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CAN YOU SCRIBBLE A "DOODLE"?

How do you scribble?

Anyway, you must be careful. Unless you are, some scribble-reader will come along and interpret what your scribbling means. Expert, "scribble-readers" insist that scribblers are projections of the unconscious and that every scribble has a meaning all its own.

In some of the larger cities of the land, it is reported, scribble-readers pass their spare time in night clubs, restaurants and beauty salons analyzing "doodles" of patrons. They make, according to news paper reports, as much as \$25 a week from the tips they receive.

We are not exactly experts in scribble-reading, (although some copy received, gives us oodles of practice), but, if there is anybody in Duplin County who is a confirmed scribbler and wants the "doodle" analyzed, we will take the job. Just send us your fancy "doodles," with a tip proportioned to the advice you expect to receive, and we will send you an analysis by return mail. If anybody takes us up, we ought to be able to make a few odd cents without much trouble.

HEALTH COMMANDMENTS

The following commandments for health, given by a pastor of a metropolitan church to his congregation, might prove interesting reading to some of us here in Duplin County. Here they are:

- 1. Honor your parents by having a thorough physical examination every birthday; for an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure.
2. Honor your friends by taking a daily bath; for cleanliness is a part of Godliness.
3. Honor your family by having your life insured; for life insurance guarantees the co-operation of the insurer in the prolongation of the life of the insured.
4. Honor your physician by avoiding patent medicines; for the most of these nostrums are humbugs.
5. Honor your stomach by having your teeth carefully examined by a dentist at regular intervals; for bad teeth are an abomination to the system.
6. Honor your digestion by being careful of your diet; for many a man digs his grave with his teeth.
7. Honor your lungs by breathing fresh air; for ventilation is a means of grace.
8. Honor your nerves by taking plenty of rest in sleep; for they who work all day and play all night promote the brevity of their lives by burning the candle at both ends.
9. Honor your country by obeying the laws; for it is a mark of good citizenship to obey a law whether one likes it or not.
10. Honor your God by chastity in word, thought and deed; for the race that wishes eternity must exalt maternity."

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Manila's Fall Sets Stage for Next Phase of War in Pacific; Russ Press Assault on Berlin

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U. S. and Chinese troops view huge marble Buddha in Nankang, Burma, following capture of town in drive to link newly opened Ledo road with Burma road leading to China.

PACIFIC:

Mac Looks Ahead

"On to Tokyo!"

Thus called General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as U. S. forces freed the Philippine capital of Manila and strengthened their hold on the main island of Luzon.

In a statement as jubilant as the march of his gallant army across Luzon's central plains, MacArthur proclaimed: "The fall of Manila was the end of one great phase of the Pacific struggle and set the stage for another. . . . We are well on the way, but Japan itself is our final goal. . . . We are ready in this veteran and proven command when called upon. . . ."

With all eyes turning toward Tokyo itself now, MacArthur's statement was looked upon as his bid for continued leadership of Allied forces in future operations against the Japs, who are expected to put up their stiffest large-scale resistance in Asia proper, thus dodging the necessity of trying to run the supply blockade of the powerful U. S. navy.

EUROPE:

Beyond Oder

Even as German military commentators told their people that additional territory would have to be given up before the great Russian drive could be stopped, powerful Red forces maintained the initiative and smashed across the Oder river in strength at numerous points.

By going over the Oder on a broad front to the southeast, Marshal Ivan Konev's 1st Ukrainian army not only bit deeper into the rich Silesian industrial district, but also pointed menacingly at another important production center around Dresden to the west, and threatened to develop a wide outflanking movement on Berlin to the northwest.

Meanwhile, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's 1st White Russian army pressed its all-out assault on Berlin, still smoldering from a gigantic U. S. and British air raid which ripped up transport and communications in the battered capital. As Zhukov's armored columns and infantry drew up for the assault under cover of a fierce artillery bombardment, the Germans rallied for a desperate defense planned to carry right into the city itself and make it another Koenigsberg and Budapest.

Yank Push

With their lines already strained in the east, the Nazis looked anxiously to the west, where they said General Eisenhower had massed large forces along the Roer river for a breakthrough attempt to the Rhineland, with Cologne as the immediate goal.

Nazi apprehension was publicly expressed as strong elements of the U. S. 1st and 3rd armies pushed deeper into the Siegfried defense belt, encountering moderate opposition as the enemy apparently withdrew to stronger rearward positions. In a further effort to economize their dwindling forces, the Germans were moving from Alsace in southeastern France, with mixed U. S. and French units exerting strong pressure.

