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Not a "Mere Molehill"

The Hickory Record hears that a studied effort is being made to take the Game and Inland Fisheries Division from the Department of Conservation and Development and set it up as a separate and independent agency, and hopes that there will be "no disposition on the part of any group to drag this into politics as an issue to be kicked about and magnified into a mountain, when as a matter of fact it is a mere molehill." It is plain that the Hickory paper is definitely a-gin it.

But if the Game and Fisheries division is a "molehill" it is a most important molehill to those who hunt and fish, and who year in and year out have been paying their license fees, thinking and hoping that official Raleigh would keep faith with them and use their dollars to promote better game conditions. Last year these funds were about to be raped for other purposes, and the steal was stopped only when Thurmond Chatham and a few others took up the fight for the sportsmen and obtained "concessions" that partly appeased the protestants.

For many years the sportsmen have been smarting under the injustice of snatching their license fees and using them for other purposes than the propagation and protection of game and fish. The game wardens are underpaid and in many cases about the only service they render is to the State in pressing the collection of the license fees. If there were more of them and if they were better paid, there would be a stricter enforcement of the game laws, more intelligent thought given to the propagation and conservation of game and fish, and a better feeling among the hunters and fishermen would result.

The Hickory paper would keep politics out of this service. Surely its editor never put his eye to the keyhole to take a peep at what went on until John Chalk took the reins. Mr. Chalk is sufficiently bolstered with this world's goods, and doesn't need the salary that goes with his job as hetman of this division. He is serving simply because he is interested in the work, and because he has had the audacity to buck the powers that be and who would gladly take his scalp if it wasn't too dangerous politically to do it.

We are betting that if and when the Game and Fisheries division is made a separate agency, and non-partisan and non-political, as it ought to be, game conditions in North Carolina would improve noticeably and to the point where there would be increased support, because the investment in a hunting and fishing license would be more meaningful than it has been in the past.

Courage and Loyalty

Neville Chamberlain has been the victim of punsters everywhere; more serious critics have told the why and wherefore of his faulty leadership; and in the House of Commons the representatives of his own people lambasted his policies and in effect voted a lack of confidence in his leadership.

That is something that can happen only in a democracy where the governed are permitted to speak. One can easily imagine what would have happened if even one man had dared to stand up and criticize Hitler, or Mussolini, or Stalin.

Britain's prime minister obviously made many mistakes. His appeasement policies at, before and after Munich, now loom pitiful as his statesmanship is appraised. But it must be remembered that in all sincerity he was trying to avoid bloodshed, and that credit should be accorded him. He knew that the western democracies were not prepared for conflict, and it is not enough to charge that Chamberlain himself was largely to blame for this non-preparedness. In the hour of his remorse and humiliation it is only charitable to acknowledge that he meant well and that his failure will not be too costly to Britain and therefore to the world.

Nor can the world soon forget his last words in announcing his resignation as Prime Minister, when he so feelingly said: "You and I must rally behind our new leader and with our united strength and with unshakable courage fight and work until this wild beast (Hitler) that has sprung out of his lair upon us be finally disarmed and overthrown."

Such loyalty is characteristic of Brit- ishers. It is the spirit that has carried that nation to many a victory, and we have abiding faith that it will do it again. But those words come from a man who had abundant reason to sulk in his tent and withdraw his assistance from his successor. He didn't, and for that much will be forgiven.

That Buried Gold

The government's program of buying gold and storing it away in a hole in the ground in Kentucky has furnished many a paragraph with a choice wisecrack. It has been the subject upon which politicians and theorists have hung many a doleful tale, and if it were not for the political kick-back we might have it as an issue in the presidential campaign.

Usually reliable and well-meaning financial experts have been much concerned about the ten billions of gold we have acquired from abroad in the past six years. They are wondering what would happen if other nations would go off the gold standard and leave us with the bag to hold.

Secretary Morgenthau, in a recent address in Washington would reassure these doubtful ones. He said:

"As long as there are independent nations, and as long as there is international trade in goods and services, so long will it be necessary to settle international balances. Gold is the international medium of exchange par excellence. Its acceptability is universal; its utility as international money survives changes of economic systems. It is used and needed just as much by the freest democracies as by the most rigid dictatorships—as much by capitalist economies as by socialist economies. It is the refined instrument of international exchange of goods and services, as well as an essential ingredient in the more complex international transactions—an instrument that has functioned without challenge for hundreds of years. Every foreign country wishes it had more of it; no foreign country likes to lose any of it; all countries accumulate it as soon as they can afford to do so. And the fact that some countries find it possible to conduct their international trade without gold does not mean that they prefer to do so any more than people reading by candlelight do so because they prefer candles to electricity."

