

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

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Leave off all items of personal visits of people to others in the same neighborhood. All items MUST be accompanied by the names and addresses of the writers.

Hereafter when this rule is not observed we shall be obliged to consign the items to the waste basket. As a whole we have an excellent corps of correspondents and we are proud of them.

WHITE HALL. We are having a few reports about the county commencement. That is always a great amusement to the people of the city and county.

A good many of the schools will soon come to a close. We are looking forward to the programs that will be rendered at the last of school.

Much interest is aroused in the case of State vs. A. B. Medlin, police. Medlin is known in several counties in the state, but the interest is aroused mostly in Cabarrus county as his home is located near the Hartwell Mill.

The regular Community Club meeting was held last Thursday night. A large crowd was present. The program consisted of numbers by several Concord people, readings by the girls, and musical numbers by the older people.

The High School boys opened the baseball season by going to Harrisburg Friday afternoon and defeating the team of that school in a game, the score being 10 to 5.

ONE MORE WE PLAY ANOTHER TEAM ON OUR COURT. We have lost two games so far. But fans, Friday is one day we are going to try our best and win a game.

WILBUR LONG SPENT SUNDAY AND WAS ACCOMPANIED WITH MISS LUCILLE BLACKWELDER. WILD ROSE.

ENOCVILLE. Mrs. Homer Riley, of Unity, was taken to the Concord Hospital last week for appendicitis.

ROCKWELL ROUTE TWO. Misses Sarah and Bessie Jackson, of Sloope school, spent the week-end with their parents in South Carolina.

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Mrs. J. N. Plaster, has the beautiful flower garden in this country. Mrs. Ivey Cowley of Landis, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Triplett, of Enochville.

Mrs. Bennett Plaster sawed wood for Mr. Cowan Corrier last Saturday. Mr. George Triplett has built the newest little biddle house in this country and is making other improvements on his lot which he has purchased. He certainly is a hustler.

Mrs. Laura Mae Shinn spent the week-end at her home in Concord. The guests Sunday Mrs. Sossamot's sister, Miss Myrtle Hamilton, of Gastonia.

Mrs. and Mrs. P. J. Hartzell had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Jennings, King, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. M. Bost, and Mrs. Henry Morrison, of Matthews; Dr. T. C. Bost, of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Alexander and children, of Gastonia.

Mrs. Faye Black spent the week-end at her home in Matthews. Mrs. J. A. Brooks and Little daughter, Eloise and De Marquis Williamson spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Miss Katharine Hartzell arrived home from High Point College Wednesday for the Easter holidays. She was accompanied home by Miss Louise Holmes, who is also a student of High Point College.

Miss Winny Blakeney, who is a student of Louisville College, is expected home tomorrow night to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blakeney.

Julius Furr is not improving much at this writing. Mrs. Frank Osborne is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julius Mullis.

We are glad to hear that Marion Stowe is able to be out again after being confined to his bed with a spell of pneumonia.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Esther Barringer is improving at this time. D. W. Stowe and Mrs. Correll Smith spent Monday night with N. S. Stowe.

The teachers and pupils of Fink school are preparing a program which will be held soon.

Bill Harkey spent the week-end with Jim Pressley. Miss Thelma Hudson spent Thursday night with her grandmother, Mrs. H. A. Platt.

J. C. Cox and family spent Wednesday night with N. S. Stowe. Vick Platt and family spent a while Sunday evening with D. O. Platt.

There will be preaching at Friendship Church Sunday night, April the 4th. Everybody is invited to come.

MISS SARAH AND BESSIE JACKSON, of Sloope school, spent the week-end with their parents in South Carolina.

MISS LILLIE TROUTMAN, of Concord, spent a few days at Elmer Bost's.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. DRY and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dry, of Salisbury Route 3.

MR. L. A. PLOTT, of Spencer, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Platt last Wednesday.

MR. AND MRS. R. E. SMITH and daughters, of Concord spent Sunday in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith.

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THIS MAN MUSSOLINI! Fifteen Years Ago He Was a Wild Radical—Now He's World's Sternest Dictator



Premier Benito Mussolini

By NEA Service Rome, March 30.—Fifteen years ago the authorities of northern Italy were greatly exercised over the activities of a wild young socialist leader.

He had a great following and feared nothing. He was a radical of the "reddest" type. Violence was a major item on his program of social reform.

The Italian police were not the only ones who were aware of his existence. Police in Switzerland and France knew him, too; had arrested him, indeed, for ultra-radical activities.

All in all, it was quite agreed that this young man, by name Benito Mussolini, was a dangerous revolutionary.

That was fifteen years ago. Today Mussolini stands as chief protagonist of the forces of autocracy, leader of the forces of liberalism—dictator of the Italians, spiritual successor of the first of the Caesars, and there by the force of his own indomitable will.

The wild radical of pre-war days has mounted to the seats of the mighty. In the rise, his cloak of radicalism has been sloughed off like Mitchell at the home of Mrs. Cooks, the hour being 2 o'clock. A record attendance is desired.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of this place, met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Randolph Wineoff, with Mrs. W. H. Mitchell as leader.

