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ACTIVE MEMBER

Anyhow, the ladies are agreed that the perfect husband has enough imperfections to make him exciting.

Another reason why we need not take the European mess seriously right now is—strawberry shortcake.

"There's a persistent story that the real Hitler was killed long ago. If it's true, those who did it must often wish they had the old one back."—Detroit Free Press.

They've arrested a New York father for starving one child in order to fatten another. Why prosecute him when our statesmen have been doing about the same thing to the taxpayers and getting away with it.

The records reveal that Wake county ABC stores sales during the three months the 1939 legislature was in session, were greater by \$34,315.65 than for the same period last year. No wonder the legislators tried to increase the pay of the fellows that follow them.

Senator Reynolds says: "Why in the hell should we worry ourselves to death about other people in the world." But isn't the senator going to a lot of trouble to organize his vindictors so they can worry collectively?

Service Discontinued

After next Sunday no passenger or express service will be rendered by the A & Y railroad, running between Mount Airy and Sanford, according to announcement made by the Atlantic & Yadkin officials.

The Utilities Commission has granted a franchise for express service between Greensboro and Mount Airy to trucks operated by the American Express Company, and passenger service will be provided by buses which already have captured much of the comings and goings, being largely responsible for the discontinuance of rail service.

This is just additional evidence of how the railways are faring these days, just another reason why the public should be concerned about them. For however indifferent we may be about them, the railroads are an important factor in our economics, and even unimportant spurs cannot be abandoned without definite loss to the areas they serve.

Motorized transportation has invaded the freight field as well as passenger. Fortunes are invested in great fleets of trucks and every highway is cluttered with them, damaging the roadbeds by their size and weight and inconveniencing the public no end. True they contribute a lot to the upkeep, but no one has determined accurately whether their contribution, large as it is, is enough to balance the damage.

In contrast with this use of the highways, the railroads must provide its own trucks, the while paying its share of taxes for governmental expenses, some of which finds its way into the fund that makes transportation easier for competitors.

Time was when it was a great American pastime to sue the railroads. Cows that found themselves in the path of a train, either by design or accidentally, suddenly became extremely valuable, and when someone was maimed or killed it was always the fault of the railroads, and usually the plaintiff collected.

That has been changed. You hardly ever hear of such a suit, maybe because of the change in the public attitude. Anyhow we regret to learn that the A & Y service is to be discontinued. So will its patrons.

The Parade of Progress

When you hang your market basket on your arm for a visit with the modern grocer, just picture yourself shopping at Grandmother's grocery.

When Grandma went shopping for groceries she faced a different problem than we do today. Packaged goods were practically unknown to her. Sugar, flour, and cornmeal were scooped from the depths of barrels and weighed out in paper bags after the grocer had disturbed the sleep of the store cat by pushing it out of the way. Canned fruit, soups and vegetables would have been looked upon with disdain. Now you can get anything you want, attractively packaged, and the package itself is a guarantee of quality as well as cleanliness.

Grandmother had to be an expert in the art of haggling and dickering to obtain the best values; she had to inspect carefully and even then she wasn't sure, couldn't be sure.

When Grandma went shopping, she prob-

ably found a window-trim three months old, and the fly-specked show case couldn't tell her whether it contained snuff or pills or candy. In winter time the big stove in the center was hedged about with sand for convenient spitting, and if anything in the store was sanitary—it was an accident.

But all that has been changed. Whether it was the coming of the chain-stores, is beside the point. The main concern is that today your food merchant is a wide-awake business man. His store is a model of efficiency, modernness and cleanliness. His shelves are loaded with an astonishing array of products from the four corners of the world, trimly packaged, scientifically prepared for your enjoyment.

And because of this transformation the grocery retailers and manufacturers from April 6 to May 6 are celebrating this improvement and calling their program "The Parade of Progress." There is abundant reason why Elkin food merchants should join with their fellows in this celebration. For their stores are equal to anybody's anywhere in cleanliness and attractiveness and in the service they render the public. Even Grandma would be delighted with the difference, and the rest of us, we are sure, will want to let these merchants know that we appreciate this advancement.

