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CREDIT FOR ALL—ALL FOR CREDIT.

**The Duke of Goldsboro**  
 Tried and Proved: As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a God to all men; that trust in him—3 Samuel 23:3.

**FOR LEASE: A RAILROAD.**  
 The Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, a majority of the stock of which is owned by the State, has dropped into something of a white elephant.

It is true that the State recently was able to put it up as collateral for a loan from the Federal Government for the development of the port at Morehead City, whose only rail outlet is the A. & N. C. But it is a property which no other railroad company seems to covet, and the State is not and can hardly become a successful operator of railroad properties.

At present the railroad, which extends in a direct line from deep water at Beaufort and Morehead City to Goldsboro, is operated by the Norfolk Southern, although a year ago it cancelled the lease under which it operated the line because it was unable to pay the rentals.

The State has been anxious to lease the property to some other railroad company, but none has made an offer and none seems to want it.

At Goldsboro the Atlantic & North Carolina line connects with the Southern Railroad's eastern North Carolina terminus, and if that company would lease it the original State-owned line from deep water to the mountains—a dream of the State—would be restored. The A. & N. C., together with the North Carolina Railroad from Goldsboro to Charlotte and the Western North Carolina Railroad from Salisbury to Old Fort, formerly gave North Carolina a State-owned line from the port to the mountains. But the Southern Railway company has made no move, so far as reported, toward obtaining a lease on the Goldsboro-Beaufort line, although the Southern reaches no port in North Carolina.

The A. & N. C. connects at Goldsboro with the Barn also with the Atlantic Coast Line, but neither has that company made any attempt to trade with the State. It was reported a year or so ago that the owners of the Durham & Southern, a Duke property, extending from Durham to Dunn and excepting the powers by the way, were considering extension of the line from Dunn to Goldsboro, with possibly a view to leasing the Atlantic & North Carolina, which would create a new through line from Durham to the improved harbor at Morehead City. But that report seems to have been no more than idle gossip or a day dream.

Recently it was reported from Raleigh that if the State failed in the near future to lease the road, it would undertake to operate it itself. But the State has no rolling stock, not a locomotive nor a car. It has only trackage and depots and terminals.

It has been suggested that the Norfolk Southern would like to renew its lease on more favorable terms than those of the old lease, and it would seem that the best chance would be to effect a trade with that railroad if it can be done on terms reasonable and at all profitable.

With the projected development of the harbor at Morehead City, the property ought to be more valuable than ever and more profitable than it has been in late years.

**TALK OF ADJOURNMENT.**  
 Word comes from a close observer in Washington who has many "inside" contacts that the prospect of an early adjournment of Congress is as good as it ever was. The best guess still, he says, is that the House will pass the tax bill; that the Senate will fix a time for its consideration at the start of the next session; that the only deal which would put the tax bill through the Senate in any reasonable length of time is one by which the bonus would be attached as a rider.

From the same source the information is that what the administration now is working toward is to save its face on the tax program and get rid of Congress at the earliest possible date.

This is no prediction, but if Congress should adjourn about the middle of August it need not necessarily be surprising.

Certainly it would not be disappointing to the country, generally speaking.

One of the best answers the Democrats will be able to make to the Republican attacks upon the New Deal next year will be the question, "Who was in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932?" The most effective voting argument the Democrats can make is embodied in those few words.

Despite all the "cussing" and criticism and denunciation that is heaped upon Roosevelt he generally wins except with the Supreme Court.

## NORTH CAROLINA PUT TO SHAME.

LI. LUTHERAL CHURCHES who comprehend the gravity of lynch law will applaud the expressed determination of GOVERNOR EHRINGHAUS to "do all possible to bring to trial the responsible parties" in the case of the Franklin county lynching. But, unfortunately, there is little that he can do. It is largely up to SOLICITOR BICKETT and the law enforcement officers and grand jury of Franklin county.

Since the State is always disgraced by a lynching and the outside world holds the State and not the individual county responsible, the Governor should be given power to take a hand in cases like that in Franklin county, send representatives of his office into the local community, ferret out evidence against the members of the mob and take trial and present the evidence to the jury.

Moreover, in instances where the sentiment in the county is obviously favorable to the mob and its members, it ought to be possible under the law to remove the trial to another county or at least to obtain a jury from another county for the trial.

