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Before Chase, Mecca

We hate to give up any "Arts"
but it's probably true that Charlotte
has, as we are always assuming, the
town with the greatest moral fervor
in the South.

A few of Mr. Roosevelt's conserva-
tion ideas have not borne fruit. The
Shelter Belt, for example, though
many of the trees are said to have
been planted, has not proved feasible
or worth its cost. But the restora-
tion of humus to the soil by crop
rotation and legumes, the prevention
of erosion, flood control, as far as it
has gone, and the return of marginal
acres to a wooded state all have
been proved feasible and of great
advices of this administration for
succeeding generations. If not this,
will return devout thanks.

Sound Logic

When some of the employees of
Davega-City Radio, Inc., a New York
firm, went on strike, Gus Siegel, who
has worked for the firm nine years,
decided to remain at his job. Then
on November 23 he was arrested for
workmen set up to picket her home
with a sign calling for a strike-
breaker. She had him haled into
Washington Square Court for disor-
derly conduct, and last Thursday
Magistrate William Klapp adjudged
her guilty and fined her \$100. He
did not, after arguing that under
no view could the woman be
called a strike-breaker.

Against Copious Wars

An assertion that war with Italy
was imminent, as the result of the
French minister of the Navy after
copiously drinking champagne, has
struck the Italian Press. They call
the minister a liar. They should be
thankful that he had not been cop-
iously drinking North Carolina
whisky, as the case of the minister
probably has already declared war.

Note for the Medic

The old fashioned country doctor
was a figure of importance and re-
spected. The practice of modern
medicine today owes the old doctors
much more than they thought. It is
to practice medicine as it was prac-
ticed fifty years ago would be un-
thinkable to today's specialists. They
don't rub-glycerin hands in horror to
think of the unsanitary measures of
the old men, as they taught them-
selves at some of the old red-brick
and calomet cures. Medicine today
is a congeries of precise and glitter-
ing specialties.

Don't Know Their Values

America's falling birth rate brings
to be due to the shift from power to
bricks. Many people believe that a
pair of shoes is worth more than a
pair of pants.

THIS NATION CAN TAKE IT

WASHINGTON—The productiveness
of this country both in industry and
agriculture is potentially at its highest
point. There is plenty of money. There
is a starved need for almost everything
that we seek and wish we had. Even at
the depths of this new Roosevelt de-
pression it is a marvel that only the so-
called lords of commerce and indus-
try should alone be in great distress.

There was some reason for this. Prices were
too high for stocks and consumers goods,
if not for commodities. People were
sambating on a new miracle of the "abolition
of poverty" based on lending our
money to "backwards and crippled and
home" as a basis of maintaining activity
in our own markets. There is abso-
lutely nothing of a fundamental nature
that can be so criticized today.

WE HAVE THESE

We have new problems of wider
distribution of all the goods of life. We
would like to make our condition better
than it is. It is amazing that, looking
at all the facilities for doing this, we
find them paralyzed. Just one reason.
We are afraid of our own system. It
was not first said by Mr. Roosevelt, it
was said by him long before he was
President—but that doesn't detract from
its truth. We have only fear to deal
with today.

A little over five years ago, the fear
we had was of the workability of the
system that our forefathers had created.
It depended on the activity of what we
now call the "middle class," each con-
tributing more or less in his own orbit.
To correct that, in the last four and three-
quarter years we have substituted an-
other system in which many of these
individuals are ordered to move in a
collective path. But the difference is
so slight that no individual feels it.

Does it make a great deal of difference
what artificial system is imposed on so
many scores of millions of people lo-
cated in the midst of resources so rich,
imbued with a tradition of activity and
productiveness? Can anything stop or
repress that potential activity? Will
anybody sell America short? What
we have to be thankful for is boundless
natural resources and a people of bound-
less resourcefulness. No New Dealers,
Old Dealers, Economic Royalists—
there is no one to stand between the sun
and for long stop that combination.

Jim Makes Ends Meet

(Tom Henderson, Caswell Messenger)
(Heardford County Herald)
Not all of the slums are in the cities
and the rural districts are not the most
vicious places on earth, free from the
stink of confinement and filth and
poverty. Even in Abkhazie there are slum
conditions so degraded and depraved
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partment ordered closed last week is not
the only instance of housing and living
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rural districts of the county that in
sanitary, filth, disease, and depravity are
below the level of decency.

Mystery

(Franklin Times)
The State of North Carolina, in tak-
ing over the responsibility of furnishing
free text books, assumed a greater re-
sponsibility in the schools than it pos-
sibly intended. The average person ex-
pected this to cover the cost of all books
necessary to complete the public school
course. It has developed that the cost
of supplemental books and supplemental
rentals will almost equal the cost of text
books. Just why a child can't be pro-
moted with the completion of the work
assigned by the public school is un-
derstood by the public, except as a
measure to create a sale for extra books
and an extra expense to the parents.

