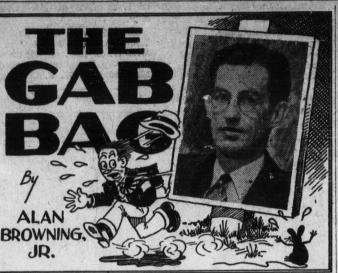
#### THE ELKIN TRIBUNE, ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA



Editor's Note: Mussolini, by entering the war, sort of threw this column out of date, due to the fact that it was written Saturday of last week. Rather than change it we are letting it go as originally written, for so far as we know, no Gab Bag has ever been up to date and why start changing our ways at this late hour?

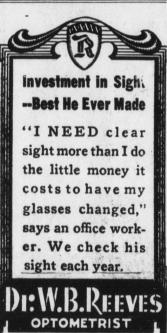
Abe Harris was in the office the other day with a plan to aid the French in combatting the Nazi tanks. "Why?" whyed Mr. Harris, "doesn't General Weygand place dyna-mite in the ground at numerous places in front of his line. These mines could be connected to a switch board containing buttons with which to set them off. Thus, when a German tank was over one of the mines, the operator could press the read. France and England, albutton controlling that particu-lar spot and blow it up."

with him?"

rench general.

now who to blame.

We agreed it was a good idea. "Sure it's a good idea," said Mr. "Chances are, General Harris. Weygand has been so busy that he hasn't thought of it himself.







pieces to fix it. If he was assign ed to a tank, he'd probably have the tank in a hundred pieces just when it was needed most. For he is a young man with a deep and abiding interest as to what goes on inside a machine.

Still, he must be given credit. You can depend on it that once Ott has taken a machine down and fixed it, it will in nearly ev-ery case run almost as good as LOSS MAY BE OFFSET before he started tinkering.

Oh, well, maybe if it were possible for him to get hold of Hitler he would take him apart. And we can guarantee that once he got him back together again Hitler would never be the same.

Mussolini has been on the brink of entering the war for so long (don't blame us if he is already in it when you read this), that we don't figure it possible for him to get any closer. Yet every day the

news points out "Italy on verge of war." What we want to know is how wide is a verge and how long is a brink?

Mussolini reminds us of a buz-Italian people, we wonder what he thinks is glorious about jumping in for the kill. Anyone could do that. But from what we have though hard pressed by Germany, Wonder how I can get in touch are not worrying much about whether Italy gets in or stays out.

They say the Italian army has a way of "advancing to the rear," We pointed to the telephone on nearby desk and suggested he anyway

call the general, charges reversed. We were reading just the other But about that time Mr. Harris day that Italy, in World War I, was more of a liability to the had another idea about something else, and, not wishing to Allies than she was a help. In bother with more than one idea those days Italy also had an alat a time, he didn't call the liance with Germany and Austria-Hungary, called the "Triple Alliance." But her buzzard-like qualities at that time too caused If Hitler wins the war you will her to join in with the Allies when it appeared likely the Allies Mr. Ford says he can build 1,would win the war.

000 airplanes a day if the govern-ment will not do any meddling We read a squib somewhere or around, and chances are he can other which remarked that do it, too. Wouldn't it be fine if Mr. Ford could have a second as-Italian students had been paradsembly line beside the one for planes, upon which crack pilots could be turned out. If they a jolly Thenkerising "On to a pa-rade of turkeys shouting "On to could start with the legs, add on a jolly Thanksgiving day.

some hips, then the upper torso, then the arms, neck and head, Please don't any of you good folks go and tell Mussolini we've everything would be just lovely. As each plane came off the line, been saying nasty things about him, because when he and Hitler a pilot would be on hand to man invade the United States he's liable to look us up. We under-

If and when America should stand Hitler has a fifth column get into the war, we are going to be awfully worried about Ott

be awfully worried about our Speaking of war and the bar Laffoon, our local boy wonder with a monkey wrench. If Ott during the first World War, be-during the first World War, be-fore the United States got into it, bunch of Hillsboro folks were loafing around in the corner fancy grocery discussing the fighting. Each one expressed his opinion about this and that. That is, all but one fellow. He just listened. Then, during a brief lull in the conversation, he spoke. "Gentlemen," he said, "I'll grant you there's been some fierce fighting so far. But you haven't seen anything compared to what will happen when England and Great Britain lock horns!"

Which was sort of like the re-



Cotton, Too, Is Great Export **Crop** in Which Farmers **Are Interested** 

Cotton and tobacco are two great export crops in which North Carolina farmers are vitally interested and, according to experts of the United States Department of Agriculture, those farmers who produce crops of which a substantial portion go for export are

going to be in trouble this fall. This makes it absolutely nec essary that the three-point Ag-ricultural Extension program of (1), food for man and beast; (2), a more fertile soil, and (3), a balancing of cash crops with livestock be widely adopted in the State.

Right now, the Nation is mov-ing as fast as it can in organizing towards a defense program to protect this country against onlaughts and conquests of totalitarian nations. State College is aiding in this program as its facilities permit and while the Nation attempts to put idle men, money and factories to work to produce the needed munitions of war, the College Extension Ser-vice is calling upon its county gents, specialists and other trained experts to foster the pro-duction and conservation of all kinds of food and feedstuffs.

It is, of course, expected that the preparedness program will eventually make up for the loss of foreign markets for farm produce, but as Secretary Wallace



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### paredness program is sufficiently underway to have this effect, farmers should be careful that they are not the victims of the war's interference with world trade. In other words, college officials believe that security for North Carolina farmers lies in the definite adoption of a safe farming program and it is not yet

has pointed out, until the pre-

## Good News for Women

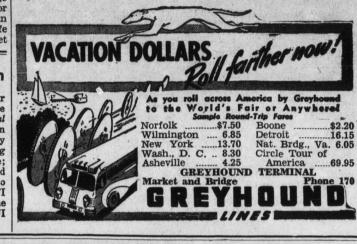


# and feed crops to be saved for use on the farm no matter what

Every farmer in North Carolina

happens.

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too late to plant additional food should give this matter



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