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Hitler and Mussolini: "There ain't no (Russian) bears out tonight—we hope."

One cause for increase in automobile accidents is the number of former back-seat drivers who have moved up front.

The Republicans got even with the Democrats last week for naming two of their leaders to cabinet posts by nominating a Democrat for president.

If they want to stop Willkie the Democrats will have to think of a more demanding accusation than that he is not an experienced politician.

Marriage vows are so solemn and impressive that it seems a shame that the contracting couple usually is too nervous and excited to hear and understand them.

The Bear Prowls

The Russian Bear has stirred restlessly within the past week, and with movements which belie his reputation for ponderousness, has grabbed territory from Rumania upon which Herr Hitler held a first mortgage.

Under any other circumstances, what Joe Stalin's bloody Reds have done would constitute a challenge to the Germans, but so far the Nazi chieftains have chosen to turn the other cheek. This role of long-suffering is, of course, a mere matter of expediency; for Germany wishes to destroy her enemies piece-meal, and right now Britain's number is up.

Chief hope that Russia soon will be an active combatant upon the side of England rests in the ability of Stalin to face the political facts of Europe realistically, and Stalin is a realist above all else. He knows that he can and did exist in a European society dominated by Britain and France; the facts are plainly evident that neither Russia nor any other nation that challenges the might of Germany will be permitted to exist in an Europe dominated by the Nazis.

And it must be obvious that his job of hamstringing Germany will be made easier if it is begun while the spearhead of the Nazi attack is turned toward the British isle.

Right Here At Home

We worry aloud about the fate of persons confined in German concentration camps and we make ourselves wretched thinking of the refugees of Europe—things that we are powerless to prevent and seriously handicapped to help. Yet throughout the entire month of June there remained a prisoner in the Brunswick county jail, a white woman and her nine-months-old baby, and until Monday no effort was made to get her out on bail.

Alice Warner was arrested on May 30, on a charge of bigamy, and following a preliminary hearing in which probable cause was found, was sent to Southport jail under bond of \$500.00. On Monday the amount of the bond requirement was arbitrarily reduced by a representative of the clerk of court's office to \$200.00, and the woman and her child were released. Now Alice Warner may be the guiltiest person on earth; we don't know. But it is not the way of civilized society to confine a mother and her infant to jail while the law fumbles and bungles its course.

Welcomed News

General enthusiasm has greeted the announcement that the State Highway Commission would begin immediately to maintain in good condition the two-mile stretch of dirt road running from Southport to Long Beach.

In the first place, there were more than 200 property owners who had very definite rights in the matter, and we know that each of them now feels better toward the organization into which taxes are paid to insure decent travel facilities. And in the second place, there is an-

other group that feels just as appreciative. These are the beach-goers, the fun lovers, the citizens who seek pleasant and convenient recreation for Long Beach is their only nearby ocean front playground.

Bromides Of Thought

Reassurance of what the future might hold in store for the frightened peoples of the world would constitute the best tonic that could be offered to the American people today.

Nobody can speak with any degree of certainty of what the coming months or years may bring, but there are some definite advices in the Whiteville Merchant's Association's Bulletin, gleaned from an exchange, that are worthy of thoughtful consideration and might serve as nerve-quieting as a dose of neurosene:

- Don't become panicky. Don't lose faith that right will triumph over brutal might. Don't conclude that Hitlerism cannot fail to dominate the Old World. Don't conjure up the specter of invasion of the United States. Don't contemplate complete collapse here. Don't throw securities overboard at any old price. Don't frenziedly assume that the world will cease to have need of many American products. Don't get the notion that wheat, corn, cotton, will become worthless. Don't bank on resurgence of acute depression here. Don't assume that recent jitteriness in Wall Street will last indefinitely. Don't gamble; invest in the most dependable stocks. Don't forget that we are on a solid, not an inflated economic basis. Don't overlook the fact that our productive efficiency and capacity have reached heights never before known here or anywhere else. Don't under-rate our unique position as the only world power either not at war or being bled by gigantic preparations for war, by huge mobilized armies. Don't minimize the value of our freedom to import and export by sea—across the Atlantic, across the Pacific, northwards to Canada, southwards to more than twenty Latin-American countries. Don't belittle the potentialities of our possession of \$19,000,000,000 of gold. Don't doubt that public opinion will demand restoration of governmental co-operation in reviving prosperity and employment. Don't give way to despair that America's sovereign citizens will assent to subjection to dictatorship. Don't question that this nation's best days lie ahead. Don't sell America short.

