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And wouldn't it be sump'n if Bob Reynolds' alien program would become so popular that he'd ride into office on it next time in spite of all the planning by those who are figuring on pinning his ears to the wall?

Best for All Concerned

The decision of Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, not to call for a second primary in the contest for the governorship, is fortunate for all concerned, and for the Democratic party especially.

If Horton had held to his purpose to insist on a run-off he would have had a hard and bumpy road ahead of him. Maybe the knowledge of this caused him to decide against it. Candidate Maxwell, the next man up, had counseled against a second primary and had announced that he would support Broughton, the leader in the first primary. The same went for Lee Gravelly, and it was only natural that Grady, whom Horton had defeated four years ago, was to be found in the opposing camp.

As a matter of fact there were no issues involved. Business men and industrialists had indicated that they were not afraid of Broughton, that they would just as lief one be governor as the other, and therefore didn't propose to go down in their jeans for cash with which to finance a campaign in which they had little if anything at stake.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Horton, desperate for an issue that might cause the big-purse boys to loosen up, chose to ring in the shadow of Dr. Ralph McDonald and make him the bugaboo that would scare votes his way. It only served the poor purpose of creating dissension in Democratic ranks, and may have so estranged some of the Horton supporters that he became discouraged and quit. And what he said about Mr. Maxwell didn't help any either.

But even all that had as well be forgotten. Mr. Horton has acted wisely, and he has done himself as well as his party a definite service in stepping down.

"Log-Rollings"

A study prepared by officials of the North Carolina agriculture department sets forth the reasons why none of the original growth of hardwoods and pines which once covered Stokes county, is left—yells of the faulty stewardship that sacrificed the great natural assets of that county when the land was cleared for farming half a century ago. And because other counties in North Carolina engaged in the same practices, this reminder is pertinent and timely for them.

"Clearing of the land," say these officials, "was accomplished by means of log-rolling, a practice whereby logs were heaped into great piles and burned. Much valuable timber was destroyed in that manner, but as no markets existed for timber, it was the most expedient method of ridding the land of trees."

Older heads will recall this practice: The log-rolling of that day was comparable to the corn-shuckings we have now, or did have a few years back. Neighbors gathered and heaped great piles of fine timber, and made ready for the fire, and hungry men were rewarded with a great supper as though in celebration of a victory over the forests. And now when we look back on that wastefulness, even though it could be excused, we want to challenge the stewardship of those who were unwittingly responsible for it.

There was little appreciation of timber values in those days, and we are suffering today because of that lack of frugality. It was the practice then to clear a piece of timberland, benefit from its newness and when it was worn out, abandon it and clear more land. No thought was given to soil conservation, and certainly none to soil improvement. Forest management was wholly unknown. For the rape of the forests was not limited solely to "log-rolling." When wood was needed the landowner went to the woodlot, felled a tree that would work up easily, sawed off a few sections, and left the lap to rot and decay. There is not much of that practiced today, but enough of it to give concern.

The trouble is that we locked the stable door after the horse was stolen; we learned the importance of timber conservation only by the pinch of necessity, and some of us haven't learned it yet. We don't roll valuable logs together and burn them, but we do indulge in forest practices that will cause our children to call us stupid and wasteful.

Maybe when it becomes necessary to plant trees and wait patiently for them to grow, we will harvest them with more care; measure their value as we measure the value of any other crop and waste not a bit of them.

Economy in Government

Governor Hoey has called upon all departments of the State government to practice the strictest economy in the administration of their affairs. And for that he is to be commended, particularly if he follows through and sees to it that they do just that.

The Governor points out that the State is doing very well, thank you, in the collection of revenues; that the State's income is well above budget anticipation, but that doesn't mean that there is no need for economizing, and somehow Mr. Hoey leaves the impression that he is afraid a mound of easily collected dollars would be a temptation to heads of State agencies who would want to spend them and get more. History tells that he theorizes correctly, and his exhorting which amounts to a warning, is quite timely.

Right now the people of North Carolina are reasonably prosperous, and in that economic state, they are able to pay taxes. But when they become pinched, they won't pay, for the simple reason that they can't. And there are plenty of indications that they will have to tighten their belts in the immediate future. War conditions are supposed to boost business in neutral countries, but right now with all our program of preparedness it is almost as though we too were at war. And as for agriculture, on which this State largely depends, the stagnancy of the tobacco and cotton market due to the conflict in Europe, may make many a farmer, who depends on either or both of these, stare at the ceiling at night, wondering how he is going to make ends meet. And under those conditions it would be well for North Carolina to have a nest-egg instead of a deficit.

And there is another very good reason why government—local, State and National—should practice close economy: The taxpayer is already burdened to the point of weariness. And it makes no difference whether it be city taxes, county, State or National taxes, the toll comes out of the same pocket, and there is no difference in the feel of the pain.

