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EDITORIAL

The frost is on the pumpkin and the coal dealer is smiling.

We'll excuse the fellow who thought NRA stood for Night Riding Annie.

The fellows who used to sing, "Good-bye whiskey, good-bye gin, say Mr. Wilson, when's it coming back agin?" will soon find an answer to their query.

Alleghany farmers deserve credit for their activities in diversified farming. No bread lines here as long as farmers fill their cellars with such products as were exhibited at the fair.

Fair officials are due a vote of thanks for their untiring efforts to make the fair a success. The details to be planned, worked out, and financed in putting on a fair are legion, but so well was everything arranged and carried out, criticism and complaints were few. That is an excellent showing in an undertaking which involved so many people.

We can now understand how Alleghany is able to send so many citizens to Maryland and to the western states. The fine lot of thirty youngsters at the baby show speaks well for the future citizenship of the county.

Farmers in eastern North Carolina spent \$450,000 for seed potatoes, imported mainly from the North. Alleghany has a climate and soils suitable for growing seed potatoes equal to or superior to those grown in northern states if enough farmers in the county could be interested in growing certified seed potatoes in quantities large enough to supply eastern growers, much of this huge sum of money sent to northern growers annually would find a nesting place much nearer home.

A recent news report states that oranges are now being grown on the east coast of North Carolina, which is warmed by the Gulf stream. We shall expect to hear next of Eskimos living on top of Mt. Mitchell, which is chilled by cold winter winds.

THE SAFE DRIVERS' CODE

There is one badly needed code which will not have to await an official signature. It affects every person in the country, and its adoption should be unanimous. It is "The Safe Drivers' Code."

Accident statistics reported to June 30, 1933, according to the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, showed that 12,920 persons had been killed by automobiles this year. The indications, judging from unofficial reports in July and August, are that final results may show a decided increase in deaths and accidents for 1933. This is doubly significant, because there are nearly 10 per cent fewer automobiles registered in the United States this year than in 1931.

To motorists, therefore, and to pedestrians and all users of our streets and highways, the following code is directed:

- 1. Regulate your speed to fit traffic conditions; keep your car under control at all times.
2. Slow down for intersections, and obey traffic signals.
3. Use better judgment in passing, waiting until there is at least 500 feet of clear distance ahead.
4. Pedestrians: Cross at crosswalks and walk on the left side facing traffic; obey traffic signals.
5. Remember that automobile accidents constitute an economic waste totaling billions, through property damage, high insurance costs, increased taxes, etc.

Every motorist should feel that it is his duty and privilege to pledge himself to this code.

NEWS FROM LAKE LURE

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MY SOLITAIRE

(By A. P. E.)

A silence permeates the atmosphere... a moon, by chance the one Kate Smith very ably assists over the mountain, is lazily rising... a mountainous horizon is illuminated in the distance... an occasional blating of cattle in the ofing, interspersed with a dog's bark from yonder hillside... enshrouds our meekness of "WHAT A NIGHT?" Autumn days are by far the saddest part of the year—however, they are the days of days in our interpretation. Frost on the pumpkin, corn in the shock, and a winters living in the smokehouse that denotes "living at home"—like nobody's business. And as we think of this picture localized in Alleghany county, only a short while ago something was intimated about a depression. Here there is nothing lacking in consequence that would lend a sequel to hard times, for farmers in this county endure hardship of growing that which pertains to their daily needs and helps a long way toward "keeping the wolf away from the door"—just about as independent set of folks we know of. And if you were witness on the farm products displayed at the fair last week, this fact corroborates itself to the casual observer.

Speaking of one thing and other, the agricultural fair did itself proud insofar as the exhibits were concerned, for what we have seen this fall in the way of fairs, does not quite coincide with the quality of Alleghany fair exhibits. Either somebody planted their stuff in the moon—and know their onions when it comes to farming—for there was an array of agricultural products typical of the great Piedmont section of the State.

