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Wheat is cheaper than corn now, but a lot of people still think that it's too good for their chickens.

As the weather gets hotter, even so the campaign. It has about reached the boiling point in some quarters.

The president of the Raleigh baseball club suicided the other day by jumping from a window of a Baltimore sanitarium. This should be a warning to the president of the Bi-State league.

There is one thing in Bob Reynolds' favor in seeking the nomination for U. S. Senator—he is not throwing mud at anybody or rather any of the other candidates. This argues well for him, even if he is "agin" the 18th amendment.

George Ross Pou, head of the State prison board, gives it out that the prison farms will produce no cotton this year. This is encouraging, and will help, to some extent, to reduce the cotton acreage. Now, if some way could be devised to cut the tobacco crop even more than it is to be cut it would help considerably.

Our Northern Methodist friends, it would appear from a news article on front page, have "ariz agin" and said what they will and will not do about the colored brother. Let's see—we believe that they did this very thing prior to the Civil War. However, every man, or woman, to their taste. If they believe this kind of doctrine, it suits us.

The American Tobacco company declared a dividend of \$45,000,000 the last fiscal year and its president pulled down in salary and bonus over \$1,000,000. Gosh! Such figures in these depressed times are staggering. But where does the poor tobacco grower fit in the picture? Well, it would not take a very vivid imagination to picture it.

Some are now predicting that the assassination of Paul Doumer, the French President, will have a tendency to bring on another war, as was the case in 1914. It was a Russian fanatic who shot him and it is said that he is a member of the "Reds." Let us hope that this assassination will not have the direful results that the other one did.

It is very gratifying to the patrons and friends of the Madison school that the pupils of this institution captured more prizes in the recent "Milk-for-Health" campaign than any other school in the county. If you don't believe this just check up on the report of the judges, to be found on the front page. This is an honor that Madison and community is proud of, and we most heartily congratulate the prize winners—all over the county.

We see that the constitutional commission, appointed to study and recommend the re-writing of the basic law of the State, is to meet in Raleigh tomorrow. Now, if this body will recommend the abolishment of about half the laws that we already have and enforcing the balance of them, and making it a high crime and misdemeanor for the next Legislature to pass any more laws, then we will feel that the constitutional commission has not been appointed in vain.

Some of the "favorite sons" seem to be looming pretty large in the political horizon, speaking from a Democratic point of view. At present there are seven before the public commanding attention, and some of them seem to be pretty strong. Of course Roosevelt is leading by a large majority, but this does not mean that he has the nomination "sewed up" by any means, as things are likely to happen when the clan gathers at Chicago and almost anything can happen in short order—a dark-horse may win the race, after all.

A one week's term of criminal court is scheduled to begin in Wentworth Monday, and the docket will be found on the last page. It will readily be seen that barely a dent will be made in this docket. There are enough cases on the docket to keep a court busy for at least four weeks, judging from the time that is killed, wasted of what not, in the usual run of courts in Rockingham. It is barely possible that the cases scheduled from Madison township will be reached next week. Of course the jail cases usually receive first attention, and Jailer Martin has a large number of "boarders" at this time.

TREATMENT OF THE NEWS

"Why wasn't the news I gave you put on the front page?" "Why didn't you give it a bigger headline?"

These and other similar questions are from time to time put to newspaper editors by people who do not know the considerations that guide newspapermen in the treatment of news. Those who complain sometimes charge that there is "respect to persons" shown, or that personal feelings enter into the matter.

Persons who complain that news which they supply to a newspaper, or in which they are interested, is not given the prominence which

they desire, or is not as lengthy as they believe it deserves to be, have never studied the week's news from the editor's standpoint. As he sees the news, the various stories or items are of relative importance; that is, they are relative to one another as news proper, or in their news significance, and they are relative as to the readers as subjects of interest.

The makeup editor does not often err in the placement of news or in the handling of news. Both by experience and intuition he has a true sense of proportionate values in regard to human interest. He sometimes acts contrary to his judgment, though deliberately, in playing up some local news or propaganda for a particular public reason. But he lets the relative values govern his decision in most instances.

These observations on placements and headings are based on articles in a newspaper which is classed by newspaper men as one of the greatest in the world. There is a relativity as to values which every editor follows as closely as he can, and he is generally correct.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

There is no more beautiful sight under heaven than these commencement pictures, with boys and girls and flowers and all in the high light of hope and confidence for coming years.

Like the rest of the country, Rockingham county is in the very heart of the graduation season. We are seeing our fine young men and women march forward, somewhat embarrassed perhaps, to receive the little roll of parchment which means all of four years of toil and work and study and worry.

