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**Toward Self-sufficiency**

What it takes in farms and markets to make a model county, Mecklenburg has. The balance between industry and agriculture existing throughout the whole Piedmont section of the Carolina is ideal, in many respects, as though it had been planned that way, and this balance is being made to make of this favored spot one of the regions of the whole country. But the ideal is far from being attained.

Somewhat co-ordination between agricultural and commercial interests has always been lacking. There would be that with a supply to market and market to supply, the two would coincide, automatically, but it doesn't work that way. It takes direction, investment, planning, management, information, and somebody's business. It has been for a long time nobody's particular business.

A concerted effort to better this state of affairs is now being made by the Agricultural Department of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The Carolina Farm Council, then, working with Governor Hoey speaking first to practical discussion of farm problems by experts in their lines, is a manifestation of the interest that is being shown both by commercial and agricultural groups in an even more tangible contribution lies in the offering — the erection of a \$150,000 packing plant offering a constant market for the livestock and poultry.

**Malta Spiked**

While Hitler held the threat of his mobilized armies over the head of France and yesterday twisted the British lion's tail by clipping the Austrian passport office into jail, Italy's declining explanation, his ally, Mussolini, proceeded to march toward intimidating the English and the French. Also, first, his airplanes which fly the colors of Franco destroyed two more British ships, one of them in the open sea, and bound the other to the coast. Also, far more important, he dramatically flew his own airplane to Pantelleria and back and reversed everything that he and the accommodating Mr. Chamberlain are maintaining. Mr. Chamberlain said that Pantelleria has been made into one of the most fortresses of the world and that, as a threat to Italy, Malta no longer exists.

Pantelleria is a small island lying in the narrow neck of the Mediterranean between Sicily and Africa, about 30 miles southeast of the straight line drawn from the Tunisian cape to Marsala. Sicily's westernmost town, Northwest 150 miles from Italy's Sardinia, with its great strategic base for launching perfect bases for naval operations. South-east 150 miles lies Malta. On the north, Pantelleria is distant from the coast of Sicily about 60 miles, and south from that of Africa about 40. And through the two narrow channels thus created must pass every British freighter coming up from Suez; every British freighter bound to the Mesopotamian pipeline from the Persian Gulf to India. Through these channels, too, must pass the British navy for operations in the eastern Mediterranean and the support of Malta. And, if the stories which signal Mussolini's brawn are true, then both Pantelleria's north coast and the coast of Sicily are now bristling with 16- and 14-inch rifles, while the 40-mile stretch of the southern coast is covered by the same sort of guns from the south coast of Pantelleria.

Dire news from England, surely. Maybe the combined British and French navies could still blunt their way through and confirm their mas-

tery of Mare Nostrum. But considering the extraordinary strategic advantage afforded Italy by the combination of Sardinia, Sicily and Pantelleria, considering the German and Italian air bases at Ghazani, considering the Italian base at Majorca, and remembering what happened in the Dardanelles during the last war, no one can be any longer be sure.

**Offices**

Politics in WPA, everybody condemns. It's plainly wrong. WPA is spending relief money, charity money, for it to use any of the money for political purposes would be highly improper.

By the same token, politics in RFC is despicable. RFC too is a relief organization, with business men as its clients. For RFC to employ employees to go down the line for an administration candidate would certainly raise up a howl. On the theory that what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, RFC employees to do down the line for an anti-administration candidate would be equally reprehensible, not to say Intrepid. And it is conceded that Edgar Dunlap, discharged counsel for the RFC in Georgia, was taking active part in the campaign of Senator George for reelection.

But instead of being an RFC employee, Dunlap was a lawyer on retainer. He didn't have to punch anybody's clock. He was available for consultations and advice, just as the firm of Whitlock, Dockery & Shaw is to the Charlotte branch of the RFC. And suppose RFC discharged this firm because its members, about the acceptability of those services there was no complaint, were actively supporting Hancock, say, as against the complacent New Dealer Reynolds — that would be an exact analogy.

