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Staff
The prospect for the repeal of the
absentee ballot law, to say nothing
of the general reform of the election
laws and the purging of the registra-

In Which We Sit On A Fence
About Mr. Harry Hopkins' new
"permanent program" to furnish
between-season WPA (though non-

Very thoughtfully distributed. It is likely
that, counting both direct and indirect
taxes, we should not be paying
back more than 15 or 20 per cent of
what we got.

With all that sounds very tempting
and one-third of the population of
the nation, we get only 13 per cent
of its total income, and that despite
the fact that we are potentially by
far the richest portion of the country.

Moreover, the prospect of increased
purchasing power held out by Mr.
Hopkins is very alluring. In 1937
the value of merchandise exported
from the United States was \$2,025,
092,000. It follows, therefore, that
if his figures worked out, the pur-

very good chance that, in view of
the notorious shortness of the mem-
ory of the people, the current scandal
will be forgotten long before the
January, that the agitation for re-
peal will have died down, and that it
will be much easier not to do any-
thing about it.

Commentary in Anatomy
Japan's celebrated "face" has been
lost so many times of late that it
may be that she'll have to recon-
struct herself before long to going
out its altogether. First, she was
going to be in Hankow before Au-
gust 1, but now she is bogged down
on the Yangtze and making progress
only by the yard. Then Russia was
either going to get out of the de-
puted territory between Manchukuo
and Siberia or be thrown out. But
Sunday it was Japan herself who
was thrown out, or nearly thrown
out. And the day before that,
the Russians pulled the rug out from
under her checks by sending
24 huge bombers into Japanese
territory and bombing a Korean
railroad. There was big talk
about immediate and terrible
retaliation, but with the fact that
an attempt at such retaliation
would certainly bring Russian bomb-
ers swarming over Tokyo and Osaka
to give them a dose of the medicine
Japan has been handing out to
others. And faced with the fact that
there was no way adequately to retaliate
upon the Russian cities 6,000 miles
away, the word had to stand for
the deed.

It must be exceedingly painful for
a people to see that the use of the
name it has used up like a ball-dogging
smoke's at a county fair caught be-
tween two old-time big league pitch-
ers out for a little clean fun. But
perhaps Japan is not thinking so
much of that as most of us are.
Perhaps it is only a small minority.
But the majority of the people are
all the talking for business. And
the rest of business suffers in reputation
for the folly of this group.

An Issue Settled
The truth about Mr. Corrigan is
at length out. When he landed in
Ireland, he told officials there that
he had started out to California and
that his compass had jammed, so
that he went the wrong way. There
was a twinkle in his eye which said
that he was in his cheek when he
was saying it. But he went right on
saying it. He said it in London. He
said it repeatedly on the ship com-
ing home. He said it facing Mayor
LaGuardia in New York. And he
said it to the press and every body
who asked him. He said it better
than any man-minded person began to
speculate that it might really be so.
After all, was this not the silly season?
Was not Sirius, the dog star, ruling
in the sky? But, Monday, it was finally set-

Wonderful science settled it.
In Boston, home of the codfish,
beans and learning. There, Dr. Wil-
son, of the Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, got Mr. Corrigan in
front of a crowd and proceeded to
apply the lie-detector to him — a
device which records a rise in blood
pressure when the truth is separated
from a lie. You really start for
California? "Certainly!" said Mr.
Corrigan feebly. But the marker
rose suddenly.
We hope that puts your mind at
rest.

WHEN SHEEP
AID GOATS
By Herbert Agar
YESTERDAY I wrote about the plan
of a group of business men, with
the backing of the United States Cham-
ber of Commerce, to erect the Ameri-
can system to America. There is no
question of repeating or improving the
American system. It is easier, they
think, to high-pressure the people into
buying the system rather than to
attack the evils in our system, such as
unemployment.

Words instead of deeds, magic instead
of medicine, salariness instead of
stakeholdership.
Anyone who wants to know why busi-
ness and business men are revelling
in the success of the present campaign
which is sponsored by the United States
Chamber of Commerce.
There is no telling how many busi-
ness men share the attitude of the
people who are putting on the campaign.
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RUT THIS CRITICISM IS
NO TALK BY AN IDIOT
The president of seven leading cham-
bers of commerce signed a joint state-
ment to start this sales campaign.
The statement is a list of grievances, a list
of the ways in which these men believe
business is misunderstood by the general
public. And does business propose to
alter its habits in order that the public
may think better of it? Not at all.
Business proposes to do some expensive
self-binding so that the public shall
stop hounding them all the time.
The first grievance is that workers
and consumers no longer understand
the importance of private enterprise.
This isn't true. The American people
know the importance of private enter-
prise perfectly well. They also know
the value of the state and destructive by-
products of private enterprise. They
intend to remove the by-products, leav-
ing private enterprise in a healthier
state. Business prefers to ignore the
by-products.