That makes the question of the desirability of gold as clear as mud. In fact for our ownself it has always been something to be desired; something we were glad to see our government have plenty of. But we are buying gold at a price sufficiently high to attract it from every quarter of the earth and hiding it back in the ground again. Secretary Morgenthau explains our extensive acquisition of gold by saying that for one thing we have exported many billions of dollars' worth of goods and services in excess of the amounts we have imported. And again, because large amounts of foreign funds have come to this country to be placed and kept on deposit with our banks. We wouldn't know, and every time we try to understand—we go to sleep thinking about it.

The Sectional Angle

The Editor of The Charlotte Observer explains that that paper studiously refrains from taking sides as between candidates except when issues are involved or exceptional circumstances arise that makes support necessary.

But in offering a word on behalf of Hon. Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, who is a candidate for the office of Secretary of State against the incumbent, Hon. Thad Eure, the Observer editor senses "a situation in which the claims of justice for Murphy are obvious and emphatic."

The Charlotte paper reminds of Mr. Murphy's past party service and his unflinching devotion to multiple duties piled on him in the past, all of which he rendered without reward or promise or hope of it. And then Editor Miller reasons that "The justice of Mr. Murphy's case as against that of Mr. Eure consists in the unique circumstance that he is the ONLY candidate for any State office to be voted upon in the approaching primary who resides in the western segment of the State."

The Observer is in error there. Charlie Miller, of Asheville, is running for State Auditor against George Ross Pou, and while there may be abundant reasons why westerners should be voting for Miller, Walter Murphy has first call on them by virtue of his long service, unrewarded, as well as because of his special qualifications for this job.

The Observer enlarges on its sectional slant in these words:

"As a matter of fact, as the situation now stands, although the western area of North Carolina is where the greater volume of votes is to be found and where a vast preponderance of the tax revenues which support the general and special services of the State government originate, the East is exercising and holding a virtual monopoly on all important State offices."

And there will be those who when they go to the polls will be remembering that Candidates Eure and Pou, have for a long, long time, been beneficiaries of this monopoly, and that may seem an added reason, a more appealing reason even that the sectional issue which the Observer trots out. People are funny that way. Even such likeable fellows as Thad Eure and George Ross Pou can overdo the thing by managing somehow to keep their feet in the trough for too long.

Like the Observer, this paper refrains from taking sides, but like the Observer we are mindful of Walter Murphy's merits, nor can we forget that "eastern monopoly" no matter how hard we try.

When the weather man finally hit his stride, he hit it in high.

If campaign promises would build roads and bridges, those Carolina coast counties would have both and to spare.

"I was protecting her," explained the wife-beater to the Nazi judge. In such circumstances, the court could only set the fellow free." Charlotte News.

PLANS SET FOR E. BEND FINALS

Class Day Exercises to Be Held Friday Night; Address Saturday

ARE TO PRESENT PLAY

The first part of the commencement program at East Bend school, the baccalaureate sermon, has already been held, and final arrangements have been completed for the remainder of the program. L. H. Todd released the following program for the other commencement events:

On Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, the senior class, consisting of 29 members, will give their annual class night exercise. This year their program will be in the form of a play, "A Southern Rosary." This play has been given previously by two or three other high schools in Yadkin county and has met with widespread approval wherever it has been given. It has as its setting pre-Civil War days, and is taken from life as it was lived in the South in that period.

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, will deliver the commencement address to the seniors.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the East Bend baseball team will play their annual commencement game against opposition furnished by R. J. Reynolds high school of Winston-Salem. Earlier in the season, the Winston-Salem team defeated East Bend in a close game on Hanes field, and East Bend will be out for revenge Saturday.

Saturday night, the play, "A Ready-Made Family," by the junior and senior classes will bring the commencement program to a close. There will be a small admission charge.

EAST BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, who have been living in Washington for some time, have returned to East Bend to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Holcomb and son, of Elkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ott Coram and children, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gordon and daughter, Rosemary, of Clemmons, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Speas of Booneville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Coram.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ammons and daughter, Hazel, of Winston-Salem, visited friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward of Ridgeway, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hobson of North Wilkesboro, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Nora Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns and children, of Hickory, were the recent guests of Mrs. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hobson.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Felts of Gastonia, were guests this week of Mr. Felts' mother, Mrs. Lelia Ashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, of Pilot Mountain, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Ida Martin.

Mrs. Cora Leake is spending a few days with her granddaughter, Mrs. Nell Otey, of Wytheville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Matthews and son, of Winston-Salem, visited Mr. Matthews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Haynes have returned to East Bend to spend the summer months. They have been teaching at Courtney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leake of Charlotte, spent Sunday with Mrs. Leake's mother, Mrs. Cora Leake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lee Pardue of Mocksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meadows of King, were recent guests of Mrs. Lela Joyce.

Miss Gail Williams, a student of Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Redwine and children of Rural Hall, and Mrs. J. T. Westmoreland, also of Rural Hall, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Mamie Butler.

