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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1937... The news of the day... The stock market... The price of wheat...

He Caught on Quickly

Clifford R. Smith, of Washington, this State, was doing nicely as director of a WPA historical research project until news auditors demanded that he explain by checkbook why they considered to be forged and abstracted.

The Eternal Optimist

It is not exactly news that Signor Mussolini has indicated to Great Britain and France his readiness to further "voluntary" enlistment of his army in Spain for the price which is said to be the recognition of the Moroccan conquest.

Note on High-Cost Housing

Housing experts believe that America stands in need of at least 5,000,000 new homes. To satisfy a fraction of this want over the next two or three years would, of course, produce a full-fledged boom in building and allied industries.

Too Late Now

Some schools in Rowan County have been closed on a diptheria scare. The health department reports and fears of these children have died.

LIFE LESS ABUNDANT

NEW YORK CITY—About this more abundant life business... The only abundant life is a good job at the present time.

Meet Lord Jim

Considering how these New Dealers profess to hate the Economic Royalists, they surely are eager to truck with them when the chance comes.

LEES TO GO ROUND

For four years, we have talked about the M. A. L.—and done less than nothing about it. The total volume of property taxation has risen to where it was ten years ago.

Jim's Successor

Far from begrudging Jim's good fortune, we believe it's a break for the integrity of government. The President is always talking about it.

IN THE LAST ANALYSIS

Mr. John Flynn says that 70 per cent of the tax burden is borne—and must be borne—by those who are not.

Visiting Around

Joneses Keegan's Up With Each Other (Beldridge Review) The Jones reunion will be held October 2nd at Smyrna church.

Another Way to Put It

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Not on the Carpet

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And Something About Its Reputation For Making Progress In Spite Of Itself

Dear Sir: Upon returning to Charlotte recently after an absence of several years, I was immediately impressed by the great increase in traffic in the uptown district.

What an improvement it will be to widen this first block of West Fifth street, I thought, supposing that this building would, too, be set back from the building line.

Further investigation revealed that the City Manager had requested the City Council to condemn a portion of the land where the new building is going in order to permit widening of the street.

Charlotte has a reputation outside the Carolina for growing in spite of itself. Its progress is said to have come not from progressive planning but from being fortunately located.

Certainly this single example of failure to seize an opportunity to relieve the city's tremendous traffic problem, which there is so much talk from City officials, would indicate that our critics are not far wrong.

Behind this single example is the problem of zoning the entire city. It looks now as if something might be done in this regard. But one cannot help but be skeptical. Can one? S. A. R.

THE 'LITTLE DIGNIFIED FOX TERRIER' NOW HAS A NEW HOME OF HIS OWN

Dear Sir: I want to take the privilege of thanking The Charlotte News, and especially Miss Dorothy Knox, in behalf of the poor little unfortunate dog that was the recipient on how to get there.

Now, what I started out to say was this: If men or you people who love dogs would treat them better, you would have better dogs. Dogs are like children—you can tell how they have been treated.

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE—HEREBY REFERRED TO THE CUR REPORTERS Dear Sir: Carnivorous animals lap up water with their tongues; herbivorous animals lick a dog's ear, or suck it up—Filler, Charlotte News.

O. O. McIntyre in his column recently stated that the wolf suckled water and the mother 'wolf' killed any pup that happened along.

OCEAN FOAM By Maude Waddell Spray marks the ocean's lighter mood. When the waves wash over the rocks, When the light unbridled brood, Of billows break with no rude work.

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ON THE RECORD

Germany, Italy and the New Deal

THE PRESIDENT again suggests that the European democratic governments broke down because the people failed to obtain under them the material benefits they demanded.

Neither the Italian nor German representative governments were destroyed by an authoritative act of the people. They were the victims of coups d'etat, in which the leaders of powerful political parties interpreted election returns as blanket mandates to amend or overthrow existing constitutions.

The greatest test of democracies is their ability to defend themselves against such aggrandizements, and that ability is measured by the public sentiment which is expressed in the polls.

Democracies, being extremely vulnerable forms of government, must be formed, must insist upon the scrupulous observance of constitutional principles and must observe the disciplines of law.

And of course, in democracies that coup d'etat will always seek to legitimate itself by the support of the masses.

Those—if the President had cared to point them out—are only a few of the object lessons that might be drawn from the recent demise of democratic governments.

And why this apology for the dictatorships anyhow? What material demands have they fulfilled? The German people, the Italian, the Russian, do not get it as well as the people in the democracies.

Why are mural artists more given to say unpleasant things than poets, say or sculptors? The poet's art is to comfort, the artist's to shock.

Art's Bad Boys (New York Times) Another mural painter is in trouble. This time it is the artist who paints 'The Dancers of the Mail' for Macy's new building in Washington.

The Only Negro on Hatter's (Dare County Times) Tom Angell, only Negro on Hatter's, is very, only not expected to 'long'. He is about 60 years old, got come to Hatter as the servant of a white family from New Bern many years ago.

Tenants' Gauntlet

(Baltimore Evening Sun) It isn't going to be easy to be chosen as a member of the new privileged class which is being set up by the United States Government to dwell in Greenbelt, dream city of Restford Guy Towell.

Applicants for membership in this new gauntlet will live so largely at the expense of the toiling masses it is the taxpayers of the country have been numerous. But so far only about one out of a hundred has reached the finals.

To get even so far as the finals, a man must answer satisfactorily questions about his job and his employer, his means of transportation to work, whether he owns a car, or an apartment, whether he owns all, part, or none of the furniture in it, how much rent he pays, how much for gas, electricity and heat, how much he draws a week, how much, if any, other income he has, how long he has lived in Washington, where he was born, how old he is, the names, ages, sex and school grade of his children, and how much is made by any of them that may have jobs.

All in all, the fact is plain that a hard new statutory is going to have a hard time before it is recognized by its overlords, the jobholders. But our guess is that the taxpayers, who will be called upon to contribute to the support of the new privileged class, are going to have an even harder time.

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