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Now it is being proven that the Italian thunder was more potent than its lightn-

We know folks who think they can't do without things which, five years ago, they never thought they'd have.

The conception that some people have of doing their part for National Defense is to look around for a job that pays twice as much as they have been getting.

The idea behind freedom of speech and freedom of the press is that nothing can go very far wrong before somebody wants to tell everybody about it.

Right Side

Failure to obey what is probably the most elementary of all traffic rule-driv-

the state is presumed to know that it is unlawful to drive on the wrong side of have seen frenzied activity along the over this post again and retainthe road, this one violation was noted German-occupied coast of the Continent, ed it until 1773, when he was lished an account in verse of the fray. last year in 886 property camage acci- and in the ports which Hitler must use became a justice of the peace in duel. The lines are written to be Without mischance was ended. dents, 550 personal injury accidents, and as the starting points for invasion. 123 fatal accidents.

And this driving on the wrong side was exclusive of driving on the wrong side while engaged in passing other vehicles, a variety of wrong-side driving which accounted for a good many other traffic

It is a shameful commentary on the driving habits of North Carolinians that more than a hundred fatal accidents occurred on our streets and highways during 1940 as a result of driving on the wrong side of the road. Practically every schoolboy knows that in this country, at least, side of the highway, and every driver ican ship—merchant or naval—which is should obey this rule at all times, not put to the service of England in European one is required to drive on the right hand only because it is the lawful thing to do but also because it is the safe and sen-but also because it is the safe and sen-question but what use of our navy for Ree in his "Life and Correspondsible thing to do.

ians who were killed last year might be has shown no desire to formally break ted, whose repartee overpowered, living today but for the fact that some relations with us. Hitler has taken a and whose conversation was en-North Carolina drivers would not stay on great deal and done little in retaliation. livened with strains of exquisite On chosen ground they no their side of the road.

Don't straddle the center line. Stay on your side. Be a safe driver.

Safe-Maybe!

It's only human nature to think that our property and our lives are in small danger from fire, the great killer and deover. So, many of us defer taking simoutting off until tomorrow what should be done today, is safe—maybe. And that's a very important "maybe" indeed. Fire isn't considerate enough to warn us of an impending visit. It mails no advance it- and often it strikes at night. If it field day of destruction.

Perhaps you've seen homes and buildings burn. You've seen walls fall in an inferno of smoke and flame. You've seen costly possessions and irreplaceable keepsakes reduced to worthless ash in a few minutes. Possibly you've seen helpless people trapped, waiting in panic at win-

dows for aid that may or may not come. You're lucky if that hasn't happened to you. But there's no guarantee that luck will go on indefinitely. You and yours may be next on fire's long list-unless make your property safe. Nothing offers greater potential dividends than fire pro-

is Near

bill have offered the opinion that a public works commission. in the war will occur within the air raids of unprecedented intensity and of the commission,

winding up with the long anticipated at- Henderson Throws New tempt at invasion. Secretary of the Navy Light On Carolinians Duet tures." Evidently, the most out-Know, for example, testified that, ac- talented British officer, Major Carolina patriots of that gathercording to his information, the German John Andre, who was hanged as ing, in Quincy's opinion, were strategists were now watching the long- a spy. This able North Carolina Howe and Harnett, for he rerange weather reports, and waiting for soldier, and duelist on occasions, cords in his diary: "Robert Howe, a time when an extended period of good was distinguished also in states. Esq., Hernett, and myself made weather can be anticipated.

\$1.50 neving that Germany will make her great in the patriotic conventions and much wished for, and resolved ... 1.00 effort before many more moons wax and stirring years which marked the Elsewhere, the tolerant Quincy, .76 wane. Primary reason is the obvious one upsurge of the spirit of liberty in who surmsied that the relation that Hitler has a far better chance of North Carolina. winning if he makes his gamble before this country can send materials abroad in Robert Howe was born in the significant amounts.

