

# Nobody's Business

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**Just Drifting Along.**  
Verily, verily, it seemeth to me that we are floating back to the (so-called) good old days of 19 and 20—when a dollar was a giant and a dime wassent any baby to be sneezed at.

... But we now find our cities, towns, school districts, counties, states and most individuals burdened with debts that they knoweth not what to do with. We are afflicted with taxes from center to circumference, and the end is not yet.

... Raw materials ain't worth the fertilizer it takes to produce them. Eggs ain't fetching enough to pay the hen for wasting her time laying around. Wheat and sand are selling at the same price. And other farm products are worth more if permitted to rot on the land than they are peddled to the public.

... If you work for a dairy, you go to work at 4 a. m. If you work for a farmer, you begin to tickle the soil at 5 a. m. If you work for a cotton mill, you must begin to spin at 6 a. m. If you piddle around in a grocery store, you are expected to begin piddling at 7 a. m. If you are in a bank, you may be expected to "turn down" checks at 8 a. m. But if you are employed by the public—and paid with money received from taxpayers, 9:00 a. m. or 9:15 a. m. or 9:30 a. m., or possibly 10 a. m. is O. K. for you to drop in and take your seat. And that's that.

... At last, some folks have begun to think. Taxpayers leagues are springing up here and there. They won't be able to help themselves one jot or tittle till they nominate and elect men for public office with guts enough to stop wasting money and cut out useless jobs and face the facts and figures relating to appropriations that beget graft and extravagance, and have some regard for the man who is left half starved when he pays his taxes. (Apparently no public official has ever thought of cutting expenses.)

... States are striving to raise money honestly, where possible, but where such means are not to an end, they are raising money anyhow. The highway commissions are hell-bent on getting everything in sight. They build roads for the use of automobiles and trucks, yet—each state is now forcing outsiders to get licenses of all kinds and prices (for private as well as public trucks operating for profit, or without profit), and it won't be long before a bull frog will have to wear a metal tag on his tail for home-hopping and extra metal tag for visiting hopping. In other words, don't dare leave your own state with a truck load of anything to sell or exchange. Take my advice stay at home unless you are walking, or riding a mule—even then, don't venture across the line.

... About the only property the average poor man wants is plenty chewing tobacco to keep him busy chewing, a couple of hound dogs to suck his eggs, an old Ford to keep him poorer, and 8 or 10 younguns to work for him.

... The majority of the sunrises are just as pretty as the majority of the sunsets that so many people throw fits over. The difference between the two is—there ain't nobody up early enough to see the sunrise—except farm hands who don't like sunshine, and that's why sunsets have it on sunrises. Nature ain't grand to everybody.

... The railroads will be able to cut their operating expenses very extensively just as soon as they get that 15 percent advantage in freight rates. They can take off at least 25 per cent of their trains and train crews, as the trucks will haul most of the freight. The truck trains are looking forward with much glee to the advance in rates—because they can advance their rates 15 percent too, and still be in line.

**Cotton Letter.**  
New York, Aug. 12.—Due to some thunder in Oklahoma and the Panhandle, spots broke 10 points in anticipation of moisture, which is not needed. A red spider was found in Alabama last week, and as soon as his whereabouts were reported to New Orleans, the nearby months eased off to a new low for the season. If stocks break again, cotton will follow, as cotton is sympathizing most sincerely at present—with stocks and call money. We advise holding for a probable squeeze.

... While keeping batch last month, I learned how to prepare a great many delectable dishes. My egg-stews were simply grand. Here's the recipe for egg-stew: Take 3 freshly-laid eggs (if possible), put them in a quart of boiling water (if your gas has not been cut off, let them

boil till you have read the morning paper, if your subscription is not out, then take eggs out of water with a spoon—don't use your naked hands—hull them, pour into a tea-cup, if a clean one can be found, crumble up some stale bread, and empty the mess into a bowl and eat with a spoon or fork or knife or your fingers, which ever is clean. Wipe egg-drippings from shirt front and go to work.

