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We are glad that the Times is being published at home this week. Our friends away who have been printing the Times have extended every aid and courtesy in helping us with the paper, but there is nothing like "cooking in your own kitchen."

GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

Of great importance to the nation is President Roosevelt's program on the relationship of government and business. Research indicates that out-throat competition, with the resulting tremendous waste, is a strong influence in prolonging depression, inasmuch as it forces prices down and prevents them from rising. In the past, the anti-trust laws have stood in the way of agreements to offset this. The President's plan is to abrogate the trust laws, permit industries to work together in controlling production and prices, with the government as arbiter. Government would have a strong voice in determining wages, hours of labor, output, price, etc. Business has shown itself ready to co-operate.

UPTURN IN BUILDING EXPECTED.

Factors at play now justify the belief that a heavy upturn in building work will occur before long. During the past two months small residential building has been moving steadily upward, the material makers have noticed a better than seasonal gain in orders.

Building upturn would be felt in every industry—lumber, steel, transport, metal, paint, and varnish, electric, gas, etc.—and would provide a vast amount of new employment, with a consequent jump in buying power. Also important would be its favorable effect on security values.

FUNDAMENTAL FARM RELIEF

Any sound farm relief program whether launched by the states or the nation, should have as its basic principle the encouragement and development of cooperatives.

That was the original intention in the farm relief act of a few years ago—which hit stormy weather only when it departed from that and ventured into the field of speculation. The farm cooperatives are established. They have the farmer's faith. He looks on them, and rightly, as belonging to him and his neighbors—they have none of the remoteness that a bureau dominated by Washington necessarily has. They really know his problems. They are interested in his welfare rather than in his votes.

The depression should have served to strengthen, rather than weaken, the co-ops. Three years of bad times have shown the farmer the fruits of disorganization, of non-co-operation. What achievements he has made in this period have been mostly the result of co-operative effort. They have not been able to create profitable prices—no conceivable agency could—but they have in many instances undoubtedly prevented prices from dropping to even more ruinous levels. They have indicated what they can do when normal times return.

That government should work with and for the co-operatives. This is the way in which real and permanent farm relief can be achieved. It is the greatest single hope agriculture has for a happy future.

EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that until further notice it will accept applications for positions of emergency agricultural assistant to fill vacancies in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture. The examination is open to qualified residents of the State in which this paper is published.

The salary range is \$2,000 to \$2,600 a year, subject to a reduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent.

The duties are to contact farmers individually, and through established agricultural associations and organizations of farmers and producers in the handling of details incident to securing the co-operation of farmers in carrying out the provision of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Basic Requirements are (1) Graduation from a recognized agricultural college, or (2) graduation from a college or university of recognized standing other than agricultural, and residence on a farm until the age of 18 or until entering college or three years of actual farm experience. In addition, applicants must have had at least two years of experience in certain specified agricultural pursuits. There is provision for the substitution of acceptable specialized agricultural experience for college training.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post-office in any city which has a post office of the first or second-class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Thomas Wolfe, On Manhattan

Thomas Wolfe, an author of whom of whom North Carolina should be proud, is contributing a series of long short stories to Scribner's Magazine. The first appeared in May, and the second is in the June issue. His subject is the City of New York—and Lord how the man can write. If you haven't read them, we earnestly call them to your attention. He has caught the color and the drabness of the metropolis as few authors have. His expression of what many New Yorkers have thought, and been unable to voice, is particularly felicitous:

"And the city would always be the same when I came back. I would rush through the immense and glorious stations, murmurous with their million destinies and the everlasting sound of time, that was caught up forever in their roof—I would rush out into the street, and instantly it would be the same as it had always been, and yet forever strange and new.

"I felt as if by being gone from it an instant I had missed something priceless and irrecoverable. I felt instantly that nothing had changed a bit, and yet it was changing furiously, unbelievably, every second before my eyes. It seemed stranger than a dream, and more familiar than my mother's face. I could not believe in it—and hated it, I loved it. I was instantly engulfed and overwhelmed by it."—James R. Daniels, in the Raleigh News & Observer.

SLAYER OF MARTIN HINSHAW GIVES UP TO WILKES SHERIFF

Herschel Richardson is Placed in Jail at Wilkesboro.

Herschel Richardson, alleged slayer of Martin Hinshaw at a swimming pool near Traphill, about two weeks ago, surrendered last Thursday afternoon to Sheriff W. B. Sommers, of Wilkes County, while the sheriff, accompanied by another officer, was in the Traphill section searching for him.

Sheriff Sommers is said to have been at the home of a Mr. Pruitt when Richardson walked in and gave himself up. He said he had seen the officers pass from his hiding place in the woods. He was carried to Wilkesboro and placed in jail.

