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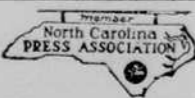
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"You cannot eat your cake and have it too" — Plautus

JANUARY

29—Andrew Jackson shot at in capitol, Washington, by Richard Lawson, 1835.

30—King Charles I of England beheaded, 1649.

31—Alexander Hamilton retires from Washington's cabinet, 1795.

FEBRUARY

1—Vassar college named after chief benefactor, 1867.

2—Ground hog day. Treaty of Peace with Mexico signed, 1848.

3—Indiana passes law punishing wife-beating with flogging, 1891.

—Philippine-American war begins, 1899.

Growth of the Local B. & L. Association

The continued steady growth and progress of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association is reaching remarkable proportions, as even a casual study of its recent annual statement will reveal.

Starting off from scratch a little over four years ago, the association was commended in its first year of operation by the state insurance commissioner, who has supervision of such organizations by state law; and since that time, its assets have very nearly doubled every year. It has helped numerous local people to build, repair, or buy their homes; it has helped countless others to save money systematically which they otherwise would not have saved; and it has served the community in various other ways.

Its successful operation during the first four years of its existence is a tribute to the ability of its officers and directors; and it should continue to grow in usefulness under their guidance. It is a striking example of what can be accomplished through unselfish cooperation with very little effort; unselfish because none of its officers or directors receive any remuneration for their work; and the fact that so many have pitched in and taken an interest in the association has made little effort required on the part of any one individual.

Plymouth has probably never started any other community undertaking which has returned as many benefits for so many people in such a short period of time. And an era of even more real usefulness undoubtedly lies ahead of it.

Self-Made Difficulties

Daylight saving time effective just one week from next Monday, and we presume we are in for a season of argument over its disadvantages by those who have always raised a howl in the past over its disadvantages. The Raleigh News and Observer recently expressed itself along very sensible lines regarding the "new time" in the following article:

"A story announcing President Roosevelt's signature to the newly enacted daylight savings time statute says: 'John Q. Public tonight faced the complex problem of readjusting

his sleeping, working, eating and recreation schedules to meet the exigencies of national daylight savings time."

"If there are any difficulties in connection with the matter they will be largely of the self-made variety. Nearly all people in cities and towns are slaves to the clock. Most of the people in the country ignore the clock and live by the sun. In either event, no radical change is necessary. Those who live by clocks need only change their clocks once and then forget about it. Those who live by the sun will continue to do so.

In any event, the adjustment will be easier than in the past, for beginning February 9 the entire country and everything in it, including buses and trains which have never observed state laws on the subject, will be on the advanced time and there will be no excuse for anyone to attempt to maintain two kinds of time."

Another Big Industry in Prospect for Section

The possibility that the Dupont Company may establish itself in this immediate section, as announced at the meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development last week, comes as mighty good news. Recognizing that there are many "ifs" and "buts" about the proposition, it is still good news that Dupont engineers consider the possibility of developing the "black sand" of the Albemarle into a source of ilmenite worth further experimentation and investigation.

The thanks of the section are due those who have been active in interesting the Dupont firm in the possibilities of developing an almost limitless supply of the valuable ore, and quite naturally the people of this section are hoping the research work under way will result in a recovery plant being located in the region.

Carl L. Bailey, local attorney, and W. R. Hampton, local member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, have had leading parts in keeping this project before the Duponts, and certainly Plymouth and Washington County will not lose anything as a result of their unflagging public-spiritedness in attempting to bring another great industry to the section. More power to them.

Marines Still Gallant

On a tiny coral island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a staunch group of Marines resisted for days the attempts of Japan to establish a base. Wave after wave of Japanese planes swooped low over Wake Island spraying death with bombs and machine guns. Japanese ships kept up a constant bombardment.