Another complaint is that "pollition
and economic wreckers" accuse busi-
ness of being reactionary, selfish, short-
sighted and predatory. The implication
is that no sensible man would think
anything of the sort. Only fools, or
those seeking the votes of fools, would
apply such unkind words to business.

AR WITNESS THESE GREAT
NAMES FROM THE PAST
Are these words, or words with the
same meaning, were used by Theodore
Roosevelt and by Woodrow Wilson to
describe the Gilders and the Weirs and
the Hazan County magnates of their
day. They have been used by historians
and economists of the highest repute.
And they will go right on being used
so long as Weirs, Gilders and Hazan
Counties exist, and so long as honest
and patriotic business men refuse to
dissociate themselves from such dis-
grace.

Visiting Around
We Bet They Didn't Have No Talking
Headlines.
(Dallas Item, Goodwin Gazette)
"Miss Dallas of 1938" will be crowned
Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the local
high school auditorium in the annual
beauty pageant, sponsored this year by
the "Women's Circle of the Dallas Meth-
odist Church.

Watered Corn
(Slanley Item, Gasolita Gazette)
Some little demer was done to the
corn crop on the Indiana district last
week when the streams overflowed.

Letters To The Editor:
Just Suppose
An Epidemic
Broke Out!

A Letter In Support Of The
Hospital Deal With Work
Observations On The Nature
Of Mecklenburgers

Dear Sir:
I hope you are right in the con-
clusion you expressed Sunday and in
a previous editorial last week about
the certainty of Mecklenburg coming
across with enough money to make
sure of getting the proposed Memorial
Hospital. I'm not so sure about it,
I hope. Anyhow, it was pretty
canny of you to remind the people
that the hospital would spend \$100,000
annually here and that it would put
money in everybody's pocket. It cer-
tainly would. Think what a rush
there would be to get a factory that
brought in a \$300,000 payroll! And
it has been my observation during a
long residence in Charlotte that a
lot of its people always begin with
the question: "What's in it for me?"
And that the best way to get anything
done is to show them that there is
something in it for them.
Of course, the real reason that the
money ought to be raised is that the
town and the surrounding territory
needs a good hospital pitifully bad,
but the doctors of Mecklenburg are
turned away from our hospitals every
day, and that if an epidemic broke
out conditions would be simply hor-
rible. Interest in the safety of their
own lives and those of their loved ones
ought to be incentive enough to make
anybody contribute up to his share.
But still, it was wise to point out
the fact about how much the hospi-
tal will spend.
P. L. R.
Charlotte.

Liquor Stores Seen As
Cause Of Our Ills
Dear Sir:
In this coasting and crumbling world,
who speaks for humanity and justice?
Not a voice! Gretna has disappeared.
Where are the great Allies who fought
the war to end all wars? All broken
and demoralized. They are now speech-
less or try mumble words that nobody
can understand. They prepare
for even greater oracles to come. It
is the day of the weak soap-boxers
in power.

Governor Hays could have driven
Honor and integrity out from our
1937 Legislature and from this great
state. He could have abolished the
corrupt and wicked ARC laws (sham-
bolic, lumbolic, and corruption) with
their armies of outrageously over-paid
Honor and integrity men drawing blood
from state and county so-
called liquor control stores. They can
eradicate the crooked, corrupt and
dradly liquor traffic in this state in
1939. But not, coasting, soap-box sta-
tionship is not coaxing.

The recent ARC prosecution of the
beefsteaks, the foetus as well as
prosecution of immorality and un-
chastity on large college campuses of
this nation by the professional under-
world brothels, and red-light dens.
We need statehood in this state
and nation today that can pull heavy
loads upward and against the opposition
of the devil. We need far more than
smooth preaching and profaned oratory
in the pulpits. The New Deal will never
proceed nor succeed, until it is forever
divorced from the old liquor deal. It
will be something when liquor drinking
back to recovery.
R. L. GODWIN.

NEXT MOON
By Lovine Lashley
If someday I should meet you on
an unfamiliar street
And you remember to utter once
the best of friends,
I hope you'll grin and say, "Hello!
How goes it?"
I've learned that many things
soon end —
If you should slip your jaunty hat
And wave a friendly wind-browed
hand,
I'll pause, remembering, smile I'm
I won't forget . . . to understand.

Bearable Affliction
(Dilly Arthur, New Bern Tribune)
I yelled at William Dunn Sr. about a
half block from the other day, expecting
a return greeting as he always gives me.
But he said nothing and looked at me.
As I approached he still said nothing,
and I asked: "What the — is the mat-
ter with you?"
"Can't talk," he whispered. "Last my
voice."

