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## ALMANAC



"A woman always has her mirror ready"  
—Moliere

### AUGUST

- 6—Battle of Orleans, N. Y., 1777.
- 7—War Department established, 1782.
- 8—First locomotive run on rails in U. S., 1825.
- 9—Indiana drove Whites from New Mexico, 1826.
- 10—American ship completed around-world voyage, 1791.
- 11—Tornado ripped across Iowa, 1894.
- 12—First police force in New York City, 1838.

Naturally, we are like most other Americans in hoping and believing that England will eventually win this war, but having it happen in the ninth inning is terribly hard on our nerves.

### George W. Hardison

In the sudden passing last Thursday night of George W. Hardison, postmaster here for a number of years, Washington County has lost one of its first citizens, and many people in Plymouth consider that they have lost one of their best friends. Friendly and affable on all occasions, Mr. Hardison was that rare type of man who not only never had an enemy in the world but about whom no one ever had other than a good word.

In his dealings with the public, covering a long period of years, Mr. Hardison was always courteous, efficient and considerate in every transaction. He maintained an active interest in public affairs, serving as county auditor for several years before becoming postmaster here, and he could always be depended upon to lend his support to any movement for the betterment of his community and his county.

The sympathy of the entire section goes out to members of his family in their sudden and unexpected bereavement. However, their chief consolation must be a contemplation of the record of his useful life and actions, which commanded the admiration and respect of all who knew him.

His wise counsel and friendly interest in local affairs will be sorely

missed, because men of the high character of George W. Hardison are not easily replaced.

### Evidences of Unity Begin To Multiply

The manner in which people of this section of the country have responded to requests for voluntary cooperation with the national defense program must be a serious blow to the hopes of any foreign aggressors who may have counted on disunity of our people to hamper our military preparations and aid to other democracies. It has been stated that Hitler is depending on racial and class differences to render us impotent in opposing his plans for world conquest; but, if the response to requests for voluntary cooperation in these parts is any indication of what may be expected in the nation as a whole, then Herr Hitler is in for a rude awakening.

Take the matter of halting sales of gasoline and oil between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m., for instance. Although filling stations have been accustomed to remaining open until all hours, we do not know of one that is not complying with the oil administrator's request. While this plan may not accomplish the desired curtailment in use of gasoline hoped for, we believe it will serve to bring home to our people the fact that we are really threatened with war; and whenever this realization dawns on them, somebody had better look out for fireworks.

The adoption of daylight saving time is another case in point. Although a great many people do not see any sense in it and a great many others do not believe it will save any electric current whatever, when the President asked for it in the name of national defense almost everybody moved their watches and clocks ahead without any argument.

Those foreign dictators are clean off base when they take the good old American custom of arguing back as an indication that we are a disunited people. As a matter of fact, we talk too much for our own good, mostly because we have an inherent right to do it. We are prone to argue a lot more for the sake of argument than for what we actually believe. But when it comes to the showdown, and the American people are finally brought to a realization that the aggressors aren't bluffing and really constitute a threat to our country, we confidently believe these same people will give a demonstration of solidarity that will shake the old world to its foundations. And woe betide any Chaplinesque-mustached fuhrer who happens to get in their path when they start marching.

### Encouraging

One of the most encouraging little items we have seen recently is the following little squib from the "Washington Merry-Go-Round," a daily column of Capital chit-chat written by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen:

"Senator Reynolds is chairman of

## QUESTION of THE WEEK ??

Individual Opinions of People You Know About  
Current Matters of General Public Interest

*It Has Been Suggested That Schools in Washington County Open on August 28, What Do You Think About It?*

Mrs. Garland Hardison, wife of an industrial worker: "For goodness sake don't start school while it is hot. Two years ago school started in August and the heat was so oppressive that it was necessary to reduce the daily teaching schedule to about a half day. The children are too warm to study and the teachers can not be as efficient in the sweltering heat."

O. R. Leggett, merchant and member of the Town of Plymouth council: "Seems to me it is better to teach in the cool spring than to start school in the hot month of August. Also children wish to visit in the spring traveling with athletic teams and the band. When they get out too early in the spring there is not enough time to take in all these activities."

A. P. Lefever, Wenona farmer: "Usually it is too hot in August and first of September for children and teachers to be at their best. Farmers in many cases may need their children now so that they can help with farm crops, especially with tobacco. It seems that September 11 would be a good day for school to begin."

