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TWILIGHT REVERIE

... perhaps, but does not live.
... to know no vain regret
... some selfish thought or
... dead
... Has caused another's heart to
... bleed.
... Let me so live each passing day,
... That when the sun has slipped a
... way
... may know I've shared the road,
... And helped to carry another's
... load.
... Let me bring some ray of light
... To help another win his fight;
... To help the burdened stand erect—
... Let me remedy some small defect
... Lord, make me strong for this I've
... planned,
... Help me to lend that helping
... hand;
... For I have learned that he who does
... not give

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE

For the third time in the past several years a transformer has burned out during the rush season of Christmas shopping. The merchants who have worked hard and filled their stores with merchandise are penalized to a great extent by having the lights to go out just as they are entering the home stretch at the peak of the buying. The town should take some kind of precaution to have another transformer ready to hook up if the one in use is burned out. It's unfair to the merchants who pay month in and month out, and then right up to the place where they are absolutely dependent on lights and have them go out.
Yes, Sir, something should be done about it.
The lights went out Saturday afternoon at 5:10 P. M. and were not connected again until Sunday.

LIST YOUR TAXES

Tax listing begins next Monday, January 1st, and every citizen should co-operate with city and county officials by listing early. County Auditor, Ray Brown, is to be congratulated on the system he has worked out to get every citizen's name and property listed.
An ad appears elsewhere in this issue of The Herald with information about where Lister O. T. Hayes will be and at what time. Citizens are invited to clip this ad for future reference.
Farmers are reminded that they will not be penalized with the food stuff and farm products they have on hand at this time, as an allowance will be made for what will be used from January 1st to April 1st. List, and list early, don't wait until the last minute.

THE STURDY OAK

If the tall, sturdy oak, that all admire so much, could tell us its life story, we should learn the way of life. This we know, the great oak had its beginning in a little acorn, and its fight for life was a hard one. The little acorn may be dropped in the middle of a field, where, one may think, it could be free to grow to mighty strength without molestation. But even as a sapling the little oak wages a battle with the grasses for its existence. And if it succeeds in growing up out of the reach of the grasses, the horse or cow may nibble it off, or trample upon it. If it is fortunate enough to survive, then come the dangers of the elements—extreme heat and drought, the storms, the lightning. As with the oak, so with humans. Only the fit survive the storms, and retain a robe of experience and wisdom.

OUR COUNTRY—FIRST

Compared with any other country on the face of the globe the United States is the best place to live. In the matter of education, the quality of life, the abundance of food, the security of the dollar, and the freedom of the press, we are far ahead of any other nation.

Here and There . . .

Haywood E. Lynch)

One Kings Mountain father was so sore Tuesday morning that he could hardly work after playing with the electric train Santa brought his son.

The most unusual Christmas Card received was the one from the Glee Bridges. The card had the whole family printed on it, in a most attractive manner. Mrs. Glee must have decided on it because I don't believe Mr. Glee had it in him.

P. D. Herndon, buys an ad over the phone quicker than any person I have ever called. I called him and before I could explain what I had to sell he said, "Run it."

The Central Barber Shop where lots of interesting things happens is the scene for this "Believe it Or Not." There were three sets of father and son Charles in there at one time and other day, Charles, Thomas and Son Charles, and Charlie Williams and Son Charlie.

Jim McGill is sporting himself a pair of silver shoes. Last week he was helping Hoyle McDaniel spray Christmas trees with silver paint, and got lots of the paint on his shoes, so he just finished the job by spraying both shoes, now he is setting the style in silver footwear for men.

I met Rev. W. M. Boyce in the Postoffice here Tuesday evening and every person who came in gave the visiting preacher the "glad hand." Mr. Boyce said he liked the small town where everyone knew everyone. He said he had been in the post office in Charlotte talking with Postmaster Paul Younts and he did not know a single person who came in. O. K. Preacher, that just backs up what I have been saying: "Not a Mountain, the Best Town in The State."

pared to the most cultured countries in the world.
The amount of insurance we have in force in our country is double that of the rest of the world.
With only 6 percent of the world's area and only 7 percent of its population, we consume 48 percent of the world's coffee, 53 per cent of its tin, 56 per cent of its rubber, 21 per cent of its sugar, 72 per cent of its silk, 36 per cent of its coal, 43 per cent of its pig iron, 47 per cent of its petroleum.

These facts and figures argue more strongly for the American System than the eloquence of the most silver-tongued orator.—The Uplift.

