

...in several years the opportunity seems to have presented itself to fall with the Queen City at no cost. Full into the "New" movement! You may be the lucky man.

"This Symbol ... I Did Not Kneel" ...

From a speech declared to have been delivered by Hugo Black at a Klaxero of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan in Birmingham on September 2, 1935, after he had been nominated to the Senate and had resigned from the Klan:

"My friends ... this passport which you have given me is a symbol to me of the passport you have given me before. I do not know if it is the same or if it is a state to you here on this occasion that I know that without the support of the members of this organization I would not have been called, even by my countrymen, to the Junior States from Alabama.

"With my love, and my faith, and my hope, I thank you from the bottom of a heart that is yours."

From a speech delivered by Hugo Black, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, on the night of October 1, 1937:

"After becoming a Senator I dropped the Klan. I have had nothing whatever to do with it since the time of its abandonment. I never have considered and I do not now consider the unclassified card given to me shortly after my nomination to the Senate as a membership of any kind in the organization. I never used it. I did not even keep it."

After the Horse Has Gone

China has asked the League of Nations to go on record in condemnation of Japan's attack upon her and a subcommittee of the League has recommended that Japan's act be declared "a war of aggression."

This is not the first time Japan has invaded China without a formal declaration of war. Italy invaded and conquered Ethiopia without a declaration of war in April of this year. Germany returned without obtaining the League's consent. One could go on and on with the recitation of violations of the tenets of the League.

It will probably take the League a few weeks or longer to get around to declaring that Japan is invading China. Indeed, the League may never admit it. But, even if it does and even if it goes so far as to declare that Japan is waging a war of "aggression," what then? Another-lyst report in the nature of a post-mortem?

IT SEEMS TO ME

By NEWWOOD BROWN

It is a little difficult for me to take Jeremiah T. Mahoney very seriously. I know that he is a Judge and that he is running in the mayoralty campaign in New York. It has even been said that the issue is far greater than a local one, and that the fate of the nation for the next two or three years or even longer.

Dear Sir: Have you ever seen a cattle stampede? People living in the Far West have seen cattle on stampede; they have seen many many times in their young. The poor beasts fall into panic. When did this panic come from? What starts them, nobody ever knows. Perhaps one of the cows has been scared, frightened; it makes a noise, runs, leaps, jumps, jumps forward and backward, running amuck, dashing away madly and blindly; several cows fall. Action and more action. All the cows get excited, they run into each other, they push each other. The cow, the one starting the scare or the first, becomes a leader and runs swiftly. Other cows follow, and run swiftly. Terror spreads, and the herd gets bigger and bigger. Soon the herd is running ... the pack is racing heading toward a precipice, as if to show themselves fearless. The crowd. The crowd sees that herd running. He knows. It's a cattle stampede. He leaps into action. He does not ride his horse to the front or the head of the cattle stampede; he does not wave his hands or his arms frantically and he does not yell "Stop, Stop!" The horse man mounts his horse and rides fast. Soon he is ahead. He rides furiously. Gradually the leader (the first cow at the front or the head of the stampede) begins to follow the horse. The leader is now following the horse and not the crowd of stampeding cattle. The horse, slowly, he guides the horse away from the precipice. The horse's movement or direction attracts the attention of the leader. The leader wants to go where the horse is going. The herd or the pack run harder. Away from the precipice they lead the stampede out into the open country. The horse is guiding the leader. At length, the pack tires. Its terror cools. The cow stop running, and stand still. The cattle stampede is over.

The stock market in Wall Street, N. Y., has been having a stampede. Different authorities are explaining it. Why does the stock market not boom? Why does it drop? How come? Why? What for? What is behind the slump in stocks? What is the trouble? What is the matter? What is wrong? What are the causes for the factors that suggest that machinery in Wall Street, N. Y. THOMAS W. HANRICK, JR. Shelby.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley

2 LITTLE BUGS IN A RUG!
DOUBLED EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL - AT 6 O'CLOCK THE RUG WAS FILLED!
AT WHAT TIME WAS IT HALF FILLED?
Answer Next Week

PHOTO BY A. WHITESMAN IN A SNOWSTORM
Drawn by S.L. SKURA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1937

Harrah for Tomatoes!