Cost Of Crime

Judge J. J. Burney, speaking before the Columbus county grand jury last week, drew attention to the enormous crime bill which the taxpayers of the United States are forced to pay annually, as compared with the amount expended for the education of the 32,000,000 school children of the country.

Crime, he said, costs the taxpayers \$28,000 every minute of every day of every year, \$4,447 a second. He asserted that crime cost the taxpayers of the country a total of \$15,000,000,000 annually, as compared with the \$2,978,000,000 to educate the school-children of the nation.

He deplored the condition which permits 4,000 of the 12,000 murderers in the country annually never to be apprehended, and less than 1 per cent of those who kill their fellow man to ever pay with the death penalty. He viewed with alarm the fact that there are estimated now to be 100,000 unapprehended murderers walking the streets of the nation today as free men.

In the light of the facts as presented by Judge Burney, if for no other than for purely mercenary reasons, it behooves America to tackle the crime problem with renewed energies, to the end that money now being spent for crime might be devoted to some other purposes.

But more important than the saving of taxes, is the preservation of order and obedience to the law—therein lies the most pressing need for a new crusade against crime.

IMMORTAL PARIS

Paris is a vital ideal. Paris is an ever-kindling symbol of wisdom and friendliness, of tolerance and living made an art. Paris is proof that loveliness can be taken from the world of dreams and made tangible. Paris may suffer an eclipse. Paris does not die.

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE Friday, July 5.—North West Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. J. Peterson. Monday, July 8.—Antioch Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Alvin Lewis. Tuesday, July 9.—Exum Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. H. Fernside. Wednesday, July 11.—Ash Club will meet at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, July 11.—Mt. Pisgah Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Bertha Devaun.

GARDEN NOTES

I have just completed a trip through Western Piedmont and Mountain counties and visited many home gardens. There seems to be an earnest effort on the part of many farm families in growing small fruits in their gardens for the first time—such fruits as strawberries, young dewberry and red raspberries. Many of these families are selling the surplus on local market and making preserves and jams out of the balance. In making your garden plans for 1940 don't fail to include one or more of these fruits. Two or three hundred strawberry plants and twenty-five each of the Young or Boysenberry variety of dewberry and red raspberry will supply your family with these home fruits.

I also found more plantings of the same kind of vegetable on smaller garden areas indicating these farm families are taking advantage of the favorable growing conditions of spring and summer in order to have a surplus of vegetables to can and feed the family during the winter months.

Vegetables To Plant

Take a chance on weather conditions which are often favorable for growing vegetables in late summer and early fall. It has been said nature will contribute 90 per cent to the growing of vegetables if you will devote your energy to the balance of 10 per cent. If this is true then plant during the next two months the following vegetables:

For Eastern Carolina:—Set cabbage plants July 15 to August 15; beets and carrots, August 1 to 20; collards and sweet corn, August 1 to 10; spinach, Swiss chard, and tomatoes, July and August; turnips and turnip salad, August. Sow celery seed in July and set plants late August or early September.

For Western Carolina:—Snap beans, beets, carrots, collards, sweet corn, kale, Swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips, in August and July. Sow celery seed in July for plant setting in August. Sow Chinese cabbage in July and then thin out plants to 15 inches apart. Sow lettuce seed in rows during August and thin out to 12 inches apart.

How To Make Compost

Start now and prepare a compost pile to be spread over your garden soil in order to provide organic matter for your 1941 crop of vegetables. It takes at least six months to make compost. Spread out a bale of straw or old hay or equal amount of leaves to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Do not use pine straw as it is slow in decomposing. Scatter over this layer 9 pounds of Sulphate of Ammonia, 3 pounds of 16% Superphosphate, and 8 pounds of ground limestone. Build up layer after layer of this organic material and fertilizer and sprinkle some water on it as it is being built. After the pile is finished have it hollow on top so the rain water will not run off. Water during a dry period in order to hasten decomposition.

