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Boy Scout Troop No. 35

We admire the quiet efficiency with which Scoutmaster Fred Ashburn has gone about organizing a Boy Scout troop in Southport and guiding it through the first stage of development.

Without benefit of ballyhoo, the boys and their leader have stuck to business and have passed quickly through the stage of tenderfoot scouts to a higher station, second class scouts, an attainment made as a result of a recent Court of Honor in Wilmington.

Meanwhile, they have given active cooperation to at least two phases of the National Defense program, have participated in one funeral and have assisted the town in entertaining visiting soldiers on three occasions. Although the latter instances did have their mercenary angle, they nevertheless did represent a service rendered.

Citizens of the community, and particularly those who have sons in the Boy Scout troop, should be deeply grateful to the young scoutmaster. It is a big responsibility that he has undertaken and his new job will make demands upon both his time and his means. There is no yardstick for measuring the good that he is doing. Right now he is directing the activities of a group of normal boys into channels of wholesome and worthwhile development; the greater dividend will be in a finer citizenship of the future.

Matter Of Supplies

It has long been believed in many circles that two factors would eventually defeat Hitler: First, the scope of American material aid to Britain and her allies; second, a slowing down of production inside Germany due to lack of certain basic supplies which are vital to the existence of the civilian population as well as to Hitler's gigantic military effort.

You can find many and various reports on American shipments to England, ranging from the wildly optimistic to the darkly pessimistic. A first hand report recently appeared in Raymond Clapper's syndicated column. Mr. Clapper is a forthright and able journalist, and lately spent considerable time in England finding out for himself how matters stand.

His report is far from being encouraging. When it comes to lend-lease deliveries, he wrote, "The figures, in terms of appropriations, allocations and transfers, are large. In terms of deliveries, they shrink like a pair of wool socks in the laundry." Food, for instance, is one of England's principal needs. Yet, he stated, only about 200,000 tons of lend-lease food—equal to two and a half days' English consumption—had arrived when he was there a little more than a month ago.

We are far behind schedule on shipping arms, he continued, notably the tanks and bombing planes which represent one of Britain's most important military lacks. To use his own words, "So far as the British are concerned, ours still is a popgun arsenal."

Not long back, Senator Byrd made similar statements, and declared that the defense effort has been a failure. He backed up that criticism with a mass of statistics. While the accuracy of some of these figures has been denied, the President himself admitted that the Senator's gloomy verbal picture of American plane production was "substantially correct."

The fault for the lag in arms shipments can be laid at many doors. Some segments of labor have certainly been as non-cooperative as possible. Some industries also deserve that indictment. There has been too much delay and buck-passing and divided responsibility in Washington. It is becoming apparent that all groups in this country are going to have to undergo much change for the better if the arms drive is to even partially justify the high hopes held for it.

Going on to the second factor. News-week recently made a survey of the extent to which the war has strained Nazi economic power. The German people are

still living on rations which would seem completely inadequate to heavy-eating Americans. This fall, for the first time, even potatoes were rationed. The meat allowance is minuscular. This year's European harvest was 25 per cent below normal. Even so, Germany has big enough food reserves to last a long time.

Germany's vital coal supplies have been buttressed by seizure of the Polish, Belgian and French mines. Coal is Hitler's most important asset, as it is the source of ersatz oil and rubber and is the backbone of his munitions industries. He apparently will not lack an adequate amount although, according to news-week, German production has lately declined due to long hours, inexperienced miners and the general wariness war produces in strictly rationed populations.

The occupation of France has given Germany enough steel with which to carry on. Also, she has taken over enough oil lands to fulfill her military requirements, though there is practically none left over for civilian use.

Big German shortage is in the textile field. She has almost no cotton, and little wool. Hitler has so far made up for part of this lack by systematically looting the occupied countries of all the textiles his agents could find.

Summing up, Germany is the possessor of sufficient basic supplies to last for two or three years at least. German technicians have performed wonders in inventing and perfecting workable substitutes for scarce materials. Her most serious shortage is metals—she has little or no copper, tin, lead, nickel and chrome. But she has plenty of aluminum, now that the great bauxite deposits of France and the Balkans are hers to command. All in all, the hope that Hitler will collapse in the foreseeable future because of a material shortage, seems too tenuous to be worth holding.

Fire's Toll Of Life

New figures released by the National Board of Fire Underwriters show conclusively that fire takes its greatest toll among children of tender age. This fact was produced in this course of a study of the latest vital statistics available.

Under fire is the dangerous age by a ration of almost three to one over any other similar age period. Fire fatalities are lowest between the ages of 10 and 14, and are not greatly higher at any later age. In an average year, fire takes the lives of 1,673 children under five, which amounts to 25 per cent of all accidental fatalities in this age group.

