

THE WAR'S OVER

Today's news tells us that Japan has ordered the war stopped, stating that she had gained her objective. The Chinese have been driven back from Shanghai and Japan says she has "secured the safety of the international settlement." Hundreds of lives have been lost in the conflict and enormous property loss has been incurred. The native city of Chapei lies in ruins and many outlying villages have also been wrecked in the awful conflict. Japan has gained her objective at a tremendous cost of life and money and loss of respect among the other powers.

FOURTEEN DIE IN BIG FLOOD

Seattle, Wash.—Fourteen persons were dead, railroad and motor traffic blocked at many points and numerous towns isolated tonight because rains and record warm weather for February followed close upon a record snowfall in Washington and north Idaho.

Fresh snow and earth slides threatened mountain and hill communities while the flood danger in lowlands was reported by the state highway department the worst in years. At least a score of rivers flowed over their banks, washing away houses and bridges and drowning livestock.

All transcontinental trains on lines between Seattle and Spokane have been routed through Vancouver, Wash., because of washouts.

Hundreds of residents of flooded areas abandoned their homes.

PRIZES FOR POEMS

Raleigh.—Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction is offering a silver cup for best milk rhyme furnished by any pupil in the graded schools of the state, while Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College, is offering a silver cup for the best milk rhyme submitted by any high school pupil of the state.

Contestants for these prizes must have their rhymes in the office of the State Board of Health not later than noon, April 25th. They must be original and not exceed six lines in length. Come on, school children, and write that cup-winning poem.

FOREST FIRES

IN NORTH CAROLINA
Values amounting to \$4,786,225 were destroyed by forest fires in North Carolina during 1931, the worst season on record, according to a report issued by the division of forestry of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Total area covered by the fires during the year, according to the report, was almost equal to the combined area of six counties of average size in North Carolina or 1,722,369 acres. Conservation officials assert that contrasts between the amount of destruction and the size of fires in counties having organized warden forces and those without this form of protection prove the value of the State warden system.

Of the total forest area of North Carolina aggregating an estimate of 20,568,000 acres, 7,483,639 acres were listed as having protection, and 12,523,134 acres as being without organized protection. The protected area was in those counties which cooperated with the State in fire control and in areas in which control was carried on with the cooperation of landowners. In addition 561,227 acres in North Carolina are included within National Forests under the direction of federal foresters.

Unprotected counties suffered approximately eight times the amount of loss from fires as those with warden service although their area was not double that of those under protection. Total damages in non-cooperating counties was \$4,248,086; and in protected counties, \$538,139. The burned area in cooperating counties amounted to 310,591 acres; and in non-cooperating counties, 1,411,778 acres. The proportion of burned areas to the total forest lands in cooperating counties was 4.12 percent; and 11.27 percent in unprotected counties.

In Wake county, the area burned was 4981 acres, causing damage estimated at \$8,926.00.

On our way to Raleigh this week we saw a heavy smoke from a fire raging on the Neuse river southward. Great care should be used in burning off new ground and pastures so the fire may not get beyond control. Great damage is often done by a little carelessness.

MAXWELL SAYS HE CAN SAVE MONEY

Elizabethtown.—A. J. Maxwell, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, told the Elizabethtown Kiwanis club here Tuesday night that he believed he "can save the people of North Carolina more than 50 percent of their school book costs at no additional cost to the state."

"Present prices to patrons are unreasonable," he said, "and can be greatly reduced, either by mass purchase from publishers or by producing them in a State printing plant, with North Carolina labor and with paper produced in North Carolina from pulp wood taken from our North Carolina forests. An additional 15 per cent can be saved that is now added to high purchase cost for distribution, which would necessarily be eliminated by a State rental system. After these immense savings, nearly one-half of the remaining cost can be saved parents by furnishing books on a rental basis and in this way providing the economies of continuous re-use during the usable life of the books.

"No other tax paid represents a greater hardship to a majority of the people of North Carolina than does the school book tax. To many parents the cost of school books is heavier than all other taxes combined. Nowhere else can the power of the State be more appropriately used than in providing the best school books at the lowest possible cost to the user."—News & Observer.

Recorder's Court

The local Recorder's Court did a wholesale business at its session on yesterday. Among the cases decided were ten negroes and one white man. The court held over into a night session to try a man for disposing of mortgaged property.

From Judge Rhodes' and Clerk J. M. Whitley's records we copied the following:

Robert Pace, who was charged with an affray, had prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Fal Richardson who was caught on a Sunday not long since near Zebulon making whiskey with his father was sent to the state roads for four months. Jake, his father, was sent up to help build better roads for the same length of time.

Dave Baker was charged with an affray, and escaped with prayer for judgment with payment of costs.

