

Rat Aids Argument Against Hoarding

Chicago.—A rat this week furnished Colonel Frank Knox with a practical argument in his campaign against hoarding money.

The chairman of President Hoover's anti-hoarding drive said a farmer living near Fort Wayne, Ind., offered the incident.

The farmer withdrew \$250 from a bank and hid the bills in a drawer. Some time later he discovered a rat had chewed the notes to tiny bits.

When he took the scraps to a banker in hopes of getting the currency restored, he learned the pieces were too small to be identified and the entire sum was lost.

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Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

And There Went Forth a Young Man.

My first venture into the realm of social affability came upon me when I was budding into long britches and shaving a few little patches of white fuzz off my face. In other words, I was approaching 21 years of age, manhood, freedom and matrimony.

Katie Green invited me to her lawn party which was scheduled for Friday night at 8 o'clock, sharp. I was somewhat too sharp: I got there at 7:15 and had to sit out on a bench in the front yard for an hour, as I saw no life without or within Katie's domicile.

I had no Ford to crank or buggy to hitch old Pete onto, so I got me a tow-sack and made a saddle and rode that animal those 6 miles. It was the shedding period for old Pete. I got off of him enroute 3 different times and plucked billions upon billions of hairs from my blue serge coat and white striped britches. That was the hairiest mule I ever saw.

That old tow sack plastered my britches with jute—at the point of contact—and the said britches were not very nice to look at from the rear, and that kept me in much suspense and anxiety while the party was functioning. My shoes were old but I had greased them with dish-water skimmings and moonlight.

I was so bashful I almost sweated myself to death at that party. They had a plan of "swapping partners" every few minutes, and when the ushers would "rush" one of those strange girls into my presence, or vice versa, it just looked like the top of my head would blow off from high blood pressure. I didn't know anything to talk about except hogs and cows and fishing worms, and that was not very interesting to the females.

They had some ho-made Japanese lanterns hanging about on limbs and bushes. They were mighty pretty. About 8:45, Katie and her 6 sisters began to serve red lemonade and ginger-cakes. I was so nervous I almost got choked to death on my first ginger-cake, but I managed to wash it down with a gobble full of that red stuff. (They called it lemonade, but there must have been some mistake).

The party drifted on into the night. It was nearly 9:30 before old man Smith hobbled to the door and bellowed forth: "Boys and Gals, it's bed time for my youngsters, so you'd better pack up and git." We had nothing to pack up, but we got. Nobody ever thought of hunting any dark corners or shady places to hug in—back then. It was a nice party, so they said.

A Letter

Greer, S. C., Feb. 18, 1932
Dear Gee McGee:
Wont you please tell me thru your column what rights, in your opinion, has a depositor whose money is tied up in a busted bank? I have been reading your column for 3 years and enjoy it.
Yours truly,
J. P. P.

The Answer

Dear Mr. J. P. P.:
If your money is tied up in a busted bank, you have the following legal and moral rights as a depositor:

- You are at liberty to discuss this matter with your wife and mother-in-law.
- You can sell your deposit or swap it for a dog or a cow or any other low-priced animal that the swapper might be tired of.
- You have a perfect right to ask the liquidating agent where he is from and how many times he has been married.
- If you care to do so, you can tell your preacher how much you lost—so's he won't be expecting anything more from you.
- As a depositor, you can't be called upon for any extra money to help wind up your bank's affairs. If the man in charge don't find enough cash and receivables to re-imburse him for his work, that's his funeral.
- You, being a depositor, can go and look thru the plate glass window at the liquidating agent as many time a day as you wish. You may go in and sit down a while—if there is another chair handy—and he invites you in.
- And you can cull all you please and carry the next dollar you get in your wife's stocking, if you so desire. Furthermore, you have a perfect right to cash any dividend check you might receive without over drawing your account.
Yours Me Too,
Gee McGee

Proper Thinking Would Help Now

Asheville Citizen.

J. R. Hardin, a former State senator of Texas, thinks that the chief obstacle in the way of economic progress in that State—and in the South—is mental in character. "We of the South," he says, "seldom question our political and economic order, and we are inclined to look askance at any one who does."

There is a lot in this. "When I was a boy," says Mr. Hardin, writing in the Texas Weekly, "I gloried in what my geography said about Texas. It was the biggest State in the Union. From Texarkana to El Paso was as far as from New York to Chicago, and from Texline to Brownville was still farther. It told how New England and New York could be carved out of our vast domain, and how many dinky little Marylandis could be made from what was left over. We had single counties bigger than Rhode Island and ranches bigger than Delaware. It was the old plantation idea of measuring wealth and wellbeing in terms of acres and square miles—since we were so much bigger than New York and New England, we must consequently, so it seemed to me, be so much greater and more important than they. I did not realize that by such measurements Alaska was still greater than Texas, and Siberia as great as the United States."

Doesn't this have a familiar ring to North Carolinians, with recollections of the "Fifth State" complex fresh in their minds? How that did thrill us! But we know now, when we have become the Second State instead of the Fifth in internal revenue payments to Uncle Sam, that such payments afford no true index to the general prosperity of a people?

