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The Times is glad to open its columns to contributions on timely and pertinent topics by citizens of Alleghany County. While we do not necessarily endorse opinions expressed, we feel that publicity on matters of public concern will bring about a healthy and active state of thinking on the part of our citizenship. So, if you have anything weighty on your mind of timely interest, write it down briefly and send it in. Discussions of controversial matter, however, should always be conducted on a high and logical plane. Newspaper columns are no place for personal disparagement. The Times is opposed to mud-slinging in any form.

Many of our business men and establishments have publicly signified their intention of cooperating with the President in this issue of The Times. To comply literally with all the provisions of the Code will work a hardship on many small business concerns that have been hard-hit by the depression. But with that fine spirit which is typical of the American people, these business men will cooperate with the Government for the benefit of the nation. They deserve and will get the support of our people in this supreme effort to bring about national recovery.

In his article Mr. Warren discusses some matters that should receive consideration. For some time leaders in the State have encouraged our people to buy North Carolina products and patronize North Carolina institutions. That is as it should be. If we do not help to build up business and industry within our own commonwealth, we cannot expect out of State people to do it for us. There is no need of sending to Massachusetts for manufactured cotton goods if we can get the same quality in North Carolina. However, there is another side to the matter. Our State is a part of a great Union. We cannot live unto ourselves all the time. Common sense should be our guide. Kansas can furnish us wheat. North Carolina can furnish Kansas cotton and tobacco. Trade between states and nations must be encouraged. The concentration of wealth or goods among a few people or in one locality works a hardship on other people and in other places. Trade at HOME FIRST, and then consider other states and other institutions.

EVERY ONE SHOULD HELP

Whether our people realize it or not, the year 1933 is going down in American history as significant as any in the one hundred fifty-six which have passed in the experience of the nation. The life of the American people will hereafter be more closely regulated and supervised by the Federal Government than ever before, directly in opposition to the individualistic theories which have dictated governmental policies heretofore. Not all of it is new, for, during the World War, the Wilson administration, exercising emergency powers, did, to a large degree, control and decide exactly what the industrial and economic machinery within the nation might or might not undertake to accomplish. When President Roosevelt placed an embargo on the export of gold he fell back on a piece of wartime legislation for the authority.

Far-reaching legislation was enacted by the recent Congress looking toward the control and planning of American industrial, financial, and agricultural activities. These measures were adopted with tremendous popular support, largely because conditions had gotten so bad that they offered the only prospect of ending the unpleasant situation existing. These new powers are complete and general.

The Industrial Recovery Act seeks to create jobs by reducing hours of labor, to improve living conditions and create purchasing power by raising wages, and to prevent waste and improper business methods by co-operation and regulation. The Agricultural Adjustment Act deliberately provides for limitation of production to accomplish an increased return for the farmers. A Federal coordinator of railroads will endeavor to rehabilitate our transportation system, new credit agencies of the central government provides loans for farmers and home-owners, another act places banks and security issues under government supervision, the Tennessee Valley development will put the nation in the power business, and so on. These are tremendous changes to be accomplished. In the process mistakes are going to be made. It is certain, too, unfortunately, that there

will be individual casualties, for it will take time and experience to coordinate the entire American economic empire. Every thoughtful citizen should seek to study and understand what is being attempted, in order that every man, woman and child can cooperate for the common welfare and happiness of us all. As a nation, we have a tremendous task, in which we should all gladly help.—Editorial in Grayson-Carroll Gazette.

Last week The Times ran an editorial concerning relief families from other counties moving into Alleghany. According to a statement of Mr. Miles, the Relief Office has been successful in getting some of these families moved back to their native counties. He states, however, that unless land owners cooperate with the Relief Office in this matter and keep relief families from moving into their places that the work of the Relief Office will be handicapped and needy families in Alleghany will be deprived of their proper share of assistance.

People who have empty houses for rent should investigate fully the conditions of the persons who want to move into this county now, and no family dependent upon county relief should be permitted to move into the county. The county relief office has been able to give extensive relief to all needy people of the county, but no more outside relief subjects should be encouraged to come into the county.

Land owners can help the relief office a great deal by cooperating in this matter. It is a tremendous burden upon the county to look after all those who need it, and unless our citizens cooperate with the Relief Office, it will be impossible to give the best service to the really deserving.

Public Opinion

(BY DALTON WARREN.)

Almost every day we have people come into our place of business asking why it is that there is so little money in the country, and what is the real cause for business depression. There are many things that happen in our economic structure which contribute to, and make, business depressions inevitable, but the main thing can be traced to our own door. We have, for years, overlooked the one and only way of bringing prosperity to our own community. The answer is, trade at home.