Second, Hitler, many think, must move ty, about the year 1730 The Roy- the company of philosopher and become a drain on the Reich, instead of Howe because of his resolute par world. He has faults and vices an asset. Her reverses in Africa have almost reached the comic opera stage.

Third, according to some experts, Eng-called Howe, he having impudentlish and American warplane production ly assumed that name for some late the story of Robert Howe is now catching up with Germany. But it will be a long time before Britain can be family that bears it whose I shall merely mention the causit will be a long time before Britain can least eminent virtues have ever es which led up to his ludicrous, obtain enough ships to equal the strength been far beyond his imitation." "Alphonse-and-Gaston" duel with Goering. So it is logical for Germany to with some of the best families of ly resented being ranked by make her bid for victory while she has a North and South Carolina. In- Howe troops. McRae, Wheeler, decisive edge in the skies.

not be substantiated in the light of the rigorous German censorship, to the effect rigorous German censorship, to the effect ing his long sojourn in England humiliation of serving under a that morale inside Hitler's Reich is slip- as a youth prior to the age of North Carolinian, Gadsden handping. Hitler promised victory before 1940 eighteen. He returned to North ed in his resignation to Howe on August 23, 1777. As Congress, to It saved them both from hurt ended, and now seems farther from it of his father, Job Howe, a well whom Howe forwarded Gadsden's than when the war began. There have educated and prosperous plant- resignation, with equanimity acbeen no signal German successes of late. er, at his home on the Sound cepted it and without comment,

Luftwaffe has lately been bombing in- was appointed by Governor Wil- the Congress, about September 1, From H., almost at angles. dustrial centers, and has done less in- mandant of Fort Johnston. A duel with Howe, which took place discriminate bombing of cities. It now year and a half later he was on May 13, 1778. It was said H. now was called upon by accounted for 1,589 accidents on North Seems to be trying to knock out important he had been only temporarily ap- who then fired into the air. A He smiled, and after that, quoth Carolina streets and highways last year. British factories, rather than to break the pointed by John Abraham Collet, copy of the account of the duel Despite the fact that every driver in people's morale—an endeavor which soldier, mathematician, and endeavor which soldier which s completely failed. And air observers to England in 1769, Howe took British soldier, charming man, Such honor did they both display,

It is obvious where the U.S. enters this picture. If England is to be really helped, early as 1760. He and his four Cannonsboro. Colonel there must be a tremendous speed-up in brothers were each left a planta- Elliott was Gadsden's second, And now the chiefs, no longer our shipments of war materials. And, de- had two sisters who were doubtspite claims of Administration spokesmen less well provided for. He was ond. Below follows Andre's poto the contrary, the feeling persists that married to Sarah Grange, daugh- etical parody, of date September it will not be long before we are convoy- ter of Thomas Grange, "a respectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill, designed to raise a rectable planter on the Upper Cape regarded as amusingly chivalric, tax bill tax ing British shipping. Germany's greatest Fear River", but due to tempera- of a type of outmoded Southern ord-shattering sum of \$163,600,- the play progresses, he seems to damage to England has been in sinking mental incompatibility they were Don Quixotism. After the duel, merchant ships and, equally serious from September 15, 1772, conveying to to see so much honor in the genthe British point of view, destroying or her brothers, John and Thomas erals." Andre's verses describe disabling numbers of the convoying de- Grange, as trustees, certain prop- the duel with such ironic accur-

convoy purposes would be an act of war, ence of James Iredell" quotes the G. went before, with Colonel E., More than one hundred North Carolin- complete and unmistakable. Yet Germany characterization of Howe as a Together in a carriage, Fear of the American navy is considered raillery." Governor Josiah Martin, while granting that Howe was a by many experts to be the answer to "man of lively parts and good A shady place and out of sight that. Furthermore, Hitler's record shows understancing," charged him with It showed they were in earnest. that he never increases opposition if he misapplication of the public funds during his incumbency as

Should Re-Appoint Powell

There seems every reason in the world why A. F. Powell, Jr., of Whiteville, e "anti-fire" precautions. In this case, should be re-appointed as a member of the State Highway and Public Works Juan, setting down the following Commission.

