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Report on the Union
The occasional reports which Mr. M. M. Victor, president of the Union National Bank, inserts in the papers and pays them for publishing, always have a direct and engaging quality and never fail to put us in an amiable humor. But on the 30th anniversary of the bank, for instance, a short and simple annual of a well-to-do financial institution, but it is noteworthy more for the character that is stamped all over it, as in this paragraph:

"We are a young bank, and yet, 30 years is a long time. And through that time many men and women of honor and integrity have dealt with us, and in looking back and in remembering our friends, we can sincerely say that joy and pleasure have predominated over trouble and care. We are young, vigorous, and hopeful for the future, and with all our friends, happiness and success."

In thus appraising its patrons and extolling their virtues, the bank testifies to its own code of doing business. Noblesse oblige comes close to defining it as any term we can think of. The obligation of honorable behavior which the institution imposes upon itself and which it expects no less from those who deal with it. No wonder Mr. Victor can look back over 30 years and find a predominance of satisfaction.

The Jimmie Tribe

Mexico has suggested that the United States furnish the money to pay for American and British oil properties expropriated by the Mexican Government.

Canada is represented as being willing enough to have the St. Lawrence Waterway built, but as thinking that the United States should pay for it all.

And Senator Trullinger's Dominican Republic, which claims it is the home of Columbus, has cooked up a scheme for the erecting in the Dominican Republic of a \$4,000,000 memorial to the discoverer — with the proviso that the United States is to put up nearly half the cash to build it.

In short our amiable neighbors seem to believe two things, (1) that the Good Neighbor policy means that the folks in the Big House ought to play Lord and Lady Bountiful to everybody on the American planet, and (2) that we've no darn right we don't feel it anyhow.

But maybe you can't blame them, seeing the way things are done at home. After all, what's a few millions more or less, between friends, as against 37,000 million?

A Justice Dismisses

Black, J., dissented. He dissented in both cases. First the Supreme Court said that Mr. Henry Walling's department had no right to rule that the commission men in the Kansas City stock yards were charging farmers and stock men too much money and to order them to reduce their fees — without hearing the commission men. Second, six justices, including Chief Justice Hughes and Brandeis, justly considered the greatest and most genuine liberal on the Court, said that. Cardozo and Stone were dark and didn't vote. Black alone dissented, without stating his grounds.

The administration, however, didn't like the decision. First, Mr. Wallace blasted precedent and in a letter to the Chief Justice charged the court with "conspiring to decide a previous case." Then, Robert Jackson, Solicitor General, formally asked the court to reconsider. But it declined, again with the same six justices plus Stone in agreement, and said nothing that it had not reversed its previous decision, and that its ruling

was the only one consistent with fair play. And again Black was the pot-dissenter. And again he didn't say why.

Well, we don't know why. And we aren't going to attempt to speculate on the reasons. But it is interesting to note the less to observe that his dissents were dissents which favored the administration and went against the reasoning of his liberal colleagues.

Treason and the Nazis

Konrad Henlein won't, we guess, be tried for treason, for all the fact that a Czech Nationalist has formally lodged charges against him with the Czech Government.

Konrad was a citizen of the United States, he almost certainly would be tried for treason. For Konrad is openly conspiring with the German Government for the annexation of a part of his country's territory and the extinction of its real sovereignty — and to that end has raised up what amounts to an armed insurrection. It is precisely as though Comrade Browder, say, or Father Coughlin had conspired with Canada for the annexation of Great Lakes region and the installation of the British Ambassador as the real master at Washington.

