

THE GAB BAG

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DEATH OVER EUROPE

It's Sunday night, 11:30 o'clock, and we begin the Gab Bag at the end of an evil, fateful day. War clouds over Europe shrouded the major nations of the Continent as England and France took up arms against the arch fiend of all time—Adolf Hitler. And even since we started this paragraph the radio has told of the sinking of a British passenger steamer which was torpedoed and sunk 200 miles off the coast of Scotland with 1,400 passengers—mostly refugees hurrying homeward to Canada—aboard.

Our time in this world has not been very long even if we do look like the old man of the mountains, and this news brings back to us memories of those not so distant days (gather around grandpa, children), when other ships went down to watery graves as torpedoes from lurking undersea boats carried on a war of terror against shipping.

Hitler said Britain was responsible for Europe becoming involved in a major European war, and he, dear kind soul, was going to wait and let England and France strike the first blow. Then his submarine goes out and sinks a passenger vessel loaded to the rails with defenseless men, women and children. Just further proof that what Mr. Hitler says means absolutely nothing.

Mr. Hitler is a very queer man. His record shows that he has brought the most horrible persecution against the Jews—God's

chosen people. His Nazi regime has made life unbearable for all religion—except the worship of The State. But now that Mr. Hitler has started himself a war that is bound to mean the death of countless thousands of soldiers and innocent women and children, he blabs to the world how God will give Germany victory. We don't mean to be irreverent, but we don't believe God will get mixed up in any partnership like that. Negotiations with the Prince of Hell would be more likely of results.

Mr. Roosevelt said tonight that the United States is strictly neutral as far as government is concerned. But Mr. Roosevelt also said that although the nation is

neutral, we didn't have to be neutral in our own minds.

If the United States is to keep free of war, the politicians in this country should forget their petty party differences and work together to see that we don't become involved. For a change, Democrats and Republicans alike should work for the common good.

Already things have happened that would make us forget that we have nothing to gain but long rows of white crosses in becoming involved in the war. For didn't the radio say there were American citizens aboard that helpless passenger steamer that now rests at the bottom of the North Atlantic? Perhaps by the time you read this, complete details may show that few lives were lost due to the fact the ship was said to have remained afloat for some time after she was hit, but it was the loss of life of American citizens at the hands of German U-boats that played its part in getting America mixed up in the last war.

But there we go ranting about things when all the time we should be recording trivial and foolish little items that are more easily understood by our nine readers. We even sound like a regular editor, that breed of newspaperman who does nothing but pop off about things he frequently knows little about. Only they know better sort of use words . . . we just sort of put 'em down all mixed up.

But we mean well. And for the benefit of the 20,000 new readers who may chance upon this particular column this week due to the fact that 5,000 extra copies have been printed and mailed to better spread the news of dollar days, we would like to say that we frequently go on like this, and please don't worry about it or hold it against The Tribune.

Aw shucks. We don't even feel like trying to be funny tonight. Goodnight.

Monday Morning—We've just been talking to one of the men whose hard work and money aided in making the Elkin gymnasium a reality. He says that everything has been done to keep the gym securely locked, but that unknown hoodlums have broken locks—and where locks wouldn't give—broken the doors themselves. The only way out as he sees it is for the caretaker's house to be completed and a caretaker placed on the scene.

It seems a shame that a community should have that class of people who respect nothing; who willfully damage public property. But that class is in evidence, and the Elkin gym bears testimony to its destructiveness.

Just a small town bunch of Hitlers.

Mountain Grove

Miss Elizabeth Hudspeth left for Boone Monday, where she will attend school at Appalachian State Teachers College this year.

Miss Milvina Groce of Yadkinville, is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Macemore.

Mr. Paul Inscore was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hudspeth the past week.

Miss Ollie and Buford Stokes of Winston-Salem, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudspeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Macemore are very proud of their daughter, which was born this past week.