It is an intolerable situation that makes it entirely possible for the State to be repeatedly outraged by lynchings and still helples to do anything about it when the people of the community where the murder occurs are so aroused by the crime leading to the lynching that they condone the work of the lynchers, as not infrequently happens.

It may have been due to the fact that Franklin county had no sheriff Tuesday that the Governor's office was not informed of the threatened lynching in time to prevent it. The late SHERIFF SHRYVE had been killed in an automobile accident ten days ago and the newly appointed SHERIFF MOORE had not qualified. Meanwhile the duties and responsibilities of the sheriff's office devolved upon the coroner, although MOORE seemed to have been acting in the capacity of sheriff when the mob seized the obviously insane negro, even though he had not taken the oath of office. He had been serving as a constable, and presumably it was in that capacity that he acted in an apparently belated attempt to take the prisoner to another county.

It is significant that GOVERNOR EHRINGHAUS said in his prepared statement, dictated at 4 p. m., that up to that hour no officers of Franklin county had reported to him what had happened, although the mob's victim had been hanged to a tree nearly or quite four hours earlier gathered at the scene, one of whom had cut out from the negro's dead body for a souvenir the other hand and laid parts of the rope for the same purpose.

It is also significant that the news writer, presumably visiting the scene after the lynching and while crowds were there, made the statement that no one was heard to criticize the mob.

Highly significant also is the statement of officers who saw the mob of unmasked men seize the prisoner, and hang him, that they did not recognize any member of the group. Think of a sheriff, or any man in authority, who could not recognize the sheriff's deputies in a rural county of less than 30,000 population whose largest town has a population of little more than 2,000, not being able to recognize any member of the mob of 20 or 25, all unmasked, in midday. Does any intelligent person believe that the mob of that size could have been recognized or identified by the sheriff and his deputies had there been a political rally just prior to an election or primary instead of a lynching rally? It would be a safe bet that had the members of that mob been gathered at a political speaking when the sheriff was a candidate he and his deputies would have been able to call many of them by their first names. You can't get a crowd of white men together in any rural county in North Carolina of 30,000 population or less whose sheriff cannot recognize any of them.

Who do not know the people any better than that do not and cannot get to be sheriffs.

Apparently no blame can be laid at the door of GOVERNOR EHRINGHAUS. He did all that a Chief Executive could do under the circumstances. He acted with due promptness and vigor when once apprised of the situation, but it was too late.

It is worthy of note that it was The Associated Press and no officer or citizen of Franklin county who informed the Governor of the crime immediately when dependent upon Franklin county officials for information, he might never have heard of the affair. And yet every one knows that in such emergencies it is the duty of the sheriff or acting sheriff to notify the Governor of the crime.

There is reason to suspect danger of mob violence.

By prompt action on the part of county officials in notifying the Governor, a number of threatened lynchings have been averted in North Carolina in recent years. To be sure, the atrocious and shocking acts of the victims of the mob had been sufficient to arouse the community. He had slain a prominent farmer by beheading him with an axe. But, according to the evidence, even the statement of the officer who arrested the negro, he was violently insane. His tragic end at the hands of a mob involves no loss to society, but the fact that he obviously was entirely bereft of reason and totally irresponsible makes the crime of the members of the mob the more reprehensible.

It is a case in which, under the law, the negro could not have been classed as a murderer and yet every man who had part in the lynching is legally and morally a murderer.

GOVERNOR EHRINGHAUS voiced the sentiment and the feeling of the law-abiding and thoughtful citizens of the State when he said: "I deplore the offense against the laws of North Carolina and public decency, and feel keenly the shame and reflection which it has cast upon our good name and

our reputation for orderly administration of justice. x x x Such occurrences and outbreaks do not represent the sentiment or the attitude of North Carolina's citizenship."

**WHICH IS CAUSE, WHICH EFFECT?**  
 Will property develop new industries or will new industries bring new areas of prosperity?

While some observers profess to believe that the next era of prosperity in this country will be electrical, that mass manufacture and merchandising of electrical appliances in the next few years will bring prosperity to many business concerns and hosts of individuals—there are others who predict that air conditioning will be one of the major industries in the near future.

There are ample reasons for believing that both may be correct in their forecasts.

Certainly, if this country should experience a period of real prosperity lasting ten years or more, it should develop a market for many billions of dollars' worth of electrical appliances, for few homes have all they need and the vast majority have none.