A refreshing piece of news, full of vitamins and rich, red juice, is obtained from Washington. It will not be necessary for the Government to purchase canned tomatoes in an effort to boost tomato prices. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration had such a program but now announces that natural causes make it unnecessary.

At least there is found one product which doesn't have to be subsidized by the New Deal. It is hard, overhead, to think of another. The crops and the blocs have been running a slow race to see who could get to the Federal treasury first and since it would be heartening now if there could be found the human equivalent of the tomato.

WHY, UNCLE JERRY.

His kinfolks were somewhat startled when he came out of the chimney corner of the Federal court building for the hop, skip and a jump. Not that he will lack loyal support among the Mahoneys and the Reynolds. Quentin Reynolds, his favorite nephew, is quick to come to the defense of his famous kinsman when anybody in the bar puts the word "Uncle Jerry" in connection with a vigorous fact he says, "Uncle Jerry is a good old skater," and that ends the argument.

To be sure, Mr. Reynolds cannot pretend to be wholly neutral in a discussion of the burning issue of the local American people. He is not a member of the hop, skip and a jump. He has even promised to procure for me a nickel-plated badge which will pass me through the fire lines in the event of a Mahoney victory.

He won't sell out. Though, my stand, may create internal ructions and accept Uncle Jerry as a knight in shining armor. I think he is a stuffed shirt.

CITY HALL TOPICS

By DICK YOUNG

THE more I think about the old cemetery on West Fifth street as a "tilting" park, with a comfort station, the more I am convinced that somebody down at the City Hall is missing a golden opportunity to do Charlotte an incommensurable service.

With a little money, the place could be made into a spot of beauty and utility which would become a famous landmark throughout this section. It does not have to be regarded as a park project and blocked because the Park Board doesn't have the money. The City can expend funds for various undertakings that in the strictest sense are not governmental necessities, so why can't somebody take a chance and go ahead and do something about providing a park, particularly a comfort station, downtown?

There is a space at the rear of the cemetery, facing Church street, where an adequate building can be erected, and a single area in the place disturbed. Plans for an attractive structure have already been drawn by Walter J. Carter, and included in them is an open-deck where on sunny days persons can rest and walk. Ample toilet facilities of tile are well planned.

A nursery where babies and small children can be kept while the mothers do their shopping is another proposed feature. Such a building, with all these facilities, would be a community distinction that would make Charlotte in deed as in name the Friendly City. Out-of-town shoppers would naturally prefer to trade in a city with such conveniences and it seems to me the Charlotte merchants would be enthusiastic for such an enterprise.

Then, too, while the thing was being done, the old historical cemetery could be beautified, walks improved, and scattered about under the trees. There are graves in the plot more than 100 years old and thus antequity could be emphasized and made an attraction for the place. I have lived in Charlotte for nearly 34 years but I have never set foot on the cemetery. I know I have missed a lot of interesting inscriptions.

The "tilting" park, and by no means a playground, could easily be made one of Charlotte's most attractive spots. Within a single throw of the ball, it could be combined with its stores and office buildings, workers at lunch time could find quiet and rest for a few moments. Think of the pleasure that comes to thousands in New York's Trinity churchyard.

Mayor Douglas was elected president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at its annual convention this week in Winston-Salem. The election-the-erms-background of the election resulting in Mayor Douglas's election as president was developing chiefly through the efforts of George W. Coan, Jr., State WPA Administrator, whose untiringness in Mayor Douglas has been shown on more than one occasion. Coan's efforts in Charlotte represented in Mr. Coan's withdrawal and things looked better.

