

Observations

By W. F. SHELTON

Last Sunday we thought it was the hottest day of the year but a call to Mr. Bobbitt for the official temperature disclosed that the thermometer reached a mere 90 degrees which, incidentally, is just 17 degrees cooler than one Saturday last summer. The damp oppressive heat of last Sunday evidently was caused by the atmosphere being near the saturation point with humidity. Thus perspiration could not perform its normal cooling function by evaporation. Sunday might not have been the hottest day of the year but so far it has been the most uncomfortable.



Shelton

The tragic death of W. N. Fuller, Jr. came as an unexpected blow to this whole community. He was liked by everyone that knew him. Being an only child his sudden end came as a doubly hard blow to his parents who have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone.

The failure of the County Board of Elections to set a day for a liquor referendum is a slight setback to the county Dry movement. Those who favor a return to the system advocated by the Dry Forces will be assured of an election, however, and in the near future. The setback is only temporary and an election on the liquor question will be assured as the local Dry leaders are not the type to give up easily and they apparently believe that their plan is the best.

Franklin County has voted wet and dry by turns and the liquor election, when it is held, will have an outcome of which neither wets nor dry can be certain. In the State wide referendum of 1933 the county entered the dry column by a 2 to 1 majority but the reverse happened when in December 1935 Franklin voted for county liquor stores by about a 500 majority. So how the next liquor referendum will go can only be determined by the future. It would be a pretty good bet either way.

We paid a visit to the Green Hill Golf Club last week and saw Wake Forest's Al Dowtin play the last hole of his record smashing round of the local course. Dowtin carded a neat 64 on 18 holes bettering par by 6 strokes to smash all existing course records.

We had never realized before that the Green Hill Club and course is one of the most beautiful in the State. There is a natural and man-made beauty there that defies description.

While the local course is beautiful so is the golf being played by some of our citizens. They play a championship brand of golf on the local course as the scalps our local teams have annexed in their trips to the greens of neighboring towns, so amply testify. There is a saying around this section of North Carolina that "If you want to get properly beaten just take on a team of golfers from Louisburg."

"What people might say" is more effective than the police force in maintaining order.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. C. S. Williams, the subject of this tribute, was born October 26th, 1851 and departed this life on June 20th, 1941.

His going from us cast a mantle of bereavement over the large circle of friends and loved ones. His daily life leaves the impress of one who realized that life's greatest achievement is the continual remaking of one's self so that at last is attained the knowledge of how to live.

Mr. Williams was a man of conservative views, not a drifter, letting himself think any thought and yield to any emotion that came along. His nature was to absorb and retain the best portions of life which produce character, those portions free of dross, with the power of endurance, portraying the distinctive traits of the Christian.

Charity, next to bread, is the food that all mortals most hunger for, it is the one essential vitamin of the soul. Not letting his right hand know what his left hand did, the soothing and effective lubricant of kindness, helpfulness and good-will he poured on the friction of lives is untold.

We shall miss his familiar form in the home pervaded by fellowship, on the attractive estate among the plants and flowers, their beauty and fragrance typifying the wholesome, sweet spirit of one who died as he lived, trusting in God.

In appreciation by E. W. FURGUERSON.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS INSEPARABLE FROM LOCAL WELFARE

It is clear that Mr. Churchill's recent remarks to the Commons have been designed to buck up a British public which is gravely disturbed by Germany's astounding and almost uninterrupted series of military successes. Furthermore, aggressive opposition to the Churchill leadership has appeared within the Commons. It is led by Hore-Belisha, who was dismissed as War Minister more than a year ago for alleged inefficiency. And while the opposition is small in numbers, it has some strong talking points, and if allowed to go unanswered might create a serious internal problem at a time when the highest attainable degree of British unity is vital.

Prime argument used against the Churchill policy is that he takes too many chances—or, to use a racing term, that he bets on too many long shots. The disastrous Crete affair is the latest example of this. In reply Mr. Churchill said that he cannot and will not fight a cautious, defensive war. He said that the enemy must be harried at all times, even though the cost to Britain is heavy. And finally, he said that the Crete adventure had justified itself by distracting German attention and German military energies from other areas.