Visiting Around

Bananas in the Hand and in the Bush
(High Hill Item, Monroe Journal)
One of our local boys returning from
his rabbit boxes the other morning with
three live rabbits in his left hand and a
gun in the other, was in the center of
the road in front of him. He got so
excited he dropped all three rabbits in
order to shoot the one he wanted.

Service

(Haltmore Evening Sun)
Prof. Howard W. Odum, of the Univer-
sity of North Carolina, last year pub-
lished a monumental work called "South-
ern Regions." It contained 664 large
pages in 11 small volumes. It is the
work of Dr. Odum, the staff of The Kre-
ning Book, published a book called "The
Wanted Land," which digested Dr.
Odum's source book and gave all the
essential facts in the space of 110 small
pages in ten types.

Speaking of Fish

(State Post Pilot)
A sunfish caught in Onslow county
was weighed and allowed a full afternoon
and its picture was published in thou-
sands of newspapers. The advertising
value of the catch was enormous. Al-
though the fish was described as a very
rare one, the fact remains that the same
species has frequently been taken in
shrimp trawls at Southport and the
general public heard nothing about it.
One such sunfish was exhibited at the
Southport high school four or five years
ago, and fishermen frequently dis-
cuss it but do not take and do not think
enough of their catch to mention it.

Comity of Cities

(Charlotte News & Courier)
The Greenville Piedmont carried on
its front page the other day a cartoon
showing a terrific label for "Spencer-
burg" marking past a moment when
which was dreaming of "City Extension."
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bickering about enlarging the city limits to
include the population adjacent.

Before Moral Fervor Must Come A Code

Mr. Lippmann's Book Is Quoted
To Show MAPFO Is Beating
On A Dead Horse.

Dear Sir:
With MAPFO so prominently active
in making Charlotte a moral metropolis
in which to live it may be well to con-
sider what one of the reputedly best
thinkers of our time has to say about
the question of morals and moralists.

In his "Principles of Morality" Walter
Lippmann says: "The trouble with the
moralists is in the moralists themselves;
they have failed to understand their
times. They think they are dealing with
a generation that refuses to believe in
ancient authority. They are, in fact,
dealing with a generation that cannot
believe in it. They think they are con-
fronted with men who have an irrational
preference for immorality, whereas the
men and women about them are ridden
by doubts because they do not know
what they prefer, nor why. The moral-
ists fancy that they are standing upon
the rock of eternal truth, surveying the
chaos about them. They are greatly
mistaken. Nothing in the world is more
chaotic—not its politics, its business,
or its social relations—than the mindsets
of orthodox moralists as they are today.
The problem of morals is somehow to
find a way of reinforcing the sanctions
which are dissolving. How can we, they
say in effect, find formulas and hetero-
dox potent enough to make men behave?
How can we revive in them that love
and fear of God, that sense of the crea-
tor's dependence upon his creator, that
obedience to the commands of a heav-
enly king, which once gave force and ef-
fect to the moral code?"

"They have misconceived the moral
problem, and therefore they miscon-
ceive the function of the moralist. An
authoritative code of morals has force
and effect when it expresses the settled
customs of a stable society; the pharisee
can impose upon the minority only such
conventions as the majority find appro-
priate and unselfish. But when custom
is unsettled, as it is today, the moralist
in modern world, by continual change of
the circumstances of life, the pharisee
is helpless. He cannot command with
authority because his commands no
longer imply the usage of the commu-
nity. He cannot rebuke anybody unless
the moralist rather than the practices of
men. When that happens, it is pre-
sumptuous to issue moral command-
ments for in fact nobody has authority
to command. It is useless to command
when nobody has the disposition to
obey. It is futile to rebuke anybody unless
he knows exactly what to command. In
such societies, wherever they have ap-
peared among civilized men, the moralist
has ceased to be an administrator of
usages and has had to become an in-
quirer into the nature of the moral
when custom is unsettled are necessarily
ages of prophecy. The moralist cannot
teach what is revealed; he must reveal
what can be taught. He has to seek in-
sight rather than to preach."

Slums in the Country

(Hertford County Herald)
Not all of the slums are in the cities
and the rural districts are not the most
vicious places on earth, free from the
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As long as such conditions are allowed
to exist with a complacent disregard
and acceptance of them, Hertford County
may expect its death rate and its dis-
ease rate to be among the highest in
the county. Bred in such surroundings
as led to the closing of the house in
Abkhazie last week that harbored a score
of people, without privacy or sanitary
facilities, nothing can be expected of
these people except crime, disease and
poverty. No country and no town and
no nation has ever improved its stand-
ards of living upon such a base.