If Atlanta is frothing at RFC's arbitrary discharge of Dunlap because he was supporting the man the administration is out to get, who can blame it? The administration has earned a rebuke for itself. When it engages independent counsel, it does not buy the right to tell them to be for this candidate or for that candidate or for no candidate. It cannot properly use its power to employ lawyers for any political gaiting whatsoever.

**The Impatient Judge**

The attitude of Judge Ferdinand Pecora in the New York trial of James J. Hines, Tammany official accused of taking bribes for providing protection for the late Dutch Schull's multi-million-dollar policy racket, has not been surprising. Hines, like anybody else, must be presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty. But to threaten Prosecutor Dewey with dismissal of his case unless he submits "definite proof of money or patronage, or racket" — well, for heaven's sake, what is definite evidence? The man George Weinberg has testified explicitly that Hines was paid \$1,000 in cash and in his presence promised from \$500 to \$1,000 a week, and that money was to his knowledge, regularly set aside from the policy "take." Big Joe (Spam) Leon has testified to the last, too. And a number of witnesses have testified that the Tammany magistrates showed an extraordinary eagerness to dismiss the charges brought against them (the witnesses) in connection with the policy racket. Moreover, Dewey is known to have Dixie Davis, lawyer for the racket, waiting to testify against Hines.

The case is far from conclusive as it stands, and may not be conclusive when Davis testifies. The character of all the witnesses is bad, and that must be taken into account. But it seems nonsense to suggest that the evidence is not definite. None of the much ground for thinking that Dewey is unduly wasting time in insisting on sketching in the whole story of the workings of the racket. For the judge are presumably not familiar with it, they probably need to understand these things to understand the charges brought against Hines.

To say the least, Pecora, who himself came to prominence as a prosecutor for the government, is not familiar with the job of Tammany-man Jim Farley, shows an impatience which is hardly in keeping with the role of judge.

**A Failing Man**

(Around town - Washington Enterprise)

In one of my recent rants it occurred to me to spend a few days with a mountaineer family of Boggs living some ten miles from Siva. N. C. While I was there, the family decided they were going to move to Siva. Grandpa Boggs, aged 80, who is known to be in some home. He set out one morning walking toward Siva. Later I was amazed to see Grandpa Boggs coming up the mountain trail carrying the stone on his back. Why Grandpa Boggs exclaimed, "you didn't carry that stone all the way from Siva here, did you?" Grandpa swung the stone to the ground, sprayed a grasshopper some twenty feet away with a stream of amber juice from a greenish tube of Boggs' and replied, "Yup, she did. But I'm young, she is she telling on me fast. I had to set this yere stone down twice on the way up here."

**THE TRAFFIC IN PROMISES**

By Herbert Agar

EVERYONE who is disatisfied with the result of an election accuses the voters of having been bought or misled. Either Federal threats to WPA workers, or local threats to state workers, are supposed to explain whatever result the man who is doing the explaining does not like.

This is a bad state of mind for citizens of a democratic country. It is all right to think that the opposition is foolish, out of date, and generally misguided. But it is dangerous to think that the opposition is made up of crooks and hirelings. For it is so easy to believe that in order to beat the dishonest opposition one has a right to use dishonest methods oneself.

Why are the facts about the buying or the cooing of the voters? Is it true that our public life is being debauched by Federal and state machines? The first fact to recognize is that any country with much unemployment will find its elections becoming something of a machine. For the money, that is, will vie during the campaign in the making of royal promises.

**BOTH SIDES INEVITABLY PLAY THE SUCKER VOTE**

Whichever side wins the election will then break the promises which can be kept. RFCs are not the only ones which fool any but the most obtuse voters. In the recent Kentucky primary, for example, two days before the election, Senator Barkley is reported to have said in a speech: "If you want to swap all you've gotten me from the Federal Government for a set of balanced budget books down in Washington, then vote for 'Happy' Chandler. But if you want to keep on getting what you're getting, and get some more, too, then vote to keep me in the Senate."

That's really what says Governor "Happy" Chandler is reported to have said: "I'll get more for you in six years than did Alben got for you in twenty-six years."

