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FREE HELP FOR HITLER

A group of people were sitting around the other night in one of our leading hotels. Some of them were local folks and some were connected with the army or with different service organizations. They had had supper together and now were enjoying an interesting conversation about the maneuvers. Suddenly a lady, a stranger, was in their midst and had taken charge. They didn't know what they were talking about, it seemed; didn't know what was going on, how terrible things were. The soldiers were discouraged. Why? Because they didn't get anything to eat, because their officers were no good, because nobody in the community was doing anything for them, because all the service organizations had broken down. Every time she was proved wrong she brushed the argument aside and went on to another grievance. She knew a soldier who had said; she had met a girl who had told her; she had heard; it was rumored

The lady has gone back north where she came from and that is a pity. Not that we are going to miss her. We can probably make out all right. But up north she will pose as an expert hot from the front with all the inside stuff.

The lady thinks she is a good American. Her husband is a reserve officer and she thinks she is making a big sacrifice for her country. She wouldn't believe it if anybody told her that free gratis and without charge she is doing work that Hitler would pay good money for.

LIQUOR AND THE LAW

Franklin County has just gone dry by a narrow margin and no doubt some people will think that the election settled an issue. Other people will think that nothing has been settled by the question whether Franklin gets its liquor legally or illegally.

Between these two views there is a fundamental difference in a person's attitude toward the law, toward what the law is and how it works. The prohibitionist thinks the law is a matter of majority vote; that if you get a majority, that is the law and that is the end of it. The other side thinks that it is not a question of a mere majority; that no law will work unless the people are solidly behind it. In their opinion you could not enforce the law against robbery, for instance, in Moore County if even a substantial minority of the people believed that robbery was all right. The reason it can be enforced is that all the people except for a handful of law-breakers are agreed about it. Even then enforcement is not always easy. To try to enforce a law which a considerable body of otherwise law-abiding citizens do not believe in is impossible. In the case of prohibition, by attempting the impossible you create lawlessness and contempt for law, you promote corruption of officials, you put money and power in the hands of the criminal classes, and you do not stop drinking. In a word, you raise more and worse problems than you propose to solve.

Liquor is not, perhaps, the problem it once was. Anybody who compares the conduct of the troops around here now with that of the troops in the last war appreciate that. But it is still a problem. And most of us know from our acquaintanceship how tragic in the case of some father, husband or son, sometimes of some wife or daughter, such a problem can be. With a change

GRAINS OF SAND

ON LEAVE FOR A FEW DAYS from his training for navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Stuart Cameron was in Southern Pines this week, seeking as much relaxation as possible from what he considered a pretty tough and constant course of training. In a few months, "Stu" is due to head eastward across the Atlantic as one of the "Eagle" outfit of Americans fighting for Britain. He's in an RCAF training camp at Belleville, Ontario.

BETWEEN SOUTHERN PINES and Aberdeen is a white sign reading: "Pares for Sale."

SINCE THE SELECTIVE SERVICE act was passed, Moore County has contributed a large number of young men to the Army.

Last reports from the Moore County Draft Board showed that 140 white young men and 61 Negroes had been accepted for induction into the Army under Selective Service.

SCATTERED REPORTS OF INCIDENTS occurring during the "problem" maneuver in the Sandhills last week are still coming in and the latest is about the capture of some members of the fairer sex who were about to launch a game of tennis and, instead, became war hostages.

When the "Blues" marched down from Carthage toward Southern Pines, they captured, among other places, The Pine Needles club house and caddy shed, while some of the soldiers reconnoitered on the golf course and there made a most attractive capture. Four young ladies in green, yellow, red and blue jackets and wearing tennis shorts were the prize. It happened when Mrs. C. G. Scott, whose home adjoined the first fairway, with Miss Phylis Lovering and two other guests were setting out for the tennis courts.

The prisoners, it should be added, obtained a quick release.

OUR MID-SOUTH CLIMATE brings about strange things. Our Vass correspondent reports that Mrs. W. Frank Alexander, who lives on Union Road near Vass, picked an unusual bouquet on her farm last Sunday. It was composed of peach, cherry and apple blossoms.

Mrs. D. C. McGill also told of finding near her home on one and the same tree both pear blossoms and a ripe pear, and Mrs. Mrs. W. J. Cameron said that apple blossoms were still blooming near her residence.

AT A RECENT ROTARY CONVENTION at Wrightsville Beach, Otis Broom, president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club, put on an act showing the wrong—and then the right way to induct new members into the Rotary Club.

So impressive was Otis' dramatization that he has been called upon many times since to re-enact the correct induction. Already, he's given this program before the Rotary Clubs of Sanford, Bladenboro, Albemarle and Troy.

RUMORS THAT DUST IN MANEUVER areas might bring a postponement to the Army activities in this area were discounted by Chaplain Foster B. Perry at the Kiwanis luncheon this week.

"As a layman, I don't think it likely that the question of dust will halt as important an action as the maneuvers," Chaplain Perry said. "After all, I don't believe that there would ever be a chance of saying to Adolph, 'come, let's postpone this war because of the dust.'"