East Bend school closes its school term Saturday of this week.

SENIORS PRESENT SCHOOL WITH RADIO

As a parting gift to the high school, members of the class of 1940 presented the school with an electric radio and phonograph. The presentation of the gift was made at the close of the commencement exercises Tuesday.

Eighty-five per cent. of last year's traffic fatalities occurred in clear weather.

Much Labor Is Involved In Making Movie

One million man-hours is the approximate amount of human labor involved in the Technicolor production of "Gone with the Wind," filmization of the celebrated novel by Margaret Mitchell, which opens Monday at the Lyric Theatre.

Manpower, of course, isn't metered out like mechanical horsepower, and the estimate of a million man-hours doesn't mean that a million men—and women—could have made the picture in an hour.

Nor does it signify that Producer David O. Selznick, working alone, eight hours a day, 310 days a year, could have made the picture in 400 years. But it does give an idea of the magnitude of what is, in many respects, the most tremendous single production task ever attempted in the motion picture industry.

The figure of a million man-hours was reached by adding together the total time for all persons employed on the picture, including the stars, Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard and Olivia de Havilland; the director, Victor Fleming, and nearly 5,000 other persons who have worked since the picture began.

Of this time, according to Raymond A. Klum, production manager, 250,000 man-hours were accounted as preparation, and 750,000 as actual production.

These United States fought eight years to toss off the tyranny of a British king, and the Civil War itself, some exciting scenes from which are seen in "Gone with the Wind," lasted more than four years, with three million engaged and 600,000 killed.

Such historic events as these occupied the attention of millions of men for billions of hours. Yet if statistics of the Selznick masterpiece are translated into "man-hours"—the number of persons who will see the picture multiplied by time it will take them—the figures assume, if not those astronomical proportions, at least geographical magnitude.

Glass gravestones are being used in Paris, France.

Fair Streamliner



TREASURE ISLAND . . . Pretty blonde 23 year old Virginia Engels, "Miss Los Angeles" is winner of the title of the Golden Gate International Exposition's "Miss Streamline".

FLORENCE OIL RANGE REPRESENTATIVE HERE

To aid in demonstrating and explaining the many advantages of the modern Florence oil range to people of this section, a factory man will be at the Eagle Furniture company, local dealers, beginning today, for 10 days.

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Everyone interested in the new Florence oil range is urged to call or telephone The Eagle for an appraisal of their old stove and for other information.

Presbyterian Circle Meets With Mrs. Davis

Circle number one of the Presbyterian church met Monday night with Mrs. Bill Davis on Elk Spur street, with 10 members present. One new member, Mrs. McPhail, was enrolled. Mrs. Chas Poplin presented the program, assisted by Mrs. David Causey, Mrs. Hoke F. Henderson and Mrs. Dan Barbour. The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Lathan Mills.

But How!

Father—Remember, my child, curiously killed the cat.
Janey—How, daddy?

FACULTY NAMED FOR JONESVILLE

Mrs. Lee Neaves Declines Re-election, Accepting Place in Elkin School

WEAVER IS AGAIN HEAD

Announcement has been made by Fred C. Hobson, chairman of the Yadkin County Board of Education, of the following faculty members of the Jonesville school for the 1940-41 term, all of them reelected: L. Stacey Weaver, principal; Miss Betty Jane Miller, Mrs. A. B. Scroggs, A. B. Scroggs, J. H. Swearingen, Mrs. Zimmie Tharpe, Mrs. Kate Fletcher Key, Miss Ruby Mildred Bray, Mrs. Laura Joyner Henric, Mrs. Johnny Canipe, Miss Hazel Phillips, Miss Beulah Fleming, Miss Catherine Boles, Mrs. Frank Pickett, Mrs. Odell Holcomb, Miss Thelma Shore, Mrs. Ruth Roland, T. S. Hobson, Joseph C. Folger, Harvey Madison and Chy J. Rash.

Mrs. Lee Neaves, who has been a member of the Jonesville faculty for some time, declined reelection, and has accepted a place on the faculty of the Elkin schools. Mrs. L. K. Keever also did not accept definite reelection due to ill health, her decision being held in abeyance until a later date.

FLOWER SHOW STAGED BY GARDEN CLUB HERE

Inaugurating the custom of a spring flower show here, members of the Yadkin Valley Garden Club sponsored a show on Wednesday of last week in the city hall.

Approximately 50 entries were made by members of the senior and junior garden clubs and numerous other flower growers. The exhibits were of unusual beauty and were artistically arranged. No prizes were given exhibitors and no admission fee was charged.

The doors of the show were open from noon until 11 o'clock in the evening and hundreds of people attended the show.

It is the plan of the club to sponsor similar shows in the future, since the interest shown in the first venture was so marked.

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