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**Let's Be Realistic**  
 The papers these last few days have been full of good tax news from Washington. The business barometer has been falling pretty sharply, and Congress seems to have come around at last to the realization that the capital gains tax and the undistributed profits tax are having a job to do with it. From the floor and the corridors and the cloakrooms we heard such expressions as: "We must drop business from the blacklist"; "Give business a chance"; "Have pity on the small business man; at least." Business itself, on the theory of an old port in a storm, is compensating the illusion that merely a change in the method of collecting taxes would cause the winds to moderate and the waters to recede. It might help, to be sure; but come let us be realistic about the beginnings of this depression, as we couldn't bring ourselves to be at the beginning of it. It is the amount of the national income expropriated by the Federal Government that is stalemating recovery. As long as some nine billions annually are necessary to support the New Deal in the style to which it has become accustomed, there is no possible way to make the collection of those billions painless. Disguise the process as much as possible, soak only the rich and set it out of the hides of big corporations alone, the fact remains that it is the amount of money siphoned out of the earnings of business, rather than the manner of siphoning it, that is at the bottom of our troubles.

**"Unquestionable Fact"**  
 As soon as we saw that Dr. A. J. Barton of Wilmington was on the resolutions committee of the North Carolina Synod, we knew that we had the amount of money siphoned out of the earnings of business, rather than the manner of siphoning it, that is at the bottom of our troubles.

**The Lodge Meets**  
 "I know a lot of you will be ashamed when you do it and more ashamed when you don't. But I don't blame you folks who need the votes and have to have them. You're the boys in Congress from Texas, paying his regards to the majority of his constituents whom he suspects to be about to vote for the Wagner anti-lynching bill. Well, Tom has sometimes indulged in heavy sarcasm. And so maybe yesterday he was going in for irony. There was plenty of room in that "I don't blame you folks who need the votes" sure. For what it seems to me that the job he's doing is to keep the public interest - we all admire them things of course, but what I always say is that the first thing is to get a seat at the table. That's what Tom seems to be doing. And besides, isn't there about the way Tom said it the ring of something more remarkably reminiscent of one lodge brother addressing other lodge brothers in confidential key?"

**Bankhead's Ghost**  
 Senator Bankhead of Alabama wants his Jeffersonian comports. He has the law restricted only to the next two years, save that now he wants to raise the tax on farmers who grow more than they are told to grow from 50% of their surplus to 75%. Well, it's possible to feel a certain sympathy with the Senator's purpose. Cotton production is obviously bound up with the "general welfare" and particularly the welfare of the South. And in view of this year's crop and the steadily rising price of cotton, it would be desirable to reduce the planting for the next two years from the present 35,000,000 acres to the 25,000,000 acres the Senator proposes.

**Bankhead's Ghost**  
 But what about the constitutionality of the thing? The Bankhead Act was so obviously unconstitutional under the majority opinion of the Supreme Court in the AAA case that Congress beat the Court to its inactivation. And that there is any doubt about the constitutionality of the AAA death-sentence, you can see by the flanking of the Court seems extremely dubious. For, while three most liberal of the Justices, Brandeis, Stone, and Cardozo, dissented from the AAA death-sentence, yet in that dissenting opinion they held, to say, and with pointed reference to the Bankhead Law, first, that economic coercion was undoubtedly unconstitutional, and secondly that "Threat of loss, not hope of gain, is the essence of economic coercion."  
 And isn't it manifestly by "threat of loss" that the Senator proposes to enforce his scheme?

**HOW HENRY? ASK MUSSO!**  
 By W. A. Johnson  
 WASHINGTON:—Just as Congress comes back clearly reflecting the scars thrown into the whole country by the massed-simultaneous-flocking to the home-roost of all the misbegotten chickens of the Third New Deal, the Secretary of Agriculture hatches a strange new form for the "normal granary" for industry as well as agriculture.  
 "Every normal granary" has a capacity of 100 bushels and is a merely ordinary granary. Somebody in the better-dying AAA is a master of duplicity—or the art of using a deceptively or highly perfumed word to designate a thing that stinks.

