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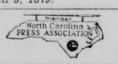
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28—Belgium surrendered, 1940. 29—Gen. Grant declined con-sideration of 'third term,' 1875. 30-Memorial Day. 31—Henry Armstrong won welterweight boxing title, 1938.

1—Hitler announces 4-year plan for German recov-ery, 1934. 2—First New York legisla-ture met, 1615. 3—Former Judge Manton found guilty of bribery, 1939.

Doing a Difficult Job In a Splendid Manner

The general public seems to be! singularly unappreciative of the splen- a formidable military antagonist, desdid work that is being done-and has pite such losses as she has suffered been done-by the several boards set on the Russian front. The increasup to handle local phases of our war ing R. A. F. raids on industrial obeffort. The men who make up these jectives, while important, can hardgroups 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 out for upwards of two years. So boards receive no compensation what- far, there have been no comparable ever for their work. They entered sustained bombings on any German upon it purely as a patriotic desire to city. be of some service to our country at its time of greatest need.

definite regulations and rules with thing like a knockout blow is in imwhich they must conform in reach- mediate prospect against this enemy. ing their decisions. There is little left | So far, the war has been carried to to their individual discretion; and it Japan itself in but one air raid by is a fact that many cases which,on American forces. The rest of the the surface, seem identical are in time, all the battles have been and reality entirely dissimilar and often are being fought on land and on waunrelated. Most of their decisions ter formerly controlled by the Unitare based on claims which are open ed Nations. It is extremely doubtto public inspection; and a litle more ful that this war will ever be ended investigation before sounding off until the aggressor nations themwould stop most of the criticism we selves are invaded, by land, sea and have heard before it was even utter- air; and it requires a supreme opti-

We know most of the men who! Those who hope for internal breakmake up the local boards. We be- ups to destroy Germany and Japan lieve they are honest, fair-minded men can get but little to sustain that hope who have done and are doing their from the opinions of experts who level best to see that everyone is are familiar with internal conditions treated fairly. They deserve the inside those countries. There is help and sympathetic support of more hope for collapse of Italy, but every decent right-thinking person. here the Germans have stepped in

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

We have in mind particularly the elective service and rationing boards of the county. They have done-and re doing-a difficult job in a splendid nanner. There are enough head without unjustified criticism being

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 Mer-Saturday and Monday. It is a of commercialism. It is a healthy, the community as a whole.

Premature Optimism Has Likely Reaction

During the past few days, a great 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 ly 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

The recent naval and air successe of United Nation forces against the Japanese are encouraging, but here To begin with, they have very again there is no evidence that anymists to see that in prospect now.

ambling By THE RAMBLER

Not That Bad-Yet-

heir brand new law offices week be- excerpts (with the names deleted in omendation of the Town Board. fore last just about the same time the interest of preserving our own fair-minded neighbors to shoulder a vacant lot from each other, and work where they thought there was until residential development had the rear." Before she could ask him had everybody and everything going make changes and corrections. pleasure for two reasons; first, of of the senior member of the firm, he was not in it, he got left. He to do anything that would affect for the public good without a taint the laundry business. The man de- act he has ever done. He has never refreshing sign that augurs well for although the legal business had fallen do anything except what you pay him Township are greatly inadequate on

In the Good Old Days-

in washing-yet.

The primary coming off Saturday many people have been heard to ex-reminds us that folks don't take their is little press the opinion that the war will politics as seriously nowadays as they did in years gone by. A candidate be over by the first of the year, that for office used to be judged by the Germany is just about licked and that quality and quantity of lurid and deand are dishing out the same treatment to their allies that they give other conquered nations.

> are not making plans for a short war. have turned you down, so what are They are figuring in terms of two, you? Well, nothing but a pie hunter. power is important in this war, pos- to be satisfied on cornbread. You sibly supremely important, but air can't get the pie. power alone will not win it. There must be adequately trained armies he will be what he has always been. and navies to cooperate with air Now, we have ---- for the legislapower, and who can say that one is ture. superiority made possible our recent commissioner. naval power that made it possible to men that are too good to stoop to have the airplanes and their supplies anything that is low or mean, men in that area when they were needed. Who have the good of the people at to take over, occupy and police his fice, traitors to their party, and if

