

WINCHELL

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...kie, in supporting FDR's foreign policy, has been practically excommunicated by the G. O. P. for putting the Republic ahead of the Republicans. . . . Wilkie's support of the President surprised many of his backers, who find it hard to understand how a man would rather be an American than a politician. . . .

When a few New Yorkers are shot in the streets by gangsters it occasions universal indignation. . . . But thousands of people are killed by dictator-gangsters in the streets of England, and you find many Americans with a so-called attitude about that. . . . FDR's physician reports that his health is the best it's been in years. . . . So is America's!

Faces About Town: James J. Walker and George Jessel, twin toastmasters at the dinner for "Jimmy"—both in excellent form. And the way the ex-Mayor parried divorce reports, to wit: "Life would be very dull if Jessel and I didn't marry someone every once in a while. . . . Mrs. F. D. R., Jr., at a Copacabana ringside with her pumps comfortably kicked off—and munching on an apple. . . . Gertrude Lawrence, a bundle of talent from Britain. . . . Winthrop Rockefeller, the lowdown on why he enlisted as a buck private: He has a tremendous youth plan in the making. To keep finger-pointers from saying: "He was rich so he got a good job during the war!" he enlisted. He could have had a big Gov't job—he's an oil expert.

Orchestra Pilot Sammy Kaye alleges he overheard this repartee-tee in Lindy's the other midnight. Two Broadwise-guys were mangling a herring in contemplative silence when one suddenly started dreaming out loud. . . . "Boy," he mused, "I wish I were at Hialeah where it's nice and warm. We'd play the races and plunk some dough down on an 8-to-1 shot. The nag would win and we'd bet the winnings on a 6-to-1 to win. Then for the third race, we'd take the winnings and bet on a nag running at 4-to-1. And then we'd—"

"Justaminate," interrupted his buddy, "I think we oughta skip the third race—I don't like that horse at all."

NOTES OF A NEW YORKER:

Man About Town: The Book of the Month Club has selected "Blood, Sweat and Tears" (Churchill's speeches) for April. . . . Petain of Vichy sent the Warren G. Pershing a wire of congrats on their recent Blessed Event. . . . The femme editors of two smart fashion mags are smirking at Moss Hart for his show, "Lady in the Dark". . . . Dorothy Thompson, as hinted here long ago, will be divorced by the Herald Tribune as of March 16. Her new syndicate may land her in the Post on the 17th. . . . C. Vanderbilt Jr. just sent Lindbergh an umbrella with a rattlesnake wooden handle. . . . From evidence in the hands of Federal men, Princess Hohenlohe will be asked if it isn't true that the property confiscated from her was first taken from Max Reinhardt because he was Jewish.

A fellow who knew the late F. Scott Fitzgerald in Hollywood recalls a chat with him. "I have no talent," confessed the novelist, "it took me ten years to discover that I didn't have any."

"Well," said the man, "why didn't you quit writing then?"

"I couldn't," Scott said, "I was too famous by that time."

The Dies Committee's first step after the expected renewal by Congress will be to compare the Bund and Communist lists against the alien registration and conscription lists. . . . Ask some of the broadcasting company bosses—they'll tell you that they know of German "Stu as" and "Gai pots" actually in Mex cot. That was a some scene at the cloakroom of the House at 10 p. when Davis of Memphis threatened to "knock the G out of" Geyer of Los Angeles. Geyer wants to abolish the poll tax.

CAROLINA BIRD-LORE

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THE BALD EAGLE

Our National Emblem

The Bald Eagle is a bird of wooded lakes and seashores. It is found throughout the United States and Canada, but is most abundant in Florida and along the coasts of British Columbia and Alaska. In North Carolina, it is common only at the coast. It is the Golden Eagle, not the Bald, which is the storied bird of fierce character and mountain eyrie.

One nest which the writer examined may be taken as typical. It was February, but the two eggs had already been laid. The nest six feet deep and four feet across was fifty feet high in a tree in the center of a small island surrounded by a narrow moat of water. One

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...traveller took the delay very hard. But not his beautiful wife, Peggy.

She was calm and certain everything would be all right. Afterwards a friend asked her why she had been so confident.