Selling Seized Liquor

Guilford county law enforcement officials as a result of recent seizures have a total of 220 cases of legal, tax-paid liquor for which the State Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control offers \$2,600 wholesale for the lot. Guilford will sell and be that much better off financially.

The 1939 General Assembly enacted the law which permits dry counties that seize legal liquor that is being unlawfully transported or sold, to sell that contraband to the State. The counties cash in by that much and the State buys at a lower price than it would have to pay the distillers, and thus all are benefited by the transaction without in any way affecting the consuming end.

Heretofore the approved procedure has been to empty the stuff into the gutter in the false notion that sobriety was being served in this way. As a matter of fact, only the manufacturers were served, in that their product had found a market for which it was not intended and the destruction, which amounted to a mountain of values in the total seizures by all the counties, left the consumer demand just where it was. Nothing pleased the distiller more than to see their liquor poured in the gutter.

Conscientious objectors, of course, won't approve. To them it is engaging in the liquor traffic, which is unthinkable. But this is a day of "everlasting practicalities"—our Governor has said so—and here is a practical way of turning contraband into money that may be used advantageously and to good purpose, if not actually to reduce the figures on the tax receipt.

Guilford county in that single sale will get money from a source that heretofore it has disdained, that will more than equal the milk fund for needy children which the citizens of Greensboro had such a hard time raising. Whatever one's views about liquor, this seems to be a sensible conclusion about the disposition of what the law seizes.

Don't Want to Work

The strawberry harvest is on in eastern North Carolina and with it comes the annual headache for negroes on the relief roll, who much prefer to remain idle and draw their weekly checks, even though they be small rather than get down to the backaches that go with berry picking.

If those administering unemployment benefits find that berry picking is suitable and available employment for them, they must accept work in the strawberry fields or go without employment checks for periods prescribed by the officials authorized to pass on this important question.

Weird stories are advanced for the purpose of showing that they are physically incapacitated for such work, or to prove other conditions that would excuse the negroes and enable them to remain on the government payroll. The complaints range all the way from a gramma who is sick, to "swimmin' in de haid" or a blindness that will not enable them to distinguish between a strawberry and a garter snake. It is really touching to be sure, and we wouldn't want to be the official who is constituted the court of last resort in deciding these issues.

Not because they are negroes, but because it is reasonable and right, when work is offered they should be compelled to take it or forfeit their place on the relief roll. There may be cases in which this rule should not apply; cases involving physical disability, but nine times out of ten, the excuse is not legitimate and it is not hard for the appeals deputy to sense that fact. The rules governing the distribution of this money have purposely been made flexible in order to guard against injustice. But it would be a sight better to work an occasional hardship, than to breed public disgust with the whole plan to the extent that eventually the whole program would be pitched in the ash can.

When such conditions as this arise, one wonders if it would not be a good idea to scrap the whole works, for a spell at least, and then start all over again but on saner grounds. The chief fault chargeable to this form of governmental beneficence is that it is breeding parasites and encouraging indifference and laziness. Here is a definite example of it.



Washington, April 25—President Roosevelt's appeal to the Dictators of Germany and of Italy—Hitler and Mussolini—to agree to make no further warlike efforts to extend their powers, and then to sit down in a world conference of nations to try to find a peaceful way of settling their differences, whatever they may be, is easily the most dramatic gesture Mr. Roosevelt, with all his fondness for dramatic gestures, has yet made.

How far it takes the United States into the field of European "power politics" is a question which official Washington is still puzzling over.

As an appeal for peace, the President's message to the Dictators is in line with established American policy. At the same time that the announcement was made that such a message had been sent, orders were given to the Navy to send all of the fleet except the Atlantic Squadron back into the Pacific Ocean.

No explanation was given, but the move was taken here as an indication that there was no thought in the President's mind of warlike measures in case the Dictator powers refused to come to his conference.

No Disagreement

There is no important disagreement with this or any other effort to smooth out the unsettled condition of the world. There is a great deal of disagreement expressed in Washington as to the effectiveness of this particular method.

This is the third time Mr. Roosevelt has asked the Dictators to be good boys and not grab off any more nations that didn't belong to them, and they haven't paid any attention in the past.

