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Dozens of Panama Canals!

The great Canal down in Panama has long been considered a mighty miracle of American enterprise and engineering skill; and on that count, a mark that the rest of mankind may despair of equalling. The Panama Canal will always remain in people's minds as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World."

But right around us, here and now in our country, another miracle is occurring, so vast that the building of the Canal is one of the few convenient yardsticks by which to measure it! Burnham Finney, editor of The American Machinist, tells us about it:

"The world marveled at the magnitude of the operation of building the Panama Canal. Yet on the basis of cost, American industry has been given the task of constructing five Panama Canals a month for an indefinite period ahead. Later it is likely to be seven or eight or ten. Compressed within twelve months, industry will be asked to turn out defense equipment—planes, tanks, ships, guns, ammunition—equivalent to sixty or seventy Panama Canals. . .

"Our defense production is not 'in a mess.' There is practically no cause for defeatism on the subject. Unquestionably things could be better; but we have gone far in a year's time—much faster, for instance, than in the initial year of our 1917-18 production effort.

"Despite confusion and waste motion, America is achieving another miracle of the industrial age. It is justifying its reputation for mechanical genius and efficiency. Before this summer is over we shall be in mass production of defense equipment, with the rate of output rising steadily and steeply through next fall and winter."

The analogy with the building of the Panama Canal is an apt one. America, and America's industries, are used to big jobs—ones that challenge the imagination. When there is added the opportunity to make this country of ours secure in any emergency, it is small wonder that our industries have responded on a scale that already makes such huge comparisons necessary.

Borrowed Comment

A BIG APPLE CROP (Statesville Landmark)

The orchardists of Wilkes and Alexander county are looking forward to a million-bushel crop harvest in that area this fall, and are expecting an average price of more than the seventy cents per bushel they received last year for a much smaller crop.

That will mean that our Brushy Mountain neighbors will be right well poised to pull through the winter, thank you. And they will deserve all the joys that can come from this pleasing income, too, for it doesn't just happen that they are raising a big crop of apples or that the fruit is as fine as a tree can grow. Nature has helped of course but the orchardists themselves, through scientific research and a full co-operation with state authorities have been making the most of their opportunities by employing modern methods in growing, harvesting and marketing, and may well measure their success by these yardsticks.

At a recent meeting of the apple-growers the discussions paramounted the problems of grading and marketing this year's apple crop. It is to be hoped that no conclusions were reached that will result in a general dumping of the culls on local markets, leaving the choice fruit for the distant markets. For after all an apple is not just an apple because it happens to come under that name. All may be good but some are better than others, as States-

villians consumers, for instance, have not always been privileged to observe.

Hauling the windfalls and culls to nearby markets has not served to impress local consumers with the high quality of fruit that is grown right here at their back door. It may be good marketing practice for the growers who must get all out of his crop that he can, but just the same the local buyer should have the privilege of buying the best, if he wants it and can afford to pay the price.

Anyhow Wilkes and Alexander will find their neighbors rejoicing with them in the prospects of a big apple crop, and if "an apple a day really keeps the doctor away," we are in for a pleasing period of health in the days immediately ahead.

CURSING HITLER

(By Bernarr Macfadden)

Hitler is a demon, a brute, a devil in human form. The English language is inadequate, there are no words that can properly describe our opinion of this tyrannical dictator. He undoubtedly has world domination in mind and he has made a very substantial start towards achievement that ambition.

But what has he done to this country? He is sending us on a wild rampage in our preparation for war. And billions of treasures are lavishly expended in this terrific rush to make amends for our shameful neglect throughout the years.

Though we may not be able to emphatically express our opinion of Hitlerism we could not fittingly value the revolutionary changes that it has brought to this country. We have been awakened from a long sleep. We have been so occupied with fights among ourselves that we have ignored our foreign enemies.

At last we have been made to realize the necessity for national self protection, but the value of strong, broad shouldered healthy manhood and womanhood in this emergency is not yet fully recognized. In attaining our present objective, some of the devitalizing evils which have been sapping the vitality of the race for generations are now being exposed.

The white flour curse, the fake staff of life that has weakened the race, starved bones and teeth, given children rickets and dwarfed their growth, is now out in the open with all its skeletonized defects.

If the actual truth were known millions of graves, cutting off lives prematurely, could attest to the gravity of these deadly mistakes through many generations.