Richardson is 26 years of age and is married. Hinshaw, nearly 32, was shot and killed near the Holbrook mill pond about 5 o'clock on the afternoon of June 11. Richardson, who is said to have done the killing, had been in hiding since that time.

AMENDMENT TO TAX ON ADMISSIONS

The Bureau of Internal Revenue today called attention to the provisions of the National Industrial Act approved June 16, 1933, relating to the tax on admissions. Section 211 of the Act amends Section 500 (a) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1926 as amended, by providing that no tax shall be imposed in the case of persons admitted free to any spoken play (not a mechanical reproduction, whether or not set to music or with musical parts or accompaniments, which is a consecutive narrative interpreted by a single set of characters, all necessary to the development of the plot, in two or more acts, the performance consuming more than 1 hour and 45 minutes of time.

SNAKES AND SUPERSTITION

The summer had been unusually dry. Crops were suffering from lack of rain, and all but the best wells had dried up long since. Farmers had begun to shake their heads dubiously and prophesy a disastrous fall.

The day of our story came during the middle of August. The corn leaves curled up and hung limp; an occasional breath of wind stirred the listless leaves. From the intense blue of the sky the burning rays of the sun beat mercilessly down upon a stifed, scorching earth.

Farmer Swen, a man of the old school, sat in the shade of his favorite oak and looked dejectedly over his acres of wilted crops. "Hit shore looks lak the good Lord ha' forgotten us," he muttered to himself, as he gazed to the southwest, vainly hoping to see signs of rain clouds.

While he was thus engaged with melancholic thoughts, he heard an old setting hen clucking strangely and excitedly near the barn. With a hopeless shrug of his shoulders, he arose and made his way toward the excited hen. On his arrival he saw a large chicken snake in the act of swallowing an egg, while the hen cluck protestingly against the intrusion into her premises.

Farmer Swen dispatched the marauder with a hoe and started back to his seat in the grove. Suddenly he stopped, and his face brightened with a thought. Since his boyhood days he had heard that if a dead snake was hung up, rain would fall before night. Being somewhat superstitious, Swen carried the snake to the edge of the pasture and hung him on a long-hanging dogwood bough.

All the afternoon Swen busied himself about his premises with various odd jobs. He seemed rather cheerful, and occasionally he whistled some simple tune. Constantly he looked to the southwest for signs of rainclouds that he felt sure would soon rise.

As the sun declined, he looked more often toward the west, and the melancholic, hopeless expression, visible on his features during the morning, returned and became more pronounced as time passed.

Late in the afternoon Swen's persistent watching of the sky was rewarded. A tiny speck of cloud became visible on the horizon. Swen ceased from his restless movements, and, shading his eyes with his hand, watched the tiny cloud increase in size as it mounted the sky. A slight breeze sprang up and stirred the drooping leaves.

Swen took off his old battered hat to enjoy more the cool and refreshing wind that sent the clouds sweeping up toward the zenith of the heavens. With the prospects of rain everything seem to take on new life. The drooping corn came out of its spongy and rusted and whispered hilariously. Chickens ran to and forth across the yard, and an old rooster, perched on a high fence post, flapped his wings vigorously and crowed his challenge to the world.

By this time the sky was nearly hidden by dark, heavy-looking clouds. Thunder growled and muttered back and forth across the undulating blackness that promised rain. Suddenly there was a deafening crash; a jagged tongue of fire spilt the cloud, and as if that were a signal for a downpour great drops of rain began to patter on the yawning, sweltering earth.

From a window Swen watched the downpour and rejoiced. The patter of the rain on the window and the roar on the roof was sweet music. For an half an hour the steady downpour seemed to increase rather than abate. Swen watched the little pools in the yard grow into rushing streams, and it was with some uneasiness that he saw the water pond behind the terraces in his cornfield. Should the terraces break, the damage would be considerable.

The rain did not slacken, and the spaces in the field between the terraces became miniature lakes. Swen stirred restlessly, soon he arose, threw on an old coat, and went out. The rain beat in his face and drenched him, but with determination expressed in every step, he made his way to the pasture. There, with a deliberate solemnity, he took the carcass of the chicken snake from

the bough and threw it into the pulley.

Finally the rain slackened and ceased altogether as the cloud passed over. Swen stepped out into a refreshed and enlivened world just as the sun was disappearing behind the scraggy pines that made the western horizon.

"Waal," he soliloquized, "thar shor must be sump'n good in everything bad. I believe to my soul thar'd a bin a flood i f I hadn't took that ar' blooming snake off'n the limb when I did."

MAPLE SHADE

Mr. Ira Halsey and granddaughter, Nina Halsey, spent the week end with friends in Abingdon.

Dr. Mont Cox, Dewey Cox, and G. W. Kink were business visitors in Marion Wednesday.

Kate Hash, of Valney, spent the past week with her sister, Winnie Hash.

