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Public Opinion

To The Editor of The Alleghany Times:

If you will allow space in the Open Forum of your paper for this letter it will be appreciated by me, and I promise to make it short. For I am able to realize, if you will pardon the statement, that the cost for publishing a weekly paper is greater, often, than the income.

I hope that your list of subscribers will rapidly increase in number over Alleghany and all the other counties of the 8th (New 9th) Congressional District, and over the State. 1934 is just around the corner. And we have nothing good to expect from those in government authority who would longer oppress and crush us. What will we do? The little boy said 'salts won't do, I have tried it.' Our grievances will never be relieved by either praying or cursing. We must act now. Those of us who cannot see and realize matters of deepest concern—the right to earn a living by the exercise of training, the right to relief in sickness as well as the criminal at trial; to freedom and to life—surely can feel the little drops of unjust taxation, wealth escaping.

The most deplorable, the blackest page, condition in the history of our State is the significant fact that our law-makers neglect to provide medical aid for the people. More than five thousand persons annually die in North Carolina, denied medical attention in their last illness. Yet it might, it seems, embarrass some one to allow relief to the neglected, the oppressed, the crushed.

Our Representatives and Senators in The Congress should have a Senate Committee investigate the conduct and the special privileges of the so-called State Medical Society and its private Board of Examiners.

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
 Wrong forever on the throne."
 THOMAS L. ESTEP, M.D.
 Stratford, N. C., August 26, 1934.

Who Took Hold The Horns?
 A business meeting of the church had been called for the purpose of subscribing funds for erection of a parsonage:

Pastor—(To assembled congregation): "Who will head the list with a liberal gift?"

Deacon Stone: "Five hundred dollars."

Pastor: "Splendid! We have the bull by the horns now."

Deacon Stone: "I withdrawn my subscription without explanation."

EMERGING FROM A NATIONAL CATASTROPHE
What Remains To Be Done to Complete The Job.

(BY DALTON WARREN.)

Under the leadership of our great President and his most competent assistant, Hon. Hugh S. Johnson, we are emerging from the depths of the worst depression this country has ever experienced. The task has been no small one. A great many things have been done in Washington during the past five months. This Government has never been in the hands of more capable and efficient hands than those to whom we intrusted it on March 4th, 1933. Much of the credit must go to Hugh S. Johnson who is the administrator of the National Recovery Act. Mr. Johnson is, indeed, a prodigy in many respects. He has proven himself to be a leader of men, and not only this, but he has been able to force strong minds to co-incide with his point of view.

The leaders of industry have been rather prompt to co-operate with Mr. Johnson in the administration of the law. They have placed the utmost confidence in him as a leader. In times like these one man must lead and Mr. Johnson is, and has been, the man of the hour. So much for what has been done. The question, what must be done to complete the job, remains to be answered. In attempting to answer this question, we must, if we can, take a view of the whole situation. What has been done thus far has been an attempt to solve the problem of unemployment and restore purchasing power. This has been partially accomplished. A great many men have been given employment under the new regime, and still others are to get work in the very near future. Now here is what remains to be done. These men who are now earning money must spend money. The goods which have been bought by retail merchants must be sold, and more manufactured goods must be bought by the retail merchants, if the factories are to continue to run. If the retail merchants can sell the goods they now have, and can buy again from the manufacturers, then there is every good reason to believe that the factories can continue to run. If the retail merchants cannot buy more goods, then there is no escape from the fact that the factories will again have to close, thus increasing unemployment and forcing us back to the depths of the depression. So the answer to the query is, buy and buy and buy goods, goods of every kind which can be profitably used in your homes. If you are earning money spend it. Spend it wisely and spend all of it. If this is not done our efforts have been in vain because production and consumption must go together. Every man and woman in this country must get behind the program if it is to be successful.

We have the right sort of leadership. We have the right man in the right place. What we need now is full and complete co-operation. Will we give it? If we do, we may be assured that success will crown our efforts. Th American people have never failed in a crisis. What shall we do

The Flea

(By A. P. E.)