Small Fruits

Dewberries.—Cut off both old and new canes close to crown of plant soon after harvest and fertilize with cotton seed meal or stable manure. This applies to the Young and Boysenberry varieties as well as the Lucretia variety.

Red raspberry.—Remove old canes after harvest and all new shoots coming up in the row middles and between hills of plants. The new canes of black raspberries should have the tips pinched off when they reach the height of 2 to 2½ feet. Fertilize same as for dewberries.

Strawberries.—Don't let the plant row become crowded with new plants. Remember the first and second plants from the mother plant on each runner will make the most berries next year. Space them about a hoe width apart and chop off all late forming runner plants.

Boone's Neck 4-H Club Meets

The Boone's Neck 4-H Club met with their leader, Miss Fairlee Lewis, Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The president, Irene Robinson, presided over the meeting. A menu was planned for a cold-plate supper at the home of Julia Mae Hewett.

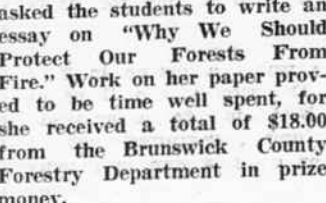
The following were present: Mattie Robinson, Irene Robinson, Olenda Robinson, Madeline Robinson, Allene Hewett, Louise Hewett, Lottie Mae Hewett, Irene Hewett, Lou Ellen Hewett, Eria Hewett, Julia Mae Hewett and Fairlee Lewis.

Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire

(By Annie Lee Evans)

Trees are the giants of the plant world. They have always had a great influence upon the existence and development of man. They also have much to do with the beauty of the landscape. People plant trees to beautify their yards. Farmers like the shade and the beautification of the trees. School yards look more attractive and inviting when trees are planted in them. Owners of property plant trees to increase the value of the land.

Aside from the value of trees because of their beauty they also have many other values. Living forests are our most useful servants. From the time that human beings began to live in communities...



Annie Lee Evans, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Evans, was first place winner in the grammar grade division of the forestry essay contest.

A Student in the sixth grade at Southport last year, she decided she would do her best when her teacher asked the students to write an essay on "Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire." Work on her paper proved to be time well spent, for she received a total of \$18.00 from the Brunswick County Forestry Department in prize money.

ities we have been neighbors to the forests. In early days the forests were used for shelter, fuel, game, fruits and food. Today we use forests for windbreaks, shelter for man and beast, pleasure parks, game preserving, and health resorts.

The wood is used for fuel in factories and homes. Wood is also used for ties and telephone poles. There are a number of industries dependent upon the forests. Paper is sometimes made from wood pulp. Rayon, used so much today for clothes, comes from wood. Lumber for building fences, sidewalks, furniture and bridges is rapidly ruining our forests. One great use of lumber is for the "frame" house. When our forests are gone, the brick or other materials will be used for making of homes. This would make the homes more expensive, so fewer people can afford them.

Fire is undoubtedly the greatest enemy the forest has. One of the reasons why we have so many forests fires is because we are too careless. In the Coastal region there is much standing timber killed by late spring fires. When the fire gets into the boxes, it eats into the base of the tree, it is killed at once, or is so weak that it is soon blown down.

One fire caused by human carelessness in Florida swept through the forests and killed many of the trees and weakened all of them. Soon a heavy epidemic infection of bark beetles developed and killed most of the living trees that had already been weakened by the fire.

Every fire running through the woods kills a great part of the seedling growth. Several of the most valuable trees are the most easily killed in forest fires.

Forest soils, if protected from fire will increase in richness year by year. When the leaves are burned, nitrogen, the most valuable part of the plant food, goes off in smoke and is lost. The loss to the owner is felt in two ways: First, in the slower growth of the trees, and second, in the reduced value of the land, which the timber is on.

There are at the present about eighty-seven State-owned fire towers in the State. During the fire season these are manned by look-out men. The necessity of the forest fire control, has been recognized in the State for half a century. Our records show that in 1936 the average fire in the State protected countries burned only sixty-seven acres.