This time, however, official Washington and the most experienced observers here believe that the President is counting upon backing up his peace plea by a show of force if he finds public sentiment here and abroad strongly enough behind him.

The appeal to the dictators came as the climax to a week in which the President made several warlike utterances. Leaving Warm Springs on a Monday to return to Washington he had remarked: "I'll be back in the Fall if we don't have war." That remark started not only newspaper men but the public generally to speculating whether he meant he saw a possibility of a war in which "we," the people of the United States, would be involved, or whether he meant by "we" the human race in general. It also started the peoples and governments of Europe to guessing what he meant.

Explains Statement

On Tuesday he explained to the Washington newspaper men that what he had in mind was that if the expected war broke out in Europe it would have a serious effect upon the American nation and our people; but that since the war had not yet started when he spoke, it might be averted if the free nations, including the United States, took a stand before it was too late.

His intention was, in short, to warn Hitler and Mussolini that if they started a world war they would have to count on the opposition of this country as well as England and France.

A few days later, on Friday, the President did some more talking which set the public guessing. Addressing the Pan American Union, the organization of all the nations of North and South America, he called upon the people of the totalitarian nations of Europe to break the bonds of the ideas which enslaved them and were leading them toward war, and declared that United States would meet any invasion of the independence of any nation of the Western Hemisphere, "force with force."

Then on Saturday came the circular letter to the dictators.

Speaks at Mount Vernon

In the meantime, however, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Roosevelt motored down to Mount Vernon and there, on the portico of George Washington's old home, on the 150th anniversary of the Revolutionary hero that he had been elected the first President of the new nation, Mr. Roosevelt made a speech which has stirred up almost as much discussion as his remarks on war did.

After remarking that he had always believed that Washington would have refused the Presidency if times had been normal, he said that "the summons to the Presidency had come to him in a time of real crisis and deep emergency."

Critics of the President read

into this, if not a bid for a re-nomination in 1940, at least a statement of the conditions under which he would consent to run again. Similarly, throughout Washington there runs an undercurrent of belief—call it gossip, perhaps—that Mr. Roosevelt is shaping his plans to put himself into a commanding world position, either as the man who averted war, the arbitrator who settled the differences between European nations, or the champion of democracy in case war occurs.

How much of such gossip is malicious and how much based on truth nobody except Mr. Roosevelt himself can say.

The big issue apart from war talk is the future of the WPA and the whole relief program. Just what will come out of the House Appropriations Committee investigation into WPA is uncertain, but it is probably true that the present setup has few friends in either House. There is a good deal of favor being expressed for Senator Byrnes' plan for a Department of Welfare which would take over WPA and all other relief agencies, and for the withdrawal of the Federal Government of much or most of its relief contributions, putting it up to the states to take care of their own.

RONDA

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bivins, of Elkin, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tucker and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Masten visited Mrs. Masten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cummings, at Yadkinville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dimmette and family were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laudie Dimmette at Lenoir Sunday.

Mrs. R. R. Crater was in Elkin attending to business matters Monday afternoon.

Mr. Ovid Blackburn, of Elkin, is spending some time with his parents here this week.

MOUNTAIN PARK

Miss Klein Thompson, of Mt. Airy, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Thompson.

Miss Vetra Hanes is improving from injuries received last Wednesday afternoon in an automobile accident.

Miss Ruby Norman is spending this week in Dobson visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, of Mt. Airy, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Gentry. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons spent the week-end in Thurmond visiting their daughter, Mrs. Clanney Blackburn.

Miss Gertrude Simpson attended a business meeting in Dobson Saturday.

Much interest is being shown in the sewing club which is conducted each afternoon by Mrs. Conrad Gentry, home economics teacher of Mountain Park school. The Mountain Park band, under the direction of Mr. A. J. Wagner, will give a concert in the Mountain Park high school auditorium May 2.

The Mountain Park band is composed of George Saylor, James

That Vexing Jockey Question



Saylor, Bobby Thompson, Homer Wallace, Clyde Walters, James Linville, G. W. Hanes, Jr., Joe Simpson, Beauford Nixon, Joe Southard, Coolidge Southard and Arvil Lundy, chaperoned by Mr. A. J. Wagner, band director, and Mr. A. F. Kinzie, agricultural teacher, spent Wednesday attending the music contest-festival at the Woman's College in Greensboro.