has served the interests of his division in-law of her sister-in-law: "This and of the state well. He has lent an at-Gentleman has the worst characnotices. It strikes when we least expect tentive ear to the voice of the people ter you ever heard thro' the whom he served, and without any intenfinds us ill prepared, it enjoys a grim tion of casting aspersion upon those who more so than any thing I have preceded him in office, we believe Mr. seen in the Country. He is deem-Powell has done more for the roads in man-eater that devours every this section of the state than any other thing that comes in his way,

At the outset of his term of office, he for your friend, I do assure you introduced a plan whereby the Tuesday they overrate his merits, and as following the first Monday of each month I am certain it would be in the was set aside by him for hearing the re- stand him, so am I convinced he quests of individuals and delegations from is not so voracious as he is rethis division who might want to be heard. presented. But he has that general politic gallantry, which every By the adoption and the faithful pursuit man of good breeding ought to of this policy, Mr. Powell was more close- have, and when he meets with ly associated with the needs of his district those who receive it as he deseryou take those precautions that will than he could have possibly been other- ves, I will answer it goes no

There remains in the division and in the least doubt, but he will be the State much to be done with regard as particular as they please, but that, as they chuse, you know." to the road building program. In order to accomplish the task which lies ahead, the State of North Carolina and the intimate of Samuel Adams, visitctically all of the men who have Third Division needs such men as Mr. was evidently greatly impressed ed in favor of the President's lease- Powell to remain on the highway and by Howe's personality. He de And so they both presented;

We sincerely hope that Governor the sword, the senate, and the t three months-and that it will pro- Broughton gives the work which Mr. buck. A truly surprising characbably take the form of an all-out Nazi Powell has done the recognition it de-ter." On March 30, 1773, Quincy blow against England, beginning with serves by reappointing him as a member dined at the nome of Cornellus H. made a

manship, often representing his the social triumvirate of the country in the house of commons, evening, The plan of continental There are many good reasons for be- on the committee of safety, and correspondence

BORN IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

calling him Howes, declaring in 1775 that he was "commonly

three children by this marriage, termed a parody. Hitler himself has said that any Amer-Robert Howe was never remar-

the public commandant of Fort Johnston; and ventured the opinion in December, 1772, that he "was trying to establish a reputation for patriotism-certainly not a disreputable ambition.

CALLS HIM A DON JUAN That delightful Scotch "lady of quality," Janet Schaw, analyzed Howe as a North Carolina Don characterization in her diary of During his tenure in office, Mr. Powell "Bob" Howe, as he was called who happened to be the brotherwhole province. He is however very like a Gentleman, much and that no woman can withstand him. But be not in pain In such a bloody business further, but if it has particular "Twas only eight short paces; effects on anyone, I make not

QUINCY IS IMPRESSED Josiah Quincy, Jr., friend and ed North Carolina in 1773, and scribes him as "a most happy No answer was returned by G., ter." On March 30, 1773, Quincy dined at the home of Cornelius "Till, after many cons and pros. "the Samuel Adams of North

Carolina (except in point of forboth "moving and ravishing", adprecinct of Clarendon within the ture and his education to shine limits of present Brunswick coun- in the senate and the field-in "ALPHONSE-AND-GASTON"

At some later time, I shall re-

of James Moore, who was gover- the causes of the duel, attribut-Fourth, there are reports, which can- nor of the two Carolinas in 1670, ing it to the intemperate critimuch less protest, Gadsden be- Then, G., to show he meant no Evedince of a more material nature is COMMANDS FORT JOHNSON came highly incensed and addressalso available. For the most part, the Luftwaffe has lately been bombing inagain succeeded by Collet. Howe lished an account in verse of the 1756, served for a time as baron sung to the tune of "Yankee of the court of exchequer, and Doodle." The duel was fought on No fresh dispute. was elected to the assembly as the land of one Percy, north of tion by their father; and he also while General Charles Cotsworth Pinckney served as Howe's secter of Thomas Grange, "a respec- 1, 1778. The duel was generally amicably separated. Howe on Colonel Elliott said he was "glad erty for her support. There were acy that they can scarcely be

Great H. and G. met, sword in

Upon a point of honor.