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Pittsburgh
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A BUNCE
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WITHOUT
BEING ON THE
FAIRWAY IN
THE ROUGH—
OR ON THE
"GREEN"
HOW?
Answer Next Week

Explanation of Today's Cartoon
NAVY SPARROWS—Here's a letter that just came to me from China:
"Chefoo, China, Abroad U. S. S. 'Black Hawk'."
Dear Mr. Ripley: Even at this time when shot and shell between the Japanese and Chinese are ridding
this land of the country squander, I feel it is more of a wonder. Would you believe that three English sparrows have followed Lieutenant Commander C. M. Holton from America to
China aboard this ship. I have seen them every day for a year, and they have followed the ship every
place, even to Singapore. Needless to say, they are great pets with the crew, and we call them "Papa-
Mama" and "Junior Deep." Yours sincerely, E. L. Flower, U. S. S. "Black Hawk."

CITY HALL TOPICS

MAYOR DOUGLAS' interest in aviation
has got noted abroad and, ap-
parently because of his enthusiasm for
this newest mode of transportation, as
displayed at the recent meeting of the
United States Conference of Mayors, he
has been named a member of the con-
ference's committee to discuss airport
problems with representatives of the
Federal government and air transport
companies.

The United States Department of
Commerce has called a meeting to be
held at the Commerce Building in Wash-
ington December 5 and 7. At this meet-
ing will be representatives of the De-
partment of Commerce, the War De-
partment, the Post Office Department,
the air transport companies, and the
representatives of the larger cities
throughout the conference committee.

The appointment of our general mayor
to this important committee is recognition
that the whole city should take
pride in.

Out of the conference next month will
probably come recommendations which
eventually may be embodied in legis-
lation. Consequently, the sessions
will be of importance, and may be the
turning point in the future develop-
ment of the nation's air facilities.

And so the services of the mayor,
whose enthusiasm at the start made
possible the realization of this law by
Charlotte. He will be enlarged and he
will have a large part in the advance-
ment of the nation's airways.

Highlights of the City Hall frolic as
seen by Mrs. Alice B. McConnell, city
fiery:
"Mayor Douglas' impromptu song,
that's a good fellow well met, with his
gay humor. And he's a mayor we are
justly proud of."
"our ex-slave city manager and his
charming wife."
"A goodly gathering of councilmen
and their wives mingling with the crowd."
"The cute (?) girls in the Big Apple
featuring, starring L. L. Ladner, Willis
Tendin, Charlotte Hitch and Ted Mungo."
"The step of Chief Phillips' cigar, and
who says he can't sing?"
"Sherrwood Brockwell, state fire mar-
shal, who came all the way from Raleigh
to assist in the minister. And his two
talented daughters."

"the abundance of good food."
"The friendly spirit of more than five
hundred persons, proving that the city
employee of the Friendly City are just
one big happy family."
"and our thanks to Clair Shadwell
and Trace Henry for their untiring ef-
forts in helping us to put this over as
our biggest and best city party."

And Mrs. McConnell turns the tables
with this pretentious (no, impertinent)
question: May we ask, "How come the
writer of this column got lost in the
artillery room of the army at the City
Hall frolic?" Was it in the inferno?
Or was he merely trying

Earlier Days

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

NOVEMBER 27, 1863
15 YEARS AGO
YANKEE ANTICIPATION
Our enemies could before this to have
realized the full force of the proverb,
"there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip."
Several times during the last year they
have had Richmond—in anticipation.
By the last arrival from the North we
find a new page of such predictions.
First comes the New York Tribune; con-
sidering Fredericksburg as already cap-
tured and as affording a shorter and bet-
ter route to Richmond than any of those
heretofore tried, and the Tribune is not
compelled to wonder why it was not
previously chosen.

Next the Washington Star which
imagines that Burnside was already
twenty miles near Richmond than the
main portion of the rebel army and that
he would get in to Hanover Court House
(30 miles from Richmond) before resis-
tance could be offered. In five days
the great battle was to be over and in
10 days Richmond was to be in Burn-
side's possession. (The five days are
gone, and half of the ten.)

A letter from Manassas of the 18th,
published in the Star, considers Burn-
side as already established in Fredericks-
burg and the "rebel" taken entirely by
surprise" by the moment.

The Philadelphia Inquirer asks "Why
cannot the Union general fall upon Lee
as once before Jackson could John Bull,
and crush him with numbers?" Yes,
why cannot he?

We need only repeat "there's many a
slip 'twixt cup and lip."
—Fayetteville Observer.

NOVEMBER 27, 1837
100 YEARS AGO
THE "NORTH CAROLINA"
This elegant new boat celebrated her
introduction as an associate of the Bos-
ton in the Wilmington harbor yesterday
by an excursion about the harbor and a
splendid dinner on board. The dinner
was attended by a goodly company and
brought appropriate laudatory remarks;
among them the following by General
Owen of North Carolina:

"Charlotte. May she soon become
the commercial emporium of the South
and West."
—Charlotte Mercury.

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