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ALMANAC

"Misfortunes are unbiddlen"
— German proverb

MAY

28—Belgium surrendered, 1940.
29—Gen. Grant declined consideration of 'third term,' 1875.
30—Memorial Day.

JUNE

1—Hitler announces 4-year plan for German recovery, 1934.
2—First New York legislature met, 1815.
3—Former Judge Manton found guilty of bribery, 1939.

WHD REVIEW

Doing a Difficult Job In a Splendid Manner

The general public seems to be singularly unappreciative of the splendid work that is being done—and has been done—by the several boards set up to handle local phases of our war effort. The men who make up these groups are human; and, as such, are subject to the frailties which cause mistakes to be made, but there is little cause for much of the criticism which has been directed toward them.

They are thankless tasks, at their best. The men who make up the boards receive no compensation whatever for their work. They entered upon it purely as a patriotic desire to be of some service to our country at its time of greatest need.

To begin with, they have very definite regulations and rules with which they must conform in reaching their decisions. There is little left to their individual discretion; and it is a fact that many cases which, on the surface, seem identical are in reality entirely dissimilar and often unrelated. Most of their decisions are based on claims which are open to public inspection; and a little more investigation before sounding off would stop most of the criticism we have heard before it was even uttered.

We know most of the men who make up the local boards. We believe they are honest, fair-minded men who have done and are doing their level best to see that everyone is treated fairly. They deserve the help and sympathetic support of every decent right-thinking person.

NOTICE

EFFECTIVE June 30th, 1942, this company's present plan of providing Free Entrance Wiring for Electric Range and Electric Water Heater installations will be discontinued.

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After all, it is no more their war than it is ours.

We have in mind particularly the selective service and rationing boards of the county. They have done—and are doing—a difficult job in a splendid manner. There are enough headaches connected with their work without unjustified criticism being added. The next time you feel the urge to criticize, consider for a moment whether you know all the facts, what you would do if you were in their shoes; and then give thanks that it isn't up to you to decide, but that you have a conscientious group of fair-minded neighbors to shoulder this burden.

Local Groups Cooperate To Sell War Stamps

It is a pleasure to commend the efforts being put forth by the Plymouth Theatre and the Plymouth Merchants Association to boost the sale of War Bonds and Stamps here Saturday and Monday. It is a pleasure for two reasons; first, of course, because it should constitute a substantial contribution to our war effort; and a second, because it reflects a spontaneous willingness to cooperate in putting over something for the public good without a taint of commercialism. It is a healthy, refreshing sign that augurs well for the community as a whole.

Premature Optimism Has Likely Reaction

During the past few days, a great many people have been heard to express the opinion that the war will be over by the first of the year, that Germany is just about licked and that Japan will get hers just as soon as we are finished with Hitler. We fervently hope these people are right, but there are few real facts which substantiate such premises, and the American people should not permit themselves to become too optimistic and blind to the tremendous task that lies ahead.

In the first place, Germany is still a formidable military antagonist, despite such losses as she has suffered on the Russian front. The increasing R. A. F. raids on industrial objectives, while important, can hardly be considered blows that will win this war. Defenseless Madrid, during the Spanish civil war, was unmercifully bombed and strafed by everything Franco, Hitler and Mussolini could send over it, and yet it held out for upwards of two years. So far, there have been no comparable sustained bombings on any German city.

The recent naval and air successes of United Nation forces against the Japanese are encouraging, but here again there is no evidence that anything like a knockout blow is in immediate prospect against this enemy. So far, the war has been carried to Japan itself in but one air raid by American forces. The rest of the time, all the battles have been and are being fought on land and on water formerly controlled by the United Nations. It is extremely doubtful that this war will ever be ended until the aggressor nations themselves are invaded, by land, sea and air; and it requires a supreme optimist to see that in prospect now.

Those who hope for internal break-ups to destroy Germany and Japan can get but little to sustain that hope from the opinions of experts who are familiar with internal conditions inside those countries. There is more hope for collapse of Italy, but here the Germans have stepped in

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Not That Bad—Yet—

Norman and Rodman moved into their brand new law offices week before last just about the same time that Jack Willoughby was getting his new laundry ready for business, and thereby hangs a brief tale. The Norman and Rodman offices and the new laundry are located just across a vacant lot from each other, and several people dropped into the lawyers' office with the mistaken idea that it was the new laundry. However, it remained for a man from down the county to put on the finishing touches. This man breezed into the reception room and asked Miss Agnes Davis, the secretary, "Where's the boss?" She looked up in startled surprise and replied "In the office at the rear." Before she could ask him to state his business or tell him he was in the wrong place, the stranger ambled on back to the private office of the senior member of the firm, walked in and tossed a big bundle on the floor. "I want these washed," he said, "when can I come back for 'em?" Mr. Norman finally convinced him that while a law office is a good place to go when you want a suit pressed (ouch!), he wasn't exactly in the laundry business. The man departed mumbling under his breath, and Zeb Vance later confided that although the legal business had fallen off to practically nil in recent months, he still hadn't been driven to taking in washing—yet.