A few years ago the discovery of vitamins brought damning charges against many of the processes for preserving foods. Flavor and vitamins were destroyed, salt, pepper and other condiments were used to replace them.

The Government is now active in correcting these deadly errors. But there was no special need for the knowledge of vitamins to indicate the deficiencies of many of our staple foods. The study of nature and practical experience in testing them brought out their defects with amazing clearness.

As a health crusader for more than half a century I have pointed out the defects in many food products which were devitalizing the race. And I was called a crank and a food faddist for my efforts. But the facts brought out by vitamin experiments proved conclusively the accuracy of many of my deductions.

But Hitler's bombing of women and children make us realize that we were not immune from attack. We must protect our country from invasion. Preparatory measures that every intelligent American has advocated for years, is now going forward with almost fanatical zeal. He has awakened us to the necessity of giving official attention to the growth and development of our young manhood and womanhood, but official attention to this special need lags most shamefully.

From this time forward we should place the needs of the nation above our individual financial interests. Powerful financial leaders have restrained and restricted Governmental officials in the efforts that should have been made years ago for a protection of the health of the public, and our health officials are to blame to an equal degree.

Hitler has not only taught us the value of the mechanized units of war but he will ultimately make us realize the necessity of having manpower back of them, and back of it all the vital womanhood necessary for our national salvation through the perpetuation of the race.

Due to the European struggle there is a shortage of the beans from which castor oil is extracted. Junior has now joined those who want to war to be fought to the finish. —Henderson Dispatch.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

MOST MODERN SONGS

Extension of the draft limit by 30 months was a move unpopular with many people, but aside from the necessity of the move in the interest of American defense, it had another distinct benefit. It sounded the death knell for that song about "I'll Be Back In a Year Little Darling."

Now if something will happen to put the skids under the song about "They Drew My Number," many others will be grateful. Even the song writers, who are usually credited with some intelligence, don't seem to get it through their thick skulls that every man who registered had a number and that ALL numbers were drawn.

As for the "Brawla Brawla Suet" etc., mess, it is impossible anyway, so why comment. The song would be an insult to the natives of Africa's darkest regions. But the darn thing does sound pleasing, nevertheless.

JOINING RUSSIANS

Hell's Half Acre, Aug. 21 (Thursday), by leased grapevine telegraph—Desertions have played havoc with the armed forces of this principality, even with the threat of invasion by the hordes from Cutthroat Ridge.

Someone read to the man in the ranks a dispatch from the little fess they are having over in Europe, and he was reading about the Germans sending nude women into the Dneiper river in order to distract attention of Russian troops, which would have allowed the Germans to cross nearby.

When our men heard that, they took over and swear they will not stop until they reach Russia. Some of them misunderstood the pronunciation of the word "nude" but what they thought it was didn't make any difference. They took off along with those who heard the correct pronunciation.

COURT SIDELIGHTS

Attorney Eugene Trivette was examining a prospective juror in Wilkes court for the trial of Everett Wiles and he asked the venireman if he had read the papers. "Yes, I take two papers, one Wilkes paper and one from Alleghany but I don't pay any attention to anything they have in them. Once in awhile there may be an article with some truth in it but they are all embellished," was his reply.

Another prospective juror who was questioned closely by the defendant's attorney was asked if he had been connected in any manner with a murder trial. He said "John R. Jones tried to get me to swear in the Bryant Stone case that some tracks were Bryant Stone's and I wouldn't do it."

Wiley Greene and Laney Woods were put on trial for stealing some meat and for stealing an axe. The jury was hung and couldn't agree. We learned that the defendants were given a sporting proposition to abide by the majority vote of the 12 men. If half or more were in favor of acquittal the men were to go free and if over half were in favor of finding them guilty they were to plead guilty. But the defendants would have none of the plan. The jury was dismissed and a mistrial ordered. It was learned that only two were in favor of a verdict of guilty. Now the charge of larceny still hangs over them and they will have to be tried at next court. The jury then may all agree on a verdict of guilty.

In turning down the majority vote proposition the defendants lost their candy. Or did they?

WHAT THEY PRAYED FOR

A famous trial of long ago was a farmer's damage suit against a church. The congregation met at the country church during a drought and prayed for rain. That night it rained and the rain was accompanied by lightning, which hit and destroyed the plaintiff's barn near the church. He sued the church for loss of his barn. In the course of the trial members of the congregation were

asked if they prayed for rain and their answer was "yes," but they said they did not pray for lightning. The attorney for the church insisted that the lightning was the Lord's own idea and won the case.