> in December and Jaunary. Regard- you cast your ballot.' less of the outlook, we must win this war, even if it requires every last How We're Voting—
> Which brings us up to the busi-

heartily to the following philosophy please. How're you voting? regarding this struggle: Prepare for the worst; hope for the best; and take whatever comes.

owards his opponents, while most of our contests for political job airs, with the candidates even going such lengths as speaking politely o each other during the heat of the dug up a leaflet used by the Demorats in this county along about the calls a spade worse'n a spade, among

'em?" Mr. Norman finally convinced would vote whiskey back in the town kind. him that while a law office is a good of Plymouth. Go back and learn his place to go when you want a suit record from his boyhood days and see

> "Now, another popgun has sprung up in one of the most contemptible ways of any man in the county. It with his . . . petition.

> You had just as well get you another job, for your race in politics

"You know you have been everyhing in politics that you could be except a white man . . . You ought to ave some consistency about you and some little truth. . . . You certainly would not have gone into office if Military experts and war-wise of- you had had both character and religion. Now, you are not a Democrat ficials in this and the other countries nor Populist, and the Republicans You are in the crowd of floppers. three, four and even five years. Air poor fellows . . . Well, you will have

"You can only judge a man from his past character: nearly in all cases - for sheriff. clerk of court, ---- for treasurer, - for register of deeds, --- for

"These are all good men, men who no man in the county is ashamed of, neart and not the greed of office. Those old boys certainly gave themselves a good recommendation.)

'It can't be said on the other side for we see men flop over just for ofthey are traitors in one thing you may expect it in any other, and tho that vote for such men a record will lieve the over-all picture is a little be made and they, too, will be classed brighter right now than it was back with such. White men, think before

resource of the entire nation. Ne- ness of the moment. We are doing vertheless, we do not think we have a little voting on our own come Saturday; and after a deliberate and reached the point where the end is careful scrutiny of the candidates, in sight, and too much optimism now we have come to the conclusion that is very likely to be followed by an every man who doesn't vote exactly overdose of pessimism when the go-ing gets toucher ing gets tougher, as it most surely aforesaid. In order to keep you from making any mistakes, we're going to vote for the following: Just eggs-It is not original, but we subscribe dang-zactly for whom we dang well

> By Way of Footnotevote-early and often.

Statement Issued have denegerated into pink-tea af-

On account of certain rumors be turn of the century, which shows making any changes in the Town ren of other Counties of this State. what we mean. It names names and limits whatsoever, now constituted as he Town of Plymouth, North Caro-Norman and Rodman moved into other things. Following are a few lina, without the suggestion and rec

Two years ago, I opposed the extension of the Town limits known as "The Republicans of Washington Plymouth for several reasons, mainly thereby hangs a brief tale. The Nor- County seem to have started out in because I did not favor extending man and Rodman offices and the their present campaign either in their them so far out that swamp lands new laundry are located just across own ignorance or thinking they would and farm lands would be taken in several people dropped into the law- more ignorance. To some extent this reached that far. Then, too, certain yers' office with the mistaken idea is true, but they have made a mis- discrepancies were made in mapping that it was the new laundry. How- take in some instances, for the good out the extended areas that appear ever, it remained for a man from people on the Acre and other parts ed to be discriminating. In spite o down the county to put on the fin- of the county are too wise to be hood- my opposition, belief, and opinion the shing touches. This man breezed in- winked into a trap. The bombastic Town Limits were extended to where to the reception room and asked Miss lilliputian squint-eved squeedunk they now are in an orderly manner Agnes Davis, the secretary, "Where's (Harold Ickes, please copy) in the by the vote of the people and so far the boss?" She looked up in startled post office has tried hard to mislead as I am concerned they can stay that surprise and replied 'In the office at the people in his net and thought he way until the local board sees fit to to state his business or tell him he his way until he dropped down in consider any change of this kind was in the wrong place, the stranger his own neighborhood, where he was prerogative of the Town Board and ambled on back to the private office better known, and he soon found out not the duty of the Representative walked in and tossed a big bundle even told the people in the country said Town Limits without their sancon the floor. "I want these washed," if they would follow him and elect tion. I consider this proper and orhe said, "when can I come back for him he would see they could and derly procedure in matters of this

improvement of the educational fapressed (ouch!), he wasn't exactly in if you can find a single charitable cilities now available to the children parted mumbling under his breath. contributed a penny to any charita- of the fact that the housing condiand Zeb Vance later confided that ble cause and politically he will never tion of our schools in Plymouth off to practically nil in recent months, for. He had an ax to grind and was account of their crowded condition. he still hadn't been driven to taking after getitng you to turn the grind- I strongly favor the expenditure of



circles, I wish to clarify them by in health and in mind as generally immediate attention

schools to such an extent that some- that there has been some move on thing will have to be done to take foot to move it to another county. 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 al-