Historic Meeting

As the "Big Three" met in one of history's epochal conferences, Nazi propagandists feverishly sought to steel the German people against consideration of Allied offers of surrender.

der, with declarations that U. S. and British statesmen would be unable to fulfill "Wilsonian promises."

Meanwhile, rumors were rife over the "Big Three" parley, with reports that the Allied leaders discussed the question of French claims to German territory west of the Rhine; Polish angling for East Prussia and land clear up to the Oder river in the reich, and cession of German districts to Denmark as part of moves to internationalize the Kiel canal.

The "Big Three" reportedly were in agreement on plans to occupy the reich, with the British taking over the northwest, including the Ruhr and seaports; the U. S. the southwest, and the Russian the east and northeast. All three powers would jointly occupy Austria. Discussion also was said to concern plans for providing supervision over German industry to prevent future armament.

MANPOWER:

Discuss Work or Fight?

Passed by the house, the administration-backed "work or fight" bill encountered rough going in the senate, with industry and labor continuing to offer strong resistance to compulsory provisions.

As finally approved by the house on a 249-155 vote, the "work or fight" bill provides that all registrants between 18 and 45 not otherwise deferred by law, such as farmers, can be frozen into essential jobs or ordered to take more important positions by their local draft boards. If they refuse, they can be inducted into the services, and, if found physically unfit, fined and imprisoned.

With the senate largely lukewarm to compulsory labor legislation, Senators Revercomb (W. Va.), Taft (Ohio), and Robertson (Wyo.) pushed for adoption of an amendment under which draft boards would only be called upon to ferret out surplus manpower in plants and channel it into more sorely pressed establishments upon threat of inducting the hoarded help.

The senators' proposal was warmly supported by the AFL, whose executive council, meeting in Miami, Fla., declared that no actual manpower shortage exists and any crisis could be attributed to hoarding of labor. Elaborating on the charges, AFL Pres. William Green released a report in which the organization contended that many war plants operating on cost-plus basis are keeping skilled workers in enforced idleness to hold expenses up for greater profit returns; military purchasing agents are awarding business to concerns in tight labor areas while permitting other plants with workers to close down, and many production lags are due to technical bottlenecks rather than manpower shortages.

Declaring that manpower shortages approximate only 150,000 men, the National Association of Manufacturers said that establishment of lower ceilings on the number of workers in less essential plants could help to ease any stringency. Coupled with this, the NAM urged further emphasis on labor-management programs to eliminate practices retarding production and shifting of skilled men to urgent jobs.

William Green



CANADA:

Political Crisis

In a crisis which Premier Mackenzie King said he wished to avoid during the present critical stage of the war, the Grey North parliamentary district of Ontario, Canada, voted down as its representative in commons Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton, who conceived the idea of the limited overseas draft to appease bitter French-Canadian resistance to conscription for foreign service.

With the result of the voting indicating that English-speaking Canada might favor unlimited overseas draft instead of the government's compromise program, King declared that a general election may be necessary to provide for a clean-cut decision on the question, to strengthen officials' hands in dealing with the situation.

Adopted with the aim of preserving unity in the dominion, the government's compromise conscription policy avoiding a wholesale overseas draft sought to partially meet the French-Canadians' cherished traditional privilege of self-government.

SPORTS:

Fight Gambling

With the gambling fraternity reportedly looking for new fields of operation with the closure of the nation's race tracks upon government order, both college and professional sports are moving firmly to prevent bettors' activities in basketball and baseball.

With the danger brought into the open with disclosure that Brooklyn college basketball players took money to throw a game, college officials tightened secret policing of stands and forbid coaches to release pre-game information on players' conditions, etc.

Especially touchy over the gambling question since the notorious "Black Sox" scandal of 1919, organized baseball was reported taking particular precaution against bettors' operations, with officials advising clubs to withhold such information as starting pitchers, etc., to provide the basis for wagering. Said the National League's Ford Frick: ". . . With a lot of youngsters in the big show for the first time, we will have to be extra careful. . . ."

Noted Dry Dies

World famous as a crusader against "Demon Rum," and a U. S. official who was quick on the trigger against bootleggers violating anti-liquor laws in Indian territory at the turn of the century, Prohibitionist William E. ("Passyfoot") Johnson died at 82 in Binghamton, N. Y., of a bladder ailment.

Upon retiring to his home in Smithville Flats, N. Y., in 1939 after 50 years of ardent campaigning for the dry cause, including a round-the-world tour, Johnson sadly acknowledged that America was ". . . nowhere near ready for another try at prohibition."