It's a great time of year for the youngsters, and should be a great time for the older citizen as well. It should ever remind every earnest American of the importance of the school system, and of the importance of giving every boy and girl a fair chance at a fair education.

With the changing of the times, there has come a great change in the educational system. The splendid school system of the big cities are finding keen rivals in those of smaller towns and even the county schools. We are going on the theory that the best educated citizenship means the best in government, and the duty of every parent and of every citizen, whether parent or not, should include a very personal interest in good schools.

FIGHT THE 3c POSTAGE RATE

Haven't we got enough to bear? There is still time to keep Washington from putting this anchor around our necks. Those of us who are in business have suffered enough from the depression. Two-cent letter postage is all right. We don't want or need an increase. You can do your part. Write to your senators now! Join in this fight to force the senate to annul or modify this revenue bill just passed by the House. There is still time—do not delay!

A CHALLENGE

(Greensboro Record)

The lives of the Confederate soldiers—their valor and bravery on the field of battle—their energy and fortitude in the dark days of reconstruction, in rebuilding the war-ravaged south—should serve as inspiring examples in the face of today's economic and financial upheavals and disasters.

This thought was forcefully and eloquently emphasized by City Attorney Andrew Joyner, Jr., in a Memorial day address here yesterday. After he had paid glowing tribute to the Confederate heroes, at war, and in "The Tragic Era"—the reconstruction period—Mr. Joyner said:

"Today, in the midst of abundant material wealth, in spite of the innumerable blessings that we enjoy, we hear strong men whimpering, we hear wise men offering the counsel of despair, and we witness courageous souls preferring to end the struggle rather than carry on to a successful finish.

"May we not from the lives of those surviving heroes of the Confederacy derive a new inspiration and a revival of courage to face the present day problems?"

The thought is timely. The bravery and the courage of the heroic men and women of the 60's is an inspiration, and a challenge as well to every North Carolinian in these trying times.

IT ALWAYS PAYS

(Charlotte News)

Courtesy and politeness, in whomsoever it abounds, have a way of always turning out profitably, either at once or remotely.

We illustrate:
A small boy came to the door of the office of a very busy man peddling a well known magazine and sought a sale.

The business man, barely looking up from his work, told the lad that he didn't want to buy and was about to return to his engrossing engagement.

"Thank you very much" replied the boy in a manner of levity with which he probably was covering up his youthful disappointment.

The spirit of understanding which the lad displayed, especially in his attitude of courtesy, was more than the business man could let slide and he called him back, produced a nickel and bought the magazine which he probably never intends to read.

Salesmanship in this instance was consummated not by high-pressured pull nor yet by the slightest effort of even boyish tricks, but by the simple, old-fashioned, undiluted quality of sheer gentlemanliness in this hardly more than a child.

JUST ONE THING

AFTER ANOTHER

—BY—

CARL GOERCH

A few facts concerning prominent North Carolinians—

It is hard to understand Josephus Daniels when he is talking to you in his office. His voice is often lost completely in the rattle of traffic outside and you've got to watch mighty closely or you'll miss half of what he says.

A. D. McLean puts a handle on everybody's name. When he refers to the champion golfer he calls him Mr. Bobbie Jones. He also says Mr. Jack Dempsey, Mr. Babe Ruth, etc. The same thing is true in connection with his manner of referring to his neighbors and friends in Washington, N. C. I know of only one man whom Mr. MacLean calls by his first name, and this is Lindsay Warren, our congressman.

I have seen lots of photographs of Max Gardner. I have at least a dozen in my possession; pictures which I have taken in the past four years, but I have yet to see a photograph of His Excellency with his pants pressed. As a general rule they look rather baggy.

Ed Flanagan of Greenville, calls his intimate friends "Honey."

Frank Page told me a long time ago, that he never gets scared or nervous about another man's method of driving an automobile so long as he keeps both hands on the steering wheel, but he gets the fidgets if a driver lolls back in his seat and handles the wheel with one hand.

Senator Morrison's wife a couple of years ago gave him a pair of mules and a farm wagon for a Christmas present. Somehow or other, that has always stuck in my memory as one of the most unusual Christmas gifts I ever have heard of. I don't know why, it just does.

Whenever Hallett S. Ward gets real interested in a sermon, he takes a key-ring out of his pocket and rattles the keys vigorously. Whereupon everybody around him loses interest in the sermon.

I don't know—at this moment—of a single politician in North Carolina who wears spats.