Continuing with its study of fire deaths, the National Board estimates that in an average week, 148 people will be fatally burned, and many more will die as a result of asphyxiation, electrical shock and lightning. The annual total of death from fire in one form or another is in excess of 10,000 lives. In the years since the World War, fire has killed more than 230,000 Americans. By comparison, only 50,000 American soldiers lost their lives in battle during that conflict.

The National Board states that modernized build codes and adequate fire prevention ordinances in the cities, towns and villages of America would save a high proportion of the 10,000 lives that are needlessly sacrificed each year. Here is a job for every community—a job which should be done at once.

Look At The Facts

Those who urge socialized medicine seem to blind themselves to facts. For the plain truth is that our system of private, independent medicine has been responsible for practically all of the great medical discoveries and advances of modern times.

It was independent medicine that discovered vaccination, developed abdominal surgery, and has practically abolished diphtheria and typhoid. It is independent medicine that has put tuberculosis, a disease which was once considered incurable and the harbinger of certain death, "on the run." It is independent medicine that has reduced childhood deaths and illnesses to but a fraction of what they were twenty or thirty years ago. And it is independent medicine which is making great strides in combating other bacterial killers.

Under a system of socialized medicine, the doctor is simply a creature of the state. The competitive urge—which makes for progress in every field of life—no longer exists. There is little opportunity for advancement. The security of his position depends on pleasing the politicians in power—not on the success with which he handles his practice. That is not theory—the history of socialized medicine in the many countries in which it has been tried, tells the story.

Americans have become the healthiest, longest-lived people on earth.



Just Among

The FISHERMEN

BY BILL KEZIAH

With a lot more to introduce later in this column or elsewhere, we feel that this week we can properly fill some space with a word or two regarding some of the visitors who will be here on the lower North Carolina coast the first of November—friends of Brunswick county and of North Carolina.

J. Hammond Brown. He is outdoor editor of the Baltimore News-Post and is also President of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, an organization that covers the United States and also Canada and Mexico. Brownie has been here before and we will vouch for him. He is a mighty good fellow.

Joe E. Brooks. This Maryland guy is an especial good personal friend of ours. He won't touch any sort of a drink stronger than pop. Is crazy about hunting and fishing, sometimes even neglecting his wife for such diversification. Joe is keeper of the famous Maryland Camp of the Jungle Cock.

Morris Ackerman. If you want to know anything about hunting and fishing, "ask Ack". He is with the Cleveland (Ohio) Press and is publisher of the famous Ackerman's Guide, which tells thousands and thousands of sportsmen where to go and how to get there each year. Several times this past year sportsmen have written to "Ask Ack", about fishing on this coast and he has written to tell them to ask me.

Dr. Gilbert T. Pearson. This famous old New Yorker, former president of the Audubon Society, is a good personal friend of mine and also of Churchill Bragat at Orton. We don't expect him to either hunt or fish while he is here. He will just go around catching snakes, birds, insects and, if you are curious, he will be able to explain anything in Nature's creative kingdom.

Johnny Moeck. This fellow thinks his paper, the Pittsburgh Press, is the greatest ever gotten out, and that his own page is also outstanding. We are willing to concede both points. We have never met Johnny, but his picture in the paper shows him to be just as handsome, as big, big-hearted Bob Wilson, outdoor editor on the Washington Times-Herald. It was not necessary that Johnny be highly recommended to us. We could take him on the strength of the looks of his picture in the paper.

Jimmie Stuber. Now, here's a fellow whom I will be delighted to meet again, two weeks from now. You will, too, if you have that good fortune. Like me, Jimmie always carries an extra pipe along with him. One of them is always doing duty. This sawed-off outdoor editor for the International News Service is a darned good fellow.

Don N. Carpenter. He's hunt and fishing editor of the Washington Daily News and when it comes to fishing, he has it on the brain. If left to himself he would not stop fishing to eat, so long as the fish themselves are hungry. We know Don well from his several trips here. During the coming event we expect Don to keep careful record of every fish that everybody catches.

Bill Ackerman. Outdoor editor on the Washington Post and is therefore related in some way by marriage to Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina. We only know Bill by reputation, and it appears to be good. He's making a fine and welcome addition to the galaxy of writers that will gather with us on November first.

Bill Wolfe. We have never met this versatile outdoor editor of the Philadelphia Record. But, he's alright. Never knew a fellow named Bill whom I could not slap on the back at the first meeting. Come to think of it, there's a lot of Bill's, Bob's, etc., on our list of the members of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. "Mister" won't be heard often when we all get together to "Ask Ack", at Long Beach on the first of November.