Assuming that both reports were true, it doesn't follow that the voters were deceived by listening to such nonsense. They were not deceived because they elected "Happy" they would get more Federal benefits, or that if they failed to elect Barkley they would get less Federal benefits. They merely thought that here were a couple of politicians, two days away from election, frightened into selling lies.

**BUT THEY DON'T FOOL MANY PEOPLE THE WAY**

Governor Chandler announced months ago that he was planning to run against Barkley. At the time, the best informed Kentuckians guessed that if the election was held the day after the announcement, Barkley would win by fifty to eighty thousand votes.

Then came weeks of feverish and loud campaigning, threats and counter-threats, and all the charges about WPA coercion and the evils of the State machine. And on election day Barkley won by a margin of only a few thousand votes as the politicians and the press fiasco. There was one issue, the New Deal, and the people saw it.

A letter to this column from a woman in Chicago says, "The votes of the American people are now for sale—not for money or patronage, but for the right to work and be happy." That is the truth. The first politician who comes forward with a serious program for putting our people to work will get the votes of the unemployed. And no money or patronage will sway him by promises of Federal patronage or of local favors.

**A Last Year's Editorial**

(From The News of August 20, 1937)

**CHESTER SAID IT**

As you know what this site. It all came out at the right of the executive committee, but the Mecklenburg Association for Law Observance with City and County officials and police officers. It's crooked lawyers. It's crooked lawyers and "fool" laws and out-bustlers who come here maddling into our business. It's people who report police officers for misconduct and haven't the nerve to carry through. It's people who criticize police officers instead of putting them on the back. It's people—and for this the greatest contempt of the gallantry was reserved—who circulate false rumors about police officers.

Don't look at us; we haven't circulated any false rumors about police officers or knowingly about anybody. In fact, the latest rumor got given currency in this town came from an organization closely allied with the organization which gave birth to the MAPLO. It was United Dry Chairman Chester Morrison's Christian Endeavor Union, which did on April 3, 1937, adopt this resolution:

**Now We'll Tell One**

(Mrs. Dean Drumm, Shelby Star)

Yesterday I met the most amazing thing was a magazine salesman. I was his defenseless victim. He outlined his offer briefly. I told him, as briefly, that I wasn't interested. And, without another word, or argument, he turned and walked away. He had acted for all the world as if he believed I knew my own mind better than he, did.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

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By Ripley



Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

**Brains Don't Get Tired**

From The Baltimore Evening Sun

WHENEVER a person says that his head is tired from brain work, or that his mind is fatigued, he is implying "a theory of the mental life which finds little support in current research," according to Prof. G. L. Freeman, of Northwestern University, in a discussion of "Our Muscles and Our Minds."

Others of thinking is argued that the process of expressed he regulates by the muscles. He writes:

"Until recently, most people would have treated as absurd any notion that their mental processes are an intimately related to their muscles as to their brains. When suddenly assured that this is the case, they have difficulty in orienting themselves to the changed notion. Unable to understand just why his muscles should be of any more importance to thinking than his heart or his liver, the average man desires to be on the safe side so far as mental vigor goes. And since psychologists have been none too articulate in explaining the relation of mind and muscle, he listens, therefore, to the more volatile claims of the physical culturists, who offer correspondence courses in muscle building to a thriving business, and the 'daily dose' has become an accelerating feature of many an already hurried life.

**HOW TO RELAX STILL REMAINS A POBBER**

"The pathetic thing about all this well-meant but generally misguided effort is that it has accomplished little that it apparently hoped to do. Lethargia is as prevalent as ever and the number of insanities which can be traced indirectly to neuromuscular hypertension is on the increase. Individuals who should have been urged to sleep have often been urged to exhaust themselves further, while others who needed some exercise have tried to take a 'rest and quiet' cure."

But not only is the layman mistaken in his notions of the relationship of mind and muscle, Professor Freeman says, "It is equally true that the number of debilitated professional people, who have been equally in error."