CARD OF THANKS

ner table NOAH BOSTON Pastor

BEATRICE HOGGARD, Sec. Spring Green Church of Christ. Plymouth, N. C.

enough money to be used in the promise the people of Washington construction and erection of enough County, if I am elected to the House additional rooms as well as improve- of Representatives I will appoint two ment to the heating, plumbing and good, reliable, successful business general renovation of the old school men to fill these vacancies on the building, so much as may be needed school board, and who I know are that will insure our children having business like enough to give the mat-

campaign. Roy Hampton recently ing falsely promulgated in political the same educational opportunities ter of the above improvements their stating that I have no intentions of are received and available to child- I want to say to the people of Wenona that, if elected, I will fight to The growth of our Town in the the last ditch, to keep the State Test past few years has crowded our farm in this county. I understand

> Sincerely EDWARD, L. OWENS, (Political Advertisement)

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to publicly express my thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Linready two vacancies on the Board of wood Brown, President of the Junior Education, or will be by the end of Woman's Club and to every member this term. With this in mind, I of the club for their untiring efforts in making the recent Army-Navy Emergency Relief Fund such an out-We take this method of expressing standing success. To the public I our sincere gratitude to all our wish to express my pleasure in such friends, both white and colored, for generous controbutions. The sum of their kindness and help to us in \$181.41 was raised by collection in sponsoring our program as host for The Plymouth Theatre during this the eighth general Assembly. We drive. This amount was forwarded thank Mr. E. F. Still, president of the to Mr. H. F. Kincey, Chairman of this Plymouth Box and Panel Co., who district in the National Army-Navy lent us the lumber to build the din- Emergency Relief Fund Drive which started on May 14th and ended on

> SHEP BRINKLEY Owner and manager, Plymouth Theatre

DON'T FORGET US

May 20th.

Light White Flour and Meats a Specialty

Steaks - Chops - Roasts - Sausage Abbott's Water-Ground MEAL

> Come To See Us or Give Us A Ring

At Intersection of Highway 64 and Road To Plymouth Box Plant

Old Undated Endorsement

USED BY

Candidate For Congress

Greenville, N. C. May 21, 1942.

To the voters of the First Congression-

al District:

It has come to my attention that the newspapers of the District are carrying an endorsement of Marvin K. Blount bearing my signature. This endorsement was circulated among the ministers of Greenville a long time before the entrance of Jack Edwards into the race for Congress. I was led to believe that this endorsement would not be published and, as a matter of fact, I was busy at the time it was presented to me and not fully conversant with its contents. The advertisement is misleading in that it appears that the endorsement was made by the Ministerial Association. To my knowledge the Ministerial Association did not act on this matter in open meeting nor was it ever presented to the associa-tion as a body. The petition was brought to me long before Jack Edwards entered the race and I signed it as an individual voter after much pressure had been brought to bear upon me. It should also be called to the public's attention that the advertisement in question has not to my knowledge appeared in any of the Green-ville or Pitt County newspapers. It is my desire now to correct the impression it might have made on the voters of this district. I shall cast my vote for Jack Edwards in the Democratic Primary and commend him to the voters of the District as a gentleman of high Christian character, marked ability, and a servant of the people.

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

Greenville, N. C. May 22, 1942.

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.

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

Vote for Jack Edwards for Congress

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.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

LEAVE IT TO US TO DO THE **WORRYING!**

New regulations are coming into effect, new records must be kept . All these add to our worry as a merchant, but they will not affect our customers except indirectly.

You will find the same smooth, efficient service at our store. If it's furniture, be sure to see us first.

M. H. Mitchell

F. H. MODLIN, Mgr.

PLYMOUTH, N. C.