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### SOME TIMES IT PAYS TO BE BLUFFED

It may be that the other European powers were outbluffed by Mr. Hitler, as many seem to think.

But if they were bluffed out of another World War, it's all right with us.

We have just been reading this despatch from The Associated Press:

"Diplomats striving to prevent the world from being plunged into another great war are haunted by memories of the last world conflict. Here is what it cost in human lives and suffering, according to War Department compilations:

"Killed and died, all powers—8,538,315.

"Wounded—21,219,452.

"Prisoners and Missing—7,750,919.

"Total casualties — 37,494,186."

We'll be bluffed out of that any day.

### SOUTHERN PINES TAX RATE

We live in Southern Pines because we like it here. Most of us have come from other cities and towns, and have stayed here because we prefer it to them.

Naturally, when there's a raise in tax rate, we don't like it much.

We could, of course, go back to Atlantic City or Boston or Chicago or New Orleans or wherever we came from.

But let's see: Atlantic City's tax rate is \$4.99. Boston's is \$3.87, Chicago's \$3.52 and New Orleans' \$3.45.

Southern Pines' rate, with the 15 cent increase tacked on this year, is \$2.80, a rate well below the average of cities and towns which have much less to offer.

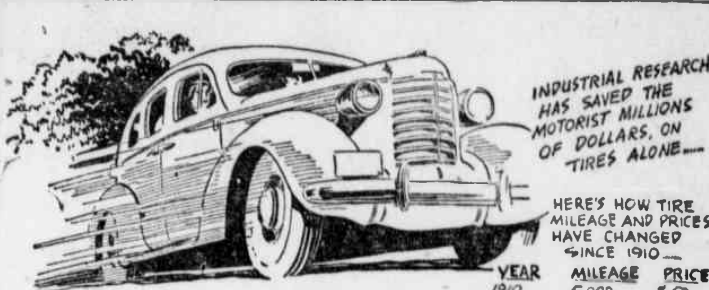
### PROGRESS IN WAR IF NOT IN PEACE

Away back about one hundred and fifty years ago, a British army officer with four hundred and fifty men took possession of Wilmington and the country lying to the north between the Cape Fear and Yadkin rivers. Today around 200 American officers with 2,000 men have seized a wide scope of the same country. Piney Bottom was the scene of a bloody massacre along in the 1780's when civil war brought lawless Tories and lawless Whigs together in bitter conflict. Piney Bottom hears again the guns of war. If the practice gunfire should awaken the half dozen ghosts who lost their lives in the revengeful massacre of those stirring Revolutionary days and they could assemble at Piney Bottom, they would have difficulty in understanding warfare such as it is carried on by our crack anti-aircraft outfits of 1938. The great beams of light sweeping the highlander's heaven might cast a chill upon the ghostly invader as he returns to oblivion, perhaps satisfied to have fought his fight.

Moore county people living in the vicinity of the Fort Bragg reservation have watched the night maneuvers of the aerial invasion with considerable interest. The airship swings out in a starlit sky trailing a target on a cable nearly a quarter of a mile long. The powerful beam of light picks up the plane, a flash of fire, as the guns stationed at strategic points take aim and fire. Brilliant flares, high in the air, and the rumble that returns later, repeats the story of the explosion.

We have gone a long way in a hundred and fifty years. Trucks stationed at Piney Bottom with their "listening ears," their electrical units and all their complicated paraphernalia make a great comparison with the

# THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



YEAR	MILEAGE	PRICE
1910	5,000	\$45
1914	6,000	\$45
1920	7,500	\$40
1926	10,500	\$22
1935	20,000	\$15

EXPERTS ESTIMATE MANAGEMENT COSTS OF RUNNING SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE 16 TIMES GREATER THAN THOSE OF LARGE BUSINESSES

PUT I OWE I WON'T LIKE THOSE LAST 30% PENNIES!

UNDER EARLY BASEBALL RULES THERE WERE NO CALLED BALLS AND STRIKES. A PITCHER HAD TO THROW THE BALL UNTIL THE BATTER DECIDED TO HIT IT.

THE "SEVEN-COLORED" PARROTS OF SOUTH AMERICA SLEEP HANGING UPSIDE-DOWN!

A FARMER EARNING \$500 A YEAR PAYS ABOUT \$60, OR 12% OF HIS INCOME TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAX COLLECTORS

## GRAINS OF SAND

No one now in the Sandhills has to hunt up a calendar to tell him what time of the year it is. We may define our own date with a fairly accurate guess when we see the feed store window filled with grass seed, lawns spaded into lumpy clods, high grass and weeds mowed down in neighboring yards, and boarded up windows and doors of silent houses shedding their protective covering; the school bus brought into activity, and the smell of the scuppernong fills the evening air with an odor such as only a scuppernong is capable of. Then your guess is correct, the middle of September.

The Charlotte Observer runs a feature called "North Carolina Personalities" accompanied by drawings. John Blue, North Carolina railroad builder figured recently in one of the sketches.

John Blue came to be one of the county's most prominent men before

simplicity of a clumsy sword or a slow loading flintlock. We have made a vast change in our methods of fighting in over a century and a half, although little or no progress towards peace.