Misses Vermelle Macemore and Elizabeth Hudspeth were hostesses at a delightful lawn party at the former's home Wednesday evening. The guests were received and entertained on the lawn by playing several games. Prizes were awarded to Misses Delphine Castevens and Erna Macemore.

The guests were then invited into the living room for refreshments. They were served drinks, sandwiches, cake and mints.

NEW SCHOOL SESSION IS BEGUN AT RONDA

Ronda school began the new year Monday with an enrollment of about 500, which represents an increase of more than 50 over the opening day enrollment a year ago. E. R. Sprull, principal, stated.

The school was opened by devotional conducted by Rev. McCoin and many patrons were visitors at the school.

The high school enrollment on opening day was 180, which represents a substantial increase over last year.

Commercial classes were instituted in the high school this year and several are taking advantage of the opportunity for commercial training.

A successful school year is anticipated.

HUNTING DATE CHANGE MADE

New Dates Announced by Board of Conservation and Development

QUAIL SEASON NOV. 30

Raleigh, August 14—Dates for the 1939 hunting seasons, together with changes made in these seasons by the Board of Conservation and Development, have just been announced by the Game and Inland Fishing division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The deer and bear seasons open October 1 and extend to January 1. Deer can be hunted in all the counties with the exception of Alleghany, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin, where the season is closed this year while in Samson county the season will be only from November 1 through November 15 in Avery, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, McDowell, Swain, Watauga and Yancey counties, and in Macon county north and west of Highway No. 64. It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs at any time west of Person, Orange, Chatham, Moore and Richmond counties.

Bear can be hunted in most of the counties during the general season above except in Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, Rutherford and all counties west of these where the season will be from October 20 to January 1.

The squirrel season for other than Fox squirrel and Southern Red squirrel (boomers) will be from October 1 through January 15, with many exceptions which will be announced later.

The quail season will open Thanksgiving Day, November 30, and extend through February 15 in most of the counties. One exception is Union county, where the season will be only 80 days, from December 10 to January 10.

In six counties—Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow—hunting for quail will be permitted only three days a week, or on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the other days being "lay days" as requested by the sportsmen of these counties.

The rabbit season will also be from November 30 through February 15, with no bag limit. The wild turkey and grouse seasons also extend from November 30 through February 15, with the exception that the season for wild turkey will be closed in this year in Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Rutherford counties.

The opossum and raccoon seasons for hunting with guns and dogs only, is from October 1 through February 1, while the trapping season is from November 1 through February 15, with numerous exceptions. Trapping of opossum and raccoon will be permitted in Dare county from December 1 to March 1, only and is prohibited entirely in the following counties: Bladen, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hoke, Pender, Roberson, Sampson, Wayne and Wilson, except on the premises of the owners for protection of domestic fowls and crops. It is also prohibited in and west of Surry, Alexander, Wilkes, Catawba and Cleveland counties.

No other may be taken at all this year, the season being closed over the entire state.

Other details with regard to the hunting season will be announced later on.

CYCLE

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Katie Pinnix Sunday, by her children and friends. A large crowd attended and everyone enjoyed the day.

Talmage Shore of West Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Van Hoy and little son, John, of Wilmington, Del., and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. VanHoy, Graham and Lucille VanHoy, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Howard and family, visited in Johnson City, Tenn., Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Riley spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Blevins, in Welch, West Virginia.

Mr. Spencer Howard of Winston-Salem, visited his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Howard, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman VanHoy and son, John, left Monday for their home in Wilmington, Del. They were accompanied by Mr. VanHoy's sisters, Miss Lucille VanHoy and Mrs. Anna Lee Howard.

Misses Bessie and Beulah Bell are spending this week with their brother, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Bell.

Was Engaged
Mrs. Murphy—Haven't you heard the news? Suzanne's married Frank Carooner.
Mrs. Flaherty: Frank Carooner! You seldom hear of such things these days. Why, he's the very man she was engaged to!

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