

WINCHELL

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about Andre Maurois, the writer, who is currently warning Americans to remember the fate of France . . . The new resident agent of the Comyns, a perfect Milquetoast in his teaching job. His own Red colleagues in the same college aren't even hep to him.

Fearson and Allen's table-turning on Congressman Sweeney of Ohio, who is suing them in every state. He has lost 3 out of 3 already, including the case of his home state. P. & A. have filed against him, charging "abuse of judicial process" and ask \$500,000 . . . The legend that Virginia Gayda was beaten up near Rome by two heroes who escaped.

Mood: "Oray for the H'English: Cliff Edwards told it over on the "Knock-out" set at Warners. Two Britishers met after a long separation and compared notes about their adventures. "I've been drivin' ambulances, puttin' out fires, h'all sorts of things," said the first. "What 'ave you been doin'?" "I was at Dunkirk," said the other. "Gawd," gasped the first. "Dunkirk? It musta been terrible!" "It was 'orrible," was the retort, "rained every day!"

Our Ho-Hum Dep't: All the Oscars for the best film acting went to players who impersonated characters from best selling novels and hit plays. Meaning that they had some life before they were screened. But those statues they give the actors are big ones—and they cast shadows that black out the authors who merely wrote the prize-winning roles.

Observations: The N. Y. Times points out the difference between the Germans of 1914-18 and the Nazis of today. Von Papen, "runner of Hitler's dirty errands" in Turkey, showed a movie depicting the Nazis' cruelties to the conquered peoples. In the last war, the Times recalls, the Germans tried to lie out of their atrocities. Now they glory in them.

Imagine! Paramount recently paid Moss Hart and associates almost \$300,000 for the film rights to "Lady in the Dark," the hit show Hart penned while under the care of a psychoanalyst.

It is assumed that he will now take out a big policy insuring himself against getting well.

Served Him Right: One of those beros who begins his anesthetic with: "You don't remember, do you?" was properly stifled by a fed-up victim with: "No, ain't I lucky?"

Form of Criticism: At the play premiere the other intermission time one of the critics' wives was telling Richard Watts, who hated it, that she and her husband were having fun. "Whatcha doing," intoned Watts, "holding hands?"

New Yorkids: "Meet John Doe," which the previewers insist will be another feather in his Capra . . . Hugo Storm's book, "Seven Lean Hounds" . . . The editorial cartoons of H. H. Bergman in the Springfield (Mass.) Union—big-city stuff . . . Quentin Reynolds' exciting book, "The Wounded Don't Cry," which, father'd the "Dunkirk" quip that led a recent column.

In Fewer Words: Burnito has double-crossed his henchmen over here again. Many Americans came back from Spain to deny the Fascists and Nazis were helping Franco. Now Old Baldy sends Spain a bill, itemizing the cost of every Fascist retreat!

Of All Things: Cussing has been outlawed among the soldiers at Fort Devens, Mass. "Watch your language," the men were told. "You're in the Army, not 'What Price Glory?'"

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

DEMOCRACY'S DEBT TO U.S. WOMEN.

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OF THEMSELVES AND BY THEMSELVES, A HOST OF WOMEN HAVE ADVANCED OUR SCIENCE, ARTS AND LETTERS— AND OUR HUMANITIES

Secretary, Mrs. Hilda Gilikin served in her place. The devotional part of the meeting was led by Mrs. Heady.

After reports from chairman of the different committees were given, the roll was called for attendance and they were proud to boast of 100 per cent membership enrollment of their parents.

When the business part of the meeting was over Smyrna gave a program. This was a dramatization from life of Lovers from Early School days to "That Hair of Silver Gray." Some of the selections dramatized were School Days, The Quarrel, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Down By the Old Garden Gate, Here Comes The Bride, The Sweetest Story Ever Told, Home Sweet Home, Silver Threads Among the Gold, and Memories. Every character played an excellent part. They had splendid singing and every one seemed to enjoy the evening.

Unless further notice is given, the last meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 8th. At this time Williston will give a program. Come! Let's make this last the best meeting of the year.

Social Studies Game Grades 1-5

In our grades after studying People In Far Away Lands, we dramatized scenes in those countries. A child is chosen to preface a scene while other children close their eyes. When a signal is given the children open their eyes and the leader calls upon a child to guess what country he is visiting. Perhaps the pupil who is dramatizing is eating with chop sticks. The other child has three guesses. He will probably say "Are you in China?" The actor will say "Yes I am in China."

Some of the scenes dramatized are such as gathering palm kernels in Belgian Congo, climbing mountains of Switzerland, riding on a camel, Sahara Desert, etc. Besides serving as an aid in the social studies, this activity correlates with language and stimulates the pupils imagination.

Junior Class News

The Junior Class presented a mock congressional session Tuesday afternoon March 4, during the chapel period. The subject was on whether "to chew or not to chew" gum. The program proved very interesting since the teachers have been trying to ban "gum" from the vocabulary of Smyrna High School.