THE HAIR-CUT YARDSTICK

To strip away the veneer and camouflage of governmental book-keeping is the first step in achieving genuine economy — that's the opinion of Mayor H. W. Baals of Fort Wayne, Indiana.
He makes the various municipal costs so plain that the average citizen can compare them with a hair cut, a loaf of bread or a pack of cigarettes.

In addressing the annual conference of the National Consumers Tax Commission in New York, the Hoosier mayor said:

"In Fort Wayne we show that the individual who has a home assessed at \$4,000 will pay 42 cents a month for police protection, or the price of a meal; for fire protection 48 cents, less than the price of a haircut; in Fort Wayne, garbage collections 8 cents, less than a Sunday paper; street cleaning 13 cents, less than a gallon of gas; street repair, 6 cents, the price of a pound loaf of bread; for parks and recreation 32 cents, the price of a pound of steak; health department 5 cents the price of a soft drink; payment on debt 16 cents, the price of a pack of cigarettes; other city activities, including pensions and schools, 27 cents, less than a movie ticket."

The total is \$1.96 a month for all the civil services in Mayor Baals' city. How many other municipalities can use such yardsticks so favorably?

There should be interesting action in some 6,000 city and village halls when the NCTC women begin preparing Mayor Baals' political brass tacks to their own community situations.



AAA Leader Reports Soil Building Gains

In a preliminary report on Triple-A activities in 1939, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, says gains were made in every phase of soil building during 1939, and that there is promise that 1940 will be even a greater year for the Agricultural Conservation Program.

The use of ground agricultural limestone increased to 108,464 tons as grants of aid alone, with individual grants buying and applying an equal amount in excess of that required for practices under the program. This compares with 78,169 tons of lime used in 1938 and 30,584 tons used in 1937, Floyd said.

In 1939 the use of triple-super phosphate as a grant of aid totaled 3,514 tons, as compared with 1,863 tons in 1938 and 370 tons in 1937. The construction of terraces totaled more than 20 million linear feet during the past year, as contrasted with 15,203,000 in 1938 and 9,849,000 linear feet in 1937.

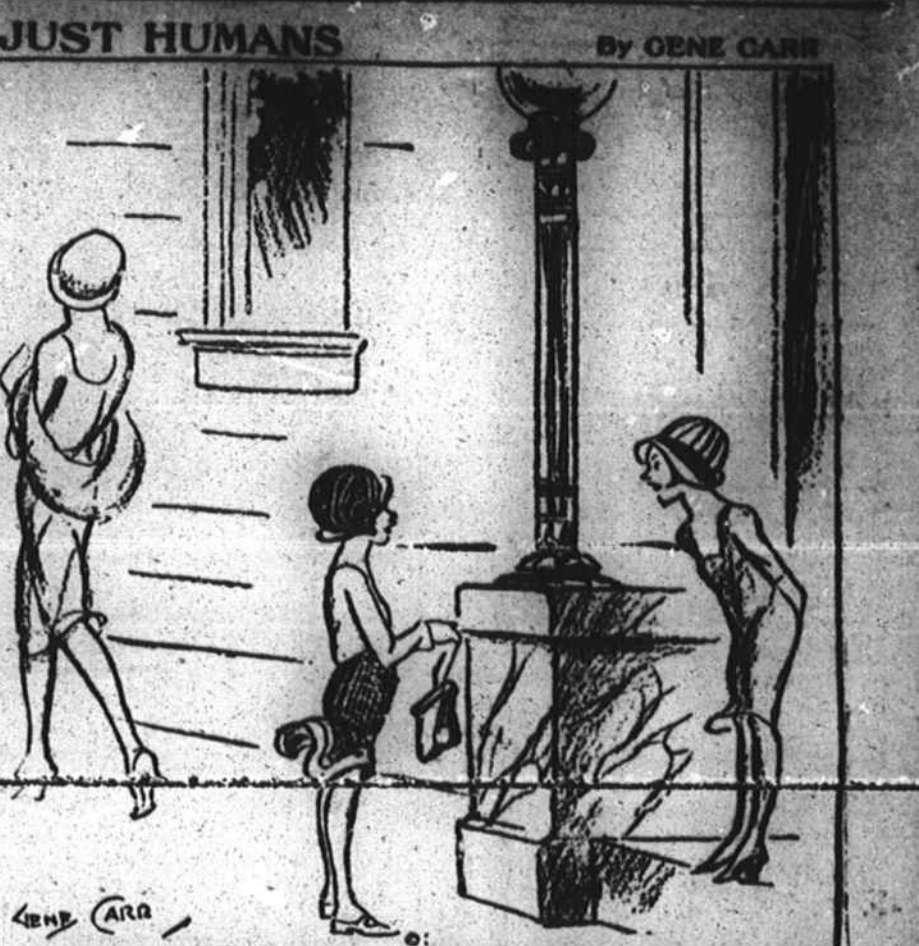
"There were also encouraging gains in the seeding of lespedeza, winter legumes, and blue grass," the AAA executive said. "We had a greater participation in carrying out soil building practices by complying producers in 1939 than in 1938."
Floyd estimated that 151,600 farms earned some payment for agricultural conservation and soil building during the year, and 75 per cent of the total soil building allowance set apart to be earned by producers was earned.
In addition, cotton parity payments are being made to 118,000 farmers, and wheat parity payments to 3,024 producers.