There is but one way to accumulate wealth and that is the saving of our net profits. There is in every home, every business enterprise and every organization, a fixed expense which that business or that organization must meet before there can be any profit. After this expense has been met then whatever is left is what we call profit. Profit is what we must have if we are to better our financial status. It is this profit that has enabled every farmer to own a home. It is this profit that makes the merchant independent. It is this profit that makes it possible for us to educate our children, so it is this profit that makes us wealthy or makes us poor. Now what has happened, or what has become of our profits. They have been sent to the mail order houses and the chain stores. This is an absolute fact when considered in the broader sense. Our money has gone to pay for goods which we have bought from these concerns and they have not only had the purchase price of the goods, but they have had that profit which is so essential to our prosperity. We have sent it out of our county and there can be no possible way for us to become wealthy so long as we continue to do it.

Now we will admit, that it is not enough simply to make this assertion without proving it, so we are going to attempt to prove it to your entire satisfaction. We will admit, in the first place, that it is true that we have sent our money away from home

for goods and wares. Now what happens when we do this? Well, in the first place we have no money left at home. This makes it impossible for any sort of progress because there is no money with which to pay for whatever improvements we might wish to make. Then we find that there is no market for our farm products because the local merchant has no money with which to buy it. What happens? You have to go elsewhere to market your produce. When you do this, you find a market created, owned, and operated by the chain stores or their sympathizers. It has always been the policy of the chain store and mail order house to beat down prices. When you go to them for a market for your produce they force down the price so they can sell low. You are the loser. Then they go to the manufacturer and tell him what they will pay for his products. They agree to take his entire output at a certain price and they show him how he can save by letting them have his output and discharge his sales force. This adds to unemployment, and further diminishes our purchasing power for the simple reason that every man who is discharged loses his income and his purchasing power. This is what happens the first year. At the end of the first year the chain store owner goes to the manufacturer for lower prices. When the demand is made this time the manufacturer has lost his entire organization and he feels that it will be impossible for him to refuse to grant the request for a lower price because it will cost him too much to reorganize and go out after the business as he had formerly done. He grants the request and lowers the price of his goods. In order to do this he must cut his expenses and this is done by offering less for the farm products, or whatever products he buys, and by cutting the wages of those who work in his factory. This is repeated from year to year until it finally results in what we call a depression. Now you ask how does this affect the farmer. The answer is plain. Everything that goes into a factory to be made into a saleable product comes from Mother Earth, and a great deal of it comes from the farm. Every time a man in the city loses his job he loses at the same time his ability to buy what the farmer has to sell. Every time wages are cut the man or woman who sustains the cut loses just that much of their purchasing power and in every instance it reverts back to the farmer. The chain store and mail order houses are continually beating down prices on your products and cutting wages of their employees in order to lower the price of merchandise and in so doing they cut the price of your farm products and diminish your profits, and remember that it is your profits that make you wealthy or the lack of profits that make you poor. We have tried to get this over to you clearly. We hope we have succeeded, and we hope that you may be able to see what has been happening to you through the years while you were sending your money to these concerns that have absolutely no interest in you. Their only desire is to make money for themselves. They have no community interest.

no educational interest, nor any other sort of interest in you. They want your money and when they have gotten it they have no further use for you. If you do not believe this, let your family get sick and income stop and go to them for credit and see what they have to say. You may have been trading with them for one year or for ten years as for that matter, but you see if they are willing to help you in your time of need and at a time when you most need it. If these things are true, then why in the name of High Heaven do you not take your money to your friends who have helped you in times of adversity and show your manhood and your appreciation?

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, an allwise Creator has seen cause to remove from among us the dearly beloved Rev. W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder of Mt. Airy District, and

Whereas, Cox's Chapel Church and Sunday School, Sparta Charge, deeply feel the loss sustained by his passing. Therefore, be it resolved:

That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

That this church and Sunday School assembled July 30th cherish the memory of him who has so faithfully and earnestly labored among us.

That a copy of these resolutions be placed in our church and Sunday School records, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and Alleghany Times for publication and a copy furnished the bereaved family.

Committee: T. C. Balack, Board of Stewards; Hazel Phipps, Lay Leader, Mrs. E. P. Osborne, S. S. Supt.

Unaware

(BY MOLLYE ELLA WILCOX.)

I am beautiful, but unaware.
 There's enough splendor about me
 To renew the sparkle in any man's eye.
 What care I for depression?
 Of course, I miss the refreshing raindrops
 When they fail to come.
 Or 'tis something makes the blossom perfect
 And the nectar yield to me when I caress the flowers.
 No matter, God always gives the rain for my necessity
 And then I work, toil happily with the rythm of the gift of life.
 Listen to my song.
 Look ye upon my joyous labor.
 Bum-m, bum-m, bum-m-m.
 My costume is more gorgeous than that of kings,
 Nor does it ever cost the-spring-of-of-life to countless men,
 And, oh, I gladly put it on exhibit just for you.
 I am a bumblebee.

