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PILOT EDITORIALS
The Braggart Must Be Dead

CAN you imagine it? For 20 years nothing pleased the braggart Mussolini so much as to listen to himself thunder out denunciations against the rest of the world and praise of himself. Well, last week some one read an allegedly Mussolini prepared speech over the German radio systems. In that speech Mussolini, if he had anything to do with the speech, called upon the Italian people to stand by him and revolt against the present rule among the Italian people.

Just a few days before Mussolini had supposedly been rescued by the Germans from the Italians, but there are pretty strong suspicions that the rescuers got nothing but his defunct carcass. Many rumors credit him with having been killed in the attempt to "rescue" him.

But that speech of Mussolini over the radio last week. Well, it had about as much after effect, in the way intended, as did the speech which the late beloved Judge Winston, of North Carolina, made in New York. The telling of the story is no reflection on Judge Winston, he loved to tell it himself as an illustration of how a speech did not always pan out as expected.

The Judge, who was also Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, was invited to New York to make a speech before some important society. In this speech he wanted to make a big impression, so he spent much time and mental effort in preparing it. The meeting and speech came off as scheduled and the next morning the Judge was standing on a street corner and happened to overhear a conversation between two burly Irishmen.

Said one of them: "Did you hear the speech that the Judge from North Carolina made last night?"

"Sure I did," said the other, "and it would have been a darn good speech if he had known what he was talking about."

Mussolini did not know what "his speech" was about last week. In fact, there are doubts if he knew what they were talking about. The braggart must be dead.

Ceiling Prices Stopped
Food Production

THEY say it is not a strike in any sense of the word. The shrimp fishermen and dealers from Southport, in North Carolina, on all the way down through the heavily producing centers of Louisiana, simply say that they cannot produce and deliver at the ceiling prices placed on their product last week. All of the food producing boats are idle. Here and there a boat may be going out to bring in a catch for local demands, but the daily five and ten ton truck loads to the hungry population centers are no more.

The shrimp fishermen are justified in asking for the removal of the ceiling or its adjustment to the point that will enable them to make a living. During WPA days they got from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. The present ceiling price gives them \$2.00. The helper or helpers of the boat owner must now be paid 3 and 4 times as much as he was paid during WPA days. The cost of nets, boats and every angle of operations, including the boat owners own living expenses, has more than doubled. He cannot pay expenses when he receives a ceiling price that is only 25 cents higher per bushel than in WPA days.

The expenses of the buyer have mounted even higher than the boatmans. His labor must be paid three times as much as in WPA days, the pickers now demand 15 cents a bucket, where they formerly got a nickel; express is \$2.50 per box, where it was \$1.00, and so on.

With the ceiling price over his head the shrimp fisherman who has been producing food, is now standing in water up to his neck. The buyer and shipper is in even a worse fix, the ceiling is so low that his

head is beneath the water.

In 1940 and previously, during WPA days, WPA workers received \$9.00 per week as common laborers. They now get \$40.00 to \$50.00 for the same common labor. Thousands of them have graduated from the laboring ranks into allegedly skilled craftsmen and are now being paid all the way up to \$125.00 per week. To feed shrimp to these affluent workers, at ceiling prices that hang over the producers heads, it will be necessary to establish a foundation or a pool containing millions of dollars to take care of the shrimp fishermen and buyers.

Many More Setbacks Before
The Thing Is Over

THE beginning of last week saw much real bad news from Italy, the reverse that General Clark's troops were encountering at Salerno. Things looked undeniably bad at that point, the view being strengthened by the tremendously exaggerated reports that came from German sources.

These reports, which first had American troops being slaughtered and forced into the sea, were first dispelled by authentic news that the Germans, themselves, were being forced back. General Clark himself broke into the news with a statement that the situation had never been one half as desperate as it had been portrayed. Force to his statement was given at the same time by the news that our men were advancing, instead of retreating. Instead of evacuating Salerno, they were being reinforced by sea and air and up the coast the British Eighth Army of General Montgomery, was advancing at almost unbelievable speed to effect a junction.

The junction of the two armies was effected. What then appeared apparent seems now to be assured, no force or forces that the Germans could center there at Salerno could check the combined American 5th army and the British 8th., especially so when these ground fighters were reinforced by the thousands of planes that went to the 5th Army's aid in its time of trouble.

The air forces backed the land army and saved the day at Salerno, as it will do again, many times over, before this war ends.

