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"The child is father of the man" —Wordsworth

MAY

- 14—Lewis and Clark started exploration of the West, 1804.
- 15—Official capitulation of Netherlands army, 1940.
- 16—Boswell met Samuel Johnson, 1763.
- 17—First Kentucky Derby won by Aristides, 1875.
- 18—Muscle Shoals bill signed, 1933.
- 19—Jefferson Davis failed in Monroe Fortress, 1865.
- 20—Germany fortifies Polish border, 1939.

W. W. BAYNE

Saturday Is Your Last Day to Register

People who have moved into this county since the last election or who have become of age since that time should remember to get their names on the registration books by Saturday night, in order to be eligible to vote in the primary May 30 and the General Election in November.

To cast a ballot is not only a democratic privilege, it is an obligation and a duty. In this immediate territory, where there are comparatively few Republicans the primary takes on an importance even greater than that of general elections in other places, where the party membership is more equally divided. Those who do not register and vote as Democrats in the primary have very little say-so about their local government.

If you are not registered and are qualified in every other particular, be

sure to see your registrar Saturday and get your name on the books.

If Air Raids Come
By RUTH TAYLOR

In our coastal cities whenever two or three people are gathered together, there is one subject that is always under discussion. Will the spring bring air-raids? Feeling rides high on this subject as those who say "impossible" and those who say "Certainly" thrash out their respective strategies.

But, while we prepare nationally and locally for air-raids, let us reason it out. If an air-raid comes, what will the enemy hope to attain? We all admit that the destruction would be comparatively small considering the size of the country—though that thought is of small comfort to those who are bombed.

The enemy, however, has one bigger object in view—to create panic. There are those among us who say that would be the case. I do not think so. I have infinite faith in the ability of our people to face a crisis or a crushing tragedy with calm fortitude. We have always risen to the need of the occasion and we will not fail.

But the enemy feels that we will become jittery, that our morale will be shaken, our nerves upset. That is what they want to accomplish. Are you going to give in?

Now can we face the crisis when and if it comes? We know the rules. We can obey the physical ones—that is merely a matter of intelligent co-operation. But how can we conquer our instinctive reactions? How can we remain cool? How can we beat the Axis nations at their own game?

One way we can do this is by self-control. No air-raid can last forever. We can't run away from it. But we can obey orders and then hang on for just a little longer. It may call for all our staying qualities, but we can do it—if we face the unescapable facts that—we are in a war: It is a war which must be fought until it is won: There must be no retreat on the home front.

There is one abiding thing that will help us hold firm. We can follow the command of Him who said "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." For in the words of the Psalmist: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in Him will I trust."

Americanism: Your family doing without new clothes so you can pay taxes; a weapon maker paying his stenographer \$25,000 a year to get rid of profits.—Rocky Mount Telegram.



Rambing R...About
By THE RAMBLER

Back Again—

Back on November 19, 1939, this conductor of the Rambler column took off for the Carolina-Duke football game at Durham and delegated the task of filling this space the following week to another member of the staff. It so happened that the other fellow liked columning, while this one is constitutionally opposed to anything that savors of work, so the former was elected to continue it from that day. Then along came this country's entrance into the war, which brought about a great many changes, including a 25 per cent curtailment of the Beacon force, and that in turn brings about our return to the field of columning. All of which is by way of an explanation for our sudden and oh-so-complete conversion to General Sherman's opinion about what war really is—only we are a dang sight more emphatic that he was.

Time Marches On—

A lot of water has run under the bridge—and even over the Williams-ton fill—since November, 1939. At that time Hitler was a comparatively small pirate; he had only taken over a couple of countries—Czecho-Slovakia and Poland—the French and German armies were sniping at each other from behind the Maginot and Siegfried Westwall fortifications; Russia was a full-fledged partner of der Fuehrer in divvying up the Polish spoils; Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Albania and Greece were still countries in their own right; and the Jap was up to his ears in China, with an occasional pot shot at an American or European followed by profuse "so sorry—excuse it, please."

And Now—

Well, just look at us: up to our ears in a desperate struggle for existence; trying to fight on a dozen different fronts scattered all over the whole wide world; signing up for rationing cards for gasoline; already rationed on sugar and auto tires; hundreds of our finest young men leaving civilian occupations for the uncertainties of military existence, some of them volunteers and others being

sent by a board composed of their friends and neighbors. Withal, there is remarkably little grumbling and few crying out against the drastic changes that have been made in our every-day existence. Yet, if this Rambler or anyone else had predicted two and a half years ago the things that have since come to pass, we'd have been lucky if we were permitted to run around loose.

Other Changes—

Even the changes that have been brought about in our lives pale into insignificance, however, when we consider the havoc wrought in other nations. Suppose you lived in France,

or Greece, or China, or the Philippines, or Java, or Burma, or any one of a dozen other countries that have been overrun and laid waste by the iron hand of conquest conducted by Hitler, Mussolini or Hirohito. In those places, it's not a question of rationing such things as gasoline and sugar, it's a question of getting enough bare necessities, a piece of black bread, a few grains of rice, to maintain a spark of life. Any slight protest is met with repressive measures which mean the horrors of concentration camps, and those who are shot to death are probably the lucky ones. We could be a lot worse off than we are; as a matter of fact, things will probably get a lot worse before they get any better.

Cuffless Trousers—

With the thousands of real hardships to undergo, the thing that strikes us as being the height of something-or-other is that of a healthy able-bodied man sounding off because he can't get cuffs on the trousers of his new suit. That's putting the cart before the horse up our way; because we are not nearly so

much concerned about getting cuffs on our trousers as we are about getting the trousers.

Another Howl—

That other squawk you hear down about the office of the rationing board is being raised by a two-faced man with a double chin beefing because he only got one sugar rationing card.

Hit-Or-Miss—

Thus endeth the first episode by a returned rambler. Due to having to double up and triple up and quadruple up as advertising solicitor, news reporter, printing solicitor, business manager, Linotype operator, ad man man, make-up man, collector, pressman, correspondent, delivery boy, and general factotum, it is not only possible but highly probable that this column will appear on a hit-or-miss basis from now on, because the prospect of long hot days ahead in front of a typewriter keyboard is enervating in itself. Even that could be worse, though; we only write this stuff, we don't have to read it. Come

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. W. E. Old, our former representative at Williamston, N. C., is no longer employed by us, and we will not be responsible for any commitments made or obligations assumed by him.

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Thrifty women work out a food budget, setting aside a definite amount of money for each group of foods listed here. This will insure your getting all the basic necessary foods for health, without spending too much for any one group. Then, with any budgeted food money that is left over, treat your family to a few well-chosen luxury foods. But in spite of price fluctuations be sure to buy the necessary "protective" foods first.



schedule all the foods for the oven if you need the oven for any food. Some products may be cooked ahead for the next day while the oven is hot. This saves electricity which is now so important for war production.

Procrastination is the worst enemy of systematic meal planning. Don't be caught "putting-it-off." It hurts your time, your health, and your pocket-book! Plan your meals in advance!

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