Examination for Assistant and Junior Messengers

The United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications until August 8, 1933, for the positions of assistant and junior messengers in the Departmental Service, Washington, D. C.

The entrance salary for assistant messenger is \$1,080 a year, and for junior messenger \$600 a year, less a deduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent.

As the States of Maryland, Virgin-

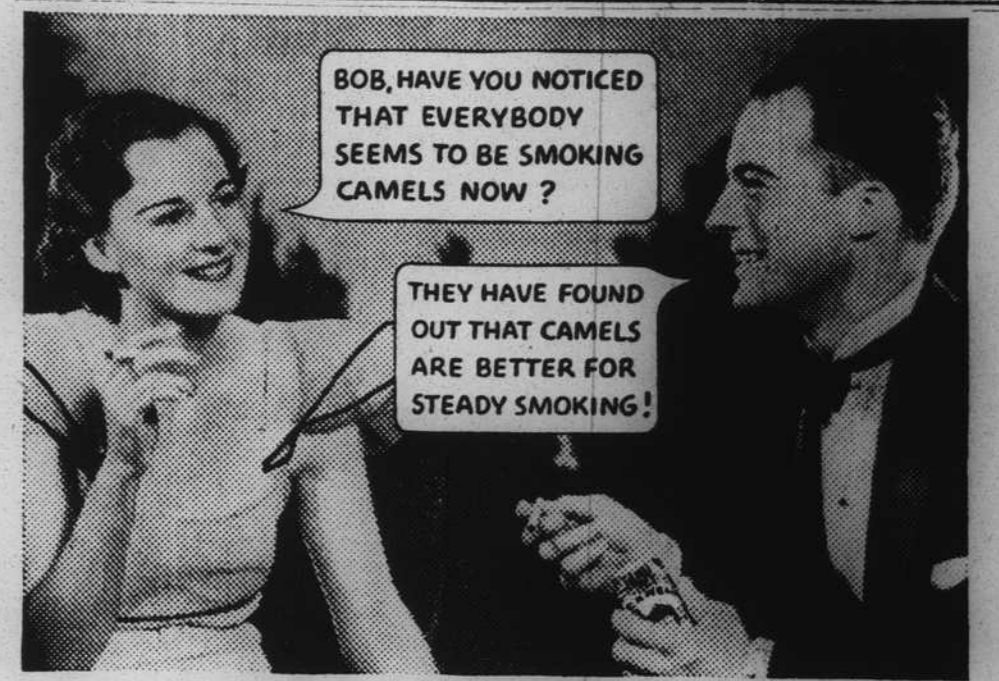
ia, New Hampshire, Vermont, and the District of Columbia have already received appointments in excess of their quotas under the apportionment, residents of these states and the District of Columbia will not be admitted to this examination unless they submit documentary proof that they are entitled to military preference. Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post-office in any city

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UNTIL WE LEARNED BETTER

Until we learned better, we used to mix wood and steel in our car bodies and wheels. It was the best way to make bodies—then. But the state of the art has advanced. Of course, it is more expensive to make an all-steel body than to make a wooden frame and nail steel panels on to it. The better way involves an initial expenditure of several millions of dollars for new dies, which renders a change very costly. Cars, especially large expensive cars which are produced in small volume, cannot afford this, because the dies cost as much for one car as for a million. That alone explains why all-steel bodies are not used in all cars. But our basic policy from the beginning is to make a good car better, regardless of cost. For example, when we discarded wood-steel body construction, it was not because we lacked wood. We still have some thousands of acres of the best hard wood in America. Economy would urge us to use up the wood first, and then adopt the better all-steel body. But we decided that quality was more important than expense. We weighed the reasons, for and against, before we made the change. We could see only one reason for retaining a mixed wood-and-steel body—nailing the metal on, instead of welding an all-steel body into a strong one-piece whole. That reason was, it would be cheaper—for us. Our reasons for adopting an all-steel body were these: A wood-steel body is not much stronger structurally than its wooden frame. In all American climates, wood construction weakens with age. Every used car lot gives evidence of this. Rain seeps in between joints and the wood decays. A car may have a metal surface, and yet not be of steel construction. Under extreme shock or stress the steel body remains intact—dented perhaps, but not crushed. Steel does not need wood for strength or protection. Wood is fine for furniture, but not for the high speed vehicles of 1933. In the Ford body there are no joints to squeak, no seams to crack or leak. The all-steel body is more expensive—to us, but not to you. By all odds, then, steel bodies seem preferable. Wheels also have become all-steel. No one argues that an electrically welded one-piece steel wheel, such as the Ford wheel, needs to be "strengthened" by adding wood to it. The one-piece all-steel body is the strongest, safest, quietest, most durable body made. That is our only reason for making them.

August 7th, 1933

Henry Ford

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