JUST HUMANS

COTTON GINNING REPORT
Census report shows that 56,721 bales of cotton were ginned in Cleveland County, N. C., from the crop of 1939 prior to Dec. 13, 1939, as compared with 38,818 bales for the crop of 1938.

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 26.—James D. Hill, Jr., 18 year old NYA worker, was held on murder charges after confessing he slew his father because he "hated" him.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the many deeds of kindness shown us in the recent illness and death of our dear husband and father, H. T. Wright. We especially thank Dr. J. E. Anthony for his faithful service during this illness. May God bless each one of you who helped in anyway.
Mrs. H. T. Wright and family.



"I'm Wretched. I Had One of Mary Jones' Delish's Secrets and I've Forgotten It!" "My, Dear!"

Washington Snapshots

(Cont'd from front page)
ushered him into the cloakroom where, before a laughing group of fellow Congressmen, the man was made a member of the Demagogues Club.

This fun-making won Dies many friends, among them Speakers Rainey of Illinois, Byrns of Tennessee and Garner of Texas, all of whom he inducted into the club. About that time, the Texas youngster decided he was ready to branch out.

He became interested in silver, knowing that some legislation was coming along soon. So when the existing silver purchase plan first was suggested, Dies put into bill form. He became so well-informed on the subject the House Ways and Means Committee, one of the hardest to get into, spent four hours instead of the usual 15 or 20 minutes, discussing the subject.

The silver bill became law. As a reward, Dies got a place on the important Rules Committee. That was not enough to keep him busy, so it was only natural that he should become interested in "isms." They were new to him because they are little heard of in Texas.

After much preliminary study, he got the House to adopt a resolution creating his committee and giving him \$15,000 for an investigation of un-American isms.

Then Dies got his first setback. The House allowed him only \$15,000 because the resolution creating his committee specifically empowered him to borrow clerks and investigators from existing government agencies. But he was refused help by the Justice Department, the Labor Department, and several other agencies, all of which were aiding the LaFollette Committee in the Senate.

Next, in order to trace financial contributions to "ism" organizations Dies requested a Presidential order like that given to the Senate Lobby investigating committee, permitting him to inspect Federal income tax returns. That, too, was denied him. Dies went ahead with the investigation. He decided that the only way to do it was to "stage a headline show" and get the House to appropriate more money. He succeeded, but in the initial headline hunting stage he erred. He let witnesses rave and rant and talk pure hearsay. He got the additional money, but he had created an unfavorable impression of the committee in many responsible Washington quarters.

When the Committee really got down to work, this unfavorable impression was reflected in a series

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SYNOPSIS
Scotland Yard is encountering unusual difficulty in attempting to solve the mystery of a thief known as The Amateur Cracksman. Inspector Mackenzie is put to work on the case with the order to find the criminal or else! The criminal happens to be the suave, debonair, handsome A. J. Raffles, society man and extraordinary amateur cricketer. He has fallen in love with Gwen Manders, younger sister of Bunny Manders, who was Raffles' best friend at school. Because of his midnight profession, Raffles tries to avoid declaring his love to Gwen.

Chapter Two

Raffles saw Gwen home and, as he had feared, the worst happened. In an impetuous, uncontrolled moment, A. J. Raffles, sportsman and amateur thief, society butterfly without ties or commitments, proposed. He returned home in a high state of exhilaration, announced to his perfect gentleman's gentleman, Barracough, that he had lost his wits with fate and would "go straight." Barracough failed to comprehend, disapproved in no uncertain terms and returned in a moderately high dudgeon. But Raffles, undaunted, took out his pack of cigarettes, emptied it, slipped the stolen brace



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