But at the time of the election, the nominating committee presented its report and it developed that the usual policy of advancing the first vice presi-

Tom-Tom Collects

Tom-Tom Media, it comes out, has been spending the winter of his discontent at "Uncle Sam's" expense. In mid-1935, Tom-Tom mounted Washington "mail" the Democratic Party and the Federal Housing Administration at \$600 a month. But this was only for two months. Since then, everybody had supposed, Tom had been on his own. But not so.

It turns out that he has been employed by the Department of Justice, and that he is now in the Attorney General Cummings says. He resigned two weeks ago to enter the race in Alabama for former Senator Black's seat. The Attorney General guesses that his salary was about \$6,000 a month. The Department will handle all cases in the Department's criminal division, but Mr. Cummings didn't remember precisely what name he had handled for the Government or where.

Well, it's all right, we reckon. Tom-Tom is a good fellow, and we wish him to the President in his 1936 campaign for reelection, and it is quite customary for the winning crowd to reward their supporters. Only, sometimes, we wish they would pay the bills out of party funds or of public funds.

Democrats Need One

(Whitby Eagle)

Secretary Roper predicts a big upsurge in business. There had better be, what with an election coming on next year.

Earlier Days

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

OCTOBER 2, 1868
75 YEARS AGO

FOREIGN VIEW OF CONFEDERACY

The people of the Confederate States have made themselves famous. If the renown of brilliant conduct, stern devotion to a cause and military achievements almost without parallel can compensate men for the toll and privations of the hour, then the courtrooms of Lee and Jackson may be consulted amid their sufferings.

From all parts of Europe, from their shores as well as their friends, from those who contain their acts as well as those who sympathize with them, comes the history of the war is written the admiration will doubtless become deeper and stronger for the veil which has covered the South will be drawn away and disclose a picture of patriotism, of unflinching self-sacrifice, of wise and firm administration, which we can now only see indistinctly. The details of that extraordinary national effort which has led to the repulse and almost to the destruction of an invading force of a half-million men, will then become known to the world, and whatever may be the fate of the new nationality or its subsequent claims in the respect of mankind, it will assuredly begin its career with a reputation for genius and valor which the most famous nations may envy. Within a period of eighteen months a scattered population hitherto living by agriculture, and accustomed to trust for every product of art and manufacture to the North, has been turned into a well-organized and efficient fighting army and conduct what is now an offensive war.

It is satisfying to find that we are not alone in our opinion, that we did right in refusing to meddle in American affairs, and that the people most deeply interested—namely the Confederate themselves—are quite of the same opinion. An armed interference in the quarrel would be a fatal mistake for any European power. When the South has expelled the enemy from its soil it may be entitled to ask for recognition; but its frontiers must be both won and kept by its own exertions.—London Times.

Strike Up the Band

Volunteers may form on the right for the purpose of saving the City of Charlotte. Basil M. Boyd, City Attorney, will select a likely-looking litigator from the line and in his name file the action against the municipality.

Remonstrance? No. Collusion? No. Malpractice? A whole covey of 'em. This will be no ordinary suit. The bands will neither be an alleged depression in the sidewalk where "plaintiff" did receive, as the result of a fall, directly traceable to negligence in the construction of the sidewalk. Nor will it allege that a red light was omitted from a street excavation, with the result that the plaintiff did unknowingly drive his automobile into said excavation, resulting in grievous injuries to person and damage to property, etc., etc.

The case at hand is different. A ruling from the State Supreme Court is regarded as essential in clearing up the debt limitation amendment to the State Constitution. This measure proposes to pass the no-income tax on the property of the incorporated North Carolina cities may pass, during the ensuing fiscal year, bonds in excess of two-thirds of the indebtedness retired in the previous year. The specific text will be that of having the City Council pass an ordinance authorizing the issuance of street and sewer sewer bonds in an amount of \$310,000. At this juncture voters Volunteer John ... with the assistance of Mr. ... with ...

Black on Black

(Greenboro News)

These recent years have truly been, and still are, days when men's, particularly statesmen's past utterances survive to haunt them in their changing views and relationships.