**How To Have A Good Town.**  
... Trade at home. Pay your debts. Go to church. Support your town council and chamber of commerce. Let your own doctor treat your liver troubles. Speak well of your neighbors. Love your own wife. Boost your friends. Stop growling. And put your money in the bank.

## Bills Of County Checked And Paid By Commissioners

The following bills were ordered paid by the Cleveland county commissioners at their regular monthly session:

- Southern Public Utilities Co., lights for county home, \$11.45;
- Eagle Roller mill, county home, \$21.25; A. V. Wray and 6 Sons, county home, \$7.42; E. C. Hendrick's Service station, county home, \$8.82;
- Asheville Washing Machine Co., county home, \$2.41; Cleveland Produce Co., peas for county home, \$2.30; John T. Borders, sal., etc., county home \$200; Paul Poston, corn meal for county home, \$15.80; Farmers and Planters Hdw. Co., for county home, \$1.80; Stephenson Drug Co., for county home, \$12.35; Campbell Dept. Store, for county home, \$6.60; Jackson Cash Grocery, county home, \$132.05; Dr. J. S. Dorton, county home, \$3.50; D. A. Beam, seed peas for county home, \$1.25; City Ice and Fuel Co., county home, \$10.00; City of Shelby, jail, \$28.80; City Electric Shop, jail, \$4.20; Cleveland Hdw., jail, \$2.10; J. G. Dudley, Jr., jail, \$3.95; I. M. Allen, stamps, etc., \$36.80; I. M. Allen, trip to Raleigh with J. J. Lattimore, \$35.00; Stephenson Drug Co., jail, \$1.55; M. A. McSwain, jail, \$4.65; Modern Plumbing and Heating Co., jail, \$4.00; I. M. Allen, report of jail, \$804.60; B. O. Hamrick, piping, \$29.74; V. O. Cline, straw, \$19.04; Standard Oil Co., \$27.62; Basil Goode, groceries for Mrs. H. B. Ellis, \$2.33; Jackson Cash Store, for charity, \$13.50; Caswell Training school, bill for returning Robert Mayes, \$3.40; Cleveland Mill and Power Co., for Ben Champion, \$12.06; W. C. Powell, trip to Morganton with Lou Cline, \$10.00;
- Lutz and Jackson, burial of Lizzie Beth McAbee, \$10.00; R. E. Lutz, coroner for July, \$37.00; D. F. Moore, county physician, \$93.50; Stephenson Drug Co., \$3.50; Plonk Bros., for Criss Rainer, \$15.20; Campbell Dept. Store, by J. B. Smith, \$9.80; N. C. Sanatorium, for R. H. Walker, \$32.22; F. L. Hoyle, pension board, \$4.00; Southern Paper Produce, Inc., \$87.50; A. Blanton Grocery Co., brooms for court house, \$2.00; Harvey Harrelson, capturing two stiffs, \$20.00; Harvey Harrelson, capturing Macie McMilling manufacturing whiskey, \$20.00; H. W. McKinney, serving grand jury, \$5.80; H. W. McKinney, bringing Perry Ledford to jail, \$3.80; A. P. Mead, capturing Ross Swink Summey Cook for manufacturing whiskey, \$40.00; Mae Ellen McBrayer, stenographical duties secured testimony for inquest of death of Thomas J. Phillip, \$12.50; Observer Ptg. Co., county accountant, \$47.50; Observer Ptg. Co., county accountant, \$30.00; Observer Ptg. Co., register of deeds, \$17.50; Star Publishing Co., tax notices, \$48.25; Insurance Dept. of Union Trust Co., \$76.00; Mitchell Ptg. Co., register of deeds, \$15.65; A. F. Newton, stamps, etc., \$1.60; Shelby Ptg. Co., S. C., \$38.90; Shelby Ptg. Co., register of deeds, \$1.00; Shelby Ptg. Co., tax supervisor, \$2.50; Southern Bell Tel., \$44.95; City of Shelby, court house, \$15.43;
- T. P. Jenks, listing taxes for No. 6, \$268.23; W. C. Hamrick, listing taxes for Boiling Springs, \$71.53; H. B. Stowe, listing taxes for Kings Mtn., \$108.11; A. A. Horton, Casar, \$47.05; A. A. Bettis, for Earl, \$72.75; N. N. Gantt, Lawndale, \$51.62; Stowe Beam, Pallston, \$107.80; B. P. Jenkins, Lattimore, \$83.65; R. W. McBrayer, Mooresboro, \$93.30; M. P. Harrelson, Shelby R-1, \$53.29; Hotel Charles, lodging and breakfast for jurors, \$19.50; Shelby Casket Co., one child casket, \$5.75; Mrs. Faye Osborne, 6 days tax work, \$12.00; Howell Transfer Co., moving Jake Patterson, \$2.50; A. C. McClurg and Co., cushion for treasurer, \$2.28;
- There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday, August 8, 1931.

