

Turpentine Drippings

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HOW COME COLOR

(Holt McPherson Shelby Star)
Frank Kowalk, whose business as trees, furnishes this statement by Frank Pipal, Omaha city forester, on how old Mother Nature spatters trees:

"Jack Frost is not responsible, as commonly supposed, for the coloring of the leaves. Many leaves turn even before there is any frost.

"When Nature gives the signal the leaf stalk develops a special layer of cells at the point where it is attached to the twig. Another layer, next to it, forms cork-like cells without any open passages. This prevents the flow of raw sap into the leaf and gradually slows process of food manufacturing and formation of the green coloring matter, known as chlorophyll. When this process ceases entirely the chlorophyll disappears and under it are exposed tiny crystals, which are yellow and known as carotin and anthophyll. They are found in large numbers in carrots and yolks of eggs. These crystals give the leaves the yellow color, and we find their best showing in cottonwoods and soft maples.

"The most gorgeous colors are the scarlet, red, and their mixtures with yellow. They are produced by the accumulation of sugar in the leaves, which produces a coloring matter known as anthocyanin. The more sugar the deeper the red. The best display of this coloring is found in sugar

and other maples, some oaks, summa, certain varieties of Viburnum and Euonymus.

"The presence of tannic acid in the leaf sap is responsible for the brown colorations.

"The prevalence and the brilliance of the fall colors depend a great deal on the preceding weather. Plenty of sunshine, sufficient moisture, and cool nights following warm days give best results. Drouth, cloudiness and warm nights give results.

"Sunshine is absolutely necessary to manufacture sugars. That is the reason why trees and plants most exposed to the sun, especially the afternoon sun have accumulated large supplies of sugars and produce the best coloring. This is an important point to remember when planting trees or shrubs which are known to produce brilliant coloring. If planted in shady spots the results will be disappointing.

"After some very cool nights and frosts Nature gives another signal, and the special layer of cells mentioned above separates and the leaves fall.

PRESBYTERIAN'S QUIT

(D. Scott Poole, Sandhill Citizen)
In the Presbyterian Churches in our section they always sang the hymn "Twice On That Sad and Doleful Night" before the administration of the Lord's Supper. At one church in our section they sang that solemn tune, and two sisters shouted. They were only Presbyterians I ever knew who shouted. In fact, I believe they have all quit shouting.

UNEMPLOYABLES

(Warren Record)
So we have people who are willing to work, even anxious to work, unable to find jobs suitable to their talents. For all purposes they are unemployable. Breeding almost like flies, they offer an increasing threat to our well being; they are a constant drag on our progress. They are our greatest problem. Any solution is apt to be a long-time one, and meantime a very expensive one.

GIVE HIM TIME

(Sanford Herald)
Eight-year-old Johnny Williams

lives at the corner of Summit avenue and Endor street a convenient spot for hitch-hikers.

The other day a rough looking sergeant from Fort Bragg was standing on the corner waiting to catch a ride when Johnny walked up and started talking.

During the course of the conversation Johnny said: "The war looks pretty bad, doesn't it?"

"Yes it does," the sergeant answered.

"You know if it keeps up I'll be in it myself."

THE HAM'S ALL GONE

(Mount Olive Tribune)
The madam took it to one of the markets to be sliced, and employees of the store tried in every way possible to divert her attention long enough to let a couple of pieces fall on the floor, where they could retrieve it later. She, as we could have told them was too smart for any tricks like that, for she likes ham, too, and was counting every time the slicing machine passed through the meat. She demanded-and got-just that many pieces.

After tasting the meat, and finding it every bit as good, or better than the sample we'd had before, we mentioned it to Bill

CLOSING LINES

(Frances Fraizer in Waynesville Mountaineer)
We received a letter from a spl-Gupton, who's conducting The Tribune's subscription campaign. We should have been warned by the crafty gleam which shone in his eye, and the nervous twitching of his Charlie Chaplin mustache.

When leaving for his house trailer, Bill casually drove by our house, got a whiff of the ham frying, and absolutely refused to leave until we gave him a slice. Knowing that once the odor of that earthly bit of heaven soaked through his trailer, Mrs. Gupton would be drooling for some, too, we finally relented and let him have two slices for their breakfast next morning.

Bill told us later that, after arriving home, he and Mrs. Gupton began a deep conversation on the possibility of one, or both of them, dying before morning, and wound up eating both slices of ham that night.

We had ham morning, noon and night. In between meals a slice of ham between two pieces of bread (with such gravy around biscuits never lasted through a meal, much less after one) further tickled our palate.

The family quit eating it every meal after the children got to grunting and squealing, and rooting under the furniture. After that



Star Gary Cooper and tempestuous Lauren Bacall meet in a scene from "Bright Leaf," Warner Bros. long-awaited romantic drama, opening at the Marco Theatre on Thursday. Story of love amidst the creation of a tobacco empire, the film also stars Patricia Neal and Jack Carson, directed by Michael Curtiz.

we only ate it twice a day.

The reason we let you in on our good fortune is so you'll know why there's been such a shortage of rice here lately—we were using it all with that ham and gravy.

But, there's no use coming around now—the ham's all gone, and it's just like the day after Christmas!

GRAND LAND

(Twin City Sentinel)
It's a grand country, and in spite of everything there's a pretty good chance some of us will get out of it alive.

IT DOESN'T WORK

(Florence Morning News)
When the South Carolina General Assembly imposed an additional tax on cigarettes, it did so to boost the state revenue. But word from Columbia says that this has not been the case. The lawmakers figured that the cigarette tax would bring in some \$3,500,000 in

additional revenue. A recent survey of the situation, however, finds that instead of increasing the revenue from cigarette tax money, the new tax is actually decreasing it.

What has happened? The answer is easy. It was pointed out by this and other newspapers when the legislators were considering the additional tax. Cigarette smokers have been buying their cigarettes in tax-free North Carolina and in other states where the tax is lower than in South Carolina.

DOCTOR KNOWS BEST

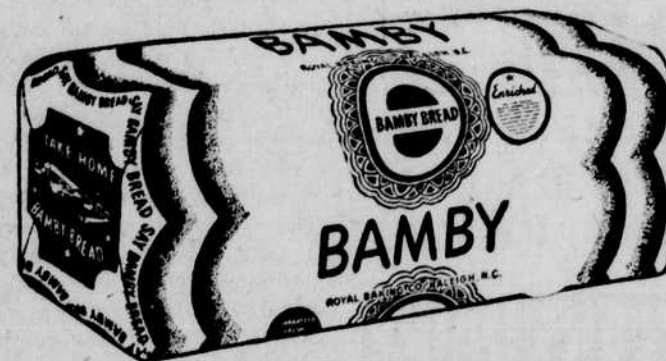
(V. C. Marley)
Heard of a feller who was feeling sluggish. He went to the doctor after a little check-over the old doctor told him not to work any more until he saw him again. The doctor died, and the man is still following the doctor's instructions, although it has been nearly twenty years.



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