**SEEKS COLLECTIVE AGRICULTURE**  
 In the latest report of the Department of Agriculture, detailing the progress of every farm in the United States is called "crop adjustment." A sales tax levied directly on the food and clothing of the poor is called a "processing tax." A proposed agricultural organization created under Washington dictation is called "group solidarity." But the lingo is to call the complete dirt regulations for this absolute regimentation of American agriculture—"the normal granary" law.  
 You can't read this "report" without seeing the conviction that what Mr. Wallace means is a complete dictation of the operation, fortunes and welfare of every one of six million separate American farms. Its authoritarian essence is not disguised by calling it "regulatory democracy," because farmers vote on their proposed subsidy system, they can't afford not to vote.

**MEN WHO DRIVE CARS DRUNK SHOULD GO TO CHAIN GANG IF PRACTICE TO BE STOPPED**  
 Dear Sir:  
 During this criminal period that we are in to put a man who drives a car drunk on the chain gang, I will not attempt such a thing again. I don't propose to know it all, but suspended sentences and paroles will never stop or lessen crime. You might in the course of a lifetime stop a very few from the ranks of men, women and children. A suspended sentence of six months, and cancels his driver's license for a year. After that is done, the criminal goes out and starts all over again.

**THE SIGNOR KNOWS**  
 Mr. Wallace is wrong. It would not be at all difficult to find an exact industrial counterpart. You can find it in Italy in the Fascist Corporate State. Mr. Mussolini can tell us all about it. It is pretty plain what Mr. Wallace's political scheme is. It is a confirmed fraud. Simply stated, he wants government to run all production in the United States and not merely government in general but Federal Government in all his makings the states have no place.

**Rabbit Gum**  
 (Tom Henderson, Caswell Messenger)  
 My first teacher was an unlettered young Negro. He won my friendship, aroused my interests and inspired my aspirations. He taught me how to make a rabbit-gum. He taught me to make a rabbit-gum. He taught me to make a rabbit-gum. He taught me to make a rabbit-gum.

**Visiting Around**  
 No, But We're Looking — Out (Araclis Jew, Lexington Dispatch)  
 S. L. T'wh has traded for a new car. Also A. S. Zimmerman and family are spinning around in a brand new Chevrolet car. Anybody else?

**How Old, How These Files**  
 (Lumberton Hobbesman)  
 The flag captured an unusual position atop Lumberton's court-house on Annette Day. The court house janitor first placed it upon the roof of the court house. The janitor then placed it upon the roof of the court house. The janitor then placed it upon the roof of the court house.

**We Knew There Was a Catch in It**  
 (Lincoln Times)  
 Speaking of good things to eat, it would be hard to imagine anything better just at this season than a turkey dinner. A turkey dinner is not only a festive affair, but it is also a healthy one. A turkey dinner is not only a festive affair, but it is also a healthy one.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT** By Ripley  
 On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope. Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

**SCOTCH LOVE LETTER**  
 Darling,  
 Describe the ground  
 we walk on. I like to  
 see you walk. It shows  
 you are shifty and cunning.  
 The last time you did your  
 dress it looked months  
 over-much. It would not  
 have lasted inside out. But  
 that is pretty much to last  
 your lifetime. There's nothing  
 sweeter than for you to  
 if it were for the expense of  
 a funeral. Old dog me down  
 and die for you.  
 Sandy

**BROWN KRONOPKA**  
 MADE A 132-YARD KICK  
 77 YDS. IN AIR - 55 YDS. ROLL  
 NO WIND  
 SOUTH DENVER  
 VS. MANUAL TRAINING  
 CENTER, CO.  
 Explanation of Today's Cartoon  
 132-YARD PUNT—In a game between South Denver and Manual Training school schools at Denver university stadium, October 23, 1937, Bruce Kronopka, 200 lbs. behind his own goal line and punted. The ball went 77 yards on the fly. It on South's 23 yard line, bounced over the goal line and end zone and came to rest beside a flagpole 30 yards back of the goal—a total distance of 132 yards—the longest punt on record.

