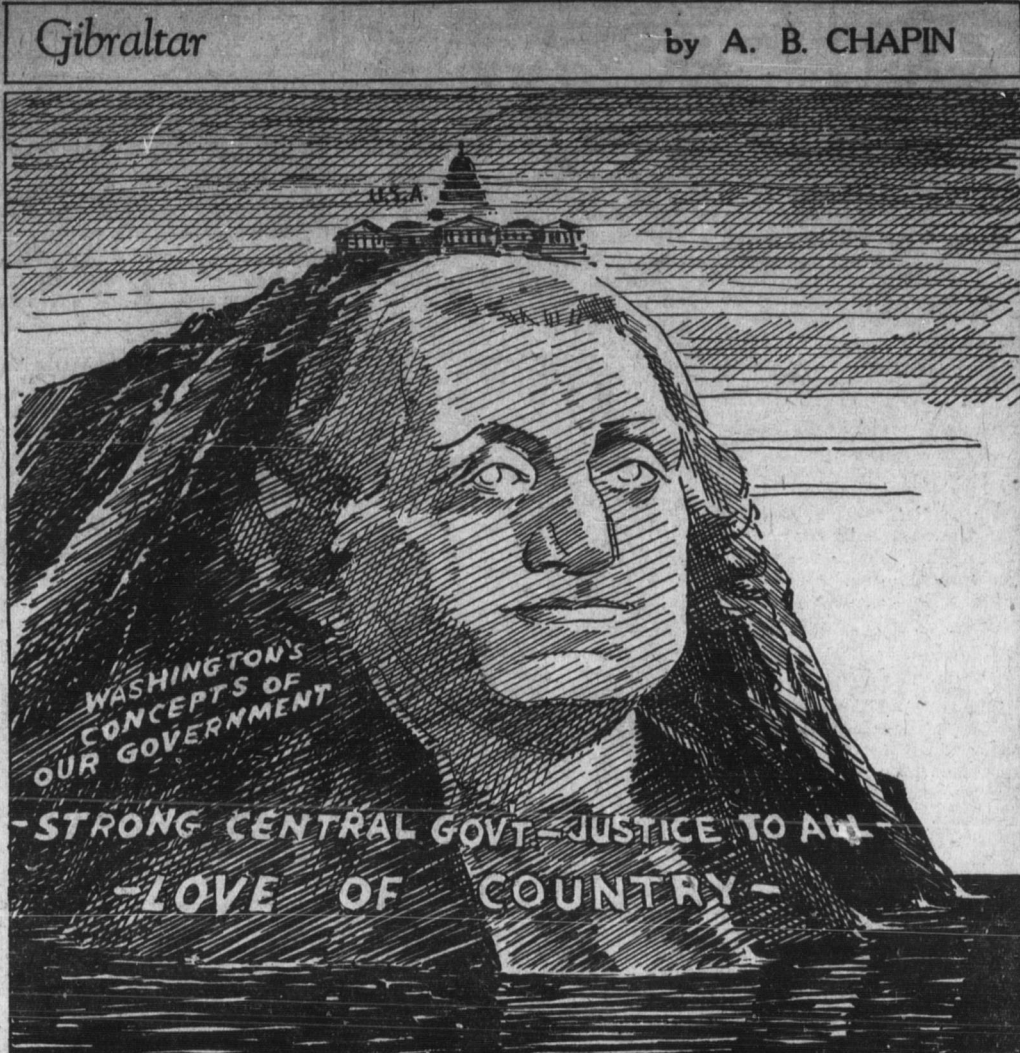
Gamekeeper: "Didn't you see that notice at the entrance to these woods?"

Small Boy: "Yes, but it was headed 'Private' and I was too polite to read on."

**Before Daybreak, The Dawn**  
 Guest—What a pretty name your maid has!

Hostess—Oh, that isn't her real name. We just call her "Dawn" because she's always breaking.

**Gibraltar** by A. B. CHAPIN



**TODAY and TOMORROW**  
 FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

**TERROR** . . . . . no greater

In the whole of a fairly long lifetime I have never known a time when the world's mind was so filled with terror as it is today. To the reader of the daily newspaper or the listener on the radio, it seems as if the whole world were in a turmoil, with tragedy stalking on every side and catastrophe threatening the security of the established order from a dozen directions.

I am not convinced that danger and disaster are any more prevalent now than they always have been, considering how many people there are in the world today more than there were a hundred or two hundred years ago. Today's dangers are of a different kind, because we have so many new inventions capable of causing disaster. People do not die by millions from starvation, as they did during the Hundred Years War which ravaged Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries, when seven-eighths of the people of Germany died from lack of food.

All the deaths by automobile and airplane accidents do not come to as high a percentage of the world's population in a year as the death-toll from wild beasts, robber bands, epidemics, shipwreck and starvation used to come to.

**NEWS** . . . . . comes faster

Our minds are confused by the rapid impact of tragedy. Our forefathers concerned themselves little with such things outside of their own neighborhoods because they did not know about them until long after their effect had begun to subside. Today the whole world knows what happened everywhere only yesterday. News comes faster than we can digest it.

George Washington died on December 14, 1799. The only existing copy of a newspaper reporting his death is dated January 7, 1800. It took more than three weeks for the news to reach New York state readers. Imagine how long it would take for the whole world to learn of the death of a President today!

I own a copy of a newspaper printed in England in 1721. It contains the first news report of the conquest of Persia by the Mohammedans. That had occurred more than a year before. Today we have the news of yesterday's battles in China and Spain in our morning papers. No wonder we get the impression that the world is on the verge of destruction.

**SPEED** . . . . . is a "must"

The most precious and perishable commodity in the world's market is news. The fresher the news the greater its value. The Rothschilds became the wealthiest family in the world because they got the news of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo a day before anyone else in England knew it. That would be impossible today.

Newspapers and press associations are paying \$1.50 a word for news dispatches from the war in China, but a ton of coal can be

**ARE REDECORATING PENNEY STORE HERE**

The J. C. Penney Co., of Elkin, is redecorating their store, the entire interior being given new paint which is adding much to the store's attractiveness. Work of the painters is about complete.

**WANTS**

Early Ohio mountain grown seed Irish potatoes, Excellent variety. Mrs. J. P. Phillips, Arlington, N. C. 1t-c

Help Wanted—White woman as cook and housekeeper for small family. Apply to Mrs. Enoch Harris. 1tc

For rent: Seven room house, with water and lights. Good pasture. Mrs. W. S. Sale, telephone 161.

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Wanted: Two men with cars for out-of-town traveling. Dealers for Fuller Brush Company. Address replies P. O. Box X, Elkin, N. C. 2-17p

Wanted: Good wheat and white milling corn. Market price paid. See Riverside Milling Co., A. M. Jennings, Prop. 3-3p

For Rent—Three-room apartment with private bath, heat and water furnished. Wired for electric stove and refrigerator. Mrs. R. L. Kirkman, West Main street. 2-17c

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 B. C. MARTIN, Realtor

**Froud Peacock**

Little Alice was taken on a visit to a peacock farm. Her mother was busily engaged in conversation when her small daughter ran up breathlessly. "Oh, mother, there's an old chicken out in the yard in full bloom!"