ONE OF THE PILOT'S PASSING visitors left in a typewriter the other night an outburst probably attributable to frayed nerves from the war-time activities. These things happen about a newspaper office — somebody drops by, finds no one about, sits down at a typewriter, dashes off something, then walks out without signing name or leaving calling card. Here was this contribution:

"Compared to us country folks living around Southern Pines, New Yorkers are certainly sissies. A few years ago they had to have a noise abatement campaign to get relief from a few honking taxis. Hah, those city slickers ought to live in Southern Pines or environs. What with unnecessary blasts from whistles of engines pulling trains through the town day and night, and the roar of army trucks, tanks, tractors, hurrying through the streets, and the drone of fighter planes skimming over the tree tops, it would not be surprising if New York City by contrast would

in the habits of the people, it may largely solve itself. Or the solution may be helped by regulations that are in line with the best judgment of the general public. But it will not be found in a system that has been tried in unnumbered towns and counties, in many states, and in the nation and which has always failed.

CORRESPONDENCE

SECOND NORTHERN INVASION

To the Editor:
We southerners are proud of our traditional Southern hospitality, but we have been getting more and more lax, certainly in some sections, about living up to it.

There are several reasons for this. We have been through several depressions, and we could not indulge in lavish hospitality. Then, too, our women have more interests outside the home than their mothers and grandmothers had. If the homemaker is working away from home all day, it is not so easy to entertain an outsider—Whether it be friend or stranger—and if she is social minded, she probably has an engagement to play bridge or is giving a tea or a party. With cars and hotels and cafes within a few minutes drive, it's so easy to make the excuse to oneself, "They can get a better lunch there than I am prepared to serve and why should I be 'put out'".

But when our country's defenders were sent into our midst and appeals were made to us to entertain them, make them happy, and help keep up their morale, we thought of our own sons and our friend's sons, who are also our defenders, and some are far from home. There were dormant seeds of hospitality in our natures and we responded.

It happened that most of the boys sent into our midst are from the North. They show such sincere appreciation for the smallest kindnesses, and the finest courtesies, not only in our homes, but in our towns and countryside, that they have completely won us.

And it has done this for us, we have the joy again, or for the first time, of dispersing true hospitality, and after our northern friends have gone, no doubt we will take time to enjoy our friends and neighbors more, and will be more cordial to the "stranger within our gates."

—M. R. B.

Baptist Church Plans Anniversary Program

The First Baptist Church is planning a celebration and homecoming for the first Sunday in November, to observe the anniversaries of the founding of the Church and of the occupation of the new church auditorium, five years ago.

A special historical program will be presented during the morning service of November 2, according to the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, pastor, and all friends and past members of the Church are invited to attend.

soon become a place to go for a nice, quiet rest."

SOLDIER TURNED TEACHER AT HEMP the other day when Private Michael Cohen, 101st Quartermaster Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, who hails from Boston, stopped with his company at the Hemp school to take a shower.

Classes were in session and when Private Cohen had finished chipping several days' dirt off, he put on a clean uniform and slipped into a history class.

A history teacher before he entered the service, Private Cohen had some interesting observations to make.

When the whistle blew some minutes later, summoning the refreshed men to "fall in," Cohen was teaching the class:

Hallowe'en Party Favors, Noise Makers, Masks, Horns, and Lanterns at Hayes.

THE PASSING YEARS

BY CHARLES MACAULEY
Fourth Week of October

1940

Granville Dietz granted parole by Governor Hoey. Murdered Chief of Police Kelly of Southern Pines leaves State Prison.

The Rev. Charles Hannigan, for many years in charge of Our Lady of Victory Mission in West Southern Pines, has been succeeded here by the Rev. J. F. Quinlan.

This week marks the 15th anniversary of the appointment of Howard F. Burns as City Clerk-Treasurer of Southern Pines.

1938

Central board to direct Boy Scout work organized. W. Duncan Matthews heads group to coordinate activities of 4 troops.

Miss Lenora Riggan and Mrs. Earl Merrill entertained last Saturday night at 3 tables of bridge honoring Mrs. Vinson Johnson.

Mrs. E. M. Pettes, Mrs. M. R. Carpenter and Miss Cora Leggett left Southern Pines for Auburndale, Fla., for a stay of several weeks.

1931

Chief B. H. Beasley killed by Negro he was trying to befriend.

Miss Helen Thompson went to Queens College in Charlotte Monday to give instruction in archery.

1925

Paul T. Barnum elected a town commissioner to fill the unexpired term of H. A. Lewis, resigned.

T. S. Burgess has started work on a 7-room bungalow located on New York avenue for P. A. Chambers.

1920

Mrs. Essie B. Farmer has bought the Pine Grove house which is now open for guests.

George Garner has opened a meat market on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Bennett street.

1914

Mrs. Fred Dixon has sold her variety store to Mr. Green, brother of Mrs. I. F. Chandler.

The officials of the Board of Trade are trying to find out who the man was who stole several ribbons from the exhibits.

1911

Clarke's Opera House is to be improved inside and out. New opera chairs have arrived and will be put in at once. The paint brush will be used where it will do the most good and a general fixing up of this old landmark be effected.

1906

Old Sol is certainly a front page personage just now for he has been away from his post of duty for 10 days and Jupiter Pluvius has been substituting for him to the positive disgust of the people of this region. Officers elected for the coming year by the King's Daughters are: Leader Edith F. Barnes; Vice Leader, Louise Kitchell; Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Oslin; Treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Gould.

1901

Members of the Southern Pines Amusement Association scoring over 100 at candle pins are L. E. Grover, and H. Clarke 109, W. D. Bruhn and R. E. Geyer, 108, H. O. Parker 103, E. D. Oslin 104. Of the ladies, only one, Miss Clyde Stewart, scored over 100. Mrs. C. L. Hayes 97, Mrs. J. H. Tilghman, 87, Miss Margaret Blue, Miss Anna Junge and Miss Grace Hunter 86.

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