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Speaking of Differentials

To give WPA employment to 350,000 more persons during this recession and this Winter will cost Messrs. Harry Hopkins, it is reported, \$25,000,000 a month. That is an average of \$69.71 a relief client.

Congress is now considering a wage and hour bill, and one of the objections raised by non-Southerners is against any lower wage in favor of the South.

Try Again, Doc

"Why" — inquires the eminent Dr. Walter V. Kaufers, Professor of English in Leland Stanford University, "why should we still be obliged to write a capital 'Q' in much the same way the ancients made it 5,000 years ago, and for no better reason than that they somehow look it into their heads to draw the picture of a monkey with his tail hanging down?"

The good doctor wants to do away with all that monkey business and replace our old clumsy alphabet and methods of writing with a kind of shorthand which can be written very rapidly and which has not something there, too. After all there is no real reason we can think of why we should go on drawing a picture of Cousin Pecos and calling it "Q."

Another Ideal Shattered

Even that vestige which was left of the much discussed Graham Plan after last year's session of the Southern Conference, is now no more. The rule against outside gifts or loans, when made primarily because of the student's athletic ability, has been deleted, and by the conference's vote it is conceded the policy is laid down that outside gifts or loans are nobody's business.

took on more than it should have taken on. But the suspicion persists that the moment the college chafed at the rules principally because they weren't being lived up to: An uglier way to put it is that they were being violated.

A Weak Cheer

We quite agree with Governor O. Max Gardner's appraisal of John W. Hanes, whom the President has nominated to the Securities Exchange Commission, as a "fine citizen," who comes from a "most honorable and distinguished North Carolina family."

For who has a greater, wholly incontestable right to one of the places on the SEC than a man familiar with the workings of the exchanges and equipped to see more than one side of the question of government regulation? Have we arrived at a point where competent examination of public problems is the special occasion for a rousing cheer? And why should we take it as evidence of mutual cooperation in the Government chooses a "fine citizen"?

If so, if at all so, if by the nomination of Mr. Hanes, it is really something egregiously, then, far from emphasizing the development of cooperation, it simply points up the fact of how far the administration has gone in discouraging cooperation and exalting mediocrity.

Note on Bargaining

"Star witness for the labor board" (in the hearing Friday of the Highland Park case) was Roy Lawrence, Carolinian administrator of the Workers Organizing Committee. Mr. Lawrence could not be shaken in his testimony that while the mill management had met in conference with the WOC representatives, they had refused to bargain collectively.

A choicer reductio ad absurdum of the Wagner Act as it is presently written we think we have not seen since the "be sure" says Management, "and since the law says I have to bargain with you about your boss, trot him out!" I'll have a look at him, though to tell you the truth I don't think I'm going to like him.

"And why, certainly, I wouldn't have the creature for a gift! Look at them teeth of his, look at that belly! He'd eat me into the pory-hole in a week! No, not a penny! I won't have him! Take him away from here!"

"Forsooth, sir," quoths Labor, "and it is strangely that you understand the law and its meaning to bargain." Most plainly it requires that you shall buy the boss — and at a satisfactory price. Otherwise you have not bargained at all!

"It doesn't. I have so bargained!" "It does! You haven't!" "It doesn't! I have!" "Dammé, naw —"

Subsidy, Meet Dr. Herty

There is, unless it has been eliminated in the flurry of the last few days, a provision in that farm bill passed Friday by the House making available to the Secretary of Agriculture — not to exceed \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year — to be utilized for the establishment of equipment, maintenance, and administrative expenses of laboratories for the research into and development of new and improved markets and outlets for farm commodities and products of the various States and territories.

One of the outstanding researches into new uses for old farm products has been that of Dr. Charles H. Herty in his laboratory at Savannah, Ga. He has been working on the principle into paper, newsprint, kraft and the finer variety, has been a factor of the first importance in bringing paper mills Southward to the tune of a hundred million dollars invested in his discoveries, far from completed, and he has had many successful farmers in the South a new and profitable cash crop, and have brought payrolls into Southern communities which never before knew the bustle of trade that comes after the ghost has walked.

Yet the prospect is that Dr. Herty's laboratory at Savannah, whose 1937-38 keep rate will be \$80,000 a year, will be closed after December 31 for lack of funds.

By the use of simple arithmetic, I and II make III. By the use of simple common sense, the provision of a Federal agricultural research subsidy and Dr. Herty's impeded research into commercial uses of Southern commodities comprise a congeries of all concerned. At any rate, the two, Dr. Herty and the prospective subsidy, should be introduced by the Secretary of Agriculture in order that they might determine if they hadn't something in common.