Mrs. Verda Halsey is very ill at this writing. Misses Winnie Hash and Grace Kirk were business visitors in Galax and Hillsville Monday.

Mrs. Polly Cox spent some time the past week at the G. W. Kirk home.

News has been received here of the death of Isom Cox, a citizen of the Fox Creek community. He died Saturday.

Mr. Chas. E. Cox was a business visitor in Independence Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle McMillan of Galax, spent Sunday at the Chas. E. Cox home.

Members of the Potato Creek Church who attended Quarterly Conference at Walnut Branch Sunday, were Mrs. Virgil M. Cox, Mrs. G. W. Kirk, Winnie Hash, Kate Hash, and Grace Kirk.

PINEY CREEK NEWS

Mr Eugene Halsey, who has been spending some time with his mother returned to Miami, Florida, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leff Parsons of Landgraff, W. Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parsons.

Miss Ava Ruth Halsey left Wednesday for Maryland where she will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Walter Puckett.

Miss Iva Fowler and Mrs. Alex Bedwell who are in the hospital at Winston-Salem, are reported to be improving.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Billings has been sick for several days.

Mrs. Fred Brown and children of Amelia, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hash.

Several from here attended the Communion meeting at Sparta Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cary Wagoner Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Halsey, Blanche Busic, Marie and Bettie Halsey.

Master Wallace Halsey is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Halsey in Sparta.

PINEY CREEK, ROUTE ONE

(By Wilma Crouse) Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Parker were returned to their home in Dryden, Virginia, after having spent a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Gilham and family and Carl Douglas, of Sparta, Wilma Crouse and Ella Phipps visited at S. M. Mitchell's Sunday afternoon.

The Quarterly Conference held Sunday afternoon at Walnut Branch was well attended. Everyone present greatly enjoyed the splendid sermon by Rev. W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder. There was a good representation from each of the six churches.

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FARMERS MAY NOW EASE PAIN OF DEBT THROUGH FARM ACT

W. M. Allen, secretary of the local Federal Land Bank organization is prepared to furnish any information desired about the loans authorized by the recently passed emergency farm mortgage act.

The act means that it is now possible for farmers to obtain renewals of old loans and to obtain new loans through the federal land bank, and where money is needed (1) to refinance indebtedness of farmers; (2) to provide working capital for farm operations; (3) to redeem or repurchase foreclosed farm property.

The act was passed purely and simply to relieve the financial straits of the farmer.—The Elkin Tribune.

DOUGHTON PROMISES HE WILL PROBE TAXES

North Carolina's Representative, R. L. Doughton, who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says the recess of Congress will be spent by a House Committee in a study of the tax question. They will find out how the law must be changed to prevent big income tax payers from deducting so much from their wealth before reporting property for taxes. They will also search for new means of revenue in the hope of repealing the federal tax on gasoline and other excise taxes. Among the latter is the stamp tax on checks and legal documents.

The House authorized this committee to spend \$5,000 on this matter. Mr. Doughton says the income tax law revision alone will save the government millions of dollars every year.—Galax Post.

FIFTH KILLING IN WILKES TAKES PLACE IN WILKES LAST SUNDAY

Noah Brown, Factory Worker, Is shot Through Heart.

While a large number of Wilkes county citizens were gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon discussing ways and means of combating crime, the fifth Wilkes killing within a month took place, at the home of Rom Dancy, farmer, near North Wilkesboro.

Noah Brown, 33-year-old factory employee, was the victim. Dancy admitted firing the bullet which pierced his heart. He surrendered to officers following the shooting and was placed in jail.

Dancy told police that he killed Brown while shooting at James Brooks, a member of a party of men who were said to have stopped at Dancy's home and to have thrown rocks at him as he sat upon the porch. Other men in the party were said to have been Harlow and Pete Hayes.

Dancy went into the house, he said, and secured a rifle when he saw a gun in the hands of one of his assailants. The bullet from his gun struck Brown in the heart, killing him instantly.—The Elkin Tribune.

CAPITAL STOCK TAX

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has issued the following statement with respect to the recent law providing for a capital stock tax.

Section 215 (a) of the National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16, 1933, imposes upon every domestic corporation for each year ending June 30 with respect to carrying on or doing business for any part of such year, an excise tax of \$1 for each \$1,000 of the adjusted declared value of its capital stock. This act likewise imposes a similar tax upon every foreign corporation carrying on or doing business in the United States with respect to capital employed in the transaction of its business in the United States.

The law provides that returns covering capital stock tax for the first year ending June 30 must be filed under oath with the collector of internal revenue on or before July 31, 1933, unless an extension of time is granted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The capital stock tax is imposed upon every corporation in respect of the year ending June 30, 1933, if it carried on or did business during any part of the period from the date of the enactment of the act to June 30, 1933, both dates inclusive.

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