

Too Much Efficiency

By E. J. Rath

BEGIN HERE TODAY
 JOHN W. BROOKE, widower and hardware magnate, leaving the city for two months, contracts with a firm of efficiency engineers to manage his home during that time. He starts on his trip without saying anything about this arrangement to his three children, Constance Billy and Alice. They are startled into a realization of what their father has done when H. Hedge, efficiency engineer, takes complete control of the Brooke household. Three weeks have now elapsed since Hedge took charge. He has been making notes for a book he intends to write, showing the Brooke children as a type of the idle rich. These are found by Constance, who has become his secretary through ulterior motives. Upon discovering the notes, Constance makes known her true attitude toward Hedge and his scientific methods.

Hedge is in love with Constance. In response to her denunciation he orders her to a chair and commands her attention. He throws his business cards—H. Hedge, E. E.—into the fire and tells Constance that there is no such person. Constance continues her sobbing, her face buried in her arms over the desk.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
 "I am through with efficiency," said the efficiency man. Constance stirred. "I am through with economy!" She moved her head so that one eye peeped out through the crook of her elbow.

"Death to scientific management!" he cried. Constance raised her head slowly and stared at him. She met a glare that alarmed her. He was standing just opposite, across the library desk his eyes blazing with a new light.

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He laid hold of the uppermost drawer, yanked it completely out of the cabinet and shook it, as a terrier worries its prey. A second dash brought him opposite the big fireplace, where the last sheets of his book household graft were still smoldering. He dumped the contents of the drawer into the flames, seized a big brass poker and began stirring them frantically.

"There she goes!" he shouted as the big manila envelopes caught at the edges. "Everything from A to F—or G. Hanged if I remember which. Don't care either. All the economy and efficiency from A to G, or maybe H. What's the difference? See it burn! Reports, records, bills, receipts—the whole works! Nice draft in that chimney today, isn't it, too? Look at 'em go! You're in it, too; all the C's are included. Whee-ee!"

died in her chair. "And now from T to Z!" The remaining drawer shot from the cabinet and went bodily into the fire, contents and all. "There goes Tommy Treadwell," he chortled. "And Witherbee, and Maude Van Nest, and everything from T to the finish."

He stirred things with the poker again, jabbing viciously at wads of paper that were reluctant to give up the ghost. "Economy!" snorted the efficiency man. "Piffle! Efficiency! Ashes to ashes! All sizzling damnation—where they belong. Excuse the emphasis; I'm a bit enthusiastic. Watch 'em burn, Miss Brooke."

He found more papers lying on the desk and flung them into the mounting flames, whistling merrily. Constance was dumb and inert. She was truly frightened. No efficiency man in his senses could thus behave, she knew; and she could not yet believe that H. Hedge had renounced efficiency. Something had snapped in his brain; she was sure of that.

Suddenly he snatched the poker again and advanced upon her. "See that?" he demanded, waving it. "A very useful poker—large, heavy, strong. Sit where you are; don't dare to move. I'll be back in half a minute."

He rushed from the library and she heard him running down the hall. She sat there, powerless, even though her instinct was to fly from the house and escape the madman. A pity he was mad, she found herself thinking—a pity, because in his madness H. Hedge seemed almost sublime. Certainly he was super-human. There was something so utterly different from the efficiency man that Constance, even in her awe was compelled to admire.

From another part of the house she heard a commotion. She looked into the library and saw H. Hedge standing by the desk, his eyes blazing with a new light.

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There was a wild expression in his eyes as he turned from the conflagration to glare at Constance.

of the madman. "Take this: 'Henry Wellington Hedge. 'DEAR SIR: 'No; wait a minute. Scratch out the 'Dear Sir.' That's it. Now: 'DEAR HENRY: 'I resign my job as secretary, to take effect as soon as I can write my name under 'Yours affectionately—' Constance's cheeks flamed and her fingers became paralyzed after the 'Yours.' "Go on! Write 'affectionately,' " he ordered menacingly. "You take orders until you sign that. You're still my secretary. Write!"

"I'm not your secretary!" she declared passionately, at last finding her voice. "You've—you've resigned yourself!" "Not until I sign it," he cried. "Write 'affectionately!'" "With trembling fingers she wrote—'affectionately.' "Good!" exclaimed H. Hedge as he dragged her back to the big desk. "Now sign."

He dipped a pen and thrust it into her hand. "Sign!" She signed. He snatched the pen from her fingers and signed the other letter, in a bold scrawling hand. **NEXT CHAPTER: An inefficient proposal.**

