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TOWN TOPICS By G. E. F.

Horse racing, fire works, singing contests and all sorts of other things were planned for the forthcoming July 4 celebration...

First off the matter of fire works was settled. A magnificent display of pyrotechnical grandeur is planned...

Then came the matter of horse racing. It was decided that two purses of \$100 each would be offered...

The directors also approved of the employment of the Duke Band and advised Secretary Riddle to continue his efforts to get a military band...

The matter of decorating floats was assigned to the Woman's Club. It is thought that the women will arrange to decorate all automobiles and floats for a small sum...

The usual prizes are to be offered for singing classes, fiddlers, banjoists and all other things. Concessions space will be sold for \$10 for 10 ft. or any fraction thereof.

Again we are offered proof that Dunn District soil is the best in the world. This time the convincing argument is that old friend of our childhood: the cock'o'bur. Usually the child of the Xanthian family does not mature until early in the fall...

Something is radically wrong with the organization of the fire department. By that I would not have a one believe that there is any criticism of the men who respond so promptly to each alarm and work so nobly on each fire...

Several months ago the services of John W. Thornton, volunteer chief were dispensed with to make room for Chief Vance, paid fireman. I Vance's hours were fixed by request of his split with the police department at 11:12 midnight to noon. Tuesday's alarm came before his hours commenced. Therefore, he was not on duty.

Mayor Wain, ourselves and a multitude strove valiantly to get the truck started. There was not a thing about the motor that was wrong. There was one thing we could not do, however, and that was sound the horn—and that we did do right in. In answer came Old Chief John W. Thornton in no more than the usual flow and issuing as only an amateur mechanic who divides time with the fire department can do.

With the advent of the chief, things became calm. In two or three minutes after his arrival, the old fire was well on its way to the blaze. Ten minutes later a fire that had been a pretty large area was under control and all danger was past.

However, a very bad organization was shown up. We have no time for any individual. There is just a lack of system in the organization of an agency which, though seldom needed, is needed very badly indeed when occasion comes. There is no prophesying when the next call will come. There is no assurance that conditions will be any better or as good when it does come.

Would it not be well for the Board of Town Commissioners to meet now and thoroughly reorganize the department—and place John Thornton back as chief, although retaining Vance as caretaker for the apparatus?

SECRETARY DENBY It was written in the stars when Edwin Denby was appointed Secretary of the Navy in President Harding's cabinet...

A youngster in the service of the Chinese Maritime Customs, a student forward on one of Michigan's great eleven, a gunner's mate under fire in a Cuban water, member of the Michigan Legislature and then of Congress, a pioneer in the automobile industry with large financial success when he enlisted in the Marine Corps as a buck private one week after he had declared war on Germany...

His degree in 1890 and began the practice of law and his naval career as apprentice seaman in the Michigan naval reserve the same year. Truman Newberry was then in the reserve and their careers ran along in an odd parallel for both were shipmates on the U. S. S. Yosemite when that converted K. I. liner broke out her Yankee pennant in the spring of 1898. Denby was then a gunner's mate third class and Newberry was in the officers mess. Later, when the Spanish dons had had enough fighting, the gunner's mate won the nomination for Congress that Newberry refused, and now Denby is occupying the portfolio that Newberry later held in Roosevelt's cabinet.

Denby came naturally by his love for the sea, as relatives of both his father and his mother served as American naval officers. With the end of the war, however, Denby turned his talents to law and politics. He was elected to the Michigan legislature in 1902 and then Michigan sent him to Congress in 1903 for three terms. In Congress Denby served on the House Committee on Foreign Relations, where his familiarity with the East condition made him a valuable member.

Back in civil life Denby was attracted by the budding automobile industry in Detroit. He was an original stockholder in the Hupmobile Company and later its treasurer, and became president of the Denby Motor Truck Company. His interest in the automobile industry led him to head his law firm and to act as President of the Detroit Board of Commerce.

Denby had had his share of hard knocks and on the call to arms in 1917 he made his way to the recruiting office of the Marine Corps in Detroit with the war but a week old. Major Victor L. Morrison, now on duty in the Philippines, looked at the built that darkened his face and said: "You're married," was Morrison's verdict. "I'm only forty-seven and my wife is willing," countered Denby. So when he was granted by Washington and he was sworn in as a private.

The scales showed 254 pounds and a height of six feet and half an inch, but the brawn that had served him so well in Michigan's line was little impaired. On April 25, 1917, Denby with nine others, started for the recruit depot at Parris Island, S. C. First Sergeant Nelson Haron, still on duty at the Detroit office, was officially credited with the capture of Recruit Denby and Morrison swore in the man who will sign his next commission in the Marine Corps. Before he left, being one of Detroit's biggest men, the newspaper men of Detroit interviewed Recruit Denby. "Why did I enlist in the ranks?" and Denby's eyes twinkled. "Because some must. All cannot begin as officers."

At Parris Island, known to all marines as the boot camp, as it recalls for some undetermined reason the name of "boots," Denby was immediately made his mark as a he-man. He did his trick on the "P. I." and under hoarse-barking drill sergeants, learned to hit the bull with commendable regularity on the rifle range, and fell in with his buddies when the eagle-eyed police sergeants wanted a dish-digger, a stove-dove or a mar handy with a spatula in the kitchen. Two months later he had shown well enough in the intensive training to win his corporal's stripes. Incidentally he had gained twenty-five pounds of flesh.