Oren Ferrell is to behave himself for one year or work on the state roads for 60 days for being drunk and disorderly.

Pete McNair will carry a pick and shovel on the streets of Zebulon for 30 days for carrying a razor. David Ferrell got off somewhat lighter for the same offense, having judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Haywood Pace paid the costs on prayer for judgment for an affray.

Lawrence Ray was found not guilty of malicious injury to real property.

Alec Wilson, on prayer for judgment for being drunk and disorderly, was taxed with the costs and given till the next term of court to pay same.

Charlie Horton was found guilty of simple assault and Judge Rhodes put him to work on the streets of Zebulon for 30 days.

WITCH KILLED—60 NATIVES TO DIE

Nairobi, Kenya.—The death sentence was passed on 60 natives of the Wakamba tribe here for killing an old woman they believed to be a witch. Ten other natives under 16 years old were ordered to be detained during his majesty's pleasure.

The "witch" was believed to have cast a spell on the wife of one of the accused men, so that she was struck dumb.

The husband collected 60 companions and took the old woman to his hut, where she was ordered to remove the spell. The supposed witch escaped, but was chased by the men, who, in accordance with an ancient Wakamba custom beat her to death with thin sticks.

BILL FELT RELIEVED

Bo—Hello, Bill, I hear you've been sick.
Zo—Yeh, but when the doctor told me it wasn't asthma I breathed a lot easier.

ADVERTISE IN THE RECORD

Zebulon Has New City Hall

For more than a decade Zebulon has been using a rented hall up-stairs in the Perry building for the city court and public meetings, at a cost of well over \$200 a year. The present depression caused mayor L. L. Massey and the aldermen to look around for new sources of revenue. Finding none, they then sought means of retrenchment.

The municipal light and water plant was installed about 18 years ago. When the town sold the light plant was installed about 18 years ago. Light Company it had a \$10,000 brick building on its hands with no use for it. Thus it has stood through the intervening years as a white elephant, till the depression revealed it as an asset to the town. With the help of carpenters and the expenditure of less than \$100 the town has converted the building into a convenient and substantial city hall with ample space for court and assembly room, jail, officers and storage. The grounds are spacious and the building is situated on that street on which are the post office and some of the best business houses of the town. With a minimum of money and labor the place can be made into one of the most beautiful and attractive municipal locations in the state.

YE FLAPDOODLE

Speaking of dumbness personified, take any woman. Why it was only the other day that I gave the wife a kimono and said, "Darlin' I brought this all the way from Panama for you." "But, dear," she chimes, "Isn't that a little far-fetched?" — And a friend told me that a former shipmate of mine was collecting antiques, but I already knew that, because I've seen his wife — Which reminds me that I was in court the other day when a pickpocket case came up.

"But," asked the judge, "Didn't you feel the thief's hand going into your pocket?" "Yes," replied the absent-minded plaintiff, "But I thought that it was my own." — It was only yesterday that a friend of mine yep and says to me, "Swashie, old boy, I've half a mind to get married." Upon which I look at him sorrowfully and says, "My boy, that is all you need" — Still it's easy to get around publishers who only take manuscripts from people with well-known names, all you have to do is to tell them that "has-beens" are merely "think-they-your name is Smith or Jones—And most people who are thought to be waxes." — Saw a former buddy of mine in a hospital the other day and think that he is going to be there a long time. Nope, I didn't see his doctor, I saw his nurse—Yep, the Navy's a great life if you don't weaken— "You know," gushed a lady friend to me the other day, "I only sing to kill time." "I know," says I, "Your singing would kill anything," and believe it or not, she became highly indignant—And the sweet young thing that lives next door to the wife told me that she was going to see a beauty doctor, "But Madam," I says in my most professional manner, "You don't need a beauty doctor, you need a miracle worker"—I went to a fortune teller the other day and when she took a look at my palm, she coughed, and gave me my money back—And then about the neighbor who lives across the street. She has two daughters, one is simply terrible, and the other is terribly simple—Yeh, you'd adore our neighbors. One of them, according to himself, lives in a house without a flaw, but darned if I can see what he uses to walk on—And then there was the Scotch doctor who was engaged to a girl in our town, and when she broke the engagement, he not only asks for all the presents that he had given her, but also sent her a bill for forty-eight calls—Still I never can forget the first meal that the wife cooked for me. "Dearest," I says, "These biscuits are perfect." "But, honey, that's the butter dish you're eating," she comes back—And then some girls like the tone of their lover's voice because they think there's a ring in it—I don't have the slightest idea what skins are used for making shoes, but I do know that banana skins make good slippers—Ho-hum.—Observer.