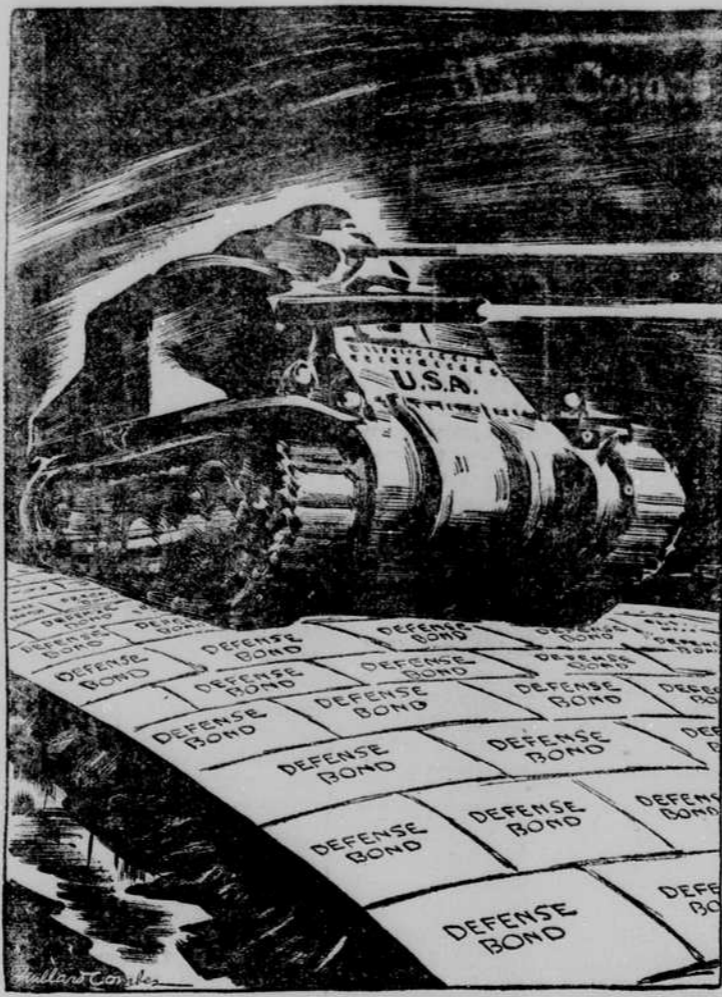
Many sons of Nippon went to the land of their ancestors, but still they attacked, and still the Marines held their ground. Hawaii finally established contact with Wake and asked if anything was needed. The commanding officer of the Marines then, it is reported, made the classic remark "Yes—send us more Japs!"

But such defiance is not without precedent in the annals of the Marines. During World War I, somewhere between Chateau Thierry and Paris, Capt. Lloyd W. Williams and his company of Marines were ordered by a French officer to retreat before the German advance. "Retreat Hell, we just got here!" was Williams' reply.

Going back to the Spanish American War, on the night of February 15, 1898, the U. S. S. Maine was mysteriously blown up while lying in Havana harbor. Calmly picking his way through dead and wounded, the lights of the vessel extinguished, shells exploding around him, compartments filled with smoke, and the vessel itself rapidly sinking, Private Willia Anthony of the Marine Corps made his way below decks to the cabin of Capt. Sigbee and said, "Sir, I have to report that the ship has been blown up and is sinking."

The motto of the Marine, "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful), is something more than a slogan to this amphibious fighting man. It is a symbol of loyalty to his country

PAVE THE WAY



Willard Comber cartoons courtesy of Cleveland Press.

QUESTION of THE WEEK ??

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

What Do You Think of the United States Sending Soldiers to Northern Ireland?

J. H. Swindell, a veteran of the first World War: "I hardly know. Looks like we must send troops where ever the enemy might come. This will be one of the best tricks of the war to get the most there first and to strike the hardest. Since this nation is fighting Germany, Italy and Japan, troops must be moved according to an Allied plan and not according to the way we see it."

M. S. Phelps, of Roper, industrial worker: "I think that we should send men anywhere they are needed in this war. United States troops have been sent to Iceland and other places and it seems that it would be all right to send our men to England."

E. S. Blount, lieutenant in the first World War and merchant: "It appears to me that this is a good idea. In order to reach an enemy far away it is necessary to have bases close to the enemy. In this war this country when protecting its allies is protecting America. This country must become as strong as it is possible to make it."

Douglas Gurkin, young industrial worker: "It seems to me that our troops should be headed toward the Pacific bases rather than to the British Isles. It looks to me like this country would do well with the Allies to beat down and destroy Japan and then go to Hitler's Germany. It appears to me that the weak one of the partners should be eliminated first and then take the others in stride."