The first chisler of note insofar as the NRA working code is concerned, hereabouts, was a fellow who obtained an absolute judgment of divorce in open court one day—and got married the next. Suey!

Some Sparta girls stalk just like this, and never worry.

As a remorse to our kindred and kind—the fellowless clan—habitual to a mode we see and like—we borrow a thought from a contemporary, to wit: "But the Good Lord figured out a plan 'way back in the beginning that, regardless of death, life must go on... that regardless of tears, smiles must break through the vale of sorrow like sunshine after the rain... that regardless of heartache and heartbreak, man just has to put on a 'face,' throw his head between his shoulders... and laugh." And to no other source than "a guy in the street" we dedicate this, for he proved to us the best friend we ever had, however unknown to us at the time.

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Woman Makes Living At Roadside Stand Below Mtn.

At the foot of the Blue Ridge on U. S. Highway 21, near one of the most beautiful scenic spots in the Appalachians, Julia Billings earns her living by selling fruits to passing tourists. Four years ago she began her business with small baskets of fruit placed side by side on a board supported by two stones, and since then through the heat of summer and winter's cold she has displayed her products to the traveling public. All of her five children are married. With this business her only means of support, she spends seven or eight hours a day at her post. On Saturdays and Sundays business is fairly good, but on week days her total sales are usually small. Last year, with the exception of a few cold, rough days, she stayed at her post all winter.

During the four years she has waited on thousands of customers, and with a very few exceptions all have been very nice and courteous to her. According to her own statement, tourists from a distance "are the nicest people you ever saw."

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DOUGHTON SEEKS TAX ADJUSTMENT

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Although the opening of congress is still months away, Representative Doughton, North Carolina's democratic chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is hard at work on plans looking to a readjustment of the tax laws.

Doughton, tall, bald, and to the point, doesn't like what he calls the "nuisance" taxes and doesn't mind saying so. Furthermore, he thinks repeal of the 18th amendment is "inevitable" and he wants the government to be prepared to tax alcoholic liquors.

So, out of this combination, has grown a determination to completely revise internal revenue laws so as to remove the nuisance taxes and impose an "equitable" tax on whiskey. As a start in this direction, Representative Sam Hill, a Washington Democrat, has been placed at the head of a sub-committee to work out a proposed revision. This committee, of which Doughton is a member, will spend November in formulating a report to be made about December 1, to the full committee.

"Repeal of the 18th amendment appears inevitable," Doughton said, "and we will give that more complete consideration later on. I am satisfied the present tax of \$1.10 a gallon on whiskey will be increased but we do not know how much yet."

"We don't want to make it too high as that would tend to encourage bootlegging and we don't want to make it too low because the government would not get its proper share."

Turning to nuisance taxes imposed by the last congress, Doughton said he was particularly anxious to get rid of the stamp tax on bank checks and the gasoline tax, if a balanced budget can be maintained with their removal.

"We want to find some way to get rid of these nuisance taxes," he said. "There is no sound basis for them and they are irritating and unfair."

"In the last congress, we had to do something and do it quickly to balance the budget. I think the committee realizes these taxes were hastily enacted in a period of emergency and should be removed if possible."

"We hope, also, to stop up some of the gaps in other laws and get taxes from some of those persons who have been evading them. In fact, we contemplate a general revision and readjustment of the entire revenue set-up."

Doughton is also anxious to see the two-cent stamp on first class mail returned but said President Roosevelt now has power to order this if postal receipts should justify it.

Tasty Meat Loaf For Church Supper

When the church club needs a little extra money in the treasury, it is a popular adventure to plan a supper and entertainment. Meat loaf is a very acceptable and appropriate dish for such an occasion.

Here is a recipe for meat loaf with tomato sauce in quantity for 50 people. Inez S. Wilson, home economist, vouches for its deliciousness.