## Weather, Flying Talked By Wilson

To the Editor:  
After the extensive drouth of last summer that covered all the middle part of our continent, I wished to see what the prospect was for this year so I might pass the information on to my friends (and enemies, if any). So early in the year I sent 50c for a 1931 Hicks Almanac. (My last copy was 1916), just to see how the planets were arranged for this season.

The astronomical charts give the position for each planet and moon in our solar system for every day in the year. I will say right here that timber or the lack of timber does not cause drouths, but it does hold back floods and conserve a smaller rainfall for the benefit of springs, wells, the crops and climate. After looking over these charts I decided that the Mississippi river would reach its lowest stage about July 15 and would then hold its own and begin to climb back up the gauge—the water coming down all its tributaries from every point of the compass. Now if we missed our guess no one is hurt. Only some people seem to think I am responsible for them not having any rain just as some others think President Hoover is responsible for them not having any job or money.

Well, two weeks have passed and Lindbergh and Anne are still on American soil, and I guess when they leave where they are, they may have to walk several hundred miles back to civilization and that suits me, for so much of this flying around by fool Americans ought to be stopped before they get us all in war with all the nations of the earth. Some of our men are in jail in Japan now for taking pictures there from the air. Just a few years hence we will all hide in zeppelins in comfort and absolute safety. So why worry about a few little airplanes when they will only be used to carry mail, make quick trips and in time of war. We are ready to ride just as soon as they can built the ships and give us the rates.

We are now going out of the last storm period and starting into another which may last well into September. So good luck to Lind and Anne if they do have to stay till after the equinox.

J. A. WILSON.

## Elliott Reunion Set For Aug. 22nd

White Boys Coming Home With Their Georgia Damsels To Enjoy The Occasion.

Polkville, Aug. 10.—Please allow me space to adjust some errors of omission that were lacking in my last contribution. One half of my life, so far, has been required to explain and correct the other half. First, as to the date of the time-honored Elliott-Reunion. It is invariably featured on the fourth Sunday in August, and no departure will be made from the custom on this occasion. To be accurate according to calendar, remember the date is August 22, 1931.

Then as to the festival occasion featured on August 5, 1931, by the benign and benevolent Boniface, Andrew J. Elliott; two important guests were left out of my former report, or at least not published: William D. Elliott, of Lyons, Georgia, and our Civil War Veteran, James C. Elliott, our merry youthful hero of 86—wheat harvest. Both enjoyed this festive occasion, and neither showed any diminution of health or appetite. Mention was made of my sons who participated, Lucien, Ralph, Robert, and Adolphus B. White, Lucian, Robert and Adolphus were soldiers of World War. Adolphus and wife have mounted their buzz-wagon and are at Pontiac, Michigan and are at place of business. Robert C. White, Sr. and Jr. with Mrs. Robert C. White, are still at home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. White for a few days, when they will mount their stately Buick and hie to their home at Sandersville, Georgia. By the way, my sons seem to cherish a preference for Georgia damsels.

We are beginning to need another shower, although the dispenses of the weather have been propitious. About August 15, 1931, you may expect the prow of the auto guided by my son, Eugene O. White, who has a position at Lynch, Ky. With him are expected to come part of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kelley of Glenita, Virginia. The reader will recognize Mrs. J. N. Kelly as nee Pearl B. White a daughter and the only one, of Mr. and

## State Is Due More Of Civil Service Berths

North Carolina Entitled To 973 Positions But Has Only 523.

