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And this is the time of year when turkeys are ripening.

Americans hold another "first place," the greatest law-makers and law-breakers in the world.

Shelby policemen told the Halloween revelers "please be good" and they minded beautifully.

Housewives are in favor of the hog growers increasing their crop. Meat has become such a luxury, the housewife has to guard the pantry and ration out to the children.

Thanks to the PWA Administrator who corrected the mistake and approved the \$24,000 water project for Shelby.

OUR "MASTER TEACHER"

Hats off to E. L. Dillingham, teacher of agriculture in the Polkville High School. He has been adjudged the "master agriculture teacher" in North Carolina which is not only a distinct honor to him but a credit also to the county.

Dillingham is intensely interested in agriculture and has a deep and abiding interest in boys. He has received the close cooperation from the patrons and pupils in that school and this makes possible the honor which has been accorded him. There are backward farm communities in which Dillingham could have worked for years and not accomplished what he has in No. 8 township. He no doubt realizes, therefore, that the support given him in his work has enabled him to be recognized with such a signal honor.

Teachers of the Dillingham type place North Carolina at the top of the list in agriculture. Only one state in the union surpasses North Carolina in the value of its farm products. We will maintain this supremacy when she keeps such men as Dillingham as vocational teachers.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

Reports of profligate spending on the part of Uncle Sam go the rounds of the press and conversation, causing many people to wonder where we are headed.

Federal government expenditures for a little over three months of the current fiscal year passed the two billion mark—breaking all previous records in the country's peace-time history.

And in order to illustrate in the minds of the public just how big two billion dollars is, the Industrial News Survey points out that "this sum would create 500,000 four-thousand dollar homes. It would employ 1,666,666 men for a year at wages of \$100 per month. It would build 20,000 one-hundred-thousand-dollar factories which would produce necessities and luxuries, up purchasing power, and provide jobs. If it were simply divided equally it would give every man, woman and child in this country \$16." That's one side of the story.

Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, under-Secretary of Agriculture, speaking recently in Los Angeles, gave a different picture. He points out just what we have been wanting to know—how much of the money being expended is recoverable. He says 37 1/2 per cent is in loans to be paid back and that in the final outcome, the depression deficit will melt to a paltry three billion. Continuing, Dr. Tugwell says:

"By 1938, the ordinary expenditures of government will add up, according to my figures, to \$19,200,000,000; and the expenditures for relief and recovery may add up to \$15,000,000,000 at the outside. Ordinary receipts of the government will total \$22,000,000,000.

"Of the 15 billion spent on recovery and relief, 37 1/2 per cent will consist of recoverables. I therefore subtract from an apparent gross deficit of \$11,600,000,000 recoverables amounting to \$5,600,000,000. I also subtract gold devaluation profits of three billions. From an apparent deficit of more than 11 1/2 billions, a realistic calculation comes down to a real deficit of three billions."

"THE LUNATIC FRINGE"

"There is a lunatic fringe of drivers who create hazards, for themselves and everyone else, as they rush on their heedless way," said an article in the Ladies' Home Journal for July, 1935. "They are the 5 to 10 per cent drivers who are responsible for 90 per cent of all accidents."

This "lunatic fringe" has so far shown itself to be 100 per cent deaf to the most elementary principles of reason. Its members know that excessive speed is the most prolific of all causes of serious accidents, and that

a collision that would be unimportant at 20 miles an hour will probably prove fatal at sixty—yet they continue to push the throttle through the floorboards. They know that passing on hills and curves is an invitation to the coroner—yet so important does time seem to them that they are perfectly willing to risk their necks and the necks of other drivers to save a few usually unimportant minutes. They know that weaving in and out of traffic, driving on the wrong side of the road and similar stupid practices, may mean sudden death in one of its most horrible forms—yet they persist in these practices. They know that many accidents, fatal and minor alike, can be attributed to cars in faulty mechanical condition—yet they continue driving many an "old heap" when its horn is silent, its lights are either glaring or inadequate, its steering shimmies, and its brakes are about as valuable a stopping device, as the accelerator.

Result: An annual death toll that hovers around the 35,000 mark.

Only the most stringent methods can hope to handle the lunatic fringe. Modern traffic laws, rigidly enforced not only by the traffic patrol but by the enthusiastic cooperation of the sane and careful drivers (the 90 per cent) are vital. The one way to hammer some sense into the lunatic fringe is to treat them as the public enemies they are.

