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The alphabetical agencies may have cost the country a lot of money, but not as much as war.—Norfolk Virginia-Pilot.

Now would be the ideal time to let the Communists take control of the country—if only to see how they'd divide up the \$11,000,000,000 deficit.—Judge.

**College Education**

High school students who this week are members of graduating classes at our five consolidated high schools in Brunswick county should be encouraged by teachers and parents in their resolve to continue their education.

Commencement speakers no doubt will drive home to their audience the importance of education in the battle for business supremacy, and these warnings are not to be taken lightly.

Sometimes, however, these speakers in their enthusiasm give the impression that higher education is to be desired only because it will enable boys and girls to go forth from their home surroundings and conquer the world. They overlook the fact that it is important that they continue their education in order that they may return to their homes and make their community a better place in which to live.

We wish that every high school senior in Brunswick county could enter some North Carolina college or university this fall; but we should like to see them educated for their home community—not away from it.

**The No. 1 Spot**

Every red-blooded American citizen feels a justifiable pride in the remarkable record being made by the United States Bureau of Investigation, agents for whom are familiarly known as G-Men.

Just as it was beginning to appear that the better element of our nation was ready to admit that it was unable to cope with gangster forces the bureau sprang into being. One by one the names of big shots of the criminal world were promoted to the Public Enemy No. 1 spot, and just as often these men have been taken. Al Capone, John Dillinger, "Machine Gun" Kelly, "Pretty Boy" Floyd—they all were victims of the dauntless federal agents.

Citizens who formerly had felt a shameless admiration for the daring of bank robbers and murderers whose names had been glorified in the headlines of American newspapers soon were pulling for the G-Men, and Melvin Purvis, capturer of John Dillinger, and J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the United States Bureau of Investigation, are new national heroes.

The federal agents have just about wiped out the list of famous criminals still at large and recently captured three claimants to the Public Enemy No. 1 title within a week.

Truly, the forces of law and order are making things uncomfortable for criminals of all classes.

**A Marauder**

There's an intruder who enters homes by stealth and leaves them in ruins. He creates fire where there is no fire—by spontaneous ignition.

Spontaneous ignition is one of the leading causes of our tremendous annual fire loss. Yet, a little information in the hands of the property-owner enables him to easily banish this intruder. The most common causes of spontaneous ignition fires are cleaning mops and cloths, floor cleaning compounds, paint-stained clothing, rags and oily waste. It takes but little imagination to picture the serious fire that can develop if a pile of paint-stained clothing or rags is left lying alongside of cans of paint in the basement, an empty

room or a closet. When flames spring up the paint itself will be involved.

The National Board states that rags or litter saturated with fish oils, linseed oil, soy bean oil or cotton seed pressings are particularly susceptible to spontaneous ignition because practically all vegetable and animal oils have a tendency to oxidize and heat up. Oxygen only is then required for flames to develop.

Dairy feeds containing the vegetable oils mentioned and wheat middlings, oats, barley, distilled grains, hay and similar fodder are also subject to spontaneous ignition if they become damp and are not properly stored with provision for ventilation.

Recognizing these dangers the property owner can take steps to prevent spontaneous ignition fires. If paint or oil-saturated clothing or rags must be kept temporarily, all air should be excluded from them in order to keep out oxygen. This can be accomplished by placing them in a tightly closed metal container. Quantities of floor cleaning compounds that have been used should be disposed of at once.

In the interest of safety to life and property, let us banish the intruder that performs such damaging miracles of chemical magic.

**Ruined Roads**

This season, an unusual amount of attention is being directed to the road damage caused by heavy trucks. Reports from all over the country chronicle the tremendous repair bills the public must meet to recondition its highways.

Here, for example, is an excerpt from an editorial in the Binghamton, New York, Press: "What the overland trucks did to the second-class highways of this and other counties over which they were routed in detouring high water—is disclosed in a highly significant survey by Broome County Highway officials. The county and towns will pay a repair bill of approximately \$35,000 because trucks weighing as much as 22 tons were routed over macadam and combination roads still heaving with the spring thaw. Three bridges must be replaced in one town; scores of culverts were broken by the heavy loads; the state's new farm-to-market road between East Maine and Endwell is practically ruined. . . The taxpayers of this state will foot the bill."

Comparable damage in North Carolina could be cited, resulting from abnormal use of public roads by commercial carriers. Trucks and busses have a logical place in the nation's transportation system but they should pay for extraordinary destruction they cause to the roads. Modern trucks are almost as large as railroad freight cars and normal public highways are not built to carry such weight. It is unfair to force the general taxpayer and automobile owner to provide and maintain roads for such commercial traffic. Over-burdened taxpayers will demand a more equitable adjustment of this situation.