"Oh," smiled Peggy, "who ever heard of a Corcoran being on time for an appointment?"

LORD HALIFAX POSES

From the point of view of the press, Lord Halifax has got off to a good start.

After his talk with Hull, Halifax invited the press into the diplomatic reception room, where with his one good arm (his left hand is missing) he lit a cigarette and answered questions with a deep voice and a wan smile.

Oddity at this conference was the presence of the German newsman, Kurt Sell, correspondent for the official Nazi news agency, D.N.B. Sell busily took notes while Halifax was saying, "When the history of this war comes to be written, it will say that Hitler lost the war in June of 1940."

PERKINS VS. EVANS

Agriculture department liberals, led by Milo Perkins, aggressive chief of the surplus marketing administration, have been gunning for Evans' scalp ever since the European war shut off cotton and wheat export markets, thus aggravating the economic plight of small farmers who make their entire livelihood from these crops.

Perkins wants to meet the loss of foreign markets by less emphasis on "cash income"—the guide-rule of big, commercial farmers—and greater emphasis on the food stamp plan for disposal of surpluses at home. His group contends that small growers should be made more self-sustaining by less crop control, and by more diversified farming for domestic consumption.

Evans looks coldly upon any departure from the "cash income" principle as rank heresy, and views the food stamp program as a deterrent on farm prices, rather than a benefit to needy in the cities and a way to dispose of surpluses on the farm.

That Perkins' program stands high in the favor of Wickard was shown when the latter publicly advocated the policy, as soon as he was sure he would remain as secretary of agriculture.

NEW AAA WAR

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration, has long rocked by backstage rowing. This year's is the fourth since the AAA was created in 1933.

AAA Administrator Rudolph M. Evans plus certain aides have been accused of being in opposition to Secretary Claude Wickard's announced policy of increasing federal aid to small, under-privileged farmers and tenants.

Evans has never enthused over such a program. He has consistently preached that the way to achieve higher commodity prices was through government loans and AAA benefit payments—a system that has netted handsome dividends to large commercial farm operators but has reduced few mortgages for the little fellow.

Before Evans, there were the explosive George Peek, first AAA boss, who departed in 1934; Chester Davis, who rowed with Wallace; and Howard R. Tolley, Evans' immediate predecessor, who was shifted to the bureau of agricultural economics. All were "liquidated" following bitter policy rows over this same issue.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Among the habiliments Jack Garner packed up when he left Washington was a suit of evening clothes. "What use will you have for those fancy duds in Texas?" a friend asked. "Oh," replied Garner, "we still have weddings and funerals there."

The Capital Times, Madison, Wis., official daily of the LaFollette Progressive party, and once a staunch supporter of Senator Wheeler, is now blasting his position on the lend-lease bill.

parent perched over the nest, displaying its pure white tail and head. The eggs hatched late in March and the eaglets remained in the nest until mid-June.

The principal food of the Eagle is fish. Many waterfowl are taken, usually the old, the weak, and wounded, as well as much carrion. Depredations on farm animals are rare.

The Bald Eagle is non-aggressive and dignified, meriting our fullest protection. Ever since it became our national emblem in 1782 it has steadily decreased in numbers, until today it is rare where before it was abundant, because of unjustified and needless shooting. The Eagle is protected in North Carolina, and every bird shot is in violation of the State law.

The Bald Eagle can be told from all other birds of prey except the Golden Eagle by the larger size, it being about three feet in total length with wing spread of about seven feet. The adults can always be known in addition by the white head and tail. Immature birds can seldom be distinguished with certainty in the field from

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
THE FEZ GETS ITS NAME FROM THE CITY IN WHICH IT WAS FIRST WORN—FEZ, MORRITO

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INDUSTRY STILL "PIONEERING"

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FABRIC WOVEN FROM GLASS—A RECENT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT—IS NOW BEING TRIED AS A COVERING FOR AIRPLANE WINGS

the Golden Eagle, but in the hand can be known by having the tarsus bare while the Golden Eagle's has it feathered to the toes.