WANTS

- For sale cheap: Universal electric range, in first class condition. The Rendezvous. 1tc
- Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- New and used Jay Bee Hammer Mills, Grinders and Grist Mills, for every grinding requirement. Small down payment. Good terms. Write quick for details. E. E. Hill, 196 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga. 5-11p
- Wanted—to buy hams. We pay cash. Brendle Produce Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- FREE! If excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free Sample, Udga, at Turner Drug Company. 5-4p
- J. R. Watkins bean spray, fly fluid, shred soap, mineralized stock and poultry tonics, liniment, flavorings and extracts for sale. K. M. Carter, Elkin, N. C. 5-25p
- Special—100 jars of gold fish. 25c value, special 19c each for Friday and Saturday. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- Baby Chicks — U. S. Approved Pullorum Tested. They will really live and make money for you. Bunch Hatchery, Statesville, N. C. 5-18p
- Received this week a beautiful line of children's voile dresses, sizes 1 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 14. 25c and 49c. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- We are the local agents of T. W. Woods Tested Seeds. Anything you need in the seed line at the right prices. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- Special, while they last—\$12 Linoleum Rugs for only \$3.95 each. Home Furniture Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc
- Dining Room Suite, solid oak, used but in good condition. \$25.00 on easy terms. Eagle Furniture Co.
- We Want—to Re-Sole and Re-Heel those Shoes of yours where the Soles have worn thin and the Heels are turned over and save you 50 to 75% of the cost of a new pair. Best of workmanship and prices as cheap as the cheapest. Wellborn & Transou, Shoe Rebuilders. In the Greenwood Modern Apartment Building. 5-18c
- Spedibaker Range cost \$85.00. Used about two years. It's yours for only \$25.00. Eagle Furniture Co.

We have a bargain in a new 9-pound Thor Washing machine. See it today. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Permanent Waves, \$1.00 and up. Shampoo and finger wave, 40c. Modern Beauty Shop, Louise Vestal, Ruby Gray, Sylvia Shew. Telephone 340. 1tc

For sale: Used phonograph records, five and ten cents. The Rendezvous. 1tc

For Sale—All kinds of wood, any length; oak or mixed. Delivered anytime. J. S. Hudspeth, H. W. Crouse, Telephone 180. 1tc

For rent: Four room, modern apartment to couple. Dr. E. C. Nicks, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For sale—one used small General Electric refrigerator. In A-1 condition. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Mr. Farmer: You can buy your furniture now at the Eagle with a small down payment and pay the remainder when you sell your tobacco this fall. Let us explain this most liberal proposition to you. It will please you. Eagle Furniture Co.

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Battery Radios we have traded for at give away prices. Come in and see them. Eagle Furniture Co.

Wanted: To repair your watches and clocks of all makes. Work promptly done. My prices are right. J. F. Talbirt, Main St., at new bridge. 5-11p

China Cabinet worth \$10.00 for only \$5.00 to the first caller. Eagle Furniture Co.

For Sale—Several acres of land on Swan Creek Road, close to Jonesville. Ideal building sites. Will sell all or part. Dr. Crutchfield, Jonesville.

For Sale: Wheat straw, 90 to 100 pound bales, 30c; good top fodder \$2.00 per 100. See P. H. Swift, Zephyr. 1tc

Window Shades, all sizes, all colors, all grades and at prices to please you. We can fit your windows and your pocket book. Eagle Furniture Co.

For Sale: Selected Southern Beauty seed corn from registered certified seed. \$1.50 per bu.; 40c pk. For mail orders add 20c per peck postage. Paul Lewis, Thurmond, N. C.

Venetian Blinds made to order to fit any window. Prices reasonable. Eagle Furniture Co.

REAL ESTATE

For Sale—Two five-room bungalows in Arlington; two 5-room houses in Jonesville; one five-room house in Elkin. Easy terms. Also some beautiful building lots in Arlington, and on N. C. Highway 26, U. S. 21. See D. C. Martin. 1tc