This is a good time to sum up Britain's position after a year and a half of war, inasmuch as our government obviously considers the survival of England necessary to the safety and defense of this hemisphere. To begin with, it is clear that the Germans have been immensely superior on land—England is nowhere near the Nazis' equal in equipment, and it looks as if the British High Command lacks those qualities of thoroughness, imagination and cold daring which characterize Hitler's general staff. Every battle fought on land has ended in victory for Germany and rout for the British. Even the British successes against Mussolini's spiritless troops in Africa were afterwards completely offset when the German legions moved in. On the other hand, British sea control, despite heavy losses, re-

mains unquestioned. The Italian navy, with many of its principal vessels sunk, is largely bottled up in port, and it seems to have little taste for battle. The German navy has often shown courage but, at least so far as surface vessels are concerned, it is considerably smaller now, by comparison with the British fleet, than when the war began. And English reports say German submarine losses have lately been very great.

Equally important, Britain seems to have achieved a minor miracle in rearming and fortifying her island after the terrible disaster in Flanders, which ended with the extra-ordinary evacuation at Dunkirk. The great bulk of British equipment was left on the French beaches. American reporters tell of British regiments marching through the streets of London without even rifles. Today Britain is literally an armed camp, with the finest of defensive equipment—including, according to some, new devices which will give the Germans an unpleasant surprise if they try invasion. Most important of all, perhaps, Britain has apparently gained control of the air at home. Reliable reports say the RAF has done wonders in destroying attacking planes of the Luftwaffe. She is receiving considerable numbers of long-range, multi-engine bombers from this country which are enabling her to increase her raids over Germany and German-dominated areas.

Worst phase, from the British viewpoint, remains the shipping problem. It was recently necessary to impose new and very severe food restrictions in England. Today British diet is definitely inferior to Germany's. War materials get first place in the ships, and only a subsistence minimum of other materials are brought in. It remains to be seen what effect this may have on British morale. Mr. Churchill also said recently that if England is no worse off in six months than she is now, she will have reason for self-congratulation. In other words, he apparently feels that the time of great crisis is at hand. The period of fine weather is here, and the unpredictable Hitler may have some world-shaking plans in mind for the summer months.—Ex.

When the boss has a brain-storm, it upsets the routine of the whole office.

17 YEAR OLDS REGULAR DUTY

For the first time in its 166 year history, the U. S. Marine Corps is enlisting young men of 17 years of age for regular duty. Previously young men of that age were enlisted only for duty as buglers or drummers.

Enlistments are being effected for the duration of the National Emergency in the Marine Corps Reserve. When the emergency no longer exists, reservists will be returned home and discharged. The duty, pay, uniform, and chances for advancement are identical with those of the regular Marine. Over 100 correspondence courses are offered, free, to Marine Corps personnel, and 17 schools are maintained for training personnel, reserve and regular. Ambitious young men may study any subject from good English to Chemistry, including courses designed to prepare the individual for Civil Service positions. For recreation movies, reading matter, and all types of sports, with equipment furnished

free. The qualification? White, single, sound physical condition, 17 to 30 years of age, and of good character, with common school education.

Recruiting offices are maintained in Raleigh, Charlotte, Hickory, and Winston-Salem, all in post office buildings. For those not near one of these stations, recruiting parties are on the roads continuously: One party will be in Marion at the post office building, from the 1st through the 10th of July; another will be in Rocky Mount, post office building, from the 1st through the 12th of July. Young men who want to be of service to our country, travel and adventure are urged to contact any of the Recruiting Offices for full details.

Cautions

The teacher had been talking about the Golden Rule and the principle of turn-the-other-cheek. "Now, Willy," she said, "what would you do supposing a boy hit you?" "How big a boy are you supposing?" demanded the unreformed Willy.

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