It will be good news to those who want more information about this bird and the other 384 species found in this state that plans are underway to publish immediately a revised edition of "The Birds of North Carolina" by Pearson, Brimley, and Brimley. There will be 400 pages, 24 full-size color illustrations, 300 black and white. The price is \$2.50 (or small) if ordered before publication. Order through H. T. Davis, Director, N. C. State Museum, Raleigh, payment to be made when notice is given that book is ready for distribution.

Illegal Claimants For Compensation Are Jailed or Fined

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Twenty claimants for benefits under the Unemployment Compensation Law have come to grief in city courts of the State recently for fraud in securing benefits to which they were not entitled by fines, road and jail sentences and suspended sentences.

Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the Commission, reports.

"Claimants sometime secure funds illegally, but not many of them can get by with it finally," Chairman Powell said. "Frauds are usually discovered sooner or later, and those who wilfully violate the law are made to pay heavily," he said.

Nine claimants registering at the Winston-Salem employment office for benefits to which they were not entitled were found guilty, fined \$20 and costs and ordered to refund amounts wrongfully received. Those not complying were sentenced to jail for period of 30 days each by Judge Bailey Lippert. The defendants were West Easter, Ludie C. Hill, Agnes Davis, William R. Chaviss, Walter W. Cox, Nathaniel Douglas, Carriner B. Evans, Ida S. Campbell, and Phillip A. Barr.

In Wilmington Recorder's Court, Judge Alton Lennon recently fined Mack D. Scott \$5 and costs for registering for full-time benefits at the employment office and drawing benefits while refusing to accept full-time work which was available for him. Judge Lennon warned him and others that if they obtained benefits by fraudulent means, he would deal with them severely.

Four claimants were convicted in High Point City Court for failure to report proper earnings. Alvin Spencer, Wake Hinkle and Judson F. Knox, were sentenced to jail for 30 days each, suspended on condition that they pay the costs, repay the amount of over-payment and be of good behavior for a period of two years. James Allen was taxed one-half the costs and put on probation for two years.

Four claimants found guilty of failing to report proper earnings in the City Police Court of Asheville recently were Berlin W. Lance, sentenced to 60 days on the roads; Edward G. Warren, ordered to repay the money illegally drawn and given a 60-day suspended sentence; Walter Christopher, sentenced to 30 days on the roads; and Woody Young, given a 30-day jail sentence.

In Alamance General County Court, fines of \$25 and costs were imposed on Stancil Graves and Terrence M. Dickens for failure to report earnings correctly.

Answers To Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What are the best planting dates for lespedeza?

ANSWER: Agronomists of N. C. State College have worked out a calendar of spring planting dates, and they list lespedeza as follows: The best dates are February 15 in the Coastal Plain, February 25 in the Piedmont, and

Cotton

Through the middle of January 11,931,078 running bales of cotton had been ginned from the 1940-41 crop, according to figures released by the U. S. Census Bureau.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS COST TAR HEELS MORE THAN STATE SCHOOLS

"We Are Inclined to Look Upon the Cost of Highway Accidents Only In Terms of Human Suffering and Death"

A TOLL OF MORE THAN \$25,000,000

Traffic accidents cost North Carolinians more money each year than it costs to operate the entire State-supported school system, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated this week.

"We are inclined to look upon the cost of highway accidents only in terms of human suffering, twisted limbs and horrible death, while overlooking the economic aspect of the accident picture," he said. "Last year, for example, the cost of traffic accidents in North Carolina reached upwards of \$25,000,000. This sum included all costs of hospitalization, doctor bills, repairs and replacement of damaged vehicles, working time lost by accident victims, and an estimated valuation of \$5,000 placed on each life lost."

Traffic accidents cost North Carolina industries a pretty penny, too, Hocutt said, pointing out that the average compensation costs paid to industrial workers involved in traffic accidents in connection with their work is higher than that in any other type of accident in industry, and that the average number of days lost as a result of traffic accidents in industry is greater than that in any other type of accident.

"Yes, highway accidents cost more than human suffering, tears and anguish," the safety director stated. "Accidents cost North Carolinians many millions of dollars each year. And while it may be true that much of this cost is borne by insurance companies, we all know that these companies are not in business for their health, and the cost of these accidents ultimately must be borne by all policy holders."

Hocutt said that if North Carolina drivers are not concerned over their safety, consideration for their pocketbook ought to prompt them to drive more carefully.

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