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Sidelights On The Passing Show

Editorial

THE ONWARD SWEEP OF WILLKIE

The latest enlistment under the banner of Willkie is Mr. Marshall C. Kurfees of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Kurfees in his resignation from the Wilsonian Democratic club in order "to follow the dictates of his conscience," evidently aspires to a real Democratic atmosphere and affiliation, since the influence and the prestige of the Wilsonians has failed to furnish him with desired emoluments.

He reveals to a waiting world that he is now a Willkiecrat full-fledged.

It may be recalled that Mr. Kurfees was nurtured in the cradle of a sterling and sturdy Stokes county Republican family. Leaving home early he became a political adventurer of Winston-Salem discarding the ancestral faiths.

He seems to have had a consuming ambition for office. The Winston-Salem Journal in its issue of August 29 says he "was several times a candidate for the North Carolina General Assembly from Forsyth county and once for mayor on Democratic tickets." If we mistake not he ran in the 1938 primary against Hon. A. D. Folger for congress in the Fifth district.

In each of these brilliant flights the Kurfees bomber dived to the earth with "some casualties."

He evidently became shocked and bruised by his falls.

But there is no discounting the courage and intrepidity of professional aspirants for a place in the political sun, a place of some kind or another. Marshall, equipped with a new air boat, now heads upward toward the stratosphere in chase of the John W Hanes Kite whose tertiary tail is trailed by moths undaunted by the eclipse dated for November 5.

In our attempted analysis of the disgruntledness of our friend Marshall we are led to believe that he has been inspired by an editorial in the Union Republican of this week, excerpts from which read:

"Willkie is the nominee who stands for the Jeffersonian principles of States' rights and the rights of the individual."

As Jefferson is the ideal of Democrats and democracies, and as Roosevelt is the embodiment of Jeffersonian political philosophy, Mr. Kurfees may yet decide that he has missed the bus again.

WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK

A secret type of varnish invented by the British and used to make their bombers over Berlin invisible even in the most powerful searchlight, awakened Hitler to the fact that he is not fighting Latins and Slavs now.

He is meeting Tentonic courage and brain, minus Hun atrocity, of course, but capable of conquering his self-appointed "superiority."

WHAT PRICE TRUTH ?

Senator Byrd, always unfriendly to the New Deal, makes the statement that defense preparations have bogged down, having ordered only 343 combat planes during the past 100 days. Now comes forward President Roosevelt who says that 10,016 planes are actually on order for the Army and Navy, and that NOW the nation's air force is EQUAL TO THAT OF GERMANY IN OPERATING EFFICIENCY.

WHEN THE TOBACCO MERRY-GO-ROUND BROKE DOWN—MILK COMES INTO THE PICTURE SPONSORED BY BROWN, BRUMFIELD AND PEARCE.

County Agent J. F. Brown, County-Agent-at-Large L. F. Brumfield, and Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Lila T. Pearce emerge out of the economic fogs to bring relief to Stokes farmers who have been "chewing" too much tobacco, and become sick.

We speak of the milk-receiving station established through the energy, perseverance and faith of this trio—who are sold on the idea that there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy—of a one-crop system.

Last Thursday there was the fourth annual Stokes county farm tour, which, including many farmers and business citizens of the county, visited outstanding and progressive farms of the county including those of Paul T. Taylor, W. S. Hart, Sam Moran, J. H. Robertson, Jake Fulton and B. E. Walker.

Here modern farm innovations were inspected, including pastures, the use of lime and superphosphates, diversified livestock farming, dairy and beef cattle interests, alfalfa and lespedeza culture, improved lands, water systems and modernized homes.

After the tour the delegation met at the Palmetto theatre in Walnut Cove to listen to instructive and inspiring addresses by Dean I. O. Schaub, John A. Arey, George Coble, O. F. McCreary and other experts and educationists in farming from Raleigh and Washington, D. C.

Two hundred and fifty persons crammed the theater, then adjourned to the milk receiving station where they were served with ice cream and felicitations from one of the most modern dairy product manufactories of the State, the pride of Walnut Cove as well as of the whole county, where 8,600 pounds of milk from Stokes and adjoining counties arrive daily, and the volume increases as the news of its advantages is spread.

LET THERE BE NO DISCRIMINATION IN CONSCRIPTION

If our BOYS must be conscripted, should not WEALTH also do its part?

There are vast steel manufactories in the United States equipped to produce the material that can STOP HITLER when he tries to invade America.

These plants which have been built to wondrous prosperity under the protection and nourishment of our freedom and democracy, want PROFITS, and because they have not been assured attractive dividends, are stalling national defense by dilly-dallying and refusing to sign contracts.

The people believe that if OUR BOYS are to be conscripted, then wealth should also bare its breasts.

The crisis is greatest in the history of our republic. Is the need urgent?

Mr. Willkie the Candidate appears to be opposed to the fair division of our defense resources—he is willing for the boys to go, but hesitates on wealth conscription, no doubt reflecting on the INTERESTS he has been serving at a salary of \$75,000 a year, and feels an obligation due his friends.

In his speech at Rushville, Ind., today the candidate took a strong stand against the suggestion that the government should take over pri-

THE BRITISH FLEET—WHITHER BOUND ?

On this deadly question hangs possibly the fate of the western hemisphere.

"What of the British fleet?"

If England falls, whither will it sail—this vast armada that controls the oceans of the world, that met and sank the Spanish galleons, that defeated Napoleon, that has stood an invincible barrier for Christian civilization?

Will it be sunk by its commanders, will it be surrendered to Hitler, or will it set sail for the friendly waters of the United States to help America defend the last democracy?

What of the great English navy if the English people are conquered?

Every military authority, every intelligent citizen knows Hitler will attack the Americas if he obtains control of the water.

Will the British sea captains surrender their ships to save the women and children of London, Liverpool, Manchester, from the deadly bombs of Hitler?

Will it be wise to refrain from help for the hard-pressed English now while our help may save them, or shall we wait to fight the tiger ALONE?

The predatory powers of Germany, Italy and Japan can conquer us if they win the British fleet.

This sinister fact is well known to those who are informed. It may as well be digested now by the average person of America.

Why not send the English 50 or 100 destroyers to assist them in the "Blitz"?

In Washington congressmen and senators play their fiddles while "Rome" burns—talking, opposing, delaying, hindering every move for the nation's defense.

Why not send England destroyers, battleships, bombing planes, unceasing and unstinted—now while the British people are fighting the fight that will be ours when England falls?

The most dangerous enemies of America today are Senators and congressmen who fiddle while the "Blitz" is heading west.

What can prevent the "Blitz" from invading our peaceful shores?

Only the British and American fleets.

As long as these ride the waves, America is free.

WILL HITLER INVADE ENGLAND ?

It looks less and less like it. Constant German bombings over London day and night are causing tremendous destruction in life and property, but the British hold steadily and are returning the German attacks with constant blasting of Berlin and military objectives in Germany.

The aerial Battle of Britain is obviously in too early a stage to be decisive, but what is known of the results thus far suggests that the defenders are at least holding their own.

Although the immediate Nazi objective is still open to conjecture, if the intent of the day and night attacks launched early this month was to soften the British in short order, there are no signs of its early realization.

On the contrary, a careful reading of official claims and of reports that profess objectively bolsters the conclusion that primary military objectives thus far have escaped vital damage.

vate plants to manufacture war material in the nation's defense.

What is worth more—the blood and life of our BOYS, or the PROFITS of multimillionaires on their investments.