Clayton Moore has the deepest voice of any judge on the Superior Court bench. It always puts me in mind of an approaching thunder storm.

Of all the men in public life, I would consider Walter Small and Tobe Connor least likely to ever win first prize in a beauty contest.

Ben Dixon McNeill likes to sit down at a piano and invent new chords. Whenever he hits upon a chord which has a special appeal to him, he'll strum it until everybody within hearing distance becomes violently nervous. Incidentally, he doesn't know one note from another.

Dennis Brummitt can't keep his hair parted—what there is of it.

In the "spare room" upstairs I've got a roster of guests who have spent the night there. The list includes U. S. Senator Tom Connolly of Texas, Rear Admiral and Mrs. R. E. Coontz, Strickland Gillilan, poet and lecturer; W. O. Saunders, Aviator, Gus Lezear, Warren Pennington and Elmer Myers, Dr. Chase, former president of the University of North Carolina, and my brother Bob.

It takes Chief Justice Stacey longer to eat a meal than anybody I've ever seen. He stays at the Hotel Sir Walter and usually manages to linger at least an hour over lunch or dinner. He always occupies the same table.

Tom Bust of the Greensboro Daily News, is the most nervous newspaperman in the state. Frank Smethurst of the Raleigh News and Observer, is the most placid and serene.

Senator Bailey can't spell liquefy—and the next fellow you meet can't do it either.

M.-M. Lost Two To Reidsville

Last week was rather disastrous to Madison-Mayodan team, in that two games were lost to Reidsville—Friday and Saturday. The first game was played at Reidsville and the score was 12 to 10. Saturday's game, played at Mayodan, and the locals again went down in defeat, 9 to 2.

Ferguson was on the firing line in Friday's game for M.-M. and was pretty wild in the first few innings, and miscues added to his undoing. M.-M. could not connect with Mauney's offerings until the 7th. A strong rally ensued and all the runs scored by this team followed in the next two innings. Home runs were dotted by Gillespie, Gatewood and Turner, but the lead could not be overcome.

In Saturday's game Curtis was on the firing line for the locals, but ragged support in the first inning gave Reidsville 4 runs. The M.-M. boys just could not bunt their hits and the visitors romped away with the game 9 to 2. Home runs were hit by Briggs, Shaw, and Beaver, the latter securing 2.

All games were rained out yesterday, but Fieldale will be at Mayodan tomorrow, while Madison-Mayodan will be at Stuart Saturday.

Read The Messenger ads and buy it at home.

LETTERS TO GEORGE

(Being Excerpts From The Private Correspondence of Henry Hardcastle).

HOW TO PUT A CRIMP IN CRIME

May 10, 1932.

Dear George:

Well, Rockingham county has the bluish on Chicago now. Our murders and killings are averaging a little better than one a week, and the percentage is growing. Good old loyal Jim Robertson stepped on the spot Sunday night at the Spray school, and was riddled with bullets by two murderers who stepped from the shadows and without warning opened on him with two or more guns at the same time. And one of the best and most loyal officers this community has ever had died in his tracks. And of course these social lions of the new order made a clean and complete get-away. It is reported that their automobile, arsenal, ammunition, and disguise equipment was found, and that would indicate sense on their part. After a series of murders it is good policy for the murderers to change guns and cars, because somebody might have their description and the nerve to recognize them.

Think of it! The Government can throw a quarantine around a state, or the U. S., and not a single orange with a fruit fly sign can get by, not the meekiest of lowly vegetables suspected of having rust can run the gauntlet, but a set of murderers can terrorize a county. It begins to look like we had better turn our law over to the department of Agriculture if we want to get results. And that brings up the farmers, the class of people who can always be depended upon. Get them hot and they will burn something up before they quit. They are getting pretty sick of the way prohibition has unloaded on them by sending its bootleggers, prostitutes, and gangsters, out into the unwatched and defenseless country to run free with an orgy of murder, rape, arson, and thievery. If the friends of prohibition do not soon set up a sane system of apprehension and conviction for violators, and take this menace from our country people's door step, this country is going wetter than rain in the next four years—and I'm going with them!

Now that our reformers have scattered (not abolished it) and the segregated places where it was nestled and controlled, they go forth singing praises to Jehovah and crying aloud "Lo, look what wonderful good we have accomplished, how holy we are!" Well, here is a shot for these professional holy men and reformers, this class who are beginning to loom as the greatest and most colossal mass of hypocrites that history has ever known. If they could command the strength to abolish vice and drink why do they not use that strength to have these laws enforced? Do not tell me that the prohibition and prostitution and kindred laws cannot be enforced! If that is true then put them back where we know their places of shame—back where they can be watched and controlled! No! Oh, holy horror, no! Well then get busy and accomplish something, quick! Else confess yourself a set of hypocrites.

