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THINGS ARE CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

Things have certainly changed in recent years. An illustration of this fact is that a picture, "The Birth of a Baby," is now being shown on the theatre screens over the country and will be shown in Roxboro soon.

Twenty five years ago no one would have dreamed that such a picture would ever be given to the public. Today, we accept the fact and do not think much about it.

Although we may be wrong, we believe that things like this picture, as long as they are decent, are fine. There is no need to conceal the truth if by telling, publishing or showing it on a screen this world can be educated along the correct line.

WALL STREET WOBBLY

All last week Wall Street did not like the looks of things in Europe and the market dropped back to the lowest level since September.

Brokers said again the best explanation that could be offered for last week's slump in the markets was that traders and investors felt Franco's victories might embolden the dictator countries and pending clarification of the international picture, as well as clearer appraisals of spring business prospects at home, there was an inclination to keep to the sidelines.

You can't exactly expect traders to buy when no one knows when the European pot will boil over.

It has been predicted that Europe will not go into war this year, but that prediction begins to look weaker and weaker and the stock exchange seems to know it.

MIGHT AS WELL PAY

Just in case you have not paid your subscription dues to the Person County Times we advise you to do so at once.

DISTRIBUTORS FIGHTING

Our local gas distributors are bitterly opposed to a diversion of highway funds and you can't blame them one bit.

There are roads in Person County that a car can hardly go over after a rain and these gas distributors claim that money obtained for fixing these roads should be used for that purpose.

CONTINUE THE BALL

The annual affair of "The President's Birthday Ball" is a great event. Citizens of America dance in order that children who have had this dreaded disease, paralysis, might walk.

A child crippled for life suffers much and misses much in life. We should do all that we can to help them and we are happy to state that the people of this county always do their part.



Three-year-old Lance, who was the center of a marital dispute between his parents last summer, being greeted by Count Haugwitz Reventlow in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Lance's mother is the former Barbara Hutton.

REFLECTIONS

By R. M. SPENCER
SHEET ANCHORS

"Look at John Grin! Never knew a man who has so many friends. As a contrast, observe Jim Frown. Never knew a man who tried so hard to be friendly, and yet is so lonely."

Parallel circumstances can be found in every strata of society and in every walk of life. There are certain men who seem to be dragging a Sheet Anchor all the time.

These Sheet Anchors are annoying habits; habits that are insidious, that creep into man's scheme of life and grow into monsters. The man we like is the man who is attentive, who trades ideas with us, or who by genteel discussion helps to clarify a thought.

We like the man who likes us enough not to bore us or annoy us. We like him because he is interested in us but avoids conflict. Go into a huddle with yourself, take stock of your habits, the ones you do not like in others, then cut these Sheet Anchors a-drift.

Advertisement for Spencer's Funeral Home, featuring a portrait of a man and the text "Better Service is Our Aim. It Costs No More. SPENCER'S FUNERAL HOME, ROXBORO, N. C."

With Our Contemporaries

BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD... The Philadelphia Recorder.

To the United States Senate Gentlemen:

On your way to Capitol Hill most of you drive past a WPA project. Maybe several. Did you ever watch a gang on a sewer job, see several men obviously unused to swinging a pick, and...

Did you ever have the same thought we've had, the thought John Bradford had when a criminal passed him on the way to the gallows:

"Three, but for the grace of God, go I?"

That man hacking away at the ice-encrusted street — he might have been you.

There aren't two kinds of real Americans. Only one kind.

And among them all, how many feel so secure, either in their jobs or in their resources, as to dare murmur smugly to themselves: "That couldn't happen to me?"

It could. It has.

On WPA today are many men who, by slim margins, missed sitting in the United States Senate, at least in legislative chambers of several states; men who recently held high posts in some of our large cities; men whose names—once—were known to more thousands perhaps that some of yours.

"Foxy Grandpa's" creator died the other day. He was famous. Of late WPA kept him alive. Three winners of Guggenheim fellowships were found on WPA. Likewise several prominent writers, former college professors, quite a few distinguished engineers.

Comb the list further. You'll find business men who only yesterday were leaders in their communities, men who once asked favors of none, men who remember that after the depression, after their savings were gone—WPA let them carry on.

Bright men. Smart men. Many, Senators, are men like you. They just missed the same train.

And those others, perhaps not so smart or so well educated—they're Americans none the less. They don't regard a WPA job charity. They don't want charity. They want work, consider their job IS work.

They're proud of the parks they build, the schools they repair, the sewers they construct; proud of the reclamation of swamp areas, of the fights they've waged against soil erosion, for flood control.

The voice of these men may not reach the Senate floor. But it is the voice of men who work and sweat in jobs which not a Sena-

START POULTRY SHIPMENTS

Columbus County farmers have begun their cooperative carlot shipments of poultry for the new

tor covets — despite the legend that WPA work is one long and lazy panic.

Let no one say that jobs in private industry are waiting. They're not. It's only been a short while since 700 men waited in line all night to apply for a few porter's jobs in New York City — with the crowd of applicants swelling to 5000 by morning. Do you remember that night in Washington shortly before Thanksgiving, 25,000 women stormed a police station for 2,000 jobs as charwomen?