Supposedly nicknamed "Passyfoot" because of his stealthy manner of coming upon violators, Johnson engaged in many gun duels with bootlegging elements in the Southwest, no less than eight of his deputies being killed.

SURPLUS FOOD:

U. S. Sales

Continuing its policy of disposing of surplus foods in ready wartime markets to prevent unnecessary accumulations extending into the post-war period, the government recently put substantial amounts of fresh and canned goods up for sale.

Although canned goods constituted the bulk of the sales, it was revealed, 20,216,317 pounds of lard were offered, along with 450,000 pounds of cheddar cheese and 110,000 cases of shell eggs.

Other offerings included 119,000 cases of canned peas; 67,156 boxes of seedless raisins; 41,274 cases of canned tomatoes; 40,157 cases of canned snap beans; 6,231 cases of tomato catsup; 121,756 gallons of concentrated orange juice; 24,850 gallons of concentrated lemon juice; and seven 200 pound barrels of dry skim milk.

FRANCE:

U. S. Aid

Knocked out by the Germans, and a battlefield of World War II almost from the start, France will receive appreciable assistance from the U. S. in the reconstruction of her military and civilian economy so that she may become a stabilizing force in European affairs.

Having equipped eight full divisions and about 200 supporting units of the French army at a cost of \$700,000,000, the U. S. has agreed to outfit eight more divisions, it was revealed. In addition, substantial numbers of planes have been delivered and over 100 warships turned over.

While U. S. Military aid to France is on a lend-lease basis, it was said, the French are expected to pay for civilian supplies, including foodstuffs, clothing, industrial materials and transportation equipment.

LIQUOR TAXES

Over 2 1/2 billion dollars was laid out last year by consumers of alcoholic beverages in the form of federal, state and local taxes, according to an analysis prepared on the basis of treasury data just made available. Despite the increase in tax collections alcoholic beverage per capita consumption showed no change last year as against 1941, the last prewar year, consumption in both years being the same, or 1.19 gallons per person, studies showed.

RATIONING GUIDE

(NOTE: The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration compiles this thumbnail ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.)

RATION CALENDAR FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 15th.

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue X5, Z5, A2, B2 expire March 3. C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2; expire April 28.H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, expire June 2.

MEATS & FATS: Red Q5, R5, S5, expire March 31. T5, U5, V5, and X5, expire April 28.Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, expire June 2.

CANNING SUGAR: NONE

SUGAR: Sugar stamp number 34 good for five pounds of sugar and will expire Feb. 28th. Sugar stamp No. 35 expires June 2nd.

SHOES: Airplane stamps No. 1, and No 2 and 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL: Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season and 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current season now valid at 10 gallons each in North Carolina.

GASOLINE: A-14 coupons valid through March 21. Rationing rules now require that each owner write his 1945 license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued by his local rationing board.

POINT VALUES No. 2 cans of Spinach, green or wax Beans, and Asparagus are 10 points. No. 2 cans Corn and Peas are 20 points. Butter now 24 points.

"NEWSPAPER WORK"

"May I print a kiss on your lips," he asked, She nodded her sweet permission; So they went to press, and I rather guess They printed a full edition.

"But one edition is hardly enough," She said with a charming pout; So the forms were set once more in place, And they some extras got out.

HEARING REVOLUTION ZETHE CLADONIC HEARING AID \$40 COMPLETE Model A-2-A

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 Cold Preparations as directed

NOTICE W. E. Belanga, Tax Collector for the Town of Magnolia, N. C. has employed me to bring suit against all delinquent tax payers of Magnolia, N. C., if not paid within the next 30 days, paid within the next 30 days. So you had better see J. N. Horne and settle your back taxes because if suit is started it will be an additional court cost of \$30.00. H. E. PHILLIPS, Attorney 3-2-41.

Rev. H. J. Whaley

FLUSH KIDNEY URINE Benefit undoubtedly from Doctor's Discovery that relieves backache, run-down feeling, loss of energy in the urine.

"FARMER BROWN IS PUTTING 20 CENTS OF EVERY WOOL DOLLAR INTO WAR BONDS SO WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR FLEECE" Illustration of sheep.

FARM PRICES Prices received by farmers in mid-January averaged more than twice their pre-World War I level for the first time since August, 1920, the USDA reported. At 201 per cent of the August, 1909-July, 1914, average, the January index of prices received by farmers was 3 points above a year ago. Parity prices were at the highest level since 1920, 117 per cent of parity on January 15, the same as a month earlier and a year ago.

Nothing makes some people so busy as a little bit of work. ONE TREE WILL MAKE THOUSANDS OF MATCHES. ONE MATCH MAY DESTROY THOUSANDS OF TREES

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