Mrs. Blanche Jackson, housewife: "Too hot to put children in school in August. Some times it is almost too hot in September. It is important that student and child be comfortable if both are to do their best work. Usually when school starts in August

the Military Affairs Committee in name only. The committee actually is run by loyal Administration Senators. Reynolds carries no weight in the Senate; even his fellow isolationists privately don't rate him very high."

### Let's Not Forget

Dare County Times

It looks as if the present State administration intends to do much to make up for the neglect under which this region has long suffered because of needs for roads. Most informed people feel hopeful that the present administration expects to build one of the two bridges sought over Alligator River and Croatan Sound. If they will build one of the bridges, we will be thankful, and are not disposed to fight about which one. But we should most respectfully ask the administration to follow during its term of office with the second bridge, not only that the whole project may be completed to the credit of the administration but that nothing can happen to leave one of the bridges in the discard, should the present officials be succeeded by ones not so favorable.

We should stand together, in asking for a definite pledge for the entire program. All interests will then be happy; all will know where each is standing. And we owe it to each other, because of the former pledge to stand united in working for the common good.

the daily schedule is reduced so that a rainy day schedule is observed and the children do not get the proper number of teaching hours during a month."

Mrs. Linwood Brown, housewife: "By all means start about middle of September. It is far too hot usually in August for children to go to school."

Miss Judy Brown, high school student: "If school is started in August as the weather is here, it apparently will be too hot. In Richwood we usually start school first or second week in September. The weather there is usually cooler at all seasons than here. It is not necessary to get out so early in the spring."

Mrs. W. V. Hays, housewife: "It is immaterial with me. I usually follow along with the crowd. It may be too hot to talk about starting school now, but it may be cooler the last of this month. I have two to go whenever it does start."

H. H. McLean, school superintendent: "Schools started in August will be in line with Martin, Chowan and Tyrrell Counties and will give a complete half-term before Christmas dispensing with examinations after the Christmas holidays. Children moving from one school to another will have their complete units for the half term. Farmers may need their children worse in spring than in the early fall."

## Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

### Adolph's Prayer—

(Published in R. C. A. F. Western Air Command Review, Nov., 1940.)  
Gott, Gott, dear Gott, attention please!

Your partner Adolph's here  
Und has a word or two to say  
Indo your private ear:  
So turn away all udders now  
And listen vell to me.  
For vit I say concerns me much  
Mienself and Shermanny.  
You know, dear Gott, I was your friend,  
Und from mine hour of birth  
I quietly let you rule der Heffens  
Vile I rule o'er der Earth.

Ang ven I told my soldiers  
I gladly split der glory  
And give you half der praise.

In every way I tried to prove  
Mien heart to you was true.  
And only claimed mien honest share  
In great deeds dot ve do.  
You could not half a better friend  
In sky or land or sea  
Dan Adolph Hitler number vun  
Der Lord of Shermanny.

So vot I say, dear Gott, is dis:  
Dot you should still be friends  
And you should help me send mien foes

To meet der bitter ends.  
If you, dear Gott, vill dis me do,  
I'll nothing ask again  
And you and I vill pardners be  
For ever more, — Amen.

But listen Gott, it must be quick  
Your help to me you send,  
Or else I have to stop attack  
Und only play defend  
To make the Allies run  
So—four and twenty hours I gif  
Und put me safe into mien place  
Der middle of der Sun.

If you do dis I'll do mien part,  
I'll tell der world der fact—  
But if you don't den I must tink  
It is a hostile act.  
Den var at once I will declare  
Und in mien anger rise,  
Und send send mien bomber ships  
to vage

A fight up in der skies.  
Dis ultimatum now, dear Gott,  
Is one of many more.  
Mien mind is settled up to clean  
Der whole world off der floor,  
Because you vas mien pardner, Gott  
An extra shance is giften.  
So help at once, or else I'll be  
Der Emperor of Heffen.

### Newspaperman's Creed—

I believe in the profession of journalism.  
I believe that the public journal is

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a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only that which he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and

editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for it; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best—and best deserves success—fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid; is quickly indignant at injustice; in unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.



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# Filling Station BLACKOUT

THE FILLING STATIONS LISTED BELOW HAVE SUSPENDED ALL  
SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING GASOLINE AND OIL  
EVERY DAY

From 7 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Observance of these hours was requested by Defense Coordinator Harold L. Ickes. The order will apply to more than 100,000 filling stations in eastern states. Oil distributors have been asked to withhold supplies from any station operators guilty of continued and deliberate failure to comply with the regulations.

To prevent inconvenience to their customers and to advise the public of the new hours, the following stations publish this notice:

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