FOOTBALL AT WEST POINT

WASHINGTON — From the beginning of West Point, any boy who could get by the stiff entrance exams, stick out the tough ordeal of "beast barracks," avoid the double declinations of Peble January and Peble June — could play football, or any other game if he was good enough. He could play the full four years if he could wick them out. He could play regardless of the fact that he had played at another college before he came to West Point.

When other colleges adopted a rule permitting no man to play more than three years in intercollegiate competition, West Point stuck to her ancient tradition although she did follow the trend in prohibiting a plebe from playing on the varsity team.

RULE DIDN'T FIT

Both the three-year rule and the anti-freshman rule had a reason. It was to prevent semi-professionalism and to let boys in to keep them out if they can't demonstrate what is supposed to be a peculiar form of mental equipment called "military."

Beast barracks is a two months period of indifferently devised over 136 years by the cadets themselves. The two basic academic examinations—January and June exams—are similarly mercilessly calculating sifting inquisitions.

THIS IS A JOB

But there is a stronger reason against it. A cadetship is not a scholarship. It's a job—a grade in the Army supported by pay and allowances. The system of advancement is as fiercely competitive as any. Every step in an Army career at the day of retirement—forty-odd years away—depends on what a kid does at the Academy.

It is training for an army. Therefore physical accomplishment has a distinct rating in comparison to class standing. It seems no more justifiable to handicap a boy because he has had football experience than it would be if he had prepared by taking the whole academic course—as do some.

Shop at the Price

(Greensboro News) Report has it that Jackson Day dinner plates in old North Carolina will sell for 52¢ per set. What's about right for a nice July stock in these days of economic restriction, isn't it?

Visiting Around

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me 5 gallons of gas, a choo-choo train, a pair of skates, lots of candy, fruits and nuts.

Is That News?

(Hemp Flax Dealer) I have a new house for my home in Durham with her husband. (Are they the same ones on the Nickel?) (Laurel Hill Item, Lainsburg Exchange) Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Buffaloe and Mrs. and Mrs. James Buffaloe had as their guests last Wednesday, Mrs. Louise Payne and her sons, Mrs. Agnes and Grace Womack of Cameron.

Farm Policy Will Restore Feudal Days

Big Planters Will Be Favored And Agrarian Aristocracy Will Be The Result.

Over in England certain "privileges and appurtenances" are attached to one piece of land and not to another. This is a survival of the old feudal system, in which one farmer held his land on condition that he render to the feudal lord for to the king a specified service.

There is a man in Eastern North Carolina who never in his life plowed a furrow or sowed a seed. His allotment allowed him to produce one million pounds and sell free of tax. Many of his neighbors were taxed on every square foot of land. Some was with cotton. It is wrong. It is un-American. It is special privilege. It cannot stand.

The big farmers have taken control over some of the farm organizations, and these organizations are controlling the Congressmen. They are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the small farmers. Will each of the so-called farm leaders come out and publish how many acres he farms, what his allotment is, and how much he rents and rental money Uncle Sam pays him? Before I follow him I want to know what he is getting out of compulsory control, and compare it with what I am to get.

We want no farm aristocracy in North Carolina. Give every man an equal chance. EDWIN W. BRYANT, Charlotte.

NEGRO ENTERTAINERS OUGHT NOT TO BE PENALIZED BY 'PREJUDICE AGAINST RACE'

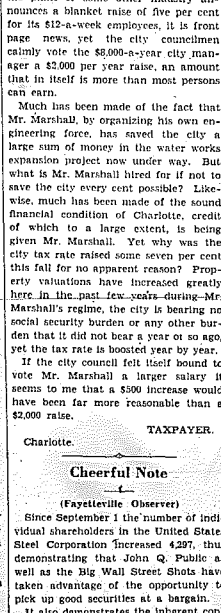
Dear Sir: In their convention several days ago in Theaters Owners of North and South Carolina, Inc., adopted a resolution objecting to the appearance of white persons and Negroes in movie scenes on an equal basis.

It is really quite indistinguishable from war—and a particularly atrocious kind of war. But perhaps that is only our natural simplicity. Anyhow, Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler—not to say the Pope—agree that what is going on is "pacification." Along back in 1934, you know, Jetta, they had a revolution in Spain which set up a republic after a period of dictatorship under a man named Ribera. And in 1935, they held an election. Well, Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler say that the capital of Communism, as you have heard, Moscow got, Moscow intrigue, and Moscow intimidation resulted in the election to the chief posts in the Spanish government was a man of Reds, who immediately, and under the direction of Moscow, launched into a program for the murder of everybody who would not turn Communist and particularly the priests, and for the abolition of property and the burning down of all churches.