With such a phenomenon it was not to be expected that Mr. Justice Black, moving from political into judicial service, would be excepted. Nor has there. In fact, for instance, while the new Justice's alleged claim membership being questioned and charges upon him, discovers in the records the fact that Alabama statesman, while opposing the nomination of Hugh M. Tate to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1930 on the grounds that he had previously served as counsel for the Southern railway, submitted this combination of philosophy and prophecy which is now so pertinent to his own case:

"Show me the kind of steps a man made in the sand five years ago and I will show you the kind of steps he is likely to make in the same sand the years hence. Show me the course he was pursuing then, and, unless there has been some great calamity which has absolutely changed his character, I will show you the course he is going to follow in the future."

And that, aside from his philosophical slant, is indeed calculated to place the Alabama statesman's friends in a bind. It will show how the great political places them distinctly on the defensive and thus carries the paradox which are so characteristic of the present on toward history.

Insulated From Public Opinion

(Columbia Record)

The President on his Western trip, of course, has been in opposition to his program, the defeated plan of the Supreme Court (and the Constitution) included.

When a President visits a community his hosts do not rush in to tell him he is wrong—when after he has been entitled to ask for recognition, but his frontiers must be both won and kept by its own exertions.—London Times.

Future of the Railroads

The financial future of the nation's railway system is being given apprehensive consideration by quite a number of the more important financial centers -- and the current statistical position of several of the larger carriers, apparently justifies the view too realistic in the contemplation of the possibilities.

With their tremendous loads of fixed charges, the railroads as a whole have fought a hard fight since 1929. At the depths of the depression, financial assistance from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was necessary to keep the systems and, even with that backing, some of the roads went into receivership. Today a great aggregate of railroad mileage is being operated now on the thin margin between solvency and receivership.

One difficulty in the present situation as affecting the rail carriers has been reflected in pertinent comments that emanated in the course of recent weeks from some of the country's most influential investment advisory agencies. It is not only the present but the future that is unfavorably for the prospect of 1938. This prospect has not been brightened by the continuing inability of roads now in receivership to meet their fixed charges. Furthermore, there are increasing evidences of impatience in some quarters of the Federal Government over reorganization plans for several systems, and the Interstate Commerce Commission has deemed it advisable to turn thumbs down on several such turn-

Rather rapidly, it appears, at least several of the systems are approaching a dead end. Faced with employees' demands for pay increases, the carriers as a whole are urging the Administration to allow increases in rates some clearing of freight traffic -- and at a time that much complaint already is being made by manufacturing industry that costs are too high.

The plight of the railroads is real, not only for the viewpoint of the bondholders but for the viewpoint of the nation's business and of administrators of governmental policies. It appears almost inevitable that this plight must encourage a more careful thought on remedial action of some kind in the next twelve months. That will require exhaustive investigation and thorough study for the widely spreading and complicated ramifications of this situation vitally affect the national economy.

It's the Female in Her

(Upson G. Wilson, Raleigh Review)

Tom Simmon, of Seaboard Hotel, and Hill Brothers store Saturday got to talking about how scarce feed for stock was going to be this winter. Willis said he had a lot of wheat straw but that his cows wouldn't eat it, so he didn't know what he'd do for feed. Tom told him if he had straw he was all right, that it would be easy to teach his cows to eat it. Willis wanted to know how to go about spreading them like it.

"Just spread out a pile in the lot," Tom said. "When the cows come near it turn them away. Do that four times and then walk off as if you know you have taught the critters better than to bother it again. When they are out of sight they'll come back and eat the lot of wheat straw. A cow will eat anything she sees that you don't want her to have. She's just that contrary."

Visiting Around

She Ought to be 'Shamed of Herself, the Yam Royalist! (Roxboro Courier)

We are under obligations to my friend Mrs. Weston Wren, of Route 1, for telling me that she had just returned from a visit to the winter.

We Always Understood It is Where the Heart Is (Roxboro Herald)

D. M. Wicker route 2 Bedford says he never knows where his home is except on Sundays since he has been working up near Carthage.

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