The dark days of Salerno seem completely over. We are winning on every front in both the Atlantic and Pacific. We have the right to feel jubilant, but we have no right to think that the war is won. Many another Salerno must be fought and won before Germany is completely conquered. Even then we will still have a war to fight in the Pacific, and to win. We can rejoice mightily in our successes so far; and we also can feel confident of the future. But, not for a moment must we assume that we are going to attain that hoped for future without having many more dark days. Days like those we passed through when our sons, brothers and friends were fighting with their backs to the wall at Salerno. The air force and the British 8th Army backed the attack at Salerno. It is up to the men and women who remain safe on the home front to back any and all attacks that the Allies make by **BUYING WAR BONDS.**

Senator Wheeler Has Been
Consistent Bad-Guesser

SENATOR Burton K. Wheeler, the agust gentleman from Montana, has introduced a bill in the Senate asking for the deferment of fathers into the army until January 1st.

Our army leaders, testifying before the Senate Military Affairs committee, stated emphatically and without qualification that if the armed forces of the country are not boosted to the required maximum originally planned for by the end of this year, many of the momentous plans made at the historic Quebec conference recently will be thwarted.

This is the same Senator Wheeler who a few months prior to Pearl Harbor was telling us that Japan was the friend of the United States and would not dare attack us. This is the same Senator Wheeler who tried to convince us that it was America's first duty to prepare only for our own defense, that Germany and Italy had no designs on America.

For a man who has been consistently such a bad guesser, Senator Wheeler seems hardly the man now to decide what shall be the size of our armed forces. For us, we are content to leave the matter in more competent hands — namely, the hands of our military leaders, who know the situation. Congress should listen to these leaders, because they know what victory is going to cost us.

THE ARMY GIVES
COMPLETE RULES
FOR THIS AREA

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north by Ocracoke Inlet on the south by Drum Inlet. (e) Shackleford Banks and Core Bank, bounded on the north by Drum Inlet; on the south by the Atlantic Ocean; and on the west by Beaufort Inlet. (f) Bogue Banks, bounded on the east by Beaufort Inlet, and on the west by Bogue Inlet. (g) Smith Island bounded on the north by Corneake Inlet; on the south by the Atlantic Ocean; and on the west by Cape Fear River. (h) Oak Island, bounded on the east by Cape Fear River, and on the west by Lockwood Folly Inlet.

The corporate limits of Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach, and Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina shall be excluded from this area, except the areas thereof seaward of a line parallel to and 100 yards west of the line of mean high tide of the Atlantic Ocean, which areas shall be restricted.

Zone B-61: This area consists of all islands, keys, beaches, coastal strips, banks and reefs, on the eastern coast of South Carolina bounded as follows: On the north by North Carolina-South Carolina border; on the east by the Atlantic Ocean and the sounds, coves, gulfs, bays, inlets and indentations thereof; on the south by Dewees Inlet which lies between Dewees Island and the Isle of Palms; on the west by Inland Waterway north along a meandering course to its intersection with bridge US Highway No. 17 at Georgetown, South Carolina, and US Highway No. 17 from such point to the North Carolina-South Carolina states boundary.

The corporate limits of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina shall be excluded from this area except the area thereof seaward of a line parallel to and 100 yards west of the line of mean high tide of the Atlantic Ocean which area shall be restricted. Any person entering upon or found within the Restricted Zone shall, whenever called upon by any member of an enforcement agency, identify himself and otherwise explain his presence therein. In all cases the burden will be on the individual questioned to establish his identity and explain his presence and activity in the Zone.

No person not in the armed forces of the United States engaged in the performance of official duties shall enter upon or be found in the area seaward of a line one hundred (100) yards inland from line of mean high tide during the period between sunset and sunrise. Exceptions to the restriction will be made in the cases of:

- (a) Personnel of Federal, State and Municipal law enforcement agencies in the performance of their official duties.
- (b) Personnel of utilities (electric companies, gas companies, gas companies, water companies, etc.) in the performance of their duties.
- (c) Personnel of emergency agencies (fire, police, hospital, doctors, etc.) and necessary vehicles thereof, in the performance of their duties.
- (d) In cases where residences, hotels, dancehalls, piers, or other public or private buildings lie within or project into the area defined above, said buildings and roads and walks leading therefrom landward, shall not be considered to be within the area but egress from said buildings seaward shall not be made during hours defined above.

Hereafter no person in this Restricted Zone not in the armed forces or a member of an enforcement agency may possess bombs, explosives, radio transmitting sets, codes, or ciphers, pictures, sketches, drawings, or maps of military installations. Nor may any person use or operate any binocular, field glass or similar instrument in the nature of a signal device.