The "I Knew Denby When He Was A Boot" club has spun many yarns about Denby's boot camp days. They promise to equal in wealth of detail all the legendary exploits of George Washington but at this stage they have all the attributes of truth. Then some gifted person conceived the idea of having Denby, now a servant, lecture to the daily arrivals that poured into the boot camp in civilian clothes to do their bit. About 40,000 of them passed through the stern mill of Parris Island in the war days and to each of them Denby was all the eloquence and the high standard that he possesses in actual military life. He told them of the history and...

significance of the war, their duties and their privileges, and indoctrinated them with the spirit of the Corps Under Fire Overseas.

His notable services towards building up the morale of the men whom he had commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps reserve and he held the rank of captain when he realized his ambition to go overseas and as an observer he saw bits of the front on the allied lines. The Commanding General of the Second Division was Major General Lejeune and now, under another of those amazing changes that are so characteristic of Denby's career, Lejeune is Commanding General of the Corps whose description is in Denby's hands.

On his return to the United States he was mustered out with the rank of major in May, 1919, and resumed the old activities in Detroit. He was serving as probation officer of the Detroit Municipal Courts when the President-elect invited him to Florida. John W. Weeks, now Secretary of War, was then definitely slated for the Cabinet, but had declined the Navy portfolio. He had long been in the naval reserve in 1898 and during in Congress. He is universally credited with having impressed on Mr. Harding the striking fitness of Edwin Denby for the Navy job.

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Hardly had Denby assumed his new duties before the Navy knew that a firm hand was at its helm. Successful in business, a patriot who had served in both of its fighting branches, a man of genial and forceful personality, his first utterance brought the Navy, figuratively speaking, to man the mill with a cheer for the Old Man.

"My mission," he said, "is to maintain the Navy at the highest peak of power, ready for battle at any moment." Then he cleared decks, made two bureau chief appointments, a thorough survey of the fleet and began to work. He was soon as Congress had adjourned was off for the south. A dash on a destroyer from Key West to join the Atlantic Battle Fleet at Guantanamo for a three day visit and inspection, back to the tiling decks of the destroyer for a look-see at the Marines in Haiti and Santo Domingo and a record-breaking trip from Santo Domingo to Washington on the U. S. S. Pratt, commanded by Captain Hanger. No wonder the cry went up: "A sea-going Secretary!"

Out in Detroit a newspaper man summed it all up in one terse sentence: "He has lived the life of perpetual boyhood."

The Pleasures of Memory

Sweet are the rosy memories of the lips That first kissed ours, albeit they kiss no more; Sweet is the sight of sunset-sailing ships; Although they leave us on a lonely shore; Sweet are familiar songs; though Music dips Her hollow shell in Thought's forgotten wells; And sweet, though sad, the sound of midnight bells, when the open casement with the night-rain drips.

There is a pleasure which is born of pain; The grave of all things hath its violet; Else why, through days which never come again, Keats Hope, with that strange longing, the Regret? Why put the posy in the cold, dead hand? Why plant the rose above the lonely grave? Why trace the corpse across the salt sea-wave? Why deem the dead more near in native land?

They came, both been a silence in my life So long it falters upon language now; Oh, more to me than sisters or than wife Once—and now—nothing! It is hard to know That such things have been, and are not and yet Life's letters, keep a pulse at even measure, And speak upon its business and its pleasure. And knows not all the depths of its regret. —Owen Meredith.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Margaret Messer to C. L. Guy on the 19th day of May, 1919, recorded in Book No. 116, Page 104, office of Register of Deeds of Harnett County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned mortgages will on Monday, the 6th day of June 1921, at 12:00 o'clock noon M., in front of the courthouse door in Lillington, N. C., Harnett county offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land in Grove Township, Harnett County, North Carolina, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake corner in the road with Mulberry pie, and runs down said road S. 63 E. 13.75 chs., to a cedar tree the corner of lot No. 4, then as that line N. 42 E. 8.15 chs., to a rock corner on a ditch, thence N. 84 E. 4.50 chs., to a stake, thence as that line N. 63 W. 15.40 chs., to a stake the corner. Then S. 47 W. 13.35 chs. to the beginning and contains 17 1-4 acres, more or less.

Time of sale: Monday, 6th Day of June, 1921. Place of sale: Court House Door, Lillington, N. C. Terms of sale: Cash. This the 2nd day of May, 1921. C. L. GUY, Mortgagee. May 6 13 20 27

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND By virtue of the power of sale contained in two certain mortgage deeds executed by Mack Ragland and Mary Ragland to E. C. Lucas on the 24th day of April 1916, and the 22nd day of March, 1917. Said mortgages are recorded in Book No. 111, Page 584, office of the Register of Deeds of Harnett county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured. The undersigned mortgages will on Monday, the 6th day of June 1921, at 12:00 o'clock noon M., in front of the courthouse door in Lillington, N. C., Harnett county offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land in Grove Township, Harnett County, North Carolina, described as follows:

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