Cheerful Note

(Fayetteville Observer) Since September 1 the number of individual shareholders in the United States Steel Corporation increased 427, this city's rate raised some seven per cent. If the city council felt itself bound to vote Mr. Marshall a larger salary it seems to me that a \$500 increase would have been far more reasonable than a \$2,000 raise.

What Makes More Noise Than A Pig Under A Gate?



About The War In Spain

By W. J. CASH, Editorial Writer for The News

THIS is a reply to a letter which came to our desk in the Editor's Mail last week. It said: "Please send me any information about the way going on in Spain now. Any information will be greatly appreciated. JETTA, Route 4, Charlotte, Route 4.

To tell you the truth, Jetta, we don't really know all about the war going on in Spain. You see, we haven't been there. Once upon a time, indeed, we did look at a segment of the Spanish shore from the French shore. But that was a long time ago, when Spain was a still, quiet, sleepy land under the yellow sun. And we have to take what we know about the war in Spain from what other people report to us, and since most of them are mad about it in one way or the other, it isn't always easy to make out precisely what the fact may be. Still, we do know a few things about it, and we have some opinions. And so in our devotion to service, we'll do our best for you.

To begin with, there is really no war in Spain. Really there isn't. We have it on the word of Signor Mussolini, Herr Hitler, the British, the French, and practically everybody else including the Portuguese, the Scandinavians and the Greeks—and our own State Department at Washington. A war, you see, is something which is first declared. And nobody has declared anything in Spain first or yet.

—To be sure, they are fighting in Spain, Jetta. According to the Associated Press, in which we put some faith, they have killed off about 100,000 soldiers over there since July 1936. But they are doing worse than that. They have also killed off about a million civilians in the same period. Civilians, Jetta, are old men, women, babies. They line 'em up in long lines and shoot them. They drop bombs on them from the air. And you might think, just as we think, that this is really quite indistinguishable from war—and a particularly atrocious kind of war. But perhaps that is only our natural simplicity.

Anyhow, Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler—not to say the Pope—agree that what is going on is "pacification." Along back in 1934, you know, Jetta, they had a revolution in Spain which set up a republic after a period of dictatorship under a man named Ribera. And in 1935, they held an election. Well, Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler say that the capital of Communism, as you have heard, Moscow got, Moscow intrigue, and Moscow intimidation resulted in the election to the chief posts in the Spanish government was a man of Reds, who immediately, and under the direction of Moscow, launched into a program for the murder of everybody who would not turn Communist and particularly the priests, and for the abolition of property and the burning down of all churches.

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Baby Strike

(Raleigh News & Observer)

The strike that is disturbing the pundits of Britain in a world which needs fodder for cannon, or planes, or gas, is the strike of the babies; they are declining to be born. And last week the House of Commons passed on second reading a bill for a special census of birth statistics. The bill was severely criticized as an invasion of privacy, by none so severely as A. P. Heret who is not only an M. P. but a novelist and humorist as well. The New York Times reproduces the metrical memorandum which he read to "a hilarious House." It is as follows:

In 1937 was a rumor going round That income tax was soon to be six shillings in the pound; The cost of education every season seemed to swell; And to every one's astonishment the population fell.

They pulled down all the houses where the children used to crowd, And built expensive blocks of flats where children weren't allowed; And if father got a job there wasn't any more work to be done; And everybody wondered why the population fell.

The laws were very comical; to bet was voted lax; But your betting was the only thing that nobody would tax; You couldn't have a wine unless you'd sandwiches as well; And everybody wondered why the population fell.

Abroad, to show that every one was passionate for peace, All children under seven joined the army or police; The babies studied musketry while mother filed a shell— And everybody wondered why the population fell.

The world, in short, which never was extravagantly sane, Developed all the signs of inflammation of the brain; The past was not encouraging, the future none could tell; But the Minister still wonders why the population fell.

The last year it has been General Franco and his Italian and German allies who have perpetrated nearly all the murders of civilians. They point to Guernica, where seven hundred women, and children — all civilians, were mowed down by machine gun bullets from German airplanes flying Franco's flag, and they flatly defy you to find anything in the Associated Press reports of the last government has been guilty in that time of anything comparable.

This view of the case is probably not free of propaganda and distortion, Jetta. The people who tell us these things are actually mad about it. And when people are mad, they lose something of perspective, inevitably. It is entirely possible, for instance, that they unduly minimize the alliance between the Spanish government and the Spanish Communists and Moscow. Nevertheless, we should be less than candid if we did not tell you that we believe the view to be the one which most closely approaches the truth. But that, of course, is only our opinion. We have told you about what we know and think, now and so we will leave to you to make up your mind for yourself.