

SO SAY THE CROSSES, ROW ON ROW

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Editor's Note: Twelve editors and publishers of newspapers throughout the state have consented to serve as "guest editorial writers" for the Eccentric during the absence of George R. Averill, publisher.

By Muri H. DeFoe (Editor Charlotte Republican-Tribune)

BIRMINGHAM, May 27.—In baseball the lead-off man is supposed to be able to get on base but the clean-up hitter, you remember, is farther down in the line up...

It wasn't necessary for the writer to journey over to Birmingham for assignment atmosphere or inspiration. Our editorial household has been guests in the Averill home many times and always with increased respect for the head of the house and his family...

Speaking of this social trend—and tragically, in our opinion, the small town is gradually being broken up into cliques—the best argument for President Roosevelt's new blood in the Federal judiciary is social. From sixty on the same thinking, habits, interests and desires...

But getting back to the unknown Neighbor Stone, did you know that you have six Who's Who citizens: Senator Couzens, whose funeral was the occasion of my last visit to Birmingham; Hugo Erickson; August W. Ives; Emil E. Keller; Brother Stone; and Lee A. White, able Detroit Negro lawyer...

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A notice on the bulletin board of the Community House (Birmingham's major and perpetual claim to distinction) advertised an inter-fraternity dance a few evenings hence. How come? We supposed that high school fraternities had been "abused" by law. This was a burning issue back in 1920 when the Michigan State Legislature...

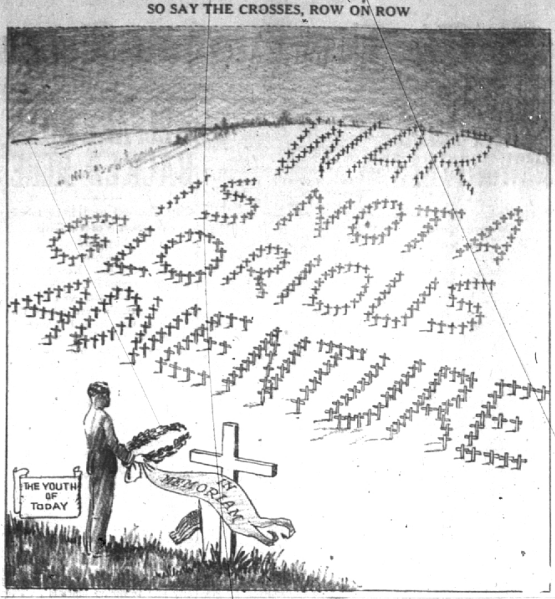
Speaking of sit-down strikes calls up to the present labor difficulties. The following paragraph is from George Macaulay Trevelyan in his classical "Grey of Fallodon"...

"The 'socialist' of Grey came out over the top of the strike of 1912," when said of Lord Riddell, "One cannot help feeling that the men employed in a big business have as great an interest in it as the proprietors, or share holders, as the case may be."

Just a sentence to tell the people of Birmingham and Oakland County that when Mrs. T. Ella (d) of Pontiac, R. F. D., recently named to the place on the State Fair board by Governor Frank Murphy, is an excellent appointment. Mr. Ellis, a native of Charlotte, is a top gentleman by antecedents, training and inclination and should prove a valuable man on this board.

Our Would-Be King In the meantime, our domestic politics are fast getting no better. The strike situation is getting to be a racket too. A corporation makes a strike settlement, and within a few days or a week there is another strike. The Union wants to tie employers to a contract, but they are free to break it at any time. While through their organization they are free to increase their money want to strike to keep rents and commodity prices down.

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'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

Unrolling a paper towel, I was agreeably surprised that, on that large white square of paper, I found no picture, either of the Lion or of the Quintuplets.

Relief have been able to make the Senate aware that the country still belongs to the People, and not to the President, although the Senate may have trouble in convincing him of that fact. Some friends of his really ought to try to get away from such monstrous propaganda extended during the past fifty years by the late John D. Rockefeller for the benefit of the United States...

For a great government to tremble at the possible results of so natural a human gesture as would be the king's presence at the wedding of his brother-benefactor, reminds one of an elephant's fear of a mouse. The old Sea Lion, she ain't what she used to be! The absence of all that news of the medieval show from the papers is a great relief.

But the Quintuplets we still have with us, littering every publication. The way the Canadian Government is managing the show makes it the Number One Racketeer. A gullible public has never before believed letter nor made so happy in supporting a great show. In what will that show eventuate?

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A \$35,000,000.00 Debt—and H.C.L.

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

Within the past few weeks the nation has heard protests from two great groups of citizens against increasing costs of living. They ask protection from the threat of further rises.

During the same period it has learned that our national debt has passed the thirty-five billion dollar mark—reaching an all-time high. To economists these facts bear an interesting relation to each other.