I don't believe that there is any great bad in a person good enough to forget the cares of a nation at war long enough to sponsor and participate in a drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis. I believe that the Great God in his wisdom will preserve the life and vigor of this 60-year-old man until the last battle has been fought and the victory won for the great powers that are scrapping the bullies of aggression. I believe that fate maneuvered the destiny of this man so that today he stands unperturbed at the head of this nation to avoid a catastrophe that was about to engulf a nation that had been divided by apathetic men in high places and low places in government, labor, industry, business and agriculture. I believe that his great vigor that

enabled him to win a hard battle against infantile paralysis himself will provide the necessary spark that will awaken all to their tasks and to the defense of a country so great that it takes one of the greatest men of all the world at all times to lead the democracies in the battle to preserve the freedom of the world. I am persuaded that his training as the governor of New York State and his two terms as the president of the United States stands him in good stead to take care of the nation in a time of war that is now straining the nerves of the lawmakers. I am so blind in my faith in him that I believe that even though he be given the powers of a dictator during the emergency that we are now in, that when the war is over and the victory is won, that he will relinquish these powers of his own accord as this country goes back to the principles of democracy. I am bound to acknowledge that I am proud of his steadfast principles that permitted him to continue his dogged course in preparing this nation for war despite the howls and stigma that emitted from the mouths of such fellows as Lindbergh, Wheeler and others who were so shortsighted that they used the freedoms guaranteed by the constitution to assail him verbally at every opportunity.

I am bound to admit that I think that he knows what this war is all about. And knowing what to do, where and when to do it, that he will do the things that will make him one of the greatest presidents that ever lived, ranking with Washington, Lincoln and Wilson. I am glad that I am a Democrat in my politics because I am glad that I supported such a man when I went to the polls. And I am more than proud that he can now forget party lines and put to work such men as Willie, Stimson and others who are not of the same political faith but of the same nation. Americans all. I know he has made mistakes. I didn't like his efforts to pack the Supreme Court bench. He must have been right because even though his efforts failed, for it worked around so that the majority of this high tribunal today are the men he has appointed. I know that Hitler doesn't like him neither does Mussolini nor this Jap fellow called "Togo" or something. Some of his own fellows didn't like him. Most of his enemies though were either asleep or all along they have been flirting with foreign powers.

I like him because he is a fighting man. He won over disease, he won over all of his political opponents and now he will win over the combined forces of Germany, Italy, Bulgaria Roumania and whoever else is on the other side. I know that first, last and probably always he is a politician. But then he is an American. I know he fought hard in politics but I have never known him to speak harshly or dirty of an opponent. And so far as I know there has been no charges of political skulduggery against him. I know he has the quality of leadership because Winston Churchill, Joe Stalin and others have turned to him not only for weapons but for advice on the conduct of this struggle in which I think that Stalin has manifested the greatest ability for leadership.

I know he has a silver tongue for oratory. His voice over the airwaves seems to quicken and make vital the words he speaks. And I imagine his personality is just as good. I know that as a statesman the Social Security Act, the Unemployment Compensation Commission and other such social measures will stand him in good stead when the yardstick of accomplishment is placed on his career. I know that as a churchman he worships as he believes. Any man who can leave his desk when the worries of a nation at war are burning him down and worship for an

hour at the altar of Christianity will be made the better for his action. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that Roosevelt loves people. I mean loves them in all of their fickleness, loyalty, friendship and happiness. I'll bet he just likes people, people like you and I. I think that when he dies, his name will be famous. Not that the renown will accrue to him because he is the only three time president of the 31, but that he was a man who loved people, a man who could sympathize with the lowly and hold the esteem of the high. I like Roosevelt as a man. A man of wealth but sympathetic to and champion of the cause of the poor. A man who could crack down on an opponent and then suffer being chucked-down on himself. A man whose wealth might raise him above worry, but who worries over each of the 130,000,000 Americans. I admire him as a man, as a leader, as a statesman, as a president, as the commander-in-chief of the army and as a man who can remember that he once suffered with infantile paralysis and then with friends started a foundation for combating this disease. I believe that since I like Roosevelt so much that he would like for me to contribute to the fund which will be used for combating this dreaded affliction that may come to my children and your children. I always celebrate the birthdays

of those I like, so I will remember President Roosevelt on January 30.

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CHERRY Mrs. Jim Liverman and son, James of New Bern, attended the funeral of Mrs. Jodie King last Thursday. Miss Hazel White, of E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom White. Leroy Phelps, who is with the U. S. Coast Guard, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Phelps. Mrs. Pauline Lamb, of Williams- ton, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Phelps. Junior Spruill and Mrs. Bill Herring, of Portsmouth, Va., visited their mother, Mrs. E. F. Spruill, Monday. Mrs. Aydielt Morris and daughter Dianne, visited her brother, D. F. Davenport, Sunday.

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