In the Good Old Days—

The primary coming off Saturday reminds us that folks don't take their politics as seriously nowadays as they did in years gone by. A candidate for office used to be judged by the quality and quantity of lurid and delectable promises he made to his supporters and are dishing out the same treatment to their allies that they give other conquered nations.

Military experts and war-wise officials in this and the other countries are not making plans for a short war. They are figuring in terms of two, three, four and even five years. Air power is important in this war, possibly supremely important, but air power alone will not win it. There must be adequately trained armies and navies to cooperate with air power, and who can say that one is more important than the other. Air superiority made possible our recent victories in the Coral Sea, but it was naval power that made it possible to have the airplanes and their supplies in that area when they were needed. Even if we succeed in destroying the enemy's sea and air power, we must still have the land armies necessary to take over, occupy and police his homeland.

We are not defeatists. And we believe the over-all picture is a little brighter right now than it was back in December and Jaunary. Regardless of the outlook, we must win this war, even if it requires every last resource of the entire nation. Nevertheless, we do not think we have reached the point where the end is in sight, and too much optimism now is very likely to be followed by an overdose of pessimism when the going gets tougher, as it most surely will.

It is not original, but we subscribe heartily to the following philosophy regarding this struggle: Prepare for the worst; hope for the best; and take whatever comes.

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Statement Issued By Edw. L. Owens

On account of certain rumors being falsely promulgated in political circles, I wish to clarify them by stating that I have no intentions of making any changes in the Town Limits whatsoever, now constituted as the Town of Plymouth, North Carolina, without the suggestion and recommendation of the Town Board.

Two years ago, I opposed the extension of the Town Limits known as Plymouth for several reasons, mainly, because I did not favor extending them so far out that swamp lands and farm lands would be taken in until residential development had reached that far. Then, too, certain discrepancies were made in mapping out the extended areas that appeared to be discriminating. In spite of my opposition, belief, and opinion the Town Limits were extended to where they now are in an orderly manner by the vote of the people and so far as I am concerned they can stay that way until the local board sees fit to make changes and corrections. I consider any change of this kind a prerogative of the Town Board and not the duty of the Representative to do anything that would affect said Town Limits without their sanction. I consider this proper and orderly procedure in matters of this kind.

I am strongly interested in the improvement of the educational facilities now available to the children of Washington County. I am aware of the fact that the housing condition of our schools in Plymouth Township are greatly inadequate on account of their crowded condition. I strongly favor the expenditure of

enough money to be used in the construction and erection of enough additional rooms as well as improvement to the heating, plumbing and general renovation of the old school building, so much as may be needed that will insure our children having the same educational opportunities in health and in mind as generally are received and available to children of other Counties of this State.

The growth of our Town in the past few years has crowded our schools to such an extent that something will have to be done to take care of this situation.

I understand that there are also minor improvements to be made to the school at Roper, North Carolina. I have also learned that the roof of the new school building at Creswell, N. C. needs repairing.

I am informed that there are already two vacancies on the Board of Education, or will be by the end of this term. With this in mind, I

promise the people of Washington County, if I am elected to the House of Representatives I will appoint two good, reliable, successful business men to fill these vacancies on the school board, and who I know are business like enough to give the matter of the above improvements their immediate attention.

I want to say to the people of Weona that, if elected, I will fight to the last ditch, to keep the State Test farm in this county. I understand that there has been some move on foot to move it to another county.

Sincerely,
EDWARD L. OWENS.
(Political Advertisement)

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to publicly express my thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Linwood Brown, President of the Junior Woman's Club and to every member of the club for their untiring efforts in making the recent Army-Navy Emergency Relief Fund such an outstanding success. To the public I wish to express my pleasure in such generous contributions. The sum of \$181.41 was raised by collection in the Plymouth Theatre during this drive. This amount was forwarded to Mr. H. F. Kinsey, Chairman of this district in the National Army-Navy Emergency Relief Fund Drive which started on May 14th and ended on May 20th.

SHEP BRINKLEY,
Owner and manager,
Plymouth Theatre.

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Old Undated Endorsement USED BY Candidate For Congress

Greenville, N. C. May 21, 1942.

Greenville, N. C. May 22, 1942.

To the voters of the First Congressional District:

The endorsement of Hon. Marvin K. Blount for Congress was before it was known that another Greenville man would enter the race.

In endorsing Mr. Blount for this high position it was not the intent of this minister to discredit either man in the race. So far as I know the three men are splendid, capable Christian gentlemen.

(Signed) Rev. G. W. Perry, Minister, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

The endorsement referred to was circulated some time in November, 1941. Jack Edwards entered the race for Congress in February, 1942.

(Signed) John S. Armfield, Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Vote for Jack Edwards for Congress

This advertisement paid for by the Martin County Friends of Mr. Edwards