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## PROTECTION FROM RACKETS

A racket completely blew up in the face of a group of Aberdeen people last week in the form of the Sandhills fair, and many of them were being unjustly singled by the blast and blaze.

To our thinking, the local folk involved should immediately patch up any differences resulting from this explosion and make an earnest resolution to be henceforth and forever more on guard.

It would be decidedly unfair to carnivals, fairs, circuses and other itinerant forms of entertainment and amusement to allow this event to become a sweeping condemnation for all such enterprises. The happening does however, point out the necessity for all organizations to examine minutely credentials of any outside promoters before becoming silent or active partners in their activities.

It has been this writer's observation on several occasions that local enterprises often have a more difficult struggle with local folk than outside promoters. One example may be cited: One of The Pilot's advertising customers admitted that he had paid \$5.00 for a minute space in a "Premium Book" for this fair. It so happens The Pilot knows that no more than 500 of these books were to be printed — slightly more than enough to go around to all the advertisers who so generously contributed. Yet, if The Pilot were to ask \$5.00 for a similar amount of space in an established newspaper distributed widely throughout the Sandhills towns and Moore County, we are sure we would bring accusations of "racket" down upon our own local heads.

One or two individuals also criticized The Pilot's decision not to accept advertising or "publicity" from this outfit. At that time, we had no definite grounds for this position and wished then that there existed some agency through which the legitimacy of such enterprises could be cleared.

The immediate incident was unfortunate and resulted, probably, in undeserved headaches and discord among Aberdeen folk. But in the long run perhaps it will prove a stimulus for at least a normal amount of suspicion directed at free-lance schemers and promoters who are apparently selling gold bricks for 50 cents a dozen.

Could not the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce or some similar organization take as one of its purposes the approval of promotional, merchandising or similar "outside" schemes, so that the merchants and other townspeople could have some protection from the inability of single organizations to check completely upon them?

## VICTIMS OF BRUTALITY

Brief years ago, when the anti-lynching bill in Congress was a subject of white hot debates, we remember one proponent who held that he was not so much concerned over the individual suffering of a single victim as he was over the degrading effect upon those who were inflicting cruel discriminations and injustices.

This observation was made at a time when one Southern city had sent a message of protest to Washington because of Nazi Germany purges of Jews, while, in the same State, two lynchings of Negroes by white mobs were being recorded on inside newspaper pages, without noticeable public protest.

It is easy to analyze the progressive degradation of Nazis and Fascists since they rose to

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor:

The article on the editorial page about the oil situation needs elucidation.

"There is a serious oil shortage. It is not primarily a shortage of gasoline, but of two far more vital products, heavy fuel oil used in the heating of homes during the winter, and crude oil used in factories and in the bunkering of naval vessels."

So Michael Straight writes from Washington in "The New Republic" of this date. The fact is that the isolationist press and members of the Senate of that ilk want to discredit any program of the administration. The America First Committees in a confidential memorandum to the people they influence asked for non-cooperation in oil conservation. This has been the stand of The Washington Times-Herald and The New York Daily News. The Wall Street Journal stated the rumor about British export trade supplying their usual patrons while U. S. tankers were surrendered. This Wall Street Journal Editorial was reprinted all over the country, and an isolationist Senator interpreted it and spread the false information.

North Carolina would have cheaper oil if the pipe line were built, but this is not the season for that project. Three years ago I lived for a time in N. C. and paid five cents a gallon more for gasoline than in N. J. In fact that is the case in Texas! Oil by boat is the cheapest transportation. It costs three times as much by rail as boat and between the two by pipes. It is the business of everybody to do all we can to beat Hitler and save our civilization.

Very truly yours,  
—F. K. AMOS.

To the Editor:

Many of your readers will be interested. I feel sure, in the following excerpts from the report of the Committee on Week-day Religious Education of the North Carolina Council of Churches, of which committee Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a member.

"A veritable wave of enthusiasm for the teaching of the Bible in the public schools is sweeping the state of North Carolina. Thoughtful leaders, both rural and urban, are beginning to realize the dangers of an education largely secular in its emphasis. They are convinced that training the mind without adequate cultivation of the soul tends to breed a materialistic philosophy of life which stifles the liberty of the spirit.

"The Committee on Week-day Religious Education has been unable to meet the demands of this amazing movement. But it has made an heroic effort to anticipate events and provide a measure of guidance for communities seeking to increase the spiritual content of the public school curriculum . . .

"The State Department (of Public Instruction) has made provision that credit may be secured for successful work in Bible courses and may be used toward credit for college entrance. The teacher of such courses must meet the following requirements:

- "(a) Fifteen hours of Bible in an accredited institution of higher learning;
- "(b) The usual professional courses required of all teachers."

The report goes on to speak of the power on waves of brutality and terrorism and to see that, as one little white lie leads to bigger untruths, so one act of brutality and discrimination leads deeper and deeper into the jungle of barbarism.