Some people stir their coffee as though they were mixing a cake.
Tardy Recognition of good work is

MRS. CARTER DIES

On Monday night Mrs. J. W. Carter died at her home in Zebulon. She was 48 years old and leaves a daughter, Mrs. L. S. Gay of Raleigh, and one son, M. C. Carter, of Zebulon. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at Pearce Church, of which she was a member, by her pastor, Rev. J. F. Mitchener.

NEWS FROM THE ANIMALS

Mr. L. B. Sawyer was in the other day to pay his subscription and incidentally gave us a bit of news. He informed us that Mr. M. M. Wall was going around wearing a 9x12 smile. His fancy bull dog had given birth to twelve of as fine puppies as you ever saw.

Death At Privette's Zoo.

And it is dead! On a dark night in February it arrived among civilization. It mother had not as a daughter received that training that a mother might have given her had she not been snatched away from her paternal home as a young child of the forest. And the father, he was dissipated and no lover of home. So when the little one came into the world, the father was cruel and the mother, knowing the suffering and sadness before his little one, attempted to end its miserable life scarce yet begun.

Tender hands found it just in time to rescue it from a cruel death. Mr. Cheeves, aided by Mrs. Cheeves, carried it indoors and gave it the best care a man knows to give. Mrs. Privette returned at night and became nurse to the foundling. With a soft cotton bed and sweet milk she tried to hold the little life that had already begun to slip away. At midnight its little life slipped away into that happy hunting ground where only animals are found and where the souls of little bears cuddle up against the soft, warm furry breast of mother bear.

And so, little Teddy, the bear died.

PARTRIDGE FLIES INTO AUTOMOBILE

Lumberton.—A partridge that flew into the automobile of T. Dunn, of Jersey City, N. J., near Lumberton Sunday afternoon may cause him to lose his eye. The New Jersey man was going along on the highway when the quail dived through an open window and smacked him in the eye, dying as a result of the blow. Mr. Dunn, bringing along the dead bird, came to Lumberton and is now under the care of a local doctor.

NEW MAGAZINE "THE CAROLINAS"

Charlotte.—Early in the spring a new magazine will make its appearance in the Carolinas. It will be sponsored by the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce in the two states. It expects a 50,000 distribution and will seek to give publicity to every resource and advantage offered by North and South Carolina.

Planting Done At Cemetery

Mrs. Pattie Harris, in charge of improvements at our cemetery, is much encouraged at the interest being shown in the work and the progress being made. Planting has been begun, and much more is to be done before long.

Tuesday was donation day for the response was gratifying. Mrs. shrubs and trees for the cemetery. Norwood and Mrs. G. S. Williams supervised the planting on Tuesday, and saw to the setting of twenty water oaks and the same number of dogwoods.

In addition to help given by our mayor, Mr. L. L. Massey, and "Chief" Baker, others who have given their services are Mr. Eatman and Mr. G. S. Williams. Mr. Williams helped plan and lay off the new circular driveway at the back of the cemetery. Besides being a convenience in driving, the new plan adds much to the appearance of the grounds.

U. S. GRAIN EXPORTS

Washington—Grain exports last week from the United States amounted to 1,826,000 bushels against 639,000 bushels the previous week and 479,000 bushels during the corresponding week of last year.

THREE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

Trapped in their one-room home as a brisk wind fanned flames which were engulfing the structure, three Negro children, the oldest only four years of age, were burned to death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Method, three miles west of Raleigh.

Mena Mae Williams, oldest of the three, almost reached the door of the burning house in an attempt to escape, only to be forced back and smothered with her younger brothers, Earl and Earl Lee, aged one and two respectively.

Angie Rogers, neighbor of the Williams family, told the story of the tragedy to Coroner L. M. Waring. Will Williams and his wife, partly of the children were away from home at the time. The mother had left the house for a few minutes to get a well for a bucket of water. She was only 200 yards away when the fire was discovered. Williams was at work two miles away.

WOMEN JURY TEST

Chapel Hill.—The League of Women voters, holding its State meeting here today, voted to promote a test case to determine whether women have the right to serve on juries in North Carolina without revision of the Constitution, and appoint a committee to study increases and decreases in salaries by State departments and institutions during the last year to find if there has been discrimination against women employees.

Forty members, coming from Reidsville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Asheville, Goldsboro and Chapel Hill attended.

All officers were re-elected and the University Law School and Dr. addresses by Dean M. T. Hecke of Christopher Roberts, professor of Economics at Duke University were heard.

The officers re-elected today were Miss Elsie Riddick, Raleigh, president; Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Carthage, first vice-president; Mrs. E. R. Mosher, Chapel Hill, second vice-president; Mrs. Mary O. Cowper, Durham, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Tillet, Charlotte, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Reverdy Miller, Charlotte, recording secretary.