Not only because public debt has an unpleasant habit of stretching over future generations, and thus constitutes a lien on the labors of future generations. Not only because public debt means, in reality, postponed taxes, which both this and the coming generation must pay.

But also because excessive public debt is generally recognized by economists as the road to inflation—with all its ballooning of the cost of living.

Dispite promises of balanced budgets, our national debt has continued its steady ascent during recent years. Billion by billion it has climbed to its present altitude. Again Washington has promised that the mad ascent will cease. Congress must be reminded of that pledge.

WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Senate's Farm Bill Would Penalize Non-Go-operating Producers

WASHINGTON—The Senate Agriculture Committee is considering a bill which farm leaders and producers oppose. The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1937. The measure was developed out of the conference Secretary Wallace held here with heads of farm organizations last February. The bill embodies many of the principles, such as that of an ever-normal granary, for which Wallace has long been fighting. But there are some points in the bill on which administrators and the farm groups do not agree.

One feature of the proposed measure is designed to increase or decrease the import duty on wheat, corn, tobacco and other farm price raises by 10 per cent from the parity price. Objections already have been raised on this point as well as on the administrative and reciprocal agreements for trade in agricultural commodities.

The Government is designed to maintain normal supply levels for cotton, wheat, corn, rice and tobacco. The Secretary of Agriculture would be authorized to enter into adjustment contracts with individual farmers who would co-operate to insure that their income might be stabilized. The theory is that the co-operators by contracting third parties get a parity price for the normal yield of his acreage. The parity price would be the controlled market price, plus earned parity payments.

The farmer under contract would be required to divert acreage planted by any of the five commodities mentioned or keep his produce off the market. If the total supply would be much greater than normal. The bill drafters emphasize

RANDOM REMARKS

Richard W. Hawkins, Judge: "Parents today are not strict enough with their children."

Mrs. Miata Martin, mother of Mrs. Martin, aviator: "We wanted our child to develop flying for humanity. I felt sure God would take care of him."

Fiorella La Guardia, Mayor, New York: "We can't feed children on ticker tape... it is the duty of the nation to provide for the needy."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, N. Y. preacher: "When the people really get a passion for peace, the diplomats will find a way."

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady: "Any girl who is needed at home has a job just as surely as the girl who operates a machine in a factory."

John J. O'Connor, Representative from New York: "If anybody sets himself up as a dictator in this country, I will give you my guarantee that I will personally throw him out."

Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Senator from Wyoming: "There is no possibility of a dictatorship in America at any time."

Julius Ochs Adler, of the New York Times, addressing college students: "Be a proud citizen of your country, of your state and of your nation, but be prepared in your mind to be a citizen of the world."

Wm. E. Dodd, U. S. Ambassador to Germany: "We are individuals of great wealth who wish a dictatorship and are ready to help a Huey Long."

Nicholas M. Butler, President, Columbia University: "The people of America, by influence and example, should teach the Old World the path to peace and democracy."

MEMORIAL DAY This is a lovely day. Amid the flowers, Amid the blowing flag and marching men, Here on the soft green grass we kneel again, Here where we kneel in sorrow's darkest hours. Remembering these loved ones who went away Beautiful offerings, symbols of our love We bring, though now they dwell in God above, Tribute we pay to them upon this Day. This is a holy day. It seems that we are near to these beloved ones who have gone. To rest in quiet slumber till the dawn of immortality. —Beatrice McDonald.

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REPORTED that Wallis has cut down on Edward's smelting and Scotch, insisting also on more regular habits. The news is practically marred right now.

Then there's the fellow who mapped out a transcendental tour without hitting a single exposition. This being a kind is all right. George made no promises, there is no sorry about re-election in 1940, and so far as he is concerned the budget is balanced.

Astronomer says Mars is now suffering severe dust storms. Well, there's something for the Resettlement administration to work on.

Dummy is now among highest paid radio stars, which gives us some hope of getting on the air after all.

PARAGRAPHS

American Place Names: Presenting: Bill Ground, Gail and Picnic Grove, Ind.

International Headaches Dept. Many nations are armed to the teeth and the trouble is in their not-wildon tooth—Atlanta Georgian.

Theme Song The Ball situation is once more foggy. Suggestion for a suitable theme song: "Danzig in the Ruhr" Georgia Georgian.

Tantalizing Tycoons Income-tax figures indicate that the glamour kids of the screen are in reality captains of industry—Buffalo News.

Angling Note A science note says that brook trout lost 2.5 per cent of their length in death. There is a fisherman's alibi that is an alibi—Detroit Free Press.

May Explain It A sudden increase in the number of local seats in the East may mean the need black problem is becoming desperate—Detroit News.

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