Washington—Miss Nannie Lee King is among those displeased with the workings of the civil service commission. She says the civil service law provides for the apportionment of positions among the states and the District of Columbia, and that the District, Maryland and Virginia, have hogged the jobs. It is another hog combine.

Under any equitable apportionment, says Miss King, and under the law, if observed, this city should be assigned 149 positions, but that as a matter of fact more than 12,000 appointments have been made from this city.

The statistics provided by Miss King show that North Carolina is entitled to 973 government positions, under the classified service, and that these should be drawing \$900,000 annually, but that only 523 positions have been credited to the state.

In civil service circles one explanation of this situation is that when the World War started the government needed a great deal of help, that men and women were recruited from near at hand, in this city and nearby states, and subsequently these people, after residing here a number of years, were finally accredited to the District of Columbia, since they no longer claimed distant states as their place of residence.

Many veterans, too, received treatment in the government hospitals, and preferential rating under the civil service, and in the fullness of time these men also were put down as resident of the District.

There were 9,261 ex-service men who received civil service jobs from Uncle Sam in 1930, and of these 1,996 were disabled veterans, official figures of the American legion show.

These totals are regarded as too low in comparison with the annual number of civil service appointments.

For that reason, the area of veterans' preference, in accord with the executive order issued by President Hoover, is being enlarged.

Important concessions are made disabled ex-service men in this executive order, according to legion representatives.

The most significant is the stipulation that, whenever a disabled veteran received a mark of 70 or over in a civil service examination, his name shall go to the top of the eligible list.

This means that his chances of appointment, when he received a passing mark in a civil service quiz, are excellent.

The appointing officer is required to make a complete statement in writing of his reason for passing over an eligible disabled veteran in making an appointment in favor of a civilian.

## Benson Humphries Dies In Lower County

(Gaffney Ledger)  
Benson Humphries, retired farmer, died Saturday about 6:45 o'clock in the evening on route 1 at the home of his late brother, John T. Humphries, in Cleveland county, North Carolina. He was 74 years and eight months old.

Funeral services were conducted at the Camp's Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Walter Boone.

The pall bearers were Gurphy and Guy Humphries, Robert N. Jolly, Carl Huskey, John Martin, and Wright McCraw.

Mr. Humphries is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Hawkins and Miss Rebecca Humphries, and a half brother, W. J. S. Humphries.

The exhibit of Korean lespedeza from Cabarrus County won much attention at the annual meeting of the North Carolina dairy association held at Winston-Salem.

Where Union County farmers, poisoned for the boll weevil this summer there are few infester squares now, says Tom Broom, county agent.

Mrs. M. L. White of the Polkville region.

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## Cherokee Mutual Reduces Insurance

Reduction Made In Rate Charged Farmers For Fire Insurance.

(Gaffney Ledger)

A reduction from \$1 to 75 cents per \$100 in the premium charged by the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Cherokee County was voted at the annual meeting held at the court house here yesterday. The new rate will become effective on policies written for next year, beginning in December. All officers and directors of the association were re-elected.

The officers are N. H. Littlejohn, president; Frank McCluney, vice-president; and Mrs. Marie K. Corry, secretary and treasurer.

The report of the treasurer showed policies in force totalling approximately \$1,000,000, as compared with \$3,000,000 a year ago. Cash on hand was over \$3,000 not including certain funds tied up in closed banks.

A resolution banned the writing of new insurance for former policyholders who failed to pay an extra assessment of 25 cents per \$100 levied against old policies was adopted at the meeting yesterday.

"Why, yes, my boy, you may have her."  
"How's that? Have whom?"  
"My daughter, of course. You want to marry her, don't you?"  
"No, sir; I just wanted to find out if you would endorse my note for \$100."  
"Certainly not. Why, I hardly know you."

"If I got constipated, I would get dizzy and have swimming in my head. I would have very severe headache."  
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