The program consisted of scripture reading, discussion of the scripture lesson by the leader; several songs; discussion of the Japanese immigration question by the leader; sentence prayers, reading: "There'll Be Room in Heaven by Mrs. A. W. Wineoff; Bible character guessing game, conducted by Mrs. S. W. Cooke, Reading, Little Boy Blue, by Mrs. W. H. Mitchell. Quite a little bit of business was disposed of and records and reports were shaped up to be sent into headquarters.

Also Mrs. H. A. Scott, the delegate to the district conference, gave a very interesting report of the conference. After the program, Mrs. Wineoff, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Goodman, and Mrs. S. W. Cooke served tempting refreshments suggestive of the Easter season. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Joe Stuart.

Mrs. Laura Stuart is quite sick at her home here. Miss Gladys Goodman and Annie Cline Barnhardt came in Wednesday night from N. C. C. W. to spend the spring holidays with their respective parents. CORRESPONDENT.

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strikes and riots, for it was impossible for Mussolini to believe a thing without acting on it; accordingly, he soon landed in jail, and on his release he found himself constantly shadowed by detectives.

Beaten by poverty, unable to get work, he drifted back home. There he subsisted for a time on odds and ends of literary work, translating the works of the German Heine, for example, for some five dollars or so, trying unsuccessfully to secure a town clerkship, teaching school for a time in a country town—and always taking an active part in the doings of the socialists of his neighborhood.

The police dogged his footsteps continually. Disgusted, he went to France. There too he gained no respect as a radical agitator. He led strikes, participated in riots, felt the hands of the police on his shoulders, and eventually was deported. He took refuge in Switzerland.

He stayed in Switzerland for seven years. He studied constantly, doing odd jobs to pay for his books and lodgings, and always dipping into the activities of the radical element. At length his fiery advocacy of socialism got him into trouble again, and the Swiss deported him. Again he went back to Romagna.

Twice now he had left home to seek his fortune, and each time he had come back penniless and in bad repute. An inauspicious start, perhaps? It may have seemed so at the time, particularly to his rough old father, who wanted him to content himself with a blacksmith's life.

Mussolini entered newspaper work, rising at last to the editorship of the official socialist organ, Avanti. And then the war broke out.

Mussolini for War Here came Mussolini's break with the socialists. The socialist party was all for neutrality. Mussolini cried loudly for entrance in the war, on the side of the allies. He was expelled from the socialist party; he continued to shout, this time through the columns of the Milan paper, "Pololo d'Italia, of which he became editor.

Italy finally entered the war. Mussolini's agitation had helped. And when war was declared Mussolini was one of the first to volunteer. He saw active service with the Bersagliere, being wounded twice and scoring a safe behind-the-lines job that a politician offered him. He was decorated for bravery.

After the war he went back to his newspaper. Gone were his socialist leanings. The tide of communism began to run high among Italian workers. Mussolini scowled. Two years previously he would have cheered. Strikes became almost daily events. The government seemed powerless. Industry was paralyzed. And Mussolini banded together a few dozen friends, sturdy young war veterans, into a black-shirted organization that was to become known throughout the world—the Fascist.

Gaining Power The Fascist slowly gained strength. They drilled. They became a compact unit, welded together by perfect discipline and by a unanimous regard for Mussolini, the leader. Their moves at first were sporadic—directed against a small-town strike here, a minor radical weekly newspaper there. As always, Mussolini preferred action to words, so the Fascist used clubs and revolvers rather than pamphlets.

The reaction to the war-born radicalism that had swept Italy was setting in. More and more people became stronger and ever stronger. Then came the climax. A nationwide strike was called in the summer of 1922. While the government stood powerless Mussolini and his Fascist put it down. Then, in triumph, the black-shirts moved on Rome, "captured" it, turned out the government, and Mussolini became premier.

From then on the tale is familiar. Bit by bit Mussolini gathered power, such as no ordinary premier ever held, into his hands. One by one the constitutional limitations were swept away. The Fascist, nominally "state police" and "national guards" became the army, answerable only to Mussolini. Opposition newspapers were suppressed. The parliament became a collection of puppets, moving in obedience to the scowling dictator who pulled the strings with only a pretense at concealment.

Mussolini's word is law in Italy; it has been since he became premier. Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians has been made a doctor, honoris causa, of the University of Lille. The honor, which is the first of the kind ever given by the university to a woman, was bestowed on the Queen in appreciation of her help and efforts during the war.

The men who like the income tax are those who make an income by collecting it.

PALE, NERVOUS West Virginia Lady Says That She Was in a Serious Condition, But Is Stronger After Taking Cardui.

Huntington, W. Va.—"I was in a very weak and run-down condition—in fact, was in a serious condition," says Mrs. Fannie C. Bloss, of 1964 Madison Avenue, this city.

"In my left side the pain was very severe. It would start in my back and sides. Part of the time I was in bed and when up I didn't feel like doing anything or going anywhere.

"Life wasn't any pleasure. I was very pale. I was nervous and thin, and so tired all the time. "My druggist told me that Cardui was a good tonic for women and I bought a couple of bottles. I took two bottles, then I noticed an improvement. I kept on and found it was helping me. I have taken nine bottles. I'm stronger now than I have been in a long time." Cardui is made from mild-acting medicinal herbs with a gentle, tonic, strengthening effect upon certain female organs and upon the system in general. Sold everywhere. NC-148



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