Yes, Czechoslovakia, which has treason laws similar to ours, dares not do anything about it. For that would set up such a wave of indignation in Germany as would certainly bring on a holy crusade. The Nazis have their own definition of treason which is put forward quite seriously. The first loyalty of every man of German blood on the face of the earth, they hold, is to their race. Includes the people of German extraction in the United States, is to the Greater Germany. That is why they are not joking when they claim that Dr. Schuchting was guilty of treason in trying to turn Austria into a sovereign state against Germany. And as for Konrad, they deny flatly that he could be guilty of treason to Czechoslovakia, on the ground that he owes it no loyalty. "The only treason of which he could be guilty, according to them, would be treason to Germany in failing to work hard enough for the destruction of Czechoslovakia for Germany's benefit."

Prosecutor and Judge

"Upon further consideration, however, it was discovered that such a provision for FWA in give and lend money to Germany would be a power plant only to give the municipality would make a fair offer in good faith to the existing private plant) would very probably result in litigation as to the fairness as well as the propriety of aid made by a municipality."

Thus Senator Barkley yesterday in persuading the Senate to vote down the provision and leave it up to the President to say when an act was "reasonable" the day in in good faith. And without calling the President's own good faith toward private power companies into question, it must be obvious to everybody all the same that the administration is in too much of a hurry to give away the power of the day in in good faith. And without calling the President's own good faith toward private power companies into question, it must be obvious to everybody all the same that the administration is in too much of a hurry to give away the power of the day in in good faith. And without calling the President's own good faith toward private power companies into question, it must be obvious to everybody all the same that the administration is in too much of a hurry to give away the power of the day in in good faith.

The Old Simplicity

In these days of inchoate social and economic morality, it is almost refreshing to run across one of the good old cardinal sins like embezzlement or defalcation. When Charles E. Mitchell sold stocks to his wife and took the loss on his income tax return, that was an embezzlement. When the Internal Revenue Laws of such and such a year. But when Richard Whitney was caught with a thumping shortage in trust accounts, that went straight back to the Moral Code, and Mr. Whitney went straight to jail.

An old-time sin something on the order of Mr. Whitney's seems to have been turned up in New York State by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. A half-dozen persons have been accused of embezzling an initial share of \$5 million they had control of four investments with total assets of \$13,500,000. Still not satisfied, they are charged with having proceeded to "conspire to defraud" by directing an initial share of \$5 million in marketable assets owned by one of these companies had been "whittled to \$300,000."

of the like, but — grand larceny, relieving stolen property, bringing stolen property into New York State. Ah! Those are terms we understand and have a positive reaction to. In all this fog about corporate practices, Aha! called the business conscience, they are almost like a brick bat from the Left Lands.

NOTE ABOUT OUR APATHY

By a Wandering Correspondent, Probably General W. Johnson, in the Mailroom Evening Sun.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.
SPRING in North Carolina this year has been cold and wet and it seems to a casual sojourner, that the prevailing calmness has affected the spirits of the people as well as the weather.

For example, there is a Senatorial campaign on, but such excitement as there is exists in close proximity to the two campaign headquarters and seems to be largely synthetic. Senator Robert R. Reynolds is being opposed in the Democratic primary Saturday by Representative Frank Hancock, but the issue doesn't seem to be an issue, because they are both men of the same kind and character, apparently is unable to grow excited over anything else.

As a matter of fact, however, apathy in Tarheelia at the close of a Senatorial campaign is itself sensational. Many of the greatest fights in the state's political history have been waged over possession of the top, but this year there seems to be no fight left in the stairwells.

MAYBE WE ARE FED UP ON CIRCUSES NOW

One ahead observer who is not in politics diagnoses the case as one of emotional fatigue. North Carolina, like the rest of the country, has been swept by partisan storms for six years, and the debaters, as well as the arguments, are worn out. The New Dealers have trailed until they are voiceless. The Liberty Leagues have cursed until they are dumb. Now both sides are dull and lethargic. Even the Jockeys seem to be tired out, and the year that is getting most repetition concerns a deal of money which appeared in a printed meeting and asked who was running for the county office.

"Jones is running for Sheriff," yelled a by-stander in the old man's ear.

"Who's he? Never heard tell of him," commented the farmer.