Mass comparison is, as Mr. Hardin argues, likely to be utterly futile and misleading. The fact that Texas, many times the size of Iowa passed the latter State in the value of its agricultural products, was nothing to boast about. But Texas made much of it with no thought apparently, of the disparity in the relative size and population of the two States; with no effort apparently, to translate the agricultural production into terms of per capita production. This last would have shown that the income per unit of farm production in Iowa was almost double that of Texas at a time when that something was badly wrong in the Lone Star State and much in need of correction.

Mr. Hardin gives numerous illustrations of such false and misleading comparisons, and expresses the conviction that "this way of thinking, speaking, writing and teaching our children has done us incalculable damage." It has caused us to be lulled into a false security. It has blinded us to our true economic needs. It has delayed us in the adoption of policies which were vital to our prosperity. Reorganization of the processes of a people's thinking is about the most difficult of all human undertakings, but it is exactly that which the development of the South's interests and opportunities demands.

Snow Covers Peak Of Mount Mitchell

(Asheville Citizen, Feb. 20.)

While Mt. Mitchell—highest peak east of the Rockies—yesterday received a covering of one and one-half inches of snow, Asheville enjoyed temperatures averaging three degrees above normal of 39, with a rainfall of .04 of an inch for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock last night.

Yesterday's lowest temperature here was 39, highest was 46. More rain is forecast for this vicinity today, without much temperature change.

Snow has been unusually rare in Western North Carolina this winter, even the loftiest mountains getting an almost negligible fall.

New Map Out Shows Shelby On Main Street Of The South

Advance copies of a new folder map of the Piedmont highway, U. S. 29, have been received in Gastonia. It is issued by the Piedmont Highway association and shows "The Main Street of the South" from Washington to Montgomery, Ala. The map is a comprehensive one, showing not only the route itself but also trunk and cross route connections covering practically all of the eastern United States from the Atlantic to the Mississippi.

Twenty-five thousand copies of this folder are being put out by the association through service stations, tourist bureaus and hotels from New England south. It is believed that this folder will be the means of drawing many thousands of tourists over this highway. The map shows the various routes from New York to Washington. From the nation's capital No. 29 comes through Culpeper, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, Charlotte, Gastonia and on south.

Thousands of eastern tourists have

Houston Skipper



In command of the cruiser Houston at Shanghai, Captain Robert A. Dawes, of Duxbury, Mass., will have the job of evacuating American citizens from the war zone in the event of such a procedure becoming necessary. The Houston is the flagship of the Asiatic fleet, which was rushed from Manila, P. I., following the appeal of Consul General Edwin S. Cunningham for reinforcements.

Finds Better Cows Now Grown In State

Gradual Improvement Shown in Grade of Cows and Their Production.

Reports from 93 dairymen belonging to the eight active herd improvement associations now active in North Carolina indicate that the dairy cows of today are more efficient producers than they were even one year ago.

"The members of our herd improvement associations are scattered in 30 North Carolina counties," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "These men had 3,364 cows one test last year which is an increase of 211 over 1930. The average production per cow for last year was 6,433 pounds of milk and 282 pounds of butterfat as compared with 6,185 pounds of milk and 261 pounds of butterfat in 1930. This shows a decided improvement in the production of our dairy animals."

Mr. Arey says that the dairymen found by their record keeping that 352 cows were boarders and therefore unprofitable. These were culled and sold to the butchers.

Another good indication of the gradual improvement being made in dairy herds was that in 1931, there were 33 herds which averaged 300 pounds or more of butterfat per cow. The actual production of these 33 herds was 7,456 pounds of milk and 330 pounds of fat per cow. In the previous year of 1930, only 22 herds produced as much as 300 pounds of fat per cow. Then, last year, Mr. Arey found two herds where the fat production averaged 400 pounds or over per fat. One of these was a Guernsey herd owned by Thurmond Chatham at Elkin which produced 8,888 pounds of milk and 448 pounds of fat a cow last year, and the other was a Jersey herd owned by Aldridge Bros. of Haw River, which produced 8,250 pounds of milk and 405 pounds of fat a cow last year. These men are the first two herds in the state to go above the 400-pound mark.

Facts such as these tend to show that despite the depression, North Carolina dairymen are pressing forward in building more profitable herds over the state, says Arey.

Postal Service Men To Meet Tonight

Forest City, Feb. 22.—Rural letter carriers of the county will hold a banquet at Blanton's cafe here tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All postal employees and their wives are invited.

TRINITY NEWS OF THE CURRENT WEEK

Mrs. Jones Under Treatment, Miss Harrill Entertains, Child Has Pneumonia.

(Special to The Star.)
Trinity, Feb. 17.—The W. M. U. and Sunbeam band will have a joint meeting at the school house on next Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Epton Jones is undergoing treatment in the Shelby hospital. Miss Katherine Harrill was a very gracious hostess to a number of friends on last Friday evening complimenting her brother, Walter, and Mr. Sam Jenkins whose birthday it was. Each guest was requested to bring a pound of refreshments, so after a number of games and progressive conversation the guests were invited into the dining room where the table was very attractively arranged and the refreshments served.