No person not in the armed forces of the United States engaged in the performance of his official duties shall, without authority, use or operate any camera while engaged in any flight in any aircraft.

No person not in the armed forces of the United States engaged in the performance of his official duties shall, without authorization by competent military authority, make any photograph, photographic negative, sketch or other representation of any area herebefore designated by the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, as a Prohibited or Restricted or Restricted Zone, or any part or portion thereof, or any object within any such area.

No person in control of lighting shall fail or neglect to regulate and control such lighting in accordance with the terms of restrictions imposed by proclamation and orders issued by the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, and of regulations issued by the Commanding Generals of Service Commands and Commanding General of the Military District of Washington, pursuant to orders of the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army. No person not in the armed forces or a member of an enforcement agency engaged in the performance of official duties shall enter upon or leave this Zone

by water except from places customarily used for such purposes. Restricted Areas will be posted when the necessary signs become available, but restrictions are already in effect.

Any person who violates any restriction or order issued or adopted by the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, pursuant to the authority cited in the preamble of this Proclamation, applicable to the whole or any part of the Eastern Military Area, including any Zone thereof, is subject to the penalties provided by Public Law No. 503 of the 77th Congress approved March 21, 1942, entitled, "An Act to provide a penalty for violation of restrictions or orders with respect to persons entering, remaining in, leaving, or committing any act in military areas or zones." In addition, if two or more persons conspire to violate Public Law 503 and one or more do any act to effect of such conspiracy, each of the parties will be subject to the penalties provided by Title 18, Section 88, United States Code.

In the case of an alien enemy, such person will, in addition, be subject to immediate apprehension and internment. All civilians of this area are asked to cooperate in the enforcement of these restrictions by reporting any infractions thereof that may come to their attention, to the military or civilian authorities, thus assisting where possible in the defense and protection of this coastal area.

Copies of Public Proclamations may be found at every Post Office, Selective Service Local Board at every Court House; and at every Town Hall in the Eastern Military Area, where persons directly affected by these regulations may see them.

Second Survivor Of Helent
Arrived Home Friday Night

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Frank estimated that more than 50 of the Rising Sun craft passed overhead, quite near them. The boats, all of which were trying to keep together, would scatter at the approach of the planes, expecting to be machine gunned.

For some reason, the Japs made no attempt to do this. They merely cruised around overhead and then continued their journeys.

When the boats finally reached the island the 160 men managed to land without being detected by the Japanese who occupied it. Practically unarmed and defenseless, they took refuge in the woods and wherever they could find cover. Without food, except for coconuts, they dodged the Japs as best they could until they recognized a U. S. Navy plane flying over the island. By signalling they were able to attract its attention, advise it of their plight and ask for aid. The plane quickly communicated with the fleet and warships steamed in and took the stranded men off just seven days after they landed on the island.

From exposure and lack of food, the entire 160 men had to be placed in the hospital following their rescue. Every one of them survived. Frank Potter remained in the hospital for 26 days and was then brought back to the states and allowed to come home on a 20 days leave.

He still shows the effect of the ten days at sea and on the island without food, but is looking forward to the time when he will receive orders and be given another warship. Although he and Bryant had been on the Helent together from the time both enlisted, nearly three years ago, neither of the boys expect to be together again on the same ship. Bryant has already been assigned and has joined his ship.

Town Creek Lady
Died On Thursday

Mrs. Minnie Drew Knox, Widow Of Late Sheriff John Knox, Passed After A Long Illness, Was Greatly Beloved

Mrs. Minnie Drew Knox, widow of the late Sheriff John J. Knox, who also served several terms as county commissioner for Brunswick and was widely known, died at the Knox home at Town Creek Thursday afternoon. Her death followed on a long illness, she was 75 years old.

A lifelong member and worker of Zion Methodist church in Town Creek township, Mrs. Knox was generally beloved in her community and as widely known as her late husband. The funeral services were conducted at Zion Friday afternoon, with Rev. David Conyers in charge. Assisting him were Dr. Paschal from Wilmington and Rev. R. S. Harrison from Southport.

Active pallbearers were: W. W. Knox, Jesse J. Knox, Robert McDougall, Odell Evans, Russell Johnson and E. L. Krahnke.