"Oh, yes, you have," shouted the informant. "He's a son of a bishop."

"Oh, well," quavered the ancient philosophically, "most of these politicians are."

Prevailing opinion seems to be that the apathetic apathy of the campaign is in Reynolds' favor. After all, he is in and as a general rule when Tarheels really get steamed up it is with enthusiasm for throwing somebody out. In dull campaigns the man who holds the office is usually returned, so the better odds of the beginning of the work were on the Senator. All observers, however, qualify their predictions with a reminder that political lines in North Carolina are so hopelessly confused that nobody really knows the sentiment of the voters.

A CONGRESSMAN WHO QUIT HIS JOB VOLUNTARILY

One bit of evidence supporting the theory that an unprecedented weariness of politics is gripping the extraordinary actions of Representative J. W. Lambeth, of the Eighth Congressional District, in refusing to run again, although he had no opposition in the primary and the district is safely Democratic. Lambeth is relatively young. Recently healthy and vigorously young. He has been in Congress for years, in highly popular, both in the House and at home, in short, seemed certain of re-election. His closest friends are not aware of any plans he has made for the future, yet he is not only absent but has announced his decision to leave his office to withdraw if he would reconsider his decision and run again.

The only explanation is that Lambeth is tired out. He has been a fairly consistent New Dealer, but it must have involved some strain, for he was a successful manufacturer of the Tarheel politics and most of his former friends and associates farm at the mouth when Roosevelt is mentioned. Throughout the Industrial Piedmont the opposition to the President among business men in the upper economic levels is almost frenzied, in private conversation — all the more bitter because it is generally conceded that Mr. Roosevelt is still strong with the workmen and among some of the smaller business men, and they have the votes.

This explains much of the dullness of the current proceedings. His business have been no taste for either Reynolds or Hancock. But for their man, and if a candidate like Bailey were in the race they might be, in the Tarheel press, splitting their shirts for him. But as it is — oh, who cares? — the apathy of the voters is the power of the New Deal in the state that Saturday's primary will afford is the size of the vote. If the wool-bait boys' turn out in huge numbers for either candidate, or if the vote is extremely light, the position of our state as a whole and the state's position on national levels.

Letters To The Editor:

Jobless Were Aided Gratis By Candidate

Blankenship Got No Reward Of Any Sort In Most Cases, Says Friend Answering Bowser

Dear Sir: It was sincerely hoped that Mecklenburg County would be free from unfair blemishing in this political campaign but the temptation was too great; the Bowser accusation was well-timed, though not perfectly so, for it gave Mr. Blankenship an opportunity to reply before Saturday.

Many applicants for unemployment compensation have come out of my shop and perhaps to many others, and, knowing Mr. Blankenship to be always ready to help the unfortunate, I have sent them to him, and on several occasions have personally conducted them to his office, and, upon reaching there, was forced to wait, indefinitely for him to finish with those ahead. I can confidently say that the greater number of those appealing to him, obtained service without any thought on his part of benefit in any respect; I also definitely know of none of those who were not helped in any way; I also definitely know of none of those who were not helped in any way; I also definitely know of none of those who were not helped in any way.

No reasonable excuse can be offered which would cause one entitled to compensation, to be compelled to wait ten weeks or even the half of it, and it is clear that when an employee of the board finds time hanging heavily on his hands, he or she could more appropriately devote it to speeding up these claims for the needy instead of making threats at others.

I have absolutely no interest in this matter except a desire for fairness to one whom I proudly proclaim my friend.

G. W. DIXON.

Charlotte.

(Note: Even so, claimants of unemployment insurance should be reminded that they do not need the services of a lawyer in filing their claims.—Editors, The News.)