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**Malaria Control**

While much is now known about the cause and spread of malaria—the anopheles mosquito—its control remains a difficult as well as a perennial problem. The mosquito and the house fly are said to be the two remaining insect pests that affect human health and happiness to any great extent for which no permanent and definite control has been found. However, enough is known about malaria control which if applied rigorously and persistently will greatly reduce the incidence as well as the severity of the disease.

In addition to cooperating in the program of malaria control that is sponsored by the State Board of Health, the observance of the more easy and yet practical methods of controlling malaria is urged by malaria experts. These include ditching, draining, filling-in, straightening streams, oiling stagnant pools, covering dump heaps, screening houses and rain-barrels, keeping rain gutters open, stocking lily pools with fish and minnows, and spraying.

Pyrethrum sprays are recommended as being among the most effective, the ingredients to be had from local druggists. This spray used in large quantities two hours in advance would repel mosquitoes at out-door gatherings such as barbecues, picnics and camping parties.

The treatment of malaria should always be under the direction of a physician.

**FANCIES and FACTS**

Something New, Something Old, Something different (By Carter Burke)

Some married men would like wind-shields behind the front seat

"Do you know what your trouble is?"

"Well, I don't know—"

"Yeah, that's right."

Some commercial announcements on the radio are like patent medicines, they both are a drug on the market.

The drunk turned with the first curve, but it was a coincidence. But he drove on down the street, and suddenly turned a corner in the middle of a block, so—

If you don't see the point now, you might get it later.

He is a shy man till you know him, and then you have to fight shy of him.

One thing this depression hasn't hurt, the wages of sin hasn't been cut.

What to do with your weak end:

Keep it out of other's business.

I'm very prolific. I can turn out lots of this stuff on my tripe-writer.

This word "tripe-writer OK. W.

**FACTS**

Although oxygen—when a gas—does not possess any apparent metallic properties, it is—when liquefied—attracted by a magnet.

Head-hunting is no longer practiced on the island of Borneo and the supply of dried heads, which are used in certain important celebrations, is virtually depleted. However, the British and Dutch government offices have managed somehow to collect quite a number which they lend to the tribes for these festivals.

The universe is the only thing that cannot be reproduced accurately in a miniature model—on any scale. This impossibility is shown by the fact that, if the earth were represented in such an imaginary model by a one-inch ball, the nearest fixed star would have to be placed more than 40,000 miles away.

Torpedoes are not fired from battleships and submarines like other projectiles. Owing to their great weight, they are propelled and controlled by their own mechanism, which comprises a compressed-air engine, depth control device, gyroscopic steering gear and other expensive machinery that, incidentally, runs their cost up to about \$10,000 a piece.

Noises sound louder at night than in the day because their propagation is not impeded by ascending currents of air which have been warmed by the sun.

**Shalotte News**

Robert Chase, of New Orleans, La., visited D. T. Long and family during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swinson, of Sumpter, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Swinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rourk.

D. T. Long and son, Ennis, were Southport visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye spent Monday and Tuesday in Durham visiting relatives.

Mrs. Cecil Tripp was a Wilmington visitor Saturday.

Mrs. E. Holden and Miss Rexie Tripp spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Messrs. Hall and Worthington, of Wilmington, were Shalotte visitors Thursday. Little Richard Arnold Matthews, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Lillian Oliver, returned to his home in Durham Monday.

Erwin Rourk, of Morehead City, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rourk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mintz, of Southport, attended the baccalaureate sermon here Sunday afternoon.