Then I recalled that the nice jactulous-
ly said that if he ever lost his voice it
wouldn't make much difference at home,
because he never could get in a word
there.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.
HILL OF THE DEADMAN
La Loma del Muerto
STARTLING FORMATION OF NATURE IN CIENFUEGOS, Cuba
HEN LAYS PERFECTLY ROUND EGGS
White Leghorns
Owned by A RARE Cornish
EUGENE MD
SIGNATURE OF DR. EUGENE SOLE
Brooklyn, N.Y.
OTIS HAYS HAS PLAYED 12 YEARS ON ONE BALL CLUB — WITHOUT MISSING AN INNING — PIT DORA, Florida
THE COLLAPSIBLE CHURCH Highland Park, Florida — BUT FOR THE PROPS THE CHURCH WOULD FALL DOWN USED DAILY
Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

Realism at the Trough
BY RUGH S. JOHNSON

BETHANY BEACH, Del. — Senator
Baskley and Happy Chandler are
reported to have wound up their cam-
paign in a boasting contest about their
relative abilities to get things out of
Washington for Kentucky. The Senator
says that he knows his way around that
snaky labyrinth no much better than
Happy that he can bring home more
bacon. Even the President hinted at
something of the same sort. Happy in-
dicates that Albion's bragging has been
so bad that Kentucky is one of the few
states that actually pay into Washing-
ton more taxes than they take out in
pork, and further, that he, Happy, is
a much better panhandler than the
Senator.

A Last Year's Editorial
(From The News of Aug. 9, 1937)
WORSE AND MORE OF IT
In North Wilkesboro each this morn-
ing, ten police officers gave chase to
an automobile said to have been driven
in a reckless manner. Speeding through
the dark, the police car left its wheels
and turned over several times, where-
upon the officers commanded another
machine and finally won the race by
the expedient of shooting down the tires
of the car ahead. One shot, to be sure,
went wide of its mark and passed
through the rear window and the wind-
shield, by luck hitting no one.

THE CAPITAL IN FULL OF
LITTLE BUREAU MEMOS
It is a long bill on that "knowing
the way around" Washington is an abso-
lute essential to prevent this massive
short-changing of third states. It isn't
only a question of the political and
intellectual geography of that mystic
meat of interlocking bureaucracies. It
consists also in being known favorably
and sympathetically by the little despots
of a hundred political principalities.
There is nothing better calculated to
make an insolent, opinionated jackass
out of a mediocre nonsensical person
than to take him out of some \$10 a week job
in civil life and seat him behind a
Government desk at \$7,000 to \$10,000
a year, invested with more or less power
over the spending of millions.

Rounding the Circle
(Winston-Salem Journal)
Progress of civilization: From pictures
writing to picture magazines.

Peculiarities Of
People
By F. Romer
GALLANT GORDON
ENGLAND'S great general,
Charles George Gordon,
born to die in battle and
a hero of breath-taking glamour
in India's fierce campaigns,
feared the sound of cannon
on a boy. He spent his child-
hood days in dread and
trampling when artillery and
battle practice went on near
his home.

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

AUGUST 8, 1863
75 YEARS AGO
FEELING IN THE ARMY
A gentleman in this place has re-
ceived a letter from his son in General
Lee's army in which he expresses sur-
prise and indignation at the existence
of any feeling like dependency, which
he has heard exists to some extent in
North Carolina. He says:
"This is all wrong. You do not find
it in the army, which is just as con-
fident as it ever was, and the fear of
being overpowered or subjugated has
not once prevented itself to the men of
this army. They are the men who do
the fighting and bear the brunt of the
war, and if they think themselves com-
petent in the undertaking, why should
those who are sitting off in the shade
and comparatively uninterested in the
contest, why should they set up the hue
and cry we are whipped; we had better
make peace on any terms" and such
like erroneous and injurious state-
ments." — Fayetteville Observer.

AUGUST 6, 1863
100 YEARS AGO
INTERFERENCE IN STATE
ELECTIONS
The Charleston Mercury lately boasted
that it had seen a letter from Mr.
Polkett, Secretary of War, declaring
that he was opposed to the re-election
of Mr. Legare because he was not suf-
ficiently zealous in support of the ad-
ministration, and recommending that
the suggestion of Mr. Calhoun, that either
Judge Huger, Col. Meminger or Mr.
Barnett be brought out in opposition to
him.
Where is the spirit that once animated
South Carolina, that she did not
indignantly spurn such an interference
with her dearest privileges, from the
Cabinet at Washington? — Fayetteville Observer.

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Even in lesser jobs there seems to
be at least ordinary politeness, you
are pretty apt to put your pride in your
pocket when you exercise your constitu-
tional right to "visit the seat of the
Government."

AND YOU HAVE TO KNOW
HOW TO GRIEVE THEM
One of the hardest things about run-
ning NRA was to keep young dupes
from treating even in vital labor and
business leading like applicants for a
job as washroom assistant cleaner-
outs. One got fired when it was
shown that he customarily sat with his
heels on his desk yawning or idly shod-
ding paper clips at the back of abso-