Before you vote, Senators, try to put yourself in a WPA workers place. Imagine if you can the fear in his heart as he watches your debates over a proposal to abolish his job and a million more. Try to understand that his voice, faint in the clamor, asks not for gifts, for largess, but only for a chance — to work.

As you watch the pick swing, listen to the scrape of shovels and clang of crowbars, remember the words of John Bradford: "There, but for the grace of God, go I!"

WHO ARE THEY?

Philadelphia Record.

We don't want to cast ugly doubt upon a tender and touching scene, but the appearance of "600 schoolgirls" to welcome Robert Taylor on his arrival in New York gives us pause. Who are these girls? Where do they live? What makes them do it? What schools do they go to?

We know schoolgirls, and, by and large, they are a pretty cynical lot. The younger generation knows how to take a joke and give one, and if there is one thing the younger generation is touchy about, it is looking foolish. We think a girl waiting at the terminal for Robert Taylor looks even more foolish than a girl with her stockings dragging. The school girls who we know wouldn't be caught dead in such

They appear out of nowhere, mysterious hordes who "greet" each dimpling celebrity, and we are wondering whether there is some agency in town which supplies them, at so much per. We recall the story of the two girls who hid under Robert Taylor's bed when he sailed for London, and how they turned out to be in the employ of a press agent. Six hundred girls is a lot of girls to get excited on the same morning about the same actor.

We never met actors and we have never met anybody who does meet actors, though, as newspapermen, we meet a lot of interesting people. We don't want to detract from the glory that is Taylor's, but those "600 schoolgirls" just don't look right to us.

year. C. D. Raper, assistant county agent, reports that 3,000 pounds were loaded last week at Whiteville and Chadbourn.

News Oddities . . . by Squier

A collection of illustrations and text snippets under the heading 'News Oddities'. It includes a large illustration of a hot air balloon, a diagram of an atomic reactor, and a toaster. Text snippets include: 'WITH THIS GIANT 5,000,000 VOLT ELECTRIC SHOTGUN PHYSICISTS WILL BOMBARD THE ATOM, ATTEMPTING TO RELEASE VAST STORES OF PENT-UP ATOMIC ENERGY.', 'GREAT HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENTS PROVIDE THE LOW COST POWER TO RUN MANY THOUSANDS OF INDUSTRY'S ESSENTIAL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS.', '... THE MODERN ELIXIR OF LIFE, PLAYS A VITAL PART IN EVERY PHASE OF PRESENT DAY LIVING.', 'INDUCING ARTIFICIAL FEVER IS BUT ONE OF HUNDREDS OF ELECTRICITY'S SERVICES TO MEDICINE.', 'TOASTERS ARE ELECTRIFIED, TOO WITH APPLIANCES LIKE THIS ALMOST HUMAN TOASTER. — IT TIMES THE TOAST, EJECTS IT WHEN DONE, AND EVEN BURNS IT-SELF OFF.'

"Good Roads" Bill Attracts Wide Interest

Legislators returning to Raleigh after a week-end at their homes almost to a man reported increased interest among their constituents in Senate Bill No. 344, the "Good Roads Bill", opposing diversion of highway funds, according to J. H. Monte, Director of the Good Roads Campaign of the N. C. Highway Users Conference.

The Good Roads Bill was introduced in both the Senate and House last week. It provides that all highway revenues shall be exclusively to construct, maintain and administrate an adequate dependable primary and secondary road system.

During the past week Senators John W. Umstead, Jr. of Orange; Fred Folger, of Surry; J. Y. Ballentine, of Wake; H. J. Hatcher, of Burke; and Representative Clarence Stone, of Rockingham, spoke in behalf of the Good Roads Bill. Speaking this week include Capus M. Waynick, High Point editor and former chairman of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission; Senator W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin; and Mayor Ben M. Douglas, of Charlotte.

Although a number of interested organizations and individuals have requested a public hearing on the bill, the Senate Finance Committee, through Chairman H. P. Taylor, of Anson, has not announced a date. When the hearing is granted, a record breaking crowd of North Carolinians opposed to diversion of highway funds is expected to come to Raleigh.

Many telegrams and letters have been received by legislators in Raleigh the past few days urging their support to Senate Bill 34 and asking them to oppose any diversion of highway funds to the general funds. Since the legislature has been requested to authorize a bond issue of \$5,000,000.00 to be used on the primary system, the secondary

Two World Beaters of 30 Years Ago



Jess Willard, one-time heavyweight boxing champion of the world, in a plane used during his glorious days as a ring top-notch. This 1910 pusher, owned by Clarence McArthur of Tampa, Fla., is an ancestor of the modern planes which took part in the American Air maneuvers in Florida recently.

roads, many of which are already in poor condition, will bear the brunt of any diversion of funds. Leaders of the movement to divert highway funds admit no emergency exist requiring diversion of funds at this time, but they simply want to transfer several million dollars to the general fund to be certain the budget is balanced."

A poem: "I notice when a fellow dies, No Matter what he's been, Some saintly chap or one perhaps Whose life is stained with sin, His friends forget the bitter words They Spoke but yesterday And now think up a multitude Of Pretty things to say. Perhaps when I am laid to rest, Someone will bring to light, Some noble deed or kindly act, Long burned out of sight. But if it's all the same to you, my friends, Just give to me instead, The business while I'm living. The knocking when I'm dead."

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