Henry Bergh, founder of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, saw this when, in the late 1800's he began his crusade. Writing of Bergh recently, D. C. Peattie said: "To him there was a deep reason for being kind to animals. He held that it was the dignity of the human soul which suffered most when an animal was abused by man—that cruelty is even more degrading to the one who inflicts it than it is painful to the victim."

For America's own self-interest, the pitfalls of intolerance and discrimination should be avoided. Perhaps the most hopeful assurance that Americans are unwilling to be dragged down the road of intolerance has been their almost unanimous rejection of Charles Lindbergh's recent anti-semitic remarks after seeing what Jew-hating and Jew-baiting has done to the German people, Americans want no part of this self-destroying doctrine.

## GRAINS OF SAND

### BOOK REVIEW

THE PILOT TAKES MANY LONG, strange trips, especially during the summer, when it follows vacationers about the country, but this summer it made a regular weekly trip on one of two existing floating post offices in the country.

The post office of Squam Lake, New Hampshire, is a boat—a boat which leaves Holderness, N. H., daily, and travels along the lake shore, pulling into docks where usually the patrons are awaiting the arrival of the morning post.

Preston T. Kelsey, who has just returned from Squam Lake where he spent the summer, told us that The Pilot arrived regularly on the boat post office throughout the summer and, he added, usually started a great scramble to see who would get The Pilot first.

A BATTERY OF DRAWN golf clubs, in full military salute—practically equivalent, they say, to a 30-gun barrage—was the farewell gesture of Yackin golfers for Capt. Orrin C. Kreuger, a season's regular at the Yackin weekly golf events this season.

Captain Kreuger has pulled down many weekly top scores and was gunning, with considerable accuracy, for the Season's championship when the Army ordered him to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for duty. Unable to finish the championship event, Capt. Kreuger was given the golfer's salute.

In return, he promised to be back in the spring with Hitler's scalp.

AMUSING AND NOT-SO-AMUSING counter signs have made their way into America's eating and drinking life. Many have become so widely spread that they have lost their original appeal; but here's one which we had never before seen until visiting The Gray Fox's informal club room the other night:

### SPECIALS Today Only

- Mickey Finn ..... 50c
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A WORRISOME QUESTION, admittedly prompted more by curiosity than by need for the knowledge, was raised by R. S. DuRant this week, and he propounded it to many of his friends, going so far as to call Isham Sledge in Pinhurst, seeking an answer.

DuRant placed the question squarely before Ward Jenks of the U. S. O. at Kiwanis meeting Wednesday, and after some confusion, finally got somewhat straightened out.

The question: "What happens to a soldier during maneuvers who is 'theoretically killed' in action? Is he given a funeral, although he is actually alive?"

At first, U. S. O.-man Jenks got the question confused and started giving serious answers about soldiers who might be actually injured. Telephone Man DuRant, though, wanted to know simply about "Theoretical deaths."

Grains of Sand has been informed that the following procedure is used on "tactical deaths" on the maneuver battlefield: A soldier who is

work of the committee in fostering communication between teachers giving religious instruction in the schools of the state and lists thirty-nine places where such instruction is now given. One Moore County community, Hemp, is among these.

For some time a proposal for Religious Instruction in the Southern Pines School has been under consideration. At present a plan for instruction on "released time" to be given in the several churches awaits the endorsement of the ministers of the community.

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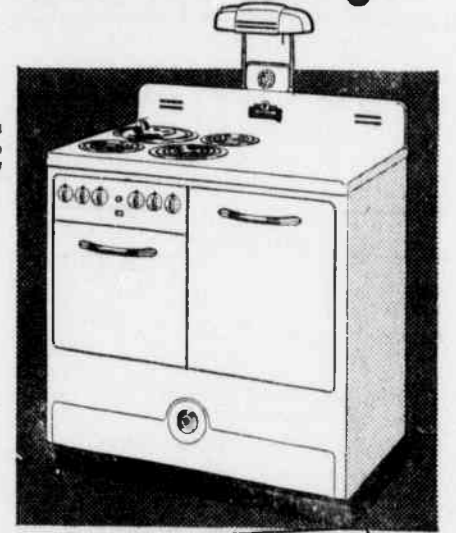
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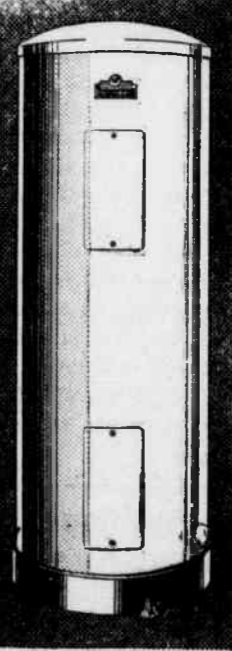
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