The Ministers, the Deacons, men and women of the church, the W. C. T. U., and other professional holy and reform organizations say "The church (et al) has no business in politics or monkeying with the law, bring us the people to our churches that they may hear the word of the Lord (et al) and we will accomplish something". Well, I do not know, but it seems to me that if the people do not go to church and to these reform meetings somebody in charge has fallen down in creating and maintaining their interest. I do know that the Church (et al) was the leading factor in passing the laws for prohibition and abolition of segregation. If they could go so far as to step out of their routine role to accomplish these things, why should they not continue in the role of enforcement?

After several years of mature thought (if you will pardon me?), I have about come to the conclusion that the higher authorities do not particularly interest themselves with law enforcement or the apprehension of violators. Their chief interest is vote getting. Our county sheriffs, their deputies, our lesser police officers, are helpless without the cooperation of the substantial people in their communities. When things come to such a pass that the United States has become the best of the rest of the civilized world for hypocrisy, graft, money lust, and the seat of unpunished rampant crime, it is high time our citizens should rouse themselves and not wait for the life blood of murdered citizens to douse their apathy.

If those institutions which are our symbols of law and order should start with their own organizations, work through every village and hamlet, every town and city, every county and state, we could within a few months time restore our Nation to her rightful place in the ranks of civilization. I firmly believe that 75 per cent. of crime can be stopped practical-

Special Saturday Only

With every pair of Ladies' Oxfords at \$3.95 and up, we will give absolutely Free one pair of pure thread, full fashioned hose—first quality.

With every Ladies' Dress at \$5.00 and up we will give absolutely Free, choice of a big range of hats.

This offer is for Saturday only.

D. W. BUSICK'S SON

Odd—but TRUE

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE WAS SO SHY THAT WHEN VISITORS CAME TO HIS HOME HE RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THEM

IN BORNEO THE CROCODILE IS CONSIDERED SACRED AND IS NOT KILLED - IF THE CROCODILE KILLS A MAN IT IS CAUGHT AND AFTER BEING TALKED TO IN A FRIENDLY MANNER IS TIED UP AND ALLOWED TO DIE A "NATURAL DEATH"

THE COST OF COLUMBUS' LITTLE EXPEDITION IN DISCOVERING AMERICA WAS ABOUT \$7000

SOME HOSEY COMPANIES ARE NOW ALLOWING A "TRADE-IN" ON USED STOCKINGS

overnight if our citizens will rouse themselves. If I were in charge of law enforcement in this State and county, in the U. S., (pardon just this once more) there would be an organization of Rural Civilian Constabulary about every telephone exchange as a nucleus. There are plenty of rural dwellers of mature judgment and courage who would volunteer to have their telephones grouped under a "Crime Flash Plug." Immediately a crime was committed the details of criminal appearance, his car, and everything pertaining to his recognition, would be called to this Rural Civilian Constabulary. In an hours time every highway, waterway, and means of escape in the U. S., if necessary, would be guarded.

Such an organization could be perfected without one penny of cost to the taxpayers. Service in it would be honorary, and by selection only. They would furnish their own arms. A system of reward would be paid to the party or parties catching the criminal, and such a system would not be of any additional cost to the taxpayers. Public service companies, radio stations, etc., would gladly contribute their services. Do you believe that the courage

and virility of American manhood has become so covered that such an organization could not be perfected?
Regards to Evelyn.
Sincerely,
HENRY HARDCASTLE.

Catawba county poultrymen report a profit from early broilers this season with the price ranging from 20 to 25 cents a pound. About 3,000 broilers will be sold this week.

Colored Woman Dies

Hallie Hayes, wife of Haywood Hayes, a highly respected colored man, died Saturday and was buried Monday afternoon. Besides the husband, she leaves three little children.

Recent soundings have discovered a depth of 24,000 feet, or nearly five miles, in the Caribbean Sea.

SAVE MONEY!

You are cordially invited to see our new lines of merchandise. Our prices are the lowest in the history of the drug business. We will save you money—try us first.

Piedmont Drug Co.
CASH-CUT RATE

Street Taxes!

Property owners who have not paid their street assessment taxes for 1931 will notice that unless same is paid on or before June 8, 1932, the property will be advertised June 9 and sold July 5, 1932

GEO. T. MARTIN, Tax Collector