COURT FEES AND THE SCHOOLS

Tax payers are gratified to learn that fines and forfeitures from the recorder's court are mounting. This revenue goes to the school fund and without it, school taxes are raised.

At the height of "good times" when court defendants could pay stiff fines and bondsmen met their obligations, the school fund was enhanced \$20,000 in a single year. As the depression came on, this revenue got down under \$5,000. Defendants were unable to pay heavy fines or the court was lenient with fines. As a consequence of this shrinkage in school revenue from this source, the commissioners had to levy two cents with which to maintain the school buildings, which had been maintained from the court's fines and forfeitures.

During the month of October the Recorder's court turned into the school fund \$2,421.76. With only a part of the year gone, this revenue has amounted to \$7,575.85. If it continues to climb upward the commissioners might be justified in taking off the two cent levy for schools.

It is right and proper that those who violate laws, contribute to the support of the school system, for the schools are endeavoring to instill a spirit of respect and regard for law and authority. Hence, the law breaker is indirectly contributing to the cure of law breaking.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

Mike Has Had His Fortune Told
dear Mr. editor:—

The fortune teller at the fair last week left me in a very bad mental situation and I am afraid that she knew what she read in the palm of my hand. She was very pretty with long black hair from Egypt, and that is the main reason for me spending \$25 in her booth asoforth.

She told me that a dark woman was in love with me with red hair, blue eyes, and a fine physique and that is what is bothering me on account of my wife might find it out and cause trouble. She also said that I would be a rich man some day, but as she got my last quarter, I would like to know how soon this will overtake me.

This fortune teller seems to know her business. She said that I had been out of work, which is so except for relief, and that I owed lots of money; that is true also, but I ain't worrying about that. She stated that I would marry this dark lady in the near future and that I would not get along with her so well for the first 10 years. She did not tell me how to get rid of my present wife.

I am acquainted with several fine dark women with flowing black hair asoforth, but 3 of them is already married also, and the other 2 don't put on like they are in love with me to any great extent, and what bothers me, I don't know which one to approach on the subject of love, as she did not specify very distinct.

If I had of had another quarter to give her, she said she could tell me all about the future, but my down payment took me forwards only about 10 or 12 years where I and he would have large families asoforth. I am having a hard time to keep my present wife from finding out about me having my fortune told. She was a-playing pingo while I slipped to madame fiffi's tent.

She said that a tall, slim man was my violent enemy, and that he toted a dagger up his sleeve. This puts me to a lot of bother, as I cross the street ever time I see a tall, slim man coming towards me with a dagger. I have to watch out mighty close for him, and always look back in the dark to keep from getting stabbed betwixt my shoulder blades. I wish I had stayed out of madam fiffi's tent; then I would not have known about my future misfortunes.

Yours trulle,
Mike Clark, rfd.
Corry spondent.

Unusual Affairs In Flat Rock

whoever shot a pistol at the rare of reboer church last Sunday night right after the sermon will be took to law in a high and aggravated nature if ketches. The poleceman was woke up by it, and he seems to know who it was by the way it sounded. No finger-prints were found on anything nearby.

The fever blister on miss Jennie veeve smith's bottom lip turned out to be a gum-boll which became infested and swoll up and it had to be lanced. Her scholl was teached by her twin sister enduring her forced vacation in bed for 3 days. She was not so sick, but she felt embarrassed to come out with her face so wrapped oner count of the affliction, asoforth.

Flat rock has enjoyed no bad accidents for the past 3 weeks. Only 1 man and 1 woman has been killed by otter-mobeels in this period of time, but severall folks have been bunged up, crippled, maimed and financially destroyed for the present. Four tellygram posts have been ruint which means that 4 cars have been re-possessed and junked.

most all of our crops have been gathered and the monney therefor spent. The last government checks arrived enduring november, and they, too, have passed on to the standard of, r. c. a., and the installment houses which sell non-essential items. Turnip sallet dried up on the stalk for the want of rain which never fell upon it for over 40 days, but possums are plentiful and so are taters.

The graveyard of flat rock ketches on fire from a cigarette which was carefullly thrown into the dry grass by a high scholl girl last Friday and it burnt severall toom-locks a right smart. due to laziness and indifference, the cemmetery was not cleaned off this summer, as usual, hence—the bad fire.

The new deal is still going strong in our midst. some folks are complaining about so much monney being spent by the add-ministration, but most everbody is asking that more be spent in our midst. folks seem to be about 75 percent better off than they were when mr. hoover let go the rains of offis.

