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the roads BEFORE they kill. Arresting them after is like shutting the stable door after the horse gets out.

Which reminds us that the state authorities have put up adequate signs at dangerous points AFTER a number of lives were lost.

A few good men of the mountains with a few hundred more pounds of chestnut wood on their trucks than their license call for present no great menace to lives on the highway. While the extra fee is being collected from the unfortunate wood hauler some reckless demon is killing somewhere on the highway.

Irresponsible Hands

The coal mining strike, and many other strikes in industries classed by exponents as a "major economic reform", partial and based on theory instead of practice and experience, placed great powers in the hands of labor union leaders.

Theoretically, the act was supposed to give labor the opportunity it had long desired to secure a prosperous existence.

Instead, it has given bull-headed labor leaders an opportunity to hamper and perhaps badly cripple the efforts to defend democracy in this and other lands.

Whether they know it or not, whether they believe it or not, the labor union leaders throughout the defense strikes have played into Hitler's hands. The strikers are Hitler's best helpers.

If the rank and file of labor in defense industries was made up of good, patriotic Americans like we have here in our own Wilkes county they would tell the union leaders to go where Hitler will eventually land, and work to produce defense materials as they have never worked before.

In our surroundings here among a people who seem to be well united we cannot understand the action of American workmen who would help Hitler by stopping production of defense materials for our own nation, for the British and the Russians who are now doing the actual combat work against nazism.

Now we find the labor unions taking themselves down by their own efforts, defying President Roosevelt and biting the hand which fed them.

But nothing better can be expected from people who are not intellectually capable of using vast powers.

Borrowed Comment

WE CAN TAKE IT
(Oxford Public Ledger)

We North Carolinians are now beginning to feel the effects of this country's great all-out program for National Defense, and while none of us relish the taste we have had, it is noteworthy that every call has been met with a minimum of grumbling and grouching.

We have seen food prices go up, up, up, and although we have talked about the rising cost of living we have accepted it with more resignation than condemnation. We see new car production being curtailed and car prices going up, and we see tire prices rise with a tire shortage in prospect, but we merely have our old cars overhauled and our old tires recapped and decide that we can make out with the old buggy for quite a while yet.

We face the prospect of having to pay more taxes next year than we have ever been called upon to pay, but we reason that by trimming the budget here and there we can somehow pay those taxes.

We are currently in the midst of a power-rationing program which already has blacked out store display windows, service station floodlights, neon signs and stadium arc lights, and if the blackout is not lifted before Christmas we may have to endure a Yule season without the decorative lights and lighted trees without which Christmas can not seem like Christmas at all. Yet if we have to endure such restrictions we undoubtedly will do so without too much complaining.

This is the American spirit, indomitable, irrespressible and adaptable. We like our way of life—the American way—and most of us would rather have this way of life disrupted for a while than to have it crushed forever.

What we all want is war-time wages with which to buy things as panic prices.—American lumberman.

Crime, says a New York expert, is costing the United States \$500,000,000 a year. Well, it must be admitted that we are getting a high grade of crime and plenty of it for our money.—American Lumberman

Yet even now you find an occasional old-fashioned poor man who gives his kid only two bits a day to waste.—Birmingham News.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

TROOPS INVADE WILKES
Events relative to the maneuvers of troops in this vicinity provides a wealth of material for this column.

The troops in this neighborhood have been the inspiration for a number of amusing, if not confusing, incidents.

On Sunday when we came down town we were asked right off the bat about the great number of troops which had been trucked into the Yadkin river basin between the Wilkesboros. We were told that there was a great flock or army trucks and that the patrolmen and policemen had gone to the bridge to handle the traffic. That was rumor number one.

We walked 3 1/2 steps from the points where we heard rumor 1 and took a good look at the bridge. We saw nothing unusual. Having explicit faith in everything we hear, we decided that it was time to get an appointment with an eye specialist but before doing so we decided to ride over in Calamity number 3 and get a closer look to see where the "great number" of army trucks were hiding.

We found at the bridge a handsome soldier with a cute mustach. Incidentally, he was armed with a new Garand rifle and had complete pack for field and post duty. We learned some facts from him, found that the bridge had been "mined" as a precaution against Red army forces making a crossing into Blue territory and that the lower Yadkin bridges had received the same treatment.

Instead of there being a "great number" of army trucks, there was one private on guard. Not one truck was in sight.

At the lower bridge we found soldiers placing dummy mines while a machine gun crew on a truck scanned the skies and countryside. It had a warlike appearance.

Having taken possession of the military objectives—the bridges—one guard was left at each with instructions to report by telephone any appearance of the "enemy" to army headquarters at Hamlet.

RUMORS GALORE
Rumors have been running rampant since Sunday. Rumor number two was that the Red and Blue forces had clashed at Ferguson with the Blues taking many prisoners and with many casualties on both sides. So far we have been unable to confirm reports of any troops being at Ferguson.

Rumor number three was that the army had "captured" Wilkesboro post office, courthouse and Judge Hayes' home. Just why anyone would consider them military objectives, we don't know. Some Chillicothe graduate must have manufactured that one.

Rumor number 37 1-2 was that a big force of tanks was on its way from Boone here Monday night and that North Wilkesboro would have a complete blackout between nine and ten o'clock while the armored forces went through the city and forded the Yadkin below the bridge.

WAS HE A REPUBLICAN?
It was very amusing to hear a visitor to town cuss about the bridges going to be "blown out." "What does this administration in Washington mean?" he thundered. "Thousands and thousands of dollars have been spent to build the bridges here and now they were going to blow them up."

CHOSE FOR HIMSELF
And that reminds us of the account one soldier gave of an incident during the maneuvers in South Carolina. In a deep forest an old man with a long, flowing beard emerged from a thicket with his hands high in the air. He was noticeably nervous and blurted out: "I'm surrendering, I don't give a d—n what Lee is going to do".

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY
People in the mountains of Watauga heard of the troops coming and they had also heard about Stalin's scorched earth policy in Russia as the German invasion proceeded.

That is the why of the big forest fires. The people heard of the troops coming and decided to "scorch the earth".

A number of stills were said to have been scuttled. (Rumor number 1,001).

State May Quarry Lime Rock Deposits
The State Highway and Public Works Commission probably will take action at its next meeting, November 28, looking toward the working of the state-owned lime rock properties in Yadkin county, Virgil D. Guire, of Lenoir, commissioner for this district, opined last night.

Guire's announcement followed a statement released earlier in the day by Governor J. M. Broughton to the effect that he had instructed highway officials to investigate immediately the feasibility of starting operations at the Lime Rock.

The Governor acted upon recommendation of Thurmond Chatlam, of Winston-Salem, and R. C. Llewellyn, of Dobson. They wrote a letter favoring the move after attending a meeting in Elkin a week ago yesterday in which interested citizens expressed a desire that this great natural resource be put to work in the interest of national defense.

Attending the meeting were representatives from the offices of the Surry and Yadkin county agents.

CAN'T AFFORD IT
Lady (to bus operator): "Lo you stop at the Biltmore?"
Bus Operator: "No, Ma'am, not on my salary."

Why, the lower bridge was finished only two weeks ago!" He continued by saying that it was no more foolish than many other things the administration had done.

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state defense of our country. In a formal statement they expressed for unity among the American people, expressed hope for labor peace and asked prayers for the President. The Congress and "all who bear the grave responsibilities of government in these difficult days."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of L. Bumgarner, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Wilkesboro, N. C., on or before the 10th day of November, 1942, or this Notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of November, 1941.

CHARLIE G. BUMGARNER,
Adm. of L. Bumgarner, dec'd.
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