No—this is not poetry—neither do we believe in evolution (I bet there are lots of Einstein-ites around these parts that will be saying, once they read this: "I told you so.")

With apologies to F. D. R. and his unstinted efforts to make national recovery a permanency in U. S. A., we pause to rever that personage, who, like ourselves (guessed at the probabilities of this NRA business) and asked if this was a patent medicine—and, curious enough to know how often it had to be taken to get the proper results. It's a good brand of medicine for some of our ills, but up to about presstime I don't think it has yet been patented.

It'll re-act to the fullest extent, if a man will stay under the "blanket" as the code is diagnosed. But right here we have to relinquish a cussin'.

There is prevalent in our much-sought-after sleep every night something that agitates this code of "blanketing" our sleep, in that a flea or fleas, or maybe its an army acting under orders from a major or brigadier-general, to make an onrush just about the time we are in a mood for "shut-eye."

Have you ever witnessed a trained flea circus? We haven't, but we got a notion to fire these we got, and hire some more experienced ones, like the ones what hang around a circus, maybe.

As precedents long established are singular of countries and customs, naturally in Rome do as the Romans do—as for instance, while we are in the mountains, etc., you have to do a certain kind of hunting (like looking for snipes (?)). Disgruntled and furious, we go into throes with this element and have a conquest.

Only one morning recently our neighbor asked: "Did you hear those folks throwing rocks last night?" Of course we didn't offer any apologies, but I suppose that was the night we were after Mr. Flea.

The trouble with these mountain pests is they do not recognize organized labor—quitting when they have in sufficient number of hours—or we would extend courtesy where demanded. But night after night, we are reminiscent of that song, "Hop Along Sister Mary, Hop Along"—only in the song we substitute 'flea.'

"Boys will be boys—fleas will be fleas. Usually when we first discover a "snooper" while peacefully slumbering is to feel something like a snake crawling up said pajama leg, only to find later its something

in this, our dilemma? Caesar said on one occasion: "I came, I saw and I conquered." Let us now make that same declaration, and we shall emerge victoriously.

that jumps—and makes pretty time. None Exempt
 They utilize every minute in giving you the once-over. Here is where we review a new determination, gnash our teeth a coupla times, keep stiff upper-lip, et cetera.

If we could be at two places at the same time, by and by we'd catch this flea-bully, but we make a concerted effort with a stiff uppercut only to miss this leaping-leena by several feet—thereby causing another blue spot on our profile.

In modest terms we say we're only human, and have feelings like fleas have, perhaps. In compliance with what Mr. Roosevelt beseeches, we are prone to quit work when the whistle blows, and through the able guidance of this National Recovery Administration we enforce our demands on said Flea—"Lay off, McDuff!" or else this NRA has been violated.

Observations By The "Man In The Street"

Prof. C. R. Roe back from the Century of Progress feasting his eyes on Alleghany County's new Palace of Justice. . . Jay Hardin interrupts that 'song' he loves to hum long enough to say thank you to a sale—we are hoping to learn the words ere long . . .

A country correspondent writes of a Sunday afternoon baseball game last Sunday, while down at Sparta baseball park Sunday night rocks were having their 'fling' and we don't know, but rather think it was John Barleycorn . . . Chinquapins getting ripe, —guess the squirrel season is on hand . . . The post-office as a mecca for everything leaving Sparta as much as Uncle Sam's mail . . . Dalton Warren explaining the merits and plan of the NRA, as an enthusiastic supporter would do . . . Next Monday there will be lots of tomorrow's leaders of mn vending their way to the schoolhouse; and mayhap a stubbed toe will hindr an old shoe from getting there . . . Uncle Doc Taylor endeavoring to clarify a point of view either narrating a new joke h's just learned, or if just being Uncle Doc as he is . . . A rainy day (our solitaire) and memories of days we'd like to live over—only later at evening's tide, witness a herd of cows as they wnd their way home . . . only another day's song of happiness has spent itself . . . and your truly treks his way to a little rendezvous by the side of the road.

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