"We have seen reason to believe that some sort of muscular activity is an essential condition for mental activity," he continues. "But the notion that such muscular activity is to be supported by activity in particular muscle groups is open to serious question. . . . Our studies of the relationship between mental and muscular activity have brought us into contact with a large number of debilitated professional people. The question most frequently asked is 'How can I make myself relax?' In most cases such people are working beyond their most efficient level of energy expenditure. The automatic standard processes are beginning to contribute heavily in the mobilization of organic resources. These processes are more difficult to relax away and tensions which were apparently essential for handling certain difficult situations begin to persist after the need is discharged.

**BODY TENSIONS EXPLAIN THE QUI WITH A GROUCH**

"The individual is often kept awake at night by residual hypertension or related visceral disorders. Shortly thereafter changes in his mental attitudes occur because of changes in the blood pressure, and changes in his mental attitudes occur because of changes in his mental attitudes. He becomes irritable, peevish, emotionally unstable. His friends begin to avoid him and he himself may begin to think he is losing his mind."

Then comes a conflict situation which tests his power of adjustment as never before and he makes a critical failure. The various types of disorders which accompany this final state of collapse are well known to the psychiatrist. He, however, is like a captain called upon to lead a ship that has started to sink. For just as a boat loaded beyond its "plimsoll mark" will not be kept afloat by a rough passage, so an already overloaded human machine is likely to go down in trying to meet a difficult emergency."

**IT'S SIMPLE BUT NOT QUITE EASY, THEN**

What, then, asks the scientist, can be done for a person who is constitutionally more tense and nervous than the average man? His answer is not quite so positive as his earlier assertions. First, he says, the "nervous" person had better try to find himself a new job; or as Professor Freeman puts it, "seek lines of endeavor" which will not tend to emphasize this condition. But a still better way would be for the individual to "acquire industry, control and co-ordination." Then, "in the face of a hyperactive postural substrate" they may come eventually to excite other people who are normally calm and easygoing. "The main thing is to keep a good grip on yourself, but as to how this is done, Professor Freeman has very little to say. He concludes:

"Many of our most successful men are dynamo of neuromuscular energy because their surface calm. They are apparently separated from certain inmates of our state asylums by a narrow margin. The reason they are big shots, instead of bughouse, is that 'they have learned to co-ordinate and control.'"

**Earlier Days**

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

**AUGUST 20, 1868**

**18 YEARS AGO**

**FREEDOM OF ELECTIONS**

At the election in Kentucky on the 3rd last General Burdette issued an order "that 'the judges at the polls shall be held strictly responsible that no disloyal person be allowed to vote." Among those thus to be excluded from the polls were probably the Democrats, who, as they oppose Lincoln and his fantastic crew, are classed with disloyal persons. What a glorious free country! "The best Government on earth."

Freedom of the United States is no more. It died of Lincolnism and abolitionism. Its only hope now lies in the Confederate States. —Parrsville Observer.

**AUGUST 20, 1838**

**100 YEARS AGO**

**DUELISTS**

Two seconds in a duel at Wimbledon, England, have been tried and found guilty of wild murder. Their lives will be spared, but sentences of death having been multiplied by imprisonment for a number of years. A few such examples would effectively eradicate this fashionable crime. —Parrsville Observer.

**These Words We Use**

By ROWE WEAVER

BALANT

You might be surprised to have the boss hand you a big sack of salt the next time your "salary" shows up. But if he did so, he'd be very proper historically. Salt was one of the most valuable commodities among ancient peoples, and was often quoted in terms of "salt" and workers were paid their "salarium" or "quantity of salt" to exchange for whatever they might want out of the merchants in the marketplace.

**Peculiarities Of People**

By F. Romar

**DONIZETTI**

COMPOSER of brilliant operas—his music at Lammernora is a favorite today. —Donizetti did not writing without drinking coffee occasionally. Night and day he consumed it; three cups to the measure were his average. Finally, his life and music were stained black, his usage became affron.

Miss Woodward related how she was taken to the fort in the inspiring history and progress of the true Georgia after witnessing the false impression created by "Tobacco Road." The result of her labors has been committed to the school authorities as well as literary critics.

The volume is one that might well inspire inspiration by other states.