- 10 pounds ground beef
5 pounds ground pork
6 eggs
4 cups bread crumbs
Milk to moisten (about 1 quart)
1/2 pound onions, chopped
1/2 cup salt
Pepper

Have beef and pork ground together. Mix the salt, pepper, breadcrumbs and onions with the meat. Beat the eggs slightly and add to the milk. Combine with the meat and mix thoroughly. Measure or weigh out into well-greased loaf-pans. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degree F.) until done, from one to two hours, depending upon the sizes of the loaves. Serve with tomato sauce.

Tomato Sauce
2 No. 2 1/2 cans tomatoes
Few celery leaves
1/2 cup chopped carrots
1 tablespoon onion
1 bay-leaf
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
1/2 cup fat
1/2 cup flour
2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons sugar

Add the vegetables and seasoning to the tomatoes, and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain and stir slowly into fat and flour which have been blended together. Season well and serve over the meat loaf with just a small amount of grated cheese over it.

Scalloped or creamed potatoes always go well with meat loaf and they are easy to prepare and serve for the large group.

Ain't human nature wonderful? A month or so ago North Carolinians were cursing the sales tax. Then they cussed the State School Commission because it couldn't get enough of that tax to ride all the youngsters to school. We wonder what it will be next.

Humpty-dumpty drove like heck. Humpty-dumpty had a great wreck. All the state's doctors and hospital men Can't put Humpty-dumpty together again.

During an English lesson in a city school the teacher asked if any pupil could make up a sentence containing the words defense, defeat, and detail. A little colored boy held up his hand and answered, "When a cat jumps over defence, defeat goes over in front of detail"—Ex.

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SPARTA WINS LAST BALL GAME OF SEASON HERE

The last ball game of the season was played Saturday between Sparta and Fries. Sparta taking the long end of a 6 to 3 score.

Each team garnered nine hits but Reeves kept the visitors hits well scattered. The Fries boys did not score until the eighth inning when they got a single by Vaughn a triple by Fielder a single by Eversole and a sacrifice by Jackson giving them two runs. In the ninth Dalton hit, Porter hit and Mabe sacrificed and Dalton scored with their last score of the game.

In the first inning for Sparta Carpenter filed to Dalton, L. Reeves hit for the circuit, Edwards hit another homer, Thompson rolled out to first base, Black connected for a home run, Joines rolled one to third base and was thrown out at first ending the inning. The locals did not score again until the sixth. Edwards and Thompson to Borter in left field and he dropped it and Black reached first on the error, Joines hit a two bagger. Jones singled and Black and Joines scored. McMillan struck out to end the inning. In the seventh Vaughn relieved Porter on the mound. Press Reeves was out Evans to Fielder, Carpenter reached first on an error by Fielder. L. Reeves struck out, Edwards hit a triple to center field one of the longest balls ever hit in the park and Carpenter scored the final score of the game.

The following box score and summary: Fries Pos. Ab. R. H. Po. Eversole C. 3 0 1 3 Jackson 2b. 4 0 0 1 Evans 3b. 3 0 1 0 Dalton SS. 4 1 1 2 Porter P. If. 4 0 1 0 Mabe CF. 4 0 2 3 Porter RF. 4 0 1 2 Vaughn LF. P. 3 1 1 0 Fielder 1b. 3 1 1 13 Sparta Pos. Ab. R. H. Po. Carpenter RF. 4 1 0 1 Reeves L. LF. 4 1 2 1 Edwards SS. 4 1 2 1 Thompson 1b. 4 0 0 7 Black CF. 4 2 2 2 Joines 2b. 4 1 1 3 Jones 3b. 4 0 2 4 McMillan C. 3 0 0 7 Reeves P. 3 0 0 1

CHURCHES

Announcement Elder J. C. Dunbar, of Mt. Airy, will preach at Zion church Saturday and Sunday.

METHODIST CHURCH C. W. Russell, Pastor There will be no services at the Methodist church at Sparta Sunday morning or Sunday evening, as I will be in a revival meeting.