Right now the federal government is embarking on a staggering defense program, the cost of which will add to the tax burden, and Governor Hoey's economy program for North Carolina, needs to be stressed in the national field as well. For the total of dollars that could be saved each year, would help in liquidating the huge debt we are making in these defense expenditures.

As a matter of fact, one of the biggest factors in national defense could easily be a sound program of tax economy that would bolster the morale of our people in time of emergency.

Man's Inhumanity to Man

It is estimated that between 3,000,000 and 5,000,000 refugees from Belgium and Holland have poured into France. Most of these are average, self-respecting people suddenly made vagrants by Hitler's hellishness.

The inundation of what is left of France by this horde of dispossessed and terror-stricken women and children and the aged, surpasses all episodes in man's inhumanity to man. It can hardly be considered merely propaganda, these stories of how these miserable creatures in their confusion have interfered with the work of the Allied armies. The German war machine pays them no mind, for are they not an inferior people, to be pushed aside at the German will?

Because these refugees are companions in misery the French people take them in and share their crusts of bread, but there is no certainty that the roof that houses them all will not be blown away before morning.

And most of these, mind you, are the former subjects of King Leopold who commanded Belgian soldiers to lay down their arms, and without the courtesy of warning Allied leaders whom he had called on for help, thus exposing them to the sudden attack which has resulted so disastrously. And that very action by Belgium's king raises the question mark concerning the ease with which Germany's armed forces marched through Belgium, and European leaders are wondering if this was only a part of a sell-out to Hitler who now proposes to make Leopold ruler over parts of Holland—a puppet whose main activity would be to enjoy the comforts of a castle hidden away in the mountains of the country his father loved and fought for to the last.

But we are talking about those refugees who neither fought or wanted war: men, women and children who only wanted to live and labor in peace. Now they are scattered to the winds; children separated from parents; streams of helpless human beings fleeing to they know not where, and even machine-gunned in their confusion and distress.

Some day, please God, the selfish tyrant who is responsible for all this will come to his accounting. But these helpless ones cannot wait for that day. They must be fed and clothed, and their bleeding feet must be tended. And that is what the American Red Cross is trying to help to do. Pondering a picture like this is enough to make each of us rest uneasy on our pillows until we have sought out the proper channels and doubled our subscription to this cause. This is not our war, no, but its victims are crying aloud for help and we should not fail them.

It is generally admitted that the Germans are tops in the making of all sorts of substitutes, and so it is not surprising that they would take out after a substitute for civilization.

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, June 4—Congress, awakened to the need of strengthening our national defenses, came almost unanimously to the support of the President's proposal to begin at once a program of airplane building and manufacturing of armaments on an unprecedented scale. Where the money is to come from is yet to be determined, but it is certain that some increase in taxes will be necessary.

Republicans in both houses joined with Democrats in voting new defense appropriations. Partisanship is buried to that extent. But it is far from being buried so far as the methods of spending the new funds are concerned. What is being sought is a plan for creating some sort of a defense planning board which would have full charge of the production of munitions, and would be entirely free from political control. At the same time Congress is trying to work out some system which would put all military aviation under unified control, reorganize the Army and Navy by getting rid of inefficient officers who have risen to their present posts by the antiquated seniority system, and in general pep up the whole military establishment.

The feeling in Congress is that there should be greater and more direct responsibility to Congress and less to the Executive in all of the contemplated preparations for war. While the President is, under the Constitution, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, there are many Senators and Representatives of both parties who point out that the United States is not yet at war, that it is the earnest hope of everybody that we shall not be at war, and that in any event the size and character of the fighting forces of which the President is the Chief must be whatever Congress chooses to provide.

Sharp Issue
A sharp issue is shaping up between those who believe that preparations for national defense ought to be made with the cooperation of the ablest men in the nation, regardless of party, and those who hold that these able industrialists, organizers and counselors should subordinate themselves to the President. That has been done in time of war. In time of peace it has never been done.

The advisory board which the President appointed last fall to examine the state of the nation's preparedness for war, which included prominent men of both parties, lasted only a few weeks, solely because its members found that they could not function against the opposition of the President's close political advisers, or as subordinates subject to the Executive's orders.

Well-meaning patriots who have proposed that the President put eminent Republicans in his Cabinet in this emergency have cited the changes in the British and French Governments since the present European war began. They overlook the fact that those are Parliamentary governments, in which the constituent assembly has supreme power and the governing body or Cabinet is chosen from among the members of Parliament. Thus two or half a dozen parties may be represented in a coalition cabinet.

But under the American system the Executive is entirely distinct from Congress, and the members of his Cabinet are his personal appointees, a sort of superior chief clerks, whom he can dismiss at will. They must be completely subordinate to the President.