Mrs. J. A. Hollifield is spending two weeks with the family of Mrs. Robert Sparks of Cliffside while Mrs. Sparks is undergoing treatment in the Rutherfordton hospital.

Misses Sara Aileen and Mildred Harris and Messrs. George and Johnnie Harris were among the dinner guests of their aunt, Mrs. V. B. Lovelace of Mooresboro on Valentine Sunday.

Mr. Darvin McCluney of Charlotte spent Saturday with his uncle, Mr. S. J. McCluney.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman McSwain and daughter, Gynelle and Misses Bettie and Mattie Sue Beason were the spend-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Redman Davis of the Double Springs community last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gillespie and Miss Ruby Greene of Mooresboro spent the past week-end with Miss Beatrice Gould, cousin of Mrs. Gillespie at her home near Lattimore.

Mrs. Forrest Kelly and little daughter, Barbara Lucille of Goldsboro and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan of Bolling Springs spent the past week-end here with Mrs. F. A. Lovelace.

Little Miss Virginia Lee Harrill, the 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harrill has been seriously ill with pneumonia since last Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Winn, Mr. John Winn and Miss Effie Winn were the Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bailey of Spindale.

Mrs. R. W. Greene and little daughter, Dorothy Sue, of Mooresboro spent last Monday with Mrs. Paul Bridges who has been sick for several days.

Remarry Mellon?



A recent photo of Mrs. Nora Mellon, ex-wife of Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon, who, according to rumors circulating in Washington, may remarry the Pittsburgh millionaire-diplomat. The Mellons were parted 20 years ago by the divorcee route.

The supply of milk delivered to the new plant in North Wilkesboro has more than doubled since the factory opened on January 19.

Better fertilizers are secured when dolomitic limestone is used for filler rather than some inert substance like sand, says Tarheel farmers who have tried the new plan.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, our beloved brother, O. G. Glasco, therefore be it resolved: That Fallston Lodge No. 356 has lost a true and faithful member, whose many years of loyal service will long be remembered.

Be it further resolved: That Fallston Lodge No. 356 extend to the bereaved family its heartfelt sympathy.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the lodge, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to The Cleveland Star for publication.

T. A. LEE,
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Move Of Congress In Voting Down Gifts 40 Million Bushels Wheat To Unemployed Creates Curiosity

Senate Had Already Voted For It, Was Equivalent To Big Amount Flour.

Washington—A few members of the House of Representatives got together in secret session the other day and decided that 40,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat should not be given to the hungry unemployed.

The senate had voted to give the wheat, which was equivalent to 10,000,000 barrels of flour, but the house committee on agriculture, voting 14 to 9, turned down the proposal and kept it from getting to a vote on the house floor.

Explanations for the action range from the assertion that there was not a sufficiently loud clamor for the wheat to the accusation that a majority of the house committee on agriculture is a bunch of dodgers. The argument that people were "starving in the midst of plenty" while the government kept 160,000,000 bushels of useless wheat was met by the charge that wheat donation would be a "dole."

Senator Bratton of New Mexico had pointed out that the gift would be "like a popgun in a cyclone," but there were those who didn't care to shoot off the popgun.

Garner For It.
Although Speaker Garner and Chairman Marvin Jones (Texas) of the agriculture committee favored the resolution they did not force it to the floor.

What happened at the secret session where the resolution was sunk? Well, one understands that the boys discussed it informally around the table. They represent all the agricultural sections of the country, of course. One wanted to know why the government couldn't also buy up a lot of cotton for the unemployed. And another asked what about rice. And others suggested pork, milk, wool and so on, having in mind the products of their home districts.

And why didn't the government go out and buy the wheat on the open market? A course, it was argued, which would do more to help the wheat farmers. One or two members dwelt on the expenses of transportation and distribution. It was pointed out that the farm board would like to be reimbursed for the wheat from the treasury, instead of charging it up to its revolving fund as provided by the senate.

Chairman Jones argued that the farm board wheat was deteriorating and costing 18 cents a year per bushel to carry. He said it didn't seem like a dole to him, but "mere like a fellow discarding an old overcoat which he didn't need."

But the majority indicated an opinion that the bill wasn't of much consequence. It was said that there has been no general excitement about it and no insistent demand for the wheat.

Anyway, the wheat program would only be a drop in the bucket. And there were those who warned solemnly that passage of the wheat bill would be a pretty radical step to take unless there were really a tremendous emergency. Congress had better go slow until it decided more definitely just what it wanted to do about this relief business.

So, between one thing and another, the resolution was voted down. Chairman John Barton Payne of the Red Cross, at the open hearing, which considered 20,000,000 bushels as the amount instead of the senate's 40,000,000, said his organization would distribute the wheat if asked.

It would take care of the cost of processing into flour by selling the wheat by-products and would arrange with bakers by competitive bidding to receive so many loaves of bread for so many bushels of wheat.

the gold in the country and that a favorable decision for the dentists will be made soon.

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