The revival will begin at Potato Creek Sunday evening at 7:30. The Sparta church will be glad to know that Professor Roe has been elected by the Quarterly Conference superintendent of the Sunday School for another year.

Mr. Joe Finney has been elected superintendent of Shiloh Sunday School for the coming year. We feel that he will make a splendid leader in the Sunday School.

Other superintendents re-elected for another year are as follows: Cox's Chapel, Mrs. Enoch Osborne; Potato Creek, Mr. Jack Halsey; Walnut Branch, Mr. Steve Mitchell, and Piney Creek, Mr. Mack Woodie.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. J. L. Underwood will preach at Scottville next Sunday morning, at 11:00; also at Blevins X-Roads at 2:30 P. M. The W. M. S. of the church will be in their regular once-a-month meeting at Mrs. Transou's Thursday afternoon.

Announcement

Elder Ed Davis will fill the following appointments: Antioch Oct. 18; Union Oct. 19; Little River, 19, at night; Zion 20; Crab Creek 21; Baywood 22; Galax, 22nd, at night.

Speaking of Cucumbers—

Mr. Daniel Wagoner of Bullhead, was displaying an Improved Long Green variety of cucumber at the fair last week which measured 29 1/2 inches in length and weighed six pounds.

BIRDS OF ALLEGHANY CO.

HABITS OF THE SCREECH OWL (By Claude J. Smith.) As autumn draws nigh, I hear this bird in every woodland and grove. No matter how much you ramble, this bird will rarely be seen, as it spends the daylight hours sleeping in some hollow tree. Last spring I surprised one sitting in a hole in a hollow tree, but as soon as it saw the rock which I threw, it disappeared. The little screech owl is a permanent resident, but is rarely observed or heard during the spring or summer. They delight in "talking" to one another from different parts of the wood and have a varied wailing trill. I have often been within 8 feet of them while they were calling to one another, without their showing fear. Recently, while I was at a nearby cane mill I heard a screech owl. My cousin imitated this bird by whistling, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing the bird fly just over his head, and light in a tree nearby. We soon heard another owl, and the same performance was repeated. This shows that birds respond to an imitated call as well as to the call of one of their kind. I have found only two or three nests of this interesting little owl, but have never yet seen the eggs or young. The eggs are said to be white in color, and to number 4. Holes of trees in woods are the favorite nesting site. This bird's food consists of almost wholly of insects and rodents; therefore it should be protected. I believe this to be the most interesting of the owls.

"What does the college man do with his week-end?" asked the mother. "Well, madam," said the dean, "sometimes I think he merely hangs his hat on it."—St John Telegraph.

"Did you peel that apple before eating it, as I told you?" "Yes, father." "What did you do with the peel?" "I ate it after I finished the apple."

NEW HOPE ITEMS Charlie Petty and Earl Delp made a business trip to Baltimore last week. Mr. George Edwards of Akron, O., is spending some time here with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Osborne, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Warden, of Stratford, went to Winston-Salem Tuesday, where Mrs. Warden has gone for treatment. Mr. Brantly Fender made a business trip to Welch, W. Va., last week. Elmer Taylor and Myrtle Church of Furches, were married Saturday evening by R. G. Warden, Esq., at his home. A number of the young people from here attended the tent meeting near Turkey Knob Sunday night. Mr. J. H. Wagoner, of Nathan's Creek, visited in this community recently. Little Betty Gene, the two-and-one half months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brantly Fender was the lucky one to win the first prize at the baby show held at Sparta fair last week. Visitors at R. G. Warden's Sunday were Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Wagoner and sons, Arlington, and John, of Wytheville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wagoner and daughter, Doris, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins and family, of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves Watson, of Furches, Miss Susie Cook, Gene Mitchell, and Charlie Petty. Mr. Homer A. Smith visited in this community Saturday.

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