Camp Call News Of Coming and Going

(Special to The Star.) Miss N. M. Livingston spent Christmas day with friends in Grover. Miss Vada McEntire spent the holidays with home folks in Columbus, Folk county. Miss Zona Jane Hord spent the holidays with home folks at Waco. Miss Effie McEntire and Mrs. Onie B. Smith who spent Christmas in Florida returned Saturday. Miss Ruth Mauney and Miss Grace Green spent week end with Misses Ruth and Aileen Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. Eubert Whitner visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Powell last week end. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mauney and his mother Mrs. M. M. Mauney, Sunday. Miss Mary A. Palmer has returned to the Mauney store after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Palmer of Polkville. Mr. W. W. Mauney and Hubert Gold, Arthur Hoopis, and Greer Gold have gone back to Florida to work. Mr. and Mrs. Chivus Spangler spent Sunday with Mrs. M. M. Mauney. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Elliott spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Elliott at Forest City. Mr. W. M. Elliott returned to Chapel Hill to school Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Elliott spent Sunday at Cherryville with their children. Miss Mattie Wilson spent the holidays with Miss Bessie McEntire. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harries spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Will Crowder. Mr. Fate Poteat spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mauney. Mrs. M. M. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spangler spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. Chivus Spangler. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simmons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Weathers. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Powell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Powell. Sehren and Wilson are running a saw mill near Union now. Mr. Worth Williamson is improving from a recent illness his many friends will be glad to learn. We are glad to learn that Mr. George Pryor is improving at this writing. The many friends of Mr. M. B. Mauney will be glad to learn that he is improving nicely. The teachers of the Jr. B. Y. P. U. entertained Saturday afternoon they reported a good time.

Community Items Of Oak Grove Section

(Special to The Star.) Oak Grove, Jan. 4.—Mrs. H. T. Wright has been spending some time with her cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Dye who has been seriously ill for some time. Mr. William Ware, who spent some time during Christmas with his father Mr. W. G. H. Ware, has returned to Danville, Va., where he holds a responsible position. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell of Gastonia, and Mr. Monroe Bell of Charlotte visited relatives in the neighborhood during Christmas. Mr. J. R. Champion from near the Shelby, also Mr. and Mrs. Lester Canipe from Shelby were in the community during the holidays. Mr. Benton Putnam and his wife from Kings Mountain visited his mother Mrs. Clarissa Putnam recently. Rain fell here last night and today almost continuously. "Policemen are born." You can't learn the art of being where trouble isn't. "Well, well, Anthracite; it is nice to have something in this country that is let alone. There are numerous portraits of Mussolini, but as yet not a single marble or bronz of his great thumb. \$150,000 for a seat on Exchange seems high until you think about the Senate.

Bethlehem News Of Comings And Goings

Miss Gladys Blacklock Wins Prize As Prettiest Girl, Frank Teessener As Ugliest Boy.

(Special to The Star) The Seniors S. S. Class taught by Mrs. J. D. Watterson had a box supper December 22nd, for the benefit of the class and also a beauty contest. Miss Gladys Blacklock won the most votes for being the prettiest girl and Mr. Frank Teessener the ugliest boy. A good collection was received. Miss Ara Blacklock entertained the B. Y. P. U. Monday night many interesting games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Miss Oveda Dedmon of near Shelby is spending this week with Misses Marie and Alverta McDaniel. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDaniel and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grigg of Shelby. Miss Ara Blacklock entertained the B. Y. P. U. Monday night many interesting games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Miss Oveda Dedmon of near Shelby is spending this week with Misses Marie and Alverta McDaniel. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDaniel and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grigg of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blacklock and daughters Misses Pecola, Letha and Gladys spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Rush Dixon of Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson and family spent last Saturday with Mrs. W. O. Carter of Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Waterson and little daughter of Charlotte, Mrs. W. O. Carter and children of Gastonia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson. Misses Marie, Alverta and Leona McDaniel and Miss Oveda Dedmon visited Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dedmon of Kings Mountain last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dixon Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bell spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hope. Miss Ruby Watterson has returned home after spending the Christmas holidays with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grigg of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dixon, Mr. Clarence Dixon, Mr. Tom Blacklock, Mr. Raymond Eyers, Mr. Earl Ballard and little Miss Cathleen Lyne of Charlotte spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dixon. Mr. Bradie Lail and sisters Misses Bertha and Vertie are spending this week in Shelby visiting friends.

Personality is that vague something the President and the Saturday Evening Post have in common. Correct this sentence: "The thing about you that appeals to me," said the old boy to his sweetie, "is your mind."

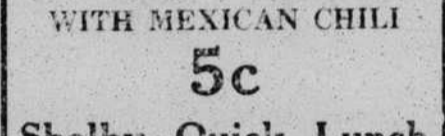
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 Shelby Quick Lunch
 ALL KINDS SANDWICHES
 AND HOT LUNCHES.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calobats, the purified and refined catenol compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calobats at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

DREADFUL PAINS

Georgia Lady, Who Had Lost Too Much Weight, Was Advised to Take Cardui and Is Now Well. Columbus, Ga.—Mrs. George S. Hunter, of this city, writes: "After I married, thirteen months ago, I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during ... My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house. "I got very thin—I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve. My side hurt less and I began to improve in health. ... The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now. I have gained ten pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all. "I wish every suffering woman knew about Cardui." NC-160



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ORDER OF SCHOOL ELECTION, ELLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Board of Commissioners, of Cleveland County, signed by more than qualified voters within the Ellis school District, the metes and bounds of which are hereinafter set forth, requesting this Board to order an election in the territory embraced within the boundaries of said proposed Local Tax District, the exact metes and bounds of which proposed Local Tax District are as follows:

Beginning at the point where Mill Branch empties into Buffalo Creek; thence in a northerly direction including the John Shuford place and others to the Patterson Springs line; thence East with the Patterson Springs line to the Pleasant Hill line at Kendrick Branch; thence in a Southwesterly direction with the said Kendrick and Caff-pen branches to Buffalo; thence Southeast with Buffalo Creek to the beginning.

