

# CROSS'S COLUMN

A JAPANESE PAPER says President Roosevelt's Dayton speech "showed an enemy attitude toward the German-Italian-Japanese pact". Just how were we supposed to take that pact? Saying "Goody-goody!"?

**LAST OF THE FLOOD STORIES:** A man who owned a lunch room near the Roanoke River saw the flood coming nearer and nearer his place of business. As the water rose he saw that there was no chance of its escaping the destruction, so he decided to save himself. He left the building . . . stopped a moment . . . ran back to the building, through the rising water, and entered it. Once inside he pulled a nickel from his pocket and put it into the juke box and immediately ran out again to safety. As he ran toward a group of onlookers on top of a little knoll, they all heard a sudden noise . . . coming from the lunch room. The juke box was playing loudly, "Goodbye, Goodbye, Little Darling" . . .

**SENT IN BY A READER:** a well written discourse on the subject: **A FIFTY PERCENT AMERICAN** "A fifty percent American is one who for selfish or monetary reasons will ship raw material to a future potential enemy, where the same export would in time of emergency better prepare us in our National Defense Program.

"It is said that our national resources, for example, iron ore, is practically inexhaustible . . . however it takes time to mine iron ore, ship it to smelters, refine it, etc. . . How unfortunate for future generations to read in the History of the World that the 50% Americans had supplied the enemies of the United States with any war material which was needed at home for her own defenses."

The writer of the above also goes on to give a "possible news item" of the future:

Scene: Military Hospital  
Time: 1943

**Operating Surgeon's Report:** Our staff metallurgist has analyzed the shrapnel removed from Private John Doe. He reports that this shrapnel was made from the engine casting of an American built automobile exported to our enemy in 1939 for the express use of manufacturing industrial and structural steel."

**PRETTY NEARLY HEAVEN:** Going fishing on an October afternoon . . . catching five small Tuna . . . (oh, boy, do they put up a fight!) . . . a calm sea, not hard to keep your balance . . . everybody pulling in fish at the same time . . . getting over sixty fish . . . in a little over two hours . . . trolling through sea gulls thicker than motes in a sunbeam . . . yellow sand dunes against a gorgeous blue sea . . . straight into the October sunset home . . . to a hot supper.

**JUST A FEW REASONS**  
I love you when  
You growl at dogs  
That bark and growl  
At you.  
I love you when  
You stall around  
At night when bed  
Is due.  
I love you when  
You throw yourself  
At me and cry,  
Ah-Boo!  
But more than growl or bedtime  
balk,  
I love your little Chinese-walk,  
Those short, quick, steps you take  
each day,  
Such eager steps . . . to run away!

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Williams, Miss Janie Hasty, W. J. Hasty, and Junior Hasty attended the State Fair at Raleigh Saturday.

## Clay Funeral Sunday PM In Harrellsville

Funeral services for Robert Clay, 24, were held at the home of his mother, Mrs. R. L. Clay in Harrellsville Sunday afternoon, October 13. Rev. R. R. Jackson, pastor of the Baptist Church there, officiated. Interment was in the Harrellsville Cemetery.

Clay died in the hospital here after being shot by Claude Miles at the Halifax County Fairgrounds Friday night.

The deceased came to Roanoke Rapids in November, 1936, from Harrellsville. Prior to that time he had worked in the textile industry in Danville, Va. He had been employed at the Patterson and Roanoke Mills Companies since living here.

Surviving are his mother; three sisters, Miss Margaret Clay of Harrellsville, Miss Mary Clay of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. James Jones of Danville; six brothers, Jesse, Edward and Cecil of Harrellsville, Jim of New Holland, and Thomas and Charlie of Danville; and his wife, the former Miss Glynna Rogers of Asheville.

### Welcome New Members

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Jackson Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 in the Beraca Sunday School room of the church. Mrs. J. F. Beamon was in charge of the program. As a chief part of the business, plans were made for the December week of prayer.

## AGENT SAYS FARMERS LOSING MONEY ON GREEN, DAMP COTTON

By W. O. DAVIS, County Agent

When damp or green cotton is carried to the gin, the farmer loses from \$2.00 to \$10.00 on each bale due to the rough ginning. If cotton is ginned damp or green, the farmer is to blame for the rough ginning as it is impossible for any gin to do a good job with damp or green cotton. If the cotton is thoroughly dry when carried to the gin and then the lint is rough, the ginner is to blame.

During the month of September 944 samples of cotton were classed by Government classers under our Cotton Improvement Campaign. Of those 944 bales, 372 (or approximately 40%) were reduced one or more grades due to rough condition of the ginned lint. This means that a bale that would otherwise turn out Middling cotton has been classed as Strict Low Middling or Low Middling due to the fact that the cotton was carried to the gin

while damp or green. A conservative estimate of this damage is \$3.00 loss per bale. If this condition continues through the remainder of the ginning season, it will mean a loss of approximately \$24,000.00 to Halifax County. Can we afford this loss?

If the following suggestions are used we can greatly reduce this loss: 1. Pick only dry, mature cotton, or bolls that are fully open. 2. Spread all picked cotton in the sun to dry and store for five to ten days if possible. Damp cotton should be stored loosely and stirred daily to prevent heating. 3. Pick cotton as clean as possible. 4. Allow the ginner ample time to gin cotton properly. 5. Do not insist on ginning seed too close as this causes the lint to be rougher. 6. Do not leave your bale exposed to the weather after it is ginned. Store it in a good building or sell it at once.

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