Emphatically Rejected
Therefore the President's idea of putting a few leading Republicans in his Cabinet to emphasize the non-partisan spirit of the times has been emphatically rejected. Rumor has it that he offered Col. Frank Knox, Republican Vice-Presidential candidate of four years ago, the post of Secretary of the Navy, just vacated by Charles Edison, who is running for Governor of New Jersey.

It is whispered, and widely believed in Washington, that Mr. Roosevelt's invitation to Gov. Landon to visit him at the White House was with a similar purpose; that it was cancelled when Mr. Landon made a speech criticizing the President's war policies, and renewed only when word leaked out that it had been cancelled.

At any rate, Mr. Landon, as titular leader of the Republican Party, after a pleasant call at the White House, said that he was sure all Republicans would be good patriots and do whatever they could to help the defense program, and let it go at that. Much attention is being given



here to former President Hoover's letter to Senator Tobey, written last September when the first talk of a "Coalition government" began. After pointing out that members of the Opposition Party if appointed to the Cabinet would not in any way be representative of their party, but merely individuals, Mr. Hoover said that the proposed suspension of partisan politics "would mean one-party government. It would be the start of totalitarian government."

He urged then, and has since urged, that Republicans give every possible support to a sound policy of national defense, but should not cease to debate the best methods of keeping this country out of war.

Offense Planning Board
While aircraft manufacturers, makers of military equipment of all kinds, every sort of industrialist or business man who might be called upon to help in the defense preparations, have signified their willingness and readiness to help, there is a great deal of reluctance among business leaders to place themselves under political or bureaucratic orders as to methods of operation.
Therefore, the idea of a defense planning board composed of military men, industrialists and members of both houses of Congress, is getting serious consideration.

HOMECOMING TO BE HELD THIRD SUNDAY

A homecoming will be held at North Oak Ridge Baptist church, two miles south of Boonville, on the third Sunday in June, it has been announced by the pastor, Rev. Cleat Simmons.

The services will last all day, with lunch served on the grounds, picnic style. A speaker, as yet unannounced, will speak at the 11 o'clock service. Quartets from Winston-Salem, Reidsville and of the community will sing at the afternoon service.

All former pastors of the church have been especially invited to be present, as well as the public in general. Everyone is urged to bring a basket lunch.

Know Him Well
"Do you know Art?"
"Art who?"
"Artesian."
"Sure, I know Artesian well."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of J. T. Bostick, late of Surry county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice or same will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please settle at once. This the 5th day of June, 1940.
WILLIAM L. BOSTICK,
Administrator of J. T. Bostick, deceased.
E. C. JAMES, Attorney. 7-11

WANTS

For rent: New 5-room house in suburbs. Hugh Royall. 6-13c

This is to notify all persons having an account against the late A. F. Kinzie, of Mountain Park, to present them to the undersigned for payment. Mrs. A. F. Kinzie, 21 Lewis Ave., Salem, Va. 1tp

For sale—complete photographic outfit, including camera, enlarger, developing tank—everything you need to develop and print your own pictures. See Earl Day at Lyric theatre. 1tp

For Rent—Three-room downstairs apartment with private bath; two-room upstairs apartment, in rock house in Church street. Steam heat. Miss Minnie Russell, phone 127. 1tp

Lost, Elkin, identification badge 127-1636, Norfolk Navy Yard, U. S. N. Photograph style. Finder please return Tribune office, received reward. 1tp

Wanted: Two neat and pleasing girls for waitresses. If capable will be willing to train. Apply Hotel Elkin. 1tc

For rent: three and four room apartments. Newly finished. Private bath. Carl Chappell. Telephone 126-M. 1tc

For Sale—1 1935 motorcycle in good condition. New tires and battery. Elkin Motor Car Co. 1tc

Reward—Lost Bird Dog—Male Pointer, white and yellow. Owner's name on collar. \$5.00 reward for return to H. P. Graham. 6-6c

Modern Beauty Shop will award a free three-day trip to the New York World's Fair on Monday, July 5. Nothing to buy. No strings attached. Visit our shop and register and we will give you complete details. 7-4c

For rent: two furnished bedrooms, semi-private bath. Mrs. J. P. Phillips, Jonesville, N. C. 1tc

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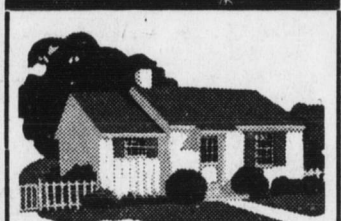
When selling or buying produce see Early Combs, in the old city jail building. Telephone 308. 1tc

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

For sale—J. C. Triplett farm located 1 mile from Elkin on Elkin-Winston-Salem highway No. 67. Contains 100 acres—50 acres bottom land, 50 acres upland. Seven-room dwelling, large barn and other outbuildings. Suitable for farming or for subdivision. See R. R. Triplett at Bon-Ton Grill, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For Rent—Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, will accommodate five young men. Shower, hot water, heat. New home. Available June 1st. Dr. Seth M. Beale, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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