

THE GAB BAG

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Editor's Note: Mussolini, by entering the war, sort of threw this column out of date, due to the fact that it was written Saturday of last week.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?

MR. HARRIS HAS A PLAN

Abe Harris was in the office the other day with a plan to aid the French in combatting the Nazi tanks. "Why?" whined Mr. Harris, "doesn't General Weygand place dynamite 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 button controlling that particular spot and blow it up."

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

Wonder how I can get in touch with him?"

We pointed to the telephone on a nearby desk and suggested he call the general, charges reversed. But about that time Mr. Harris had another idea about something else, and, not wishing to bother with more than one idea at a time, he didn't call the French general.

If Hitler wins the war you will know who to blame.

Mr. Ford says he can build 1,000 airplanes a day if the government will not do any meddling around, and chances are he can do it, too. Wouldn't it be fine if Mr. Ford could have a second assembly line beside the one for planes, upon which crack pilots could be turned out. If they could start with the legs, add on some hips, then the upper torso, then the arms, neck and head, everything would be just lovely. As each plane came off the line, a pilot would be on hand to man it.

If and when America should get into the war, we are going to be awfully worried about Ott Laffoon, our local boy wonder with a monkey wrench. If Ott was put in the artillery, chances are when it was needed, it would be found Ott had taken it all to

pieces to fix it. If he was assigned 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 every case run almost as good as 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 buzzard who is sitting on a limb waiting for some wounded creature to die. When he speaks of the "glorious destiny" of the Italian people, we wonder what he thinks is glorious about jumping in for the kill. Anyone could do that. But from what we have read, France and England, although hard pressed by Germany, 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," anyway.

We were reading just the other day that Italy, in World War I, was more of a liability to the Allies than she was a help. In those days Italy also had an alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary, called the "Triple Alliance." But her buzzard-like qualities at that time too caused her to join in with the Allies when it appeared likely the Allies would win the war.

We read a squib somewhere or other which remarked that Italian students had been parading and shouting "On to war and glory." It likened this to a parade of turkeys shouting "On to a jolly Thanksgiving day."

Please don't any of you good folks go and tell Mussolini we've been saying nasty things about him, because when he and Hitler invade the United States he's liable to look us up. We understand Hitler has a fifth column out looking for us now.

Speaking of war and things, during the first World War, before the United States got into it, a 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 reported conversation of two Stokes county men. "That feller Hitler's a mean man," one of them said. "He sure is," replied 't'other fellow, "and so is this guy Berlin!" "Right," said the first fellow, "—both of them oughta be run out of the United States!"

Hot, isn't it?

MOUNTAIN PARK

Mr. H. W. Tuell, of Hemphill, W. Va., visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. Carl Cockerham, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Parks, of Zephyr, and Mrs. Lena Dockery, of Elkin, visited Mrs. B. J. Snow last Sunday.

The Home Economics girls of Mountain Park returned Saturday from a camping trip to White Lake. Everyone reported a very enjoyable trip.

Mrs. A. M. Linville and family returned Sunday from a visit to Winston-Salem.

Rev. J. W. Calloway filled his regular appointment at Gum Orchard Baptist church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cook and son, Jerry, and Miss Inez Lineback, of Winston-Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swift last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Walters visited relatives in Mount Airy last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Key, of State Road, visited Mrs. H. W. Tuell last Sunday.

GREATER

United States exports to Soviet Russia in the first seven months of the war have been 81 per cent. greater than in the equivalent period in 1938-39, according to the U. S. Commerce Department.

TOBACCO FACES REAL TROUBLE

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

LOSS MAY BE OFFSET

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 necessary that the three-point Agricultural 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 moving as fast as it can in organizing towards a defense program to protect this country against onslaughts 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 Service is calling upon its county agents, specialists and other trained experts to foster the production 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

has pointed out, until the preparedness program is sufficient 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

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