On Fitness As A Test For Holding Office

Dear Sir: If the people at large would just stop and consider one of the great causes of a recession is the number of people occupying offices in this country who are neither competent nor qualified. I think it is time for us to stop and think about the fitness of the people in office. It is not enough to be a businessman to put a carpenter in a position as an electrician, and the voters should look around and see who is running for office and examine their ability to hold office and administer services for the people. The public in its sane, competent and businesslike manner, I would suggest that the people who have administered to the best of their knowledge and ability the positions that they have held for the last few years should be allowed to remain in office as long as they serve the public in an honorable and businesslike manner.

J. D. OMBEARA.

Charlotte.

A Last Year's Editorial

(From The News of June 3, 1937)

NICE GOING, JIM! Jim Parley was very much on the spot in his appearance as a political commentator at the University of North Carolina. Why he ever accepted the invitation we can't imagine, but there he stood on the platform, Governor Leche and University officials behind him. In front, rows of upturned faces all wondering what Jim was going to say. He said, "U.S. patron racket, the late Henry Long."

Something had to be said, since the audience expected it. Yet Jim had not forgotten that Huey had called the President a liar and a faker, had accused the Postmaster General himself, none other than Jim, of getting rich off his building supply firm's Government contracts. Huey went so far as to try to force the Senate to investigate Jim. And Jim surely didn't forget this New Deal Louisiana Purchase, when satellites of Huey indicted for income tax fraud, and Huey was the "minister of Justice" to nip-prop the cases in return. It was asserted without contradiction, for holding Louisiana in line for Roosevelt. And as for S. U. itself, Jim probably recalled something on how Huey slipped a censorship on the New York Times, and Huey was the "minister of Justice" to nip-prop the cases in return. It was asserted without contradiction, for holding Louisiana in line for Roosevelt. And as for S. U. itself, Jim probably recalled something on how Huey slipped a censorship on the New York Times, and Huey was the "minister of Justice" to nip-prop the cases in return.

"That's my University and I'm not going to stand for any criticism from anybody out there. I'll fire any student that dares say a word against Huey Long. I'll fire a thousand." That's my University. Plainly, if all this ran through Jim's mind, he was not the man to be in anything, anything, complimentary to say about Huey. But he came through very nicely. He said: "This University will remain for centuries as a monument to the unselfish soul in the cause of freedom of our state and nation and the United States Senator Huey P. Long."

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Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

Creed for the G.O.P.

By HUGH R. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON — I opposed Mr. Governor Alf Landon in the last election — not so much for what he said or proposed as because of mindlessness about what his party proposed. Before the Cleveland Republican convention, the Second New Deal had stirred. There would be no choice between regulation by corporations and regulation by government if government would only tell corporations exactly what they may and may not do. Instead of telling both corporations and people what they must do.

That speech alone will not make this great and obvious issue clear but it helps to do so. The Republican Party doesn't need Glenn Frank's committee to tell them what to do. Mr. Landon has stated the whole case. All that party needs to do is sincerely to make Mr. Landon's principles their creed and religion.

Visiting Around

Gifts for friends (Canton Enterprise)

The honors received a lovely gift, and was presented with a rolling pin to which a recipe from each guest had been attached.

Sort of Siding Up to the Clippards

Alvin You, Ma'am? (Mrs. T. E. Hoels, Lincoln County News) Mr. and Mrs. Berling Clippard and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clippard recently made a large amount of kraut. Mrs. Berling Clippard made about 60 gallons.

Mrs. Berling Clippard has a host of Madonna lilies blooming now. She gave the correspondent a flower pot of them. Some say that Mrs. Berling Clippard's kraut has the nicest heads of any around. It is pretty.

And What Kin Are Cleveland and Sand?

(Mooley's Creek Item, New Tribune) Cleveland Hill and daughter of Sand Hill spent a while in this section Sunday.

Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer

CARDINAL WOLSEY FIRM, forsooth, he kept Henry VIII's purse full of gold and his people's hearts full of resentment. His iron nature had a strange side. Wolsey always carried a cross wherever he went, for the delight he got from its fragrance.