To ascertain the will of a majority of the qualified electors residing in said district upon the question of levying a tax in the said boundaries not exceeding thirty (30) cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of property, both real and personal in said district, and whereas, said petition has been duly approved and endorsed by the County Board of Education.

Now, Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County at their regular session held on Monday, January 4th, 1926, do grant said petition and order that an election be held at D. A. Blanton's residence in the aforesaid district on Monday, February 22nd, 1926, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the electors within the proposed special school tax district upon the question of levying a special tax not exceeding thirty (30) cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of all property, both real and personal in the said district, in addition to the county tax for six months school term.

It is further ordered that D. A. Blanton be and he is hereby appointed Registrar of said election and that he be furnished with a copy of this order, and that Rollins Camp and Trent Allen be and they are hereby appointed Judges of the said election.

It is further ordered that said election those who are in favor of levying a special tax not exceeding thirty (30) cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of property, both real and personal, in said district, shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words, "FOR SPECIAL TAX," and those who are opposed shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words "AGAINST SPECIAL TAX," it being understood that if a majority of the qualified electors at said election shall vote in favor of said special tax, then said boundaries shall constitute a local school tax district known as the Ellis Special School Tax District, in which a special tax not exceeding thirty (30) cents on the One Hundred Dollars worth of property may be levied for school purposes.

It is further ordered that a new registration of voters residing within said special tax district shall be had that the registration books shall be kept open between the hours of 9 A. M. and sunset on each day, except Sundays, for twenty days preceding the day for the closing of the registration books, for the registration of all electors residing within the aforesaid boundary and entitled to register, and that said books shall be opened for registration on January 21st, 1926 and close on Saturday, February 13th, 1926, before said election and that on each Saturday during the period of the registration the Registrar shall attend with his registration books at the polling place in said district for the registration of voters and that on the day of the election the polls shall be open from sunrise to sunset and the election shall be held as near as may be under the law governing general elections.

It is further ordered that, after the closing of the polls, the Registrar and poll holders shall duly certify over their hands the number of registered voters at said election and the number of votes for and against the special tax and transmit same to the Board of Commissioners, and same shall be filed, and the Board of Commissioners shall canvass and judicially determine the result of said election and record such determination on their records.

It is further ordered that due publication of this order and of said election and new registration be made by publishing this order in the Cleveland Star once a week for three weeks, the first publication hereof to be made on January 8th, 1926. Signed by the order of The Board, This January 4th, 1926. R. L. WEATHERS, Clerk to County Board.

Only a question of time, says Bill McCord, when the city parks will have to be used for parking. The hard part isn't to make the car last, but to reconcile yourself to keeping it when it looks like that. "Why do you rise so early in the morning?" "I have to get down town early in order to find a parking place for my car." "But do you not then have a good deal of time hanging on your hands?" "Oh, then, I take the street car home and have breakfast."

Many people are attempting to lift a mortgage while riding around in it, says Hatcher Webb. "Has the evolution theory caused any of your flock to drop out?" inquired a friend of Rev. Moses Botts. "No, sah. No, sah. None to speak of. Do main contraction ob de debil what causes dom to backslide is strugglin' wid second-hand cars!"

If it needs washing, it's his second car.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHELBY, IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31st, 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this (except those shown in b and c)	\$3,427,489.31
Total loans	\$3,427,489.31
Overdrafts, unsecured	4,898.64
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	250,000.00
Total	\$250,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	241,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	93,950.00
Lawful reserve with Federal reserve bank	148,621.16
Items with Federal reserve bank in process of collection	13,156.62
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	360,943.54
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. (other than included in items 8, 9 and 10)	42,276.67
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 12)	2,776.42
Total items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	\$419,159.25
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	3,804.00
Miscellaneous cash items	3,802.35
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U. S. Treas.	12,500.00
Total	\$4,605,224.71

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	250,000.00
Surplus fund	250,000.00
Undivided profits	160,266.14
Reserved for taxes, interest, etc. accrued	59,938.97
Circulating notes outstanding	244,300.00
Amount due to national banks	100,000.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in items 22 or 23)	54,733.22
Certified checks outstanding	2,065.68
Cashier's checks outstanding	21,781.15
Total of items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	\$178,570.05
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
Individual deposits subject to check	1,115,762.09
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	18,415.19
Dividends unpaid	15,222.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	\$1,149,339.28
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	1,826,251.48
Other time deposits	119,558.79
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve items 33, 34, 35 and 36	\$1,945,810.27
Notes and bills rediscounted, including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank	367,000.00
Total	\$4,605,224.71

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland, ss:
 I, Forrest Eskridge, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 FORREST ESKRIDGE, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1926.
 FRANK L. HOYLE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest
 A. C. MILLER,
 O. M. GARDNER,
 CHAS. C. BLANTON, Director.

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