For battle duly harnessed.

They met, and in the usual way With hat in hand saluted, Which was, no doubt, to

Like gentlemen, disputed. And then they both together made. This honest declaration,-

That they came there by ho And not by inclination.

how they,

Of rancor, spite or passion, But only to obey the laws Of custom and the fashion.

The pistols, then, before their Were fairly primed and loaded;

H. wished and so did G. likewise,

For action straight they both With mutual forgiveness

But, lest their courage should ex

The bounds of moderation Between the seconds 'twas agreed To fix them each a station.

The distance stepped by Colone Now, Gentlemen, said Colonel E.

Quoth G., no, pray begin, sir; And, truly we must need admire

They paused awhile, these gallant

NOT EXACTLY

on the famous Rachmaninoff's "Prelude: you're missing something. It can best be described as 'Thunder on the Keyboard.' . . . It's said that shoe salesmen are cleaning up in Italy. They are selling track shoes to Il Duce and his legions to speed their retreats . . . Men who play the races usually put more money on a horses nose than on their wives backs . . .

Johnnie Simmons, lightweight champ in the Howe: "He was formed by na- novice division, was the first Southport entrant to ever win a bout in the Wilmington Golden Gloves. His brother, Rothy, was the only other before Italy collapses entirely. She has al governor, Joseph Martin, con-Clinton signed up last week with BMI for three years. He is the second member to desert ASCAP during their fight. Bing Crosby has refused to sing any BMI's and sticks to the old public docashing in on his carpentry experience. He has joined the throng of daily commuters who work of the sky fleet commanded by Marshal silly story. Howe being compacted South Carolina The letter bitter Robert Johnson, grinds the cameras, His theatre deed he was the great grandson and Moore are all in error as to is showing Scatter Jane Withers in "Golden Hoofs" tonite, with Buddy Rogers (Mr. Mary Pickford), and Katherine Aldridge . . .

becoming the best liked on the air, He great Glen Island Casino where he second consecutive stand, and his stay is into months. This is the spot that

Miller famous and though Charlie is stready the

the publicity will put him in the public ex-

Storekeepers in Southport and

Hunters made their final raids on qual is Saturday and practically every dog who tog sniff was on the trail

We learned recently that Bill Courtney and now taking everything in sight. Chain over on Bald Head!"

Bernard Will e'er by them be started;

000 during the next biennium, go to the extreme in another that Spain and Italy have reach won unanimous approval in the direction. He comes to the conhouse of representatives today, clusion that he is not a ladies and was sent to the senate.

BOLIVIA

WINNER

The county-wide recitation and declamation contest was held here for seven years! last Thursday. Contestants from all five high schools in the county were entered. The recitation low to have around in the case medal was won by Southport, Bil- of such circumstances, until Res ly Robbins of Bolivia won the declamation medal. P.-T. A.

The Bolivia P.-T. A. held its egular meeting Monday night. A very interesting Founders Day program was given RHYTHM BAND

Rhythm bands are being formed in the first four grades of the It was divided into two parts elementary school this week. The The first being a Valentine play first composition which the bands will learn is "Amaryllis". "BASHFUL BOBBY"

"Bashful Bobby" will be presented by the junior class Friday night, Feb. 21, at eight

o'clock. G. C. Hickman plays the part RALEIGH - North Carolina's of Bashful Bobby, and he is very

but you will see is changed later.

causes him trouble The play will cause man

laughs, and will furnish a nice evening of entertainment VALENTINE PROGRAM

The sixth grade gave a ver interesting Valentine chapel pro and the second included a nun ber of songs which were played and members of the sixth grad acted the parts.

PLAN AXIS DRIVE

ROME-Fascist commentate ed a new accord and it is u derstood, have informed France man in the beginning of the play, of their decisions.

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