### A LESSON FROM PENNSYLVANIA

A Pennsylvanian returned from his native land said there was one state where automobile driving was now something of a pleasure and not a nightmare. The Pennsylvanian spoke with emphasis in behalf of the fifty mile speed limit and the effect of driving under such conditions. It has done many things towards lessening the pressure of automobile driving. Cars whipped around curves and over hill tops with less energy, minimizing the danger of rolling over if side-swiped. There has been no bluff about the Keystone state's enforcement of speed laws. State police have a way of appearing out of the nowhere when a car climbs over the fifty mark, and as the policeman travels in all kinds of rolling stock, you are never sure of his whereabouts until stopped and requested to pull over to the side of the road, unlike our situation where we spot the familiar roadsters some distance away, and frequently regulate the speed to fit the situation.

Pennsylvania is not only saving the lives of her people, but making motor travel more comfortable for everybody who moves over her highways. North Carolina might ponder over an important lesson in physics. The first law of motion is that a moving body tends to continue in uniform motion in a straight line. At twenty five miles an hour, you can make a fairly sharp turn. At fifty, one fourth of the turn you could at 25, and at 75 your ability to turn has been cut to one-ninth that when proceeding at 25.

We might do well to pattern after Pennsylvania, if only to save wear and tear on the nervous system.

he died, as he was responsible for much of the development of the Rockfish valley territory. Young Blue came home from the war in 1865 when but a boy of around twenty. With a brother, Neil S. Blue, the pair annexed a large acreage of timberland from which a lumber and turpentine industry grew. With no means of getting their wares out of the country without long burdensome hauls they built the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad which linked the territory between Aberdeen and Fayetteville. John Blue with his brother not only opened a field of productive industry but was responsible for creating a certain amount of prosperity that came to Moore, Hoke and Cumberland counties.

The Scotchman was born with a momadic foot, proof of which was seen when members of the clan gathered at Bethesda for its 148th homecoming last Sunday. One drifted in from far and away Mississippi and others from distant points. Ancestral roots penetrated to substantial depths in the soil about the old shrine, hence the desire in later generations to return.

When the first Presbytery was organized in 1706 by a group of seven men, two from Scotland, four from Ireland and one from New England, Bethesda had its beginning, as only ten years later the Synod was formed in the Carolinas and Virginia. The traveling missionary who brought Presbyterianism into North Carolina was a Pennsylvania Scotchman by the name of Hugh McAuden, who made his first trip on horseback in the summer of 1775. Efficient as his task, the primitive influences of the organization spread until today Bethesda stands out as one of the influential and prominent churches of North Carolina.

Some of Mrs. Lessie Brown's relief "customers" are getting a bit "finicky" about the commodities that are being given them from the relief store room in the courthouse. One person wrote the welfare superintendent that she need not send any more of "them rices" unless she sent some sugar along. Another refused to take a supply of flour when she learned that it was not self-rising.

Dr. C. Rexford Raymond writes from New York to deny a report published in The Pilot that he and Mrs. Raymond are going to "make their home in Connecticut." He says: "My house on Rhode Island avenue is rented for the season because of our temporary absence. We hope to continue to make our home in Southern Pines."

Dr. Raymond is at present affiliated with the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches, and his address is Hotel Le Marquis, 18 East 31st street, New York.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore County to the following: Maurice Craig Pickler of Pinebluff and Iris Nell Godsey of Norfolk; Charles Frederick Tucker of Pembroke and Floyd Richardson of Jackson Springs.

## PINEBLUFF

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Troutman and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Troutman spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudson of Greensboro were visitors in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Eutice Mills spent Thursday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cranford of Mt. Airy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutfenfield Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Victoria Troutman returned to Queens Chocora College Thursday to enter her Sophomore year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lampley and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lampley and daughter spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Foushee in Sanford.

Mrs. F. F. Krugg of Long Branch, N. J., arrived in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas David and children and Mrs. Mary David and Marion Hill spent Sunday in Bennettsville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lampley attended the funeral of Wilber Harding in Chester, S. C., Thursday.

Mrs. Jacob and daughters and Mrs. Smith and daughters of Greensboro were guests of Mrs. Mary Meinhardt last week.

Mrs. Sadie McFarland returned to her home here Tuesday after spending the summer in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Mary Meinhardt left Sunday for Greensboro to spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Pool of Rockingham were visitors of Mrs. Mary Eldredge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvinu Livingston of Laurel Hill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Fletcher Sunday afternoon.

### "UNCLE PETE" COMING TO VASS-LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

The Old Home Town players from WPTF in Raleigh will present a play, "Uncle Pete," in the Vass-Lakeview School auditorium next Thursday evening, September 29, at 8:00 o'clock, sponsored by the Vass Woman's Club. The Woman's Club urges the people of the Vass-Lakeview School district to attend as the club's part of the proceeds will be used in paying for cans used in putting up supplies from the WPA garden for the school lunch room.

### MISS ANNE CHILD WEDS IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 15

Miss Anne Child, daughter of Mrs. Edmund William Pavenstedt of Washington, D. C., formerly of Southern Pines, will be married October 15 to Charles Barstow Wright Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Langhorne Bullitt Dick, of Chestnut Hill, Pa. The ceremony will take place in St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, and there will be a reception at the Cosmopolitan Club. William I. Forbes, Jr. will be best man.

Miss Child attended Miss Nightingale's School, New York, and was graduated from the Ethel Walker

School in 1936. She made her debut in the winter of 1936 and is a member of the Junior League of Washington. Her father was the late Richard Washburn Child, one-time American Ambassador to Italy. Mr. Dick attended St. Paul's School and was graduated from Princeton last June. He is a member of the Colonial Club.

Miss Phyllis Lovering of Jackson Springs will be a bridesmaid at the wedding.

### IN RALEIGH HOSPITAL

The wife of Asa Strickland, trusted employe of Hayes Book Shop, is in St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh recuperating after an operation.

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