CHOICE OF EVILS

A couple who lived in a section where there had been a number of earthquakes sent their son to live with an uncle some distance away. A few days later they received a telegram from their uncle: "Am returning boy; send earthquake."

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

A young girl here says she can now sympathize with a worm on a fish hook or any other live bait, which she swears she'll never use again. She was bitten by a big sea fish while at the beach.

Home Club Mountain View Has Meeting

The Mountain View Home Demonstration club met August 13 with Mrs. B. W. Pendry.

In the absence of the president the vice president, Mrs. Claud Johnson, presided during the transaction of some business items.

Miss Elizabeth Williams gave a demonstration on the making of refreshing beverages and fruit juices. After which Mrs. Pendry served delicious ice cream and cake.

The September meeting will be held with Mrs. G. C. Pendry.

Walter White, who is the director of the Children's Home Society in Los Angeles, is the sponsor of a half-hour broadcast over a national chain every Sunday. He says: "There is no such thing as illegitimate birth. There may be illegitimate parents, but the children cannot be blamed, and society should not brand them with a stigma that sometimes clings all through life."

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SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

The following persons having failed to pay their taxes due the Town of Wilkesboro, for the year 1940, under chapter 310 Public Laws of 1939 section 1715 (b-c) I will sell at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., on September 8, 1941, at 11 a. m. the following described property to satisfy the same.

To the amounts of unpaid taxes advertised below will be added cost and expense provided by law, including sales for and advertising cost.

J. F. JORDAN,
City Tax Collector.

Alexander, J. H.—One Lot	\$18.29
Barnette, J. W.—One Lot	9.38
Bryan, T. R.—One Lot	38.58
Culler, J. E.—One Lot	17.96
Dillard, J. R.—One Lot	44.45
Edminsten, Glenn—One Lot	5.22
Glass, J. A., deceased—One Lot	2.61
Hamby, D. M.—One Lot	5.49
Hemphill, Mrs. Edith—One Lot	18.29
Hubbard, Fred C., Jr.—One Lot	41.06
Irvin, John T.—One Lot	89.41
Jones, W. A.—One Lot	24.89
Lowe, Dave—One Lot	22.78
Miller, Mrs. Warner—One Lot	2.14
Minton, Wm. A.—One Lot	17.24
Mitchell, J. M.—One Lot	4.71
McLain, Mrs. J. P.—One Lot	13.06
Pardue, C. M.—One Lot	32.76
Pearson, Charlie S.—One Lot	6.55
Powell, Carrie—One Lot	13.78
Prevette, Kelley—One Lot	2.94
Smithey, Frank—One Lot	9.67
Willard, L. C.—One Lot	19.50
Winkler, Hubert—One Lot	13.06

COLORED

Alexander, F. T.—One Lot	\$10.10
Alexander, Fred—One Lot	9.25
Anderson, Robie—One Lot	13.06
Barber, Will and Roxie—One Lot	.63
Brown, Will—One Lot	8.00
Brown, Mary, deceased—One Lot	3.76
Brown, Tom, heirs—One Lot	3.75
Brown, Bill—One Lot	8.15
Brown, Winston—One Lot	.33
Grinton, Jane—One Lot	7.50
Gilreath, Eva, deceased—One Lot	5.00
Speaks, Archie—One Lot	10.19
Watkins, W. J. A.—One Lot	7.94

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to the public that we have leased our brick building on 10th Street for another type business more suitable to the building and location, and are moving our plant to the

Phillips Three-Story Warehouse On Forester Avenue

where we will welcome our many friends and customers. We will continue to handle all kinds POULTRY, also EGGS, BUTTER and DRIED FRUITS.

We appreciate the generous patronage the people of Wilkes and adjoining counties have given us through the years and promise for the future the same high class service we have given in the past.

We will continue to pay top market prices for POULTRY and PRODUCE. We want especially to call attention to DRIED FRUITS. In this emergency no fruit should be allowed to go to waste. Cut and dry peaches and apples. We will guarantee to pay fair prices for all bright dry fruit.

See us at our new location on Forester Avenue when you have produce to sell for cash.

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