Also such an era of prosperity would mean almost inconceivable growth and development of the air conditioning industry. It would mean air conditioned homes, not a few but many, in every city, town and village, and some even in rural communities. Also it would mean air-conditioned office buildings, stores, hotels, churches, factories of all kinds, as well as sleeping and dining cars and day coaches.

The time soon would come when in hotel or restaurant would claim to be first class that was not air conditioned and no department store, wearing apparel or drug-store could successfully compete for business unless it had this modern means of making its customers comfortable in the summer heat. Apartment houses could not hold desirable tenants nor could the better class homes or offices be kept rented without air conditioning.

Such would be the case if property should return and continue over a period of years. Such prosperity would provide the purchasing power needed to create the demand for air conditioning and electric appliances.

On the other hand it may turn out that these industries will prove a considerable factor in creating prosperity and providing an appreciable portion of the purchasing power needed to create the demand for air conditioning and electric appliances.

**"CUSSING" ROOSEVELT.**  
 While Governor EHRINGHAUS is keeping close to his desk in the White House—in Washington's famous summer heat—he is said to be giving the laud to half a dozen new attacks being made upon him. One commentator at the Capital says he can afford to laugh because he is winning out. He is not afraid of the clubs with the opposition.

He is being denounced for "debauching" the parole board by ousting AMY N. STANARD to make a job for SENATOR PAT HARRISON's friend.

Some of these chest and other organized charity people are assailing him for opposing corporation gifts to charity—demanding that such gifts be no longer exempt from income tax levies.

His nomination of CHARLES WEST to be under-secretary of the Interior is described as "financing lobbying with public money."

Curiously enough, his appointment of JOHN DICKINSON to be "trust buster" is attacked on the ground that the President has suddenly abandoned the idea of "waking up" corporations.

If attacks and criticism and denunciation sufficed to defeat a President for re-nomination and re-election it would seem that FDR would be doomed already. He certainly has displeased many sections of the public. But they say he knows his people.

Moreover, one is ever reminded that he has four billions of public money to distribute in States and congressional districts where Senators and Representatives in Congress must get votes.

The question after all is whether he antagonizes enough of the voting rank and file.

If a man unlawfully slays another with deliberation and malice, he is a murderer. If he slays another one by two or four men, they all are murderers under the law. If he slays is done by 20 or 25 men, are they not murderers? If not, why not?

**Echos From Press**  
 (From The Asheville Citizen-Times)

So far as the South is concerned, the situation seems to be shaping itself more and more in the direction of a great battle centering about cotton and the Constitution.

As already noted in these columns, Alabama farmers are now engaged in meeting and opposing resolutions voting against the amendment to the Constitution in the event the Supreme Court invalidates the AAA legislation and the processing taxes.

Four such meetings have already been held, the attendance at one of them being put at 2,000. The Montgomery Advertiser reports that "many other meetings are scheduled for the next two or three weeks and the farmer is stirred as never before."

Why is the farmer stirred? One reason, of course, which this newspaper has pointed out more than once, is that the farmer is unwilling to relinquish the subsidies granted him under the AAA. Another reason is indicated by ATTICUS MULLEN, political correspondent of The Advertiser.

"The case of Alabama," says MR. MULLEN, "are determined to fight to the death the concerted movement in the East, backed up by a few large cotton factors in the South, to force cotton to a price that will bring back economic slavery to the growers."

## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

THE NINETEEN HOLE IS A REALITY AT MAXWELL BRASS... A 60-YARD PITCH SHOT TO THE FUNNEL-SHAPED GREEN QUARIES YOU FOR HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB... WATER IS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MATCHES



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 The proverbial "ninetee hole" really existed at the Maxwell Brass course, in Wisconsin. You get a hole-in-one or nothing. If you are successful a mechanism tripped by the golf ball automatically delivers a medal to you as evidence of the feat. The hole is 60 yards from the tee, and must be reached by a pitched ball to stay on the green. If the ball does stay on the funnel-shaped green, it rolls down to the hole and through a pudden tube out to the side. On its way it trips a trigger which causes a bronze medal to be delivered to the player.

Strange as it seems, when match heads are dipped with water to give it proper consistency.

Mustafa I, after 40 years a prisoner at the com-

Tomorrow: Free Ride Railroad.