**MRS. OLIVE WHITNEY**  
 63 YRS. OLD - STILL HAS HER FULL SET OF BUBBY TEETH  
 HERE LIES DICK HERE LIES HE  
 REBUFT COUL  
 HALELUJAH HALELUJAH  
 GRAVESIDE IN AUSTON

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
 BY HERWOOD BROWN  
 I SAW an extraordinary letter in the Times the other day in which the writer said that there was practically no such thing as an unperformed promise. He didn't quite go to the length of identifying it as the judgment of God, but the author of the letter honestly contended that people were poor because they didn't save when they had a chance or because they failed to equip themselves with technical training which would fit them for skilled trades.

**Cats as Barometers**  
 (Charleston News & Courier)  
 It is out of the routine to find a weather man who places faith in cats, fiddle strings and telephone wires in forecasting the meteorological conditions. Amarillo, Texas, has a weather man who says that "a house cat is a fair forecaster at times. When a cat wags its tail it is a good sign of a cold and if it refuses to eat in winter months, it's a good sign of continued warm weather."

**Who's Boss of the Yarkin?**  
 (Winston-Salem Journal)  
 It appears that the courts will have to determine who shall control the Yarkin River. The Federal Power Commission's decision on the Tuckerstown development makes it clear that the Federal Government is not going to permit the state to control this stream without a fight.

**Industry Can't Do It**  
 In all fairness to private industry it could not, with the best will in the world, take over anything like the entire army of the jobless. What we call boom times still have many stragglers on the sidelines. Nor do I refer to those who are unable to work, through age or impairment of health. An even greater number includes those who are not sufficiently productive to fit into the machine age.  
 But though the picture is gloomy, something can be done about it. Naturally there should be greater opportunities for increased technical education, but there must be some relationship between the opportunities and the kind of training given.  
 Naturally the abolition of child labor would help, and so would penning

**Earlier Days**  
 News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh  
 NOVEMBER 19, 1843  
 15 YEARS AGO  
 FROM TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY  
 Rosecrans arrived in Nashville on the 11th with three divisions, making five divisions in all. An Abolitionist at Mitchellville and another at Gallatin, Rosecrans declares his determination to subdue Southern people as he proceeds South. The alternative will be offered, he says, of allegiance to the Union. He will apply the same law to children. His idea is to have an immense population on the soil, to consume, what he considers, our limited supplies, and thus starve us into submission.  
 Col. Adam Johnson's cavalry made a dash for the Abolitionists, killing 150. The Abolitionists fled to the Ohio river, but were pursued. We succeeded in capturing three steamboats, and brought back forty wagon loads of army supplies.  
 —Fayetteville Observer.

**Other Ages and Nations**  
 Speaking of the doctrines of the present Cabinet, the Globe says: "His opinions are sanctioned by the experience of other ages and nations." We have no objection to that so long as they are rejected by the experience of this age and nation. Other ages and nations have sanctioned the Inquisition and the rack. Other ages and nations have sanctioned idolatry and human sacrifices. Would the Globe have us do the same? The governments of other ages and nations have monopolized all the gold and silver to themselves, and forced iron collars for the people. Would the Executive organ have this precedent followed also? Other nations—but it is quite needless to extend the parallel.  
 —Fayetteville Observer.

**Recess**  
 (Haleigh News & Observer)  
 "Last year a British burial commission still found 9000 bodies of British soldiers on one of the World War's battlefields." H. C. Engelbrecht, co-author of "Merchants of Death" and recently author of "Revolt Against War," told a audience at the National Book Fair in New York City. "They are still digging them up. It is taking too much to hold off the next world war until the area can be cleaned up. In the bulletin of Spain they do that much for the bull."  
 Mr. Engelbrecht would have said that, could they dig that much for the bull. Dullfighting is suspended in Spain while the bloodier sport of war goes on. Nevertheless his proposal is fair enough. There should be at least a suspension of world war long enough for the interment of the dead.