The decision to appoint a committee to study wage scales of women employees of the State was reached after a talk by Delia Dixon Carroll, of Raleigh, whose figures, she said indicated a basis for reports that there had been discriminations against women workers.

NEW FISHING CLUB

The Taylor's mill pond has been for a great many years a noted fishing place. Johnnie Hilliard bought the mill sometime ago and has stocked it with some of the best fish obtained in three years and has an abundance of quantity. Mr. Hilliard has about 20 boats ready for the season. Season membership in the club may be purchased, or one can enjoy a day's fishing for a nominal sum.

"DISHRAG" GOURDS

Houston, Tex.—That Rio Grande valley plant with the unimpressive name—the "dishrag" gourd—may yet turn out to be of value to the landholder.

Establishment of a plant in the Texas valley is projected to manufacture "dishrag gourd" products, described as shoe insoles, bath mats, summer hats and, yes, dishrags.

Boston.—The rescue of 22 in mid-Atlantic and the sinking of a New York fishing schooner in Nantucket sound today were added to the pages of the adventures of sea faring men.

The unfortunate fishing schooner was the George W. Elzey, Jr., which was in collision with the coast guard cutter Acushnet off Cross Rip lightship last night as the cutter was proceeding to sea and the schooner returning to port.

No lives were lost in either mishap, and as far as could be learned, no injuries were suffered.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Miss Laura Estelle Williams of Richmond, Va., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley H. Williams of Zebulon, to Mr. Walter Timothy Smith of Richmond and Lincolnton, N. C. The wedding to take place April in Richmond, Va.

Lindbergh Baby Kidnapped

Hopewell, N. J., March 2.—(Wednesday)—Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., 20-months-old son of the Flying Colonel, was kidnapped last night from his nursery in the Lindbergh country home near here.

Police said he apparently was spirited away in an automobile, which they have not yet identified. An automobile which contained two men stopped at least two persons prior to the kidnapping and its occupants and asked directions to the isolated Lindbergh home.

Possibility that a woman figured in the kidnapping developed, police said, when a minute examination of the grounds around the Lindbergh home revealed feminine footprints along with those of a man.

Within an hour after Col. Lindbergh himself telephoned the first alarm, police quad cars blockaded every Jersey road for miles. They had orders to stop any suspicious persons or cars.

Crib Was Empty.

The child, clad in a blue sleeping robe, was put to bed at the usual hour, 7:30 p. m. At about 10 p. m. someone peered into the nursery. The crib was empty.

The Lindbergh baby, probably the most famous infant in the world, is described as a golden-haired replica of his famous father. He is chubby with blue eyes and curly hair.

He was of about normal stature for his age, had begun to toddle about and was learning to talk. Members of the family stressed the resemblance to his father.

ABANDONED CAR FOUND

Hillside, N. J.—An abandoned sedan found near here last night and answering the description of the car thought to have been used by the kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., was stolen from Brooklyn yesterday, police were told this morning.

Police towed the car to their garage, saying they would examine it for fingerprints. It answered the description of the one whose occupants asked the way to the Lindbergh home yesterday.

The car belongs to Samuel Mandel, of 1519 East Third Street, Brooklyn. When it was first found authorities thought they noticed an odor like chloroform, but Mandel explained he had spilled a bottle of perfume in it last week.

The place where the automobile was found was on a route that might have been taken by the Lindbergh kidnapers. It is on the main Princeton-Somerville-New York highway.

Mrs. Lindbergh Says Baby Had Had Cold When Stolen.

Hopewell, N. J.—The Lindbergh baby, Charles Augustus, Jr., who was kidnapped last night from his crib, was ill with a severe cold, his mother the former Anne Morrow, revealed today.

She expressed fear lest the child, clad only in night clothes, suffer from exposure.

Mrs. Lindbergh, striving to maintain her self control with marked effort, told Patrolman Charles E. Williamson of the Hopewell police about the child's illness. She said he has been under treatment for several days.

Williamson's search of the nursery — he was the first officer to reach the Lindbergh estate following news of the abduction—revealed that no blankets had been taken, lending substance to Mrs. Lindbergh's fears that the child was taken away improperly clad.

The patrolman said also, quite emphatically, that there was no note on the window sill, although State policemen later said such a note was found but refused to divulge its contents.

Williamson quoted Col. Lindbergh as saying:

"It was very windy outside during the early evening, and the noise of the wind could very easily have blanketed strange sounds that at another time would have been heard.

SLUMP IN TOBACCO EXPORTS

Figures just released by the United States Department of Commerce for 1931 show a considerable slump in foreign trade in leaf and manufactured tobacco.