Honorary pallbearers included C. E. Taylor, C. E. Gause, F. W. Lewis, W. S. McKeithan, E. V. Evans, D. R. Johnson, Henry Zibelin, Dr. W. S. Doshier, J. L. Henry and Kyle Bannerman. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Ed C. Newton, of Southport, Mrs. F. L. Galloway, Mrs. P. R. Fulcher, and Miss Sallie Betts Knox, all of Town Creek,

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

There appears to be a concealed weapon case brewing against some junkman. At any rate, one of the big old Confederate Cannon that was donated to the high school by Thompson McRackan last spring, has disappeared. It weighed five tons and must have made a sag in the pants of the party who carried it off. . . . Speaking of thievery the postmaster claims that somebody stolen his fishing boots and fishing tackle. Maybe it was just somebody recovering what he had loaned.

Nesting at some residences pigeons become a nuisance. With two shots from his bow, at a distance of 60 feet, Douglas Jones, local Eagle Scout, brought down two of these birds one day this week. Both were struck squarely through the head. . . . John Saunders, who elected to be the first boy up in the saddle on Rebel, fell off. He was not thrown, it was just another case of pride coming before a fall.

Folks never before felt the urge to set up stoves so early in the fall, coats also came back into style with a very unusual suddenness. . . . Have you noticed the resemblance between Judge Burney and Solicitor Moore. . . . The Probation Officer was right on the job, too, last week. . . . The Welfare office will get a new case worker the first of October, if she can find a place to live.

With the reopening of schools there is a resumption of Ash, are students at Mars Hill College. Miss Swain is taking pre-nursing, and Miss Phelps, home economics.

Claude Ford left Monday to take up engineering at State College in Raleigh. Norwood O. Brooks, still at the army reception center at Fort Bragg, spent week-end with relatives at side.

tion of the daily post card requests from up for literature on Brunswick county. Southport. Orton. Since they make the requests on post card they are unable to inclose postage to help in the mailing of what they want.

The local record for early rising was once by the late A. T. McKeithan, Joel Moore, Sr. one or two unmentionables like the writer. . . . The honors go to William Wade, with Moore holding to the close second place. . . . Mention fishing was put under ceiling prices as of September before Pearl Harbor. R. F. Plaxco, manager of the local plant, tells us that it operated hope. . . . The day before the ceiling price was placed on shrimp we were told of a local fisherman who planned to buy a boat for shrimping. . . . The day the ceiling was clamped down he indignantly denied that he had any such unbusinesslike intentions.

Captain I. B. Russell still maintains a fatherly regard for all men stationed at the old CCC Camp he donated the land on which it is located. . . . is generally pleasing that the mail and bus delivery who were with the W.B.&S. Railroad are retained by the new bus lines. . . . Among the employed, Uncle Jim, at the post office, has remained at his employment longer than any other man known of here in town.

ON SEA DUTY

Leonard M. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Davis, has been assigned to sea duty aboard one of the newest cruisers. He enlisted in the Navy just a year ago and it was discovered he had a marked aptitude for mechanics. This resulted in his being placed in one of the training schools for airplane mechanics. During his year of training he has studied day and night and has not been able to make even a week-end visit to his parents. It is understood that the present cruise, aboard a ship that carries planes, will conclude his training period.

VISITING

Miss Eula Mae Long, of Shallotte, and Myrtle Beach, left Sunday for a brief visit with relatives in Fayetteville, N. C.

STUDENTS

Miss Annie Laurie Swain, of Shallotte, and Miss Wilma Phelps,

KEEP ON COMING

Our farmer friends have made it a habit to do their trading at our store. That's a mighty good plan to continue, because when merchandise is available for you anywhere, we are pretty likely to have our share of it.

G. W. KIRBY & SONS
SUPPLY, N. C.

MY JIMMY
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Jimmy's over there now, fighting our enemies to keep the Stars and Stripes flying. Before he left, he told me they are going to need more equipment, more ammunition and more food for INVASION of enemy lands.

"The more bonds the folks at home buy—the more they'll be helping us fighters to win. That's what Jimmy said."

The 3rd War Loan of 15 billion dollars must produce the money to pay for these essentials to victory.

Buy at least one EXTRA \$100 Bond besides your

regular bond purchases—many will have to invest thousands!

Don't think that what you do isn't important. It will take all every individual in America can raise to put this 3rd War Loan over the top. So buy more bonds out of your pay—out of extra income—out of "rainy-day" funds!

The quicker you do that the more you'll help Jimmy and our other boys smash through to victory.

What do you say? It's the safest, soundest investment you'll ever make!

Let's go!

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