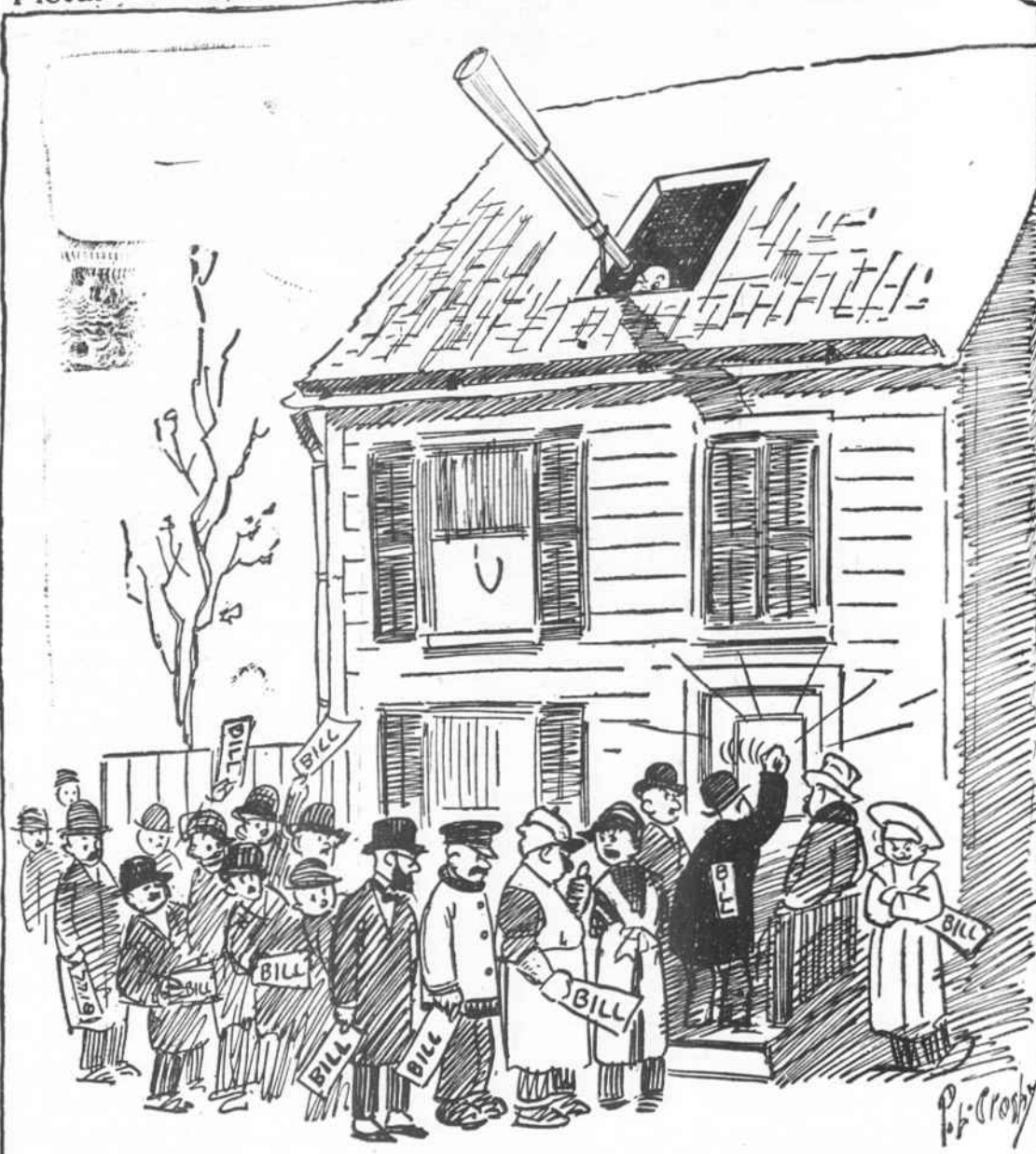
Mrs. J. A. Russ and children were Wilmington visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Southport, was a visitor here Thursday. Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick, of Wilmington, visited their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Warren, during the week-end.

Pictures the Weekly Movies Never Got.

By PERCY CROSSBY



The Home of the Man who is trying to get in touch with another World.

**ASH NEWS**

Friends of John B. Ward will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed with an attack of kidney colic.

Anson Smith, a young, recently ordained minister delivered a very interesting sermon at Soldier Bay church Saturday night. Miss "Apples" Avant spent the week-end with Miss Dessie Edwards.

Z. G. Ray filled his regular appointment at Soldier Bay church Sunday night.

John E. Farrow, Jr., spent the week-end in Southport with his friends.

Among those who enjoyed the afternoon at Ocean Drive beach Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Purvis and children, Mrs. J. R. Simmons and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Crawford and son, Gilbert, Odell Bennette, Misses Evelyn Wilson, Margaret Clark,

Minnie Jackson, Ida Cliff and Lucille King.

Mrs. H. B. Inman and children of Friesland, visited Mrs. M. B. Smith, Mrs. Inman's mother Sunday.

Misses Minnie Jackson, Margaret Clark, and Evelyn Wilson were the dinner guests of Mrs. B. M. Crawford Sunday. Miss Nellie Allison and Mrs. C. T. Waystaff spent the week-end in Longwood with Mrs. R. Jenrette.

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