Yours trulle,
Mike Clark, rfd.
Corry spondent.

With clubs in all 15 of the high schools, Johnson county will have approximately 3,000 members enrolled for 4-H club work this year.

A Washington Daybook

By HERBERT PLUMMER
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON—Report permits around the capital that the coming months will see renewed efforts in congress and high administration circles to bring the personnel of the many emergency agencies of the new deal under civil service.

There's even talk among insiders that when "Big Jim" Farley steps out as postmaster general to take personal direction of the campaign to re-select President Roosevelt, he will be succeeded by a man of no particular political background and experience. There have been hints that a career man in the postal service may get the appointment.

There is legislation pending in congress now which would give the White House authority to place these emergency agencies under the merit system as soon as practicable. It is estimated that there are approximately 60 of them now functioning, exclusively of the old-line independent offices which long ago became integral parts of the federal establishment.

Many Delays

The task of bringing that many agencies under the civil service is tremendous and beset by all kinds of difficulties. The last report of the commission showed that 770,128 persons were required to man these alphabetical groups and others which make up the executive branch of the government.

All sorts of delays are encountered. A short while back, for example, it was thought NRA and AAA could come under the merit system as quickly as legally possible. At the present, however, despite the fact that NRA has made vast retrenchments in personnel it still is far from being in permanent form. And AAA, although President Roosevelt has said it is to be made a permanent part of the government, until the supreme court decides on its constitutionality everything is hanging fire.

Opposition In TVA

Then, too, there are organizations such as the Tennessee valley authority which steadfastly have resisted civil service. TVA could be brought under the merit system with a minimum of delay were it not for the opposition of Arthur E. Mor-

William Green Leads Labor For 11th Consecutive Year

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Placid President William Green leads the legions of organized labor for the eleventh consecutive year since he stepped into the big shoes of unionism's famed old warrior, the late Samuel Gompers.

Having weathered the most turbulent A. F. of L. convention of his regime, President Green now is trying to foster peace between warring factions and to mobilize the federation's forces for a renewed campaign for a shorter work week and additional legislative safeguards for labor.

The one-time Ohio coal miner, who studied nights for the Baptist ministry, warns industry on the upgrade that "work hours must be progressively shortened to put the unemployed to work and wages increased to keep pace with production and profit gains if business recovery is to stand on a solid foundation."

Two "Battles" Due

"We are going to fight for a 30-hour work week as we never have fought before," he says.

Also commanding important attention from Mr. Green and his colleagues of labor's high command is the federation's mandate to the executive council to draft a proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States giving congress power to enact economic and social security legislation and to fix minimum labor standards as was provided by NRA.

While labor leaders describe this action as economic rather than political, it is considered virtually certain to have an important bearing on the 1936 fight between "new deal" advocates and opponents.

Industrial Vs. Craft Unions
Long rated a capable conciliator, President Green was unable to prevent sharp division among federation members on the vital issue of industrial versus craft unionism breaking into furious battle at the recent convention. While the old craft unions won by a two to one plurality, the "progressives" in the federation who showed increasing strength have not abandoned their

gan, director.
Doctor Morgan was given a free hand by congress in selecting the personnel of TVA. Backed by Senator Norris of Nebraska, a clause was inserted in the act creating TVA providing that politics should have no part in the organization. Doctor Morgan and his associates have been exceedingly strict in this respect.

Morgan admits openly that he prefers his method of selecting TVA employees to that of choosing blindly from a civil service list which might automatically eliminate the very man he wishes to select for an important post.

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Hay Crop Mixture Given By Wilkins

Following a number of requests for hay crop mixtures to be given in the fall, county agent J. S. Wilkins has prepared three such mixtures which he says will make excellent crops of hay to be cut in early spring. They are:

Number 1—Oats, two bushels, barley, one bushel; wheat one peck, vetch, 15 pounds.

Number 2—Barley, one bushel; oats, two bushels; vetch, 20 pounds.

Number 3—Wheat and barley one bushel each, vetch, 20 pounds.

He suggests a fertilizer as near to 12-4-4 as possible.

More farmers in the TVA area of western North Carolina are asking that their land be included among the demonstration farms.

SURVEYING A NEW ROAD FROM LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County News.

Prof. E. C. McIntosh of E. Lincoln, was in Lincolnton Monday on business and he stated that the state highway commission was surveying a road across E. Lincoln from Paw Creek to Rozelle's Ferry. This highway is No. 271 and much interest centers about its ultimate completion.

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