The protection and management of the wild life in some regions is closely connected with the management of the forest. The state is divided into seven forest districts, six of which are organized and are operating under the supervision of District Foresters and District Ranger.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

They say that when you begin to reminisce you are growing old. Well, when Dotty Bell got married Monday morning we suddenly remembered that she was the first full-fledged columnist for The Pilot after we took over in 1935. Her's was a pithy and intelligent analysis of the week's news condensed under "Little Bits Of Big News."

Two things we've decided we'll never be able to do as well as a Negro boy: Shine white shoes and wash the automobile. We just don't seem to have that touch.

In this season of insects it occurs to us that killing a flea is a very difficult accomplishment. You put your finger gingerly upon a suspicious looking spot, mash gently in order not to mess up your suit or shirt—which ever the background happens to be. Then you slowly lift the oppressive digit. If the spot jumps and is quickly out of reach, you know it really was a flea. Doubtless we'll be told that if we maintained something less than two bird dogs we might expect more relief, but that argument will not stand up. The last unsuccessful flea-killing we tried was in church.

Nothing looks more hopeless than a lawn that needs mowing, nor more like a certificate of time and trouble well spent than one that has been newly mown. . . . Which reminds us that at the lower end of Moore street you'll find the prettiest lawns in town. Mrs. Lettie Hewett is the champion, but close rivals are the Bill Styrons, the Harry and Ed Weeks and the Robert Thompsons.

The most interesting happenings of this past week have been the dances, and the reunion held by the war veterans, especially the community picnic held in the park with Broughton as speaker. . . . Last night's dance went off in a smooth

manner and the one scheduled for the Glorious Fourth should be as successful. . . . Last Friday the boys showed more stuff than they yet have and made the Tennis Club's dance top-flight.

The BLUE BIRD, starring Shirley Temple, opens at the Amuzu tonight. Notables in the cast are Johnny Russell and Eddie Collins. The tale is done up in technicolor and is next to the last chance for Temple fans to see Shirley. One more picture on her schedule winds up her career. . . . If looks like the Lone Ranger is done for this time. . . . Too bad Randolph Scott was unable to attend the veterans revival, but to interrupt his schedule would have cost his studio thousands of dollars in delay.

That cement tennis court over at Fort Caswell is the stuff, and Manager H. H. Thomas has been the gracious host to several tennis pilgrims who just couldn't wait until the two local courts are made ready. . . . There hasn't been a whole lot said about it, but some right good baseball is being played these days out on the local diamond. What's more, there's variety in it, for the colored boys have played about as many games as the town team.

The paint wasn't dry on the recent remodeling job done by Rufus Doshier in the drug store before he started doing the interior over again, this time in a color scheme of crimson and gray. . . . We don't know who deserves the credit, but here's to the person or persons responsible for the recent fine condition of the Lanville-Leland road.

Hats off to Will Sellers Davis—a man of his word!

Mount Pisgah 4-H Club Meeting Held

The Mount Pisgah 4-H Club boys and girls met at the home of Ida Belle Evans last Wednesday. The assistant captain, Robert Moore, called the meeting to order, and the leader led the members in repeating the club motto and pledge.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Ophelia Moore. In the business of the meeting each member told of his project, and afterwards received information from the leader on each.

The next meeting was voted to be held at the home of Dorell Clemmons, on Wednesday evening, July 3. The meeting adjourned after two songs, several games of ball and bingo, led by the leader, Mrs. Lucian Moore.

THE END

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IN HOSPITAL

Alex Pittman of Georgetown, S. C., is a medical patient at S. Doshier Memorial Hospital.

THE BUSY SEASON

Any farmer knows that the tobacco season is the busiest time of year for the grower. Don't waste precious time shopping. Make out a list and come to our store where every item on your order can be promptly filled.

G. W. Kirby & Son SUPPLY, N. C.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS

All dogs within the City Limits must be registered at the City Hall and license fee of \$1.50 each must be paid before July 15th.

All who fail to comply will be prosecuted by law. By Order Of—

John D. Eriksen MAYOR