NEWPORT SCHOOL NEWS

A Britannica Junior Encyclopedia set was a gift of the Public Relations Department of Sears Roebuck and Company to the Newport School. The Sears Roebuck and Company offered a limited number of these encyclopedia sets to the schools of North Carolina. This

encyclopedia is adapted for grammar grade work and is recommended by the Library Department of North Carolina for Elementary Schools.

Each school participating for the reward had to file a report showing outstanding work in general improvements that has been accomplished; projects which are now underway and those which are expected to be completed by the end of the current year. Newport School is very fortunate in receiving this set of encyclopedias for they were much needed in the school. They are now being used daily by the grammar grades. Much credit is due to the Local School Board, the Parent Teacher's Association, and the Faculty and student body in helping to organize and carry out a school program that was approved by the Sears Roebuck and Company, and as a result being awarded this set of encyclopedias.

The Sixth Grade

The sixth grade pupils have finished the first half of the Zaner-Bloser Writing Course and have mailed the following children's specimens of penmanship to the company for certificates: Fayo Baskett, Aileen Garner, Vincent Rhue, Florence Winberry, Maxine Elliott, Minnie Jane Roberts, Florine Whalley, Ira Thomas Gible, Melvin West, Leonard Gould, Leona Gould, and Jean Garner.

The sixth grade had a weinor roast on Thursday, March 6, in honor of those having birthdays in February and March. The children took picnic lunches also. Those having birthdays were: Jean Garner, Aileen Garner, Florence Winberry, Louis Hibbs, and Mather Slaughter.

Senior Girls Entertained

The girls of the senior class were entertained at a delightful luncheon last Friday in the Foods Laboratory by members of the Eighth Grade Home Economics Class.

A three course meal, consisting of vegetable soup, chicken salad, rolls, and chocolate pie was served. Artis Garner, Reporter.

Seniors Present Play

The play, "The Girl In The Fur Coat", will be presented Friday night, March 14, at 8:00 o'clock in the Newport Auditorium. Harvey Garner, as Bob Lee, the hero, and Marjorie Garner, as Nan Nacroft, the heroine, play their parts well.

The play is very entertaining and the entire cast has done its very best to give an excellent performance.

VITAL STATISTICS

Causes of Death and Rate in North Carolina During 1940 Heart trouble was the leading cause of death in North Carolina in 1940, claiming approximately one person out of every six of the 32,194 for whom death certificates were filed with the State Board of Health, or a total of 5,451, with a rate of 153 per 100,000 population, compared with 1,780 in 1914, the first year of registration, when the rate was 74.4, less than one-half of what it was

Merry-Go-Round

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FOREIGN PROPAGANDA

Postmaster General Frank Walker said nothing in his report to congress, but he has quietly taken steps to plug up the inflow of foreign propaganda via first-class mail. Postal officials were able to seize and burn 15 tons of illegal literature under the authority that permits inspection of second and third-class mail without a search warrant. First-class mail, however, is immune from direct investigation, can be examined only on a return warrant.

Generally there is a laborious proceeding. But thanks to the mass of matter that was seized, Walker found a way to simplify the job. From the seized material were obtained the names of hundreds of persons in all parts of the country who apparently are on Nazi, Fascist and Japanese propaganda lists.

Henceforth, under an order quietly issued by Walker, all foreign mail addressed to these individuals will be subject to a search warrant examination, and if found illegal will be destroyed.

Note—Walker wants congress to require that both the senders and receivers of foreign propaganda register their names. A considerable portion of the literature seized advocated violent overthrow of the government.

Vice President Henry Wallace has engaged a Spanish-speaking secretary to help him practice his Spanish. Wallace wanted someone who would be available at any moment—in the office, in the restaurant, in the handball court. So he turned down a handsome feminine applicant from the Mexican embassy, took a man instead.

ORATOR VANDENBERG

Genial Sen. Arthur Vandenberg is one of the most effective orators in the senate. His mind is alert, and he has a command of phrases that makes the galleries lean forward to hear him.

When he had delivered his major effort against the lend-lease bill, he retired to the cloak room, lit a cigar, and leaned back in an upholstered chair. One of his colleagues congratulated him on the speech.

With a mischievous twinkle, Vandenberg replied: "I could have delivered just as strong a speech on the other side."

Senatorial loungers looked up, and Vandenberg added: "I could recite 50 unanswerable reasons why the bill should be passed."

TENANT FARMERS

The President is not losing sight of domestic problems in the welter of foreign affairs—and recently kept his very precise undersecretary of state, Sumner Welles, waiting an hour while he threshed out a farm relief problem.

Representatives John Tolan of California and John Sparkman of Alabama had called to protest against a \$25,000,000 cut in farm rehabilitation loans, a cut made by the budget bureau in the agriculture department appropriation.

The conference was supposed to last 15 minutes, but Roosevelt forgot all about the time, became completely engrossed in the "economic shock" to be felt by tenant farmers and migrants after defense spending has tapered off. Meanwhile Welles cooled his heels in an outer office.