Winston Montague. So far as we know, this outdoor editor of the Richmond News-Leader has

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A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Sir:—

Once more the messengers of our churches in the Brunswick Baptist Association will make their way to Town Creek Baptist church. There we will consider the needs of our Association and the work of our denomination. Thus we go to be informed and inspired concerning our work for Christ—that of reaching the lost for Him.

Therefore, we hope that our brethren will put on their list of things to be done the part they are going to have to support by gifts and prayers our Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Brethren of the Brunswick Association, we should do this: Here is why:—

I. Because of what our Baptist Hospital stands for.

It stands as a memorial to the glory of Christ in healing Humanity's hurt, physically and spiritually. It is for Him we do it.

The hospital stands as a memorial to the obedience of our North Carolina Baptist brethren. Obedience to that clear, ringing command of our Lord.

It stands for true Christ-like faith and practice. Faith without works is dead. By our hospital we Baptist manifest a living faith in our living Lord.

II. Because of what our hospital is doing.

Since May, 1923, the opening of the hospital, up to May, 1941, 51,395 patients have been admitted. "Of this number, 15,300 were mothers who were almost all blessed to return to their 45,600 children. During this time about 1,285 preachers, missionaries, and ministerial students were patients in the hospital. Within these 17 1/2 years about 20,350 patients, who are usually referred to as service or charity patients, were treated at an estimate cost of \$1,956,000."

The building program is finished. This gives the hospital a bed capacity of 300 whereas it was 108. This will mean 10,000 can be treated each year. "Of this number we may expect 3,300 of them will be service patients; that is, not able to pay a hospital bill. And 3,300 will be mothers who have waiting for their return home, 10,000 children. If the present rate is maintained, 200 will be preachers for whom no charge has been made for the last two years or more."

Then there is the staff of 100 doctors, all specialists in many fields of medicine and surgery.

There is the well equipped standard Training School for Nurses. A class of fifty will be taken each year, making a school never previously visited Southport. But his outdoor page has carried gobs of stuff about the Brunswick county hunting and fishing. We are glad that he is coming down to see for himself that we are not as big a liar as some of our friends sometimes make us out to be. Wonder if he wears a monocle. The name Montague has an English sound to it.

Bill McCormick. Just another Bill, is coming in again this year. Bill gives out information and educates the public through the American Wild Life Institute in Washington. While on the deer hunt at Orton last year he did not seem to be able to hit a barn door with his new device in shotguns that had been hand decorated by Ding Darling.

Other guys who have already placed themselves on record as 'agin' to come down here on the first of November, have never yet sighted us, or we them. We go to wait and get a bit more acquainted with their dispositions before we go banging them around. Some of these fellows are: Arnold Stewart, outdoor editor of the News-Journal of Wilmington, Delaware; Joe Byrne, outdoor commentator of Radio Station KYW Fishing Club; Stewart Kennard, special events director and outdoor commentator of WFBR, Baltimore; Jack Bell and Jack Nelson, these guys being outdoor editors on different Washington papers; Bob McCormick, this Bob is on the Washington, D. C., staff of our favorite Collier's Magazine and has a reputation for also being danged good as a writer for newspapers on outdoor subjects; then there is Jone McGrath, (Sounds like he's a Scotchman) editor of the Crisfield (Md.) Post and a member of the Maryland Publicity Commission—Then there's Shannon Allen and Walton Onslow, with the Division of Wild Life and Department of the Interior. They are good fellows whom we will be glad to see, along with many others whom this week will see listed as planning to come to Southport on November 1st.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Football fans who want to see a double-header can go up to the Duke-Colgate game in Durham and come back by Raleigh Saturday night for the Wake Forest-N. C. State tussle. And if their interest runs to other amusements, they can go to the State Fair Saturday morning. . . . Duke was the only Big Five eleven to do much for football prestige in this section Saturday. The 50-0 romp of the Blue Dukes over Maryland was strictly according to form. Rufus Doshier and D. I. Watson, who saw the game, say that the 27-14 score Fordham rolled up over Carolina fails to show the relative strength of the teams. Twice Carolina had the highly touted Yankees ready to holler 'uncle.' State and Wake Forest were lucky to get a tie with Furman and South Carolina respectively and Davidson bowed to Sewanee.

Gene Autrey is "Back In The Saddle" Friday and Saturday at the Amuzu in a western melodrama that should please the cowboy trubador's followers. . . . Men in charge of the district meeting of the American Legion here on November 7th aren't fooling about having a dance and are dickering for one of the best bands that has ever played here. There should be something definite on this by next week. . . . Waters Thompson heard Jan Garber at Lumina last Thursday night and

of 150. The pastor of the hospital, Rev. Chas. E. Parker, teaches Bible to the nurses. The purpose of these classes is to honor Christ by winning the lost and to train these Christian nurses to serve Christ in a greater way.