Sales Tax Coins Are Opposed

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 Department of State... by the people. Contributors are requested to send in their contributions to the open forum. The open forum is a place where you can express your views on the issues of the day. The open forum is a place where you can express your views on the issues of the day.

**JUST FOLKS**  
 BY EDGAR GUEST  
 Summer.  
 "Work," says Duty, and I say, "Oh, it's much too warm today."  
 Duty answers, "When did you join the rich and idle few?"  
 "Who gave you the right to say, 'Guess I will not work today'?"  
 Weather cold or weather hot, To a poor man matters not.  
 See your brothers in the sun, Feeling till the day is done.  
 When did need and want and woe And pity ever slow?  
 Do you think that want will wait till the waves of heat abate?  
 Bitter cold or hot the day, Does hunger lack a holiday?

**Carolina Coast.**  
 BY LOUISE MANNING CROSSLAND  
 The Carolina coast broods for her child.  
 A child whose day is gone, Whose soul is smothered in its memories clasp.  
 And from the bellies of the past its echoes ring, To pass the story on.  
 Huge live-oak trees a-mourn with veils of moss.  
 Stands sentinels to stay The crumbling ruins of homes whose portals stand ajar.  
 As if in hopes the ghosts of yesterday might bring The entrance of today.  
 The gardens open gay tapestries where love  
 And youth wove bright designs Are now a tumbled, tangled mass of flower and weed.  
 Whose soil is smothered in a place where wild things feed. Where paths have no more lines.  
 Enriched in glimmer, glory, atmosphere  
 A history of its own, The Carolina coast dreams of its buried years.  
 When the underground scenes are bathed in ocean's tears. Where time's seeds must have blown.

**Sentence Sermons**  
 By Rev. Roy L. Smith  
 He Who Rules—  
 "By force must stand in dread of a more forceful rival."  
 It seems strange that we are so fond of being ruled.  
 "By violence must be prepared to scrap all morals."  
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## THE HUMAN SIDE

BY JOHN HIX  
 Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.  
 Wives—And Success.

When a man falls in business or fails to achieve more than a very mediocre success, he immediately begins to look for the bank to make excuses.

That perhaps, is just how he has been. Not noticed, however, that wives are being used more and more as "excuses." Yesterday, a friend told me that he had just been fired from a very good position, told me that it was his wife's fault. "She insisted that I go out every night," he said, "and I've been gradually losing interest in my work since the day I got married."

About a week ago I heard this story. "If my wife had just helped me a little, I could have saved enough money to buy the house and had money in the bank instead of being on the street!"

Here's another one. You've probably heard many like it. "I was a failure. If she had let him alone, he would have been on top today!"

It is unquestionably true that nagging and extravagant wives have ruined many a hard-working husband. But it is equally true that economical and helpful wives have made highly successful men out of their husbands.

In studying the biographies of the world's most successful business men, I find that nearly all of them attribute much of their success to their wives. Maybe they were kind-hearted. Nevertheless, the following men have said the following things about their wives:

Russell Sage: "I was in a small line of business when I married my wife, earning just enough to support myself. When she came quickly adapted herself to the poor home that I was able to offer her. There were struggles and trials and bitter disappointments, but we went on, side by side, until I began to see land."

Henry Clay: "My wife had been accustomed to luxuries to which I was a stranger, yet she did not disdain to share my poor lot, because although I had a fair income, I was compelled to keep up a certain appearance, and no other man in my position could realize the shifts to which he may be reduced in order to keep a man in my position from being a failure."

Chauncey Depew: "When I married a woman who gave me no other sorrow than her death, I was a poor professional man struggling for a position. I was a poor professional man struggling for a position. I was a poor professional man struggling for a position."

James J. Hill: "I told my wife that when I married her I had fifty dollars in the world with a strong start-housekeeping, and the day when our domestic happiness would be realized seemed as remote as the Greek Islands."

Thomas Cook: "My wife encouraged me in my idea to form a travel company. When I abandoned my plans, when everything looked hopeless, she insisted that I go through with it even if I had to starve. To her success I owe the credit for my success."

If you read the biographies of other successful men, including John D. Rockefeller, Thomas A. Edison, James Gordon Bennett, and Frank W. Woolworth, you will learn that their wives were instrumental to their success. To say that man, in order to be completely successful, must stay single in a fallacy. It is just as easy and convenient for an unmarried man to place the blame for his failure on his wife.

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