Finally the two congressmen emerged. They were teaming about the President's promise to have the farm relief cut restored.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Able young Rep. Charley Halleck of Indiana, who nominated Wendell Willkie at Philadelphia, broke with him on the lend-lease bill, voting against it.

Minnesota's husky Gov. Harold Stassen is finding no support among friends of District Attorney Tom Dewey for his presidential ambitions. They claim Stassen had committed himself to Dewey before the Philadelphia convention, and nurse a grudge because of his flop to Willkie.

For many years tuberculosis was no 1 cause of death in this state, but that now ranks eighth, while heart diseases continue to maintain a firm first, year after year.

Pneumonia deaths last year totaled 2,041, with a rate of 57.1 compared with 100.5 in 1914. As late as 1936 the rate was 93.7; by 1938 it had dropped to 77.7, and in 1939 it was 59.5.

"While the death rate from this dangerous disease is declining to a very gratifying degree, with the discovery of new methods of treatment, which have been amazingly successful, this does not minimize the importance of early diagnosis, for the earlier pneumonia is diagnosed the more successful its treatment and the more quickly it yields," said Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, who added this warning: "Do not assume that any 'common cold' is harmless; call your doctor and let him make the determination, for a cold might easily result in pneumonia through neglect."

Accidental Death Increasing There was a noticeable increase

Newport Boy Makes Pine Burr Society



JULIAN BELL of Newport, pictured above, and E. G. Gibbs of Morehead City, were initiated into the Pine Burr Society at State College in Raleigh where they are students, a few days ago. Pine Burr is a local honorary organization which endeavors to instill in State College students a desire for higher standards in scholarship and the development of leadership in all organizations of the campus. Bell and Gibbs were two of eleven students initiated into the society.

in deaths from preventable accidents in 1940, when these totaled 1,535, compared with 1,481 the previous year. "These and deaths from preventable and controllable diseases add unnecessarily to our death rate," Dr. Reynolds pointed out, "and it would be unfair to attribute them to unhealthful conditions, as each one represents a mistake or negligence somewhere. North Carolina's total rate from all causes last year was 9.0," he continued. "Subtract the 1,535 deaths from preventable accidents from the grand total, and this gives us a death rate of only 8.6, to say nothing of the reduction that would be reflected if our people would avail themselves of all the means at their disposal for the control and elimination of preventable diseases.

"As to diphtheria, while deaths from this preventable disease are on the decline, the rate having fallen from 15.8 in 1914 to 3.3 in 1940, and while we have a compulsory immunization law with which the public ought to be familiar by this time, the responsibility, in the last analysis, is a moral and not a legal one and rests with parents.

The Law of Love

"When all parents reach the point where they love their children well enough to have them immunized, deaths from diphtheria in North Carolina, which last year totaled 119, will become as rare as deaths from smallpox, of which there has not been one since 1932.

The number of deaths from pellagra, a disease attributed to nutritional deficiencies, was 169 in 1940, compared with 209 the previous year, which brought the rate within a single year down from 5.9 to 4.7. In 1914 it was 23.6; by 1936 it had dropped to 10.3, and as late as 1938 it was 7.3.

"The State Board of Health, in cooperation with other governmental and educational agencies, now is engaged in a very definite program designed to make a scientific study of the nutritional deficiencies of our people," Dr. Reynolds explained, with reference to direct efforts now aimed at the control of pellagra and other dietary diseases, with a view to their ultimate elimination. "This work has progressed to a very gratifying degree," he added.

Helping Mothers, Babies

The vital statistics report for 1940, prepared under the direction of Dr. R. T. Stimpson, shows there were 80,971 births in North Carolina, compared with 78,957 in 1939 the rate having risen from 22.3 to 22.7 for this period.

The infant mortality rate fell from 59.1 to 56.3, but the maternal death rate rose from 5.0 to 5.3. However, this problem is being vigorously attacked by the Board of Health's Division of Preventive Medicine, of which Dr. George M. Cooper, Assistant State Health Officer, is the Director, through the operation of nearly 200 maternity and infancy clinics and the establishment of two professorships at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina and at Duke University. Dr. A. W. Makepiece, obstetrician, and Dr. Robert B. Lawson, pediatrician, already are helping to train workers.

Tuberculosis Trend Downward

The death rate from tuberculosis in 1940, which was 49.9, as compared with 51.3 the previous year and 139.3 in 1914, continued its downward trend while there was a decided decrease in the number of deaths from diarrhea and enteritis among children under two years old. In 1940 there were 500 of these infant deaths, compared with 666 in 1939, while the rate in a single year fell from 18.8 to 14.0. In 1914 it was 81.2, and as late as 1938 it was 29.2. The toll from this infantile disease is heaviest during the summer months.

"The declines noted above are

encouraging to public health workers," Dr. Reynolds said. "They indicate that parents not only are availing themselves of information necessary to bring the prevalence of this disease down but are putting that information into practice."

Difficult

Because of construction work at Holly Ridge, Craven County farmers are having increasing difficulty in locating tenants and laborers to carry on their farming operations.

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