Through this consecrated pastor (as well as other Christian leaders in the hospital) the hospital ministers to the spiritual needs of the patients and their loved ones. Thus many lives are touched for Christ that would not otherwise be reached.

III. Because we are Baptists, and should be willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with our other Baptist Brethren in the state in reaching souls for Christ.

Because of these three reasons let each Church determine to make our contribution and prayers worthy of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. WOODROW W. ROBBINS

MEDICAL PATIENT Mrs. D. E. Arthur of Southport is a medical patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital, having entered that institution as a patient Friday.

GO TO FLORIDA Mrs. R. L. Garrett and daughter, Miss Anna Katherine, left Tuesday for Crescent City, Fla., where they will spend the winter.



OF vital importance to the South's security is the dependability of its far-reaching telephone lines. On their constantly maintained efficiency depends continuity and flexibility of communication between military, industrial, and civilian forces necessary to the nation's defense.

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In most cities and towns in the nine southern states we serve, the demand upon our services is without precedent. In many of these places, mass troop and civilian concentrations, in addition to increased industrial demands, have made the continuation of normal telephone service difficult.

In these critical times, telephone workers ask your cooperation and appreciative understanding of the problems which confront them, knowing that you, too, are "all-out" for defense—that it is our common problem to keep telephone lines of defense impregnable.

says that he plays plenty of swing. The rumors that the next "name band" on the gram up there will be Glenn Miller, and if anything to it, there'll be a general excitement dance fans from Southport on that evening. A quartet of tennis die-hards went over to Caswell Sunday for what may be their last game on the cement court. That moves us to the fact that H. H. Thomas has been more than generous in the courtesies extended the visiting "bums" during his tenure as manager of the well property. By the way, the last trip was in Bremen Furpless' boat, a fitting climax to a fine season. . . . According to reports from young nimrods Joel Moore's building, Bob is veloping into a squirrel and possum dog here in his old age.

Price Furpless has a clipping sent him by a friend in New Bern last week from a newspaper in that city. Under the heading "Thirty Years Ago," it mentions that "Price Furpless of Southport, was a business visitor here today." Incidentally, the late Charles L. Stevens was editor of the New Bern paper at that time. . . . About time every year we begin to wonder what will be the sport fad for the community during fall and winter, and again we suggest basketball.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

CHAPEL PROGRAM The sixth grade is to have the chapel program on October 15 at 10:10 a. m. It will be given in the auditorium of the Southport high school. The program will consist of the dramatization of the poem, "Columbus", and other numbers.

OFFICERS The Senior class of Southport high school has elected its officers for the coming year as follows: President, Carl Ward; vice-president, Basil Watts; secretary, Frances Cox; and treasurer, Glendene Price.

BASKET BALL The high school basketball teams met in the senior home room last Wednesday to discuss uniforms, equipment and ways of getting them. It was decided that the girls make their suits. They will use white as their color. The boys will get their suits ready made. The money for securing these suits will be earned by a play which will be given by the students. A committee was appointed by the chairman to select a play and consult Miss Butler, who will coach the production.

SEASON TICKETS All local high school games will go on sale at the principal's office soon. The girls seem very much pleased with their new coach, Miss Bolton. Mr. Lingle will again coach the boys.

CHAPEL TALK On October 9, Rev. J. Leon Malone, Rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal church, gave a talk in chapel on "The Four Square Way of Living". The scripture was taken from St. Luke 2:41-52. He had us repeat the verse "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man".

His talk on wisdom was the importance of an education and what one does for us. He said that if it were not for education, things would never be accomplished. Then he told of our status as compared to that of Jesus. Because of His love for His statue, Jesus saved himself from being thrown off a cliff. The third corner of the square was our knowledge of Christ and His teachings.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clemmons were in Wilmington Saturday. Harry Chadwick a naval aviator stationed in Charleston, S. C. spent the week end here with his relatives. Mrs. Beatrice Bennett attended the football game in Durham Sunday.

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Shalotte News

Dr. J. W. Hayes returned home Sunday after spending the past two weeks in New York City. Mrs. Grace Thomas and her family left Friday for their home in Philadelphia after spending the summer here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Goley. Mr. and Mrs. Layton Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clemmons were in Wilmington Saturday. Harry Chadwick a naval aviator stationed in Charleston, S. C. spent the week end here with his relatives. Mrs. Beatrice Bennett attended the football game in Durham Sunday.

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