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Evidently Herbert Hoover still clings to his theory of a chicken in every pot, even if Hitler snatches two for his.

It's perfectly natural that with most of the world's troubled waters, England needs most of the world's oil to pour on 'em.

Mussolini probably yearns for the good old days when he made his people see things his way by simply feeding them castor oil.

If and when the Greeks, like the Finns, must sue for peace, those "ladies from Hell" can say they had a lot of fun running the marathon.

**A Good Man Passes**

The passing of Charles N. Bodenheimer, who died here last week, brings genuine and lasting sorrow to the people of Elkin, not alone because of the many contacts he made during his twenty years of postmastering here, but because those contacts were of the friendly, human interest nature that impressed everyone with the man's genuineness, neighborliness and worth.

Mr. Bodenheimer was well-read and therefore well-informed on public affairs, and because of this background his opinions usually were sound and reliable, and even those who differed with him politically, respected his conclusions because he had arrived at them only after sincere and tolerant examination of the issues involved. For that reason he was one man with whom one could discuss politics pleasantly and with profit.

Because he was sincere and honest himself, he despised insincerity and dishonesty in others; because he did not take shortcuts, he abhorred anything that smacked of underhand tactics by others, whether in politics, business or any other human relationships.

As postmaster here for a long period, it is known to most of us that he looked beyond the periodic pay-check and sought to give the maximum service in that capacity, and many of us can count the little extra services and courtesies extended that were in no sense a part of the duties connected with his job. That we submit was a fine index to his character.

It is significant too, that his home was a sort of rendezvous for the young and old people of the community, who found enlightenment as well as friendliness there, for both Mr. Bodenheimer and his wife were intelligent and friendly and held common interest with all. And so those who really craved the higher viewpoint of life, found it in this home.

Mr. Bodenheimer was a great lover of nature. The great outdoors appealed to him. He saw beauty there and drank it in—the enlargement of his own soul, and to be reflected in his everyday associations with his fellows.

It is impossible to draw a word picture of this man who has gone from among us. He was too big and all-embracing for that. But we can at least lay this little humble flower on his grave.

**Alleghany's Quail**

From Dick Gentry, Alleghany county game warden, comes word that unless hunters for quail in that county either abstain from further hunting this season or exercise special precautions in staying well under the bag limit until the season closes, there will be few birds left to hunt in that section. The scarcity, according to Dick, is due partly to the severity of last winter and to the floods and heavy rains of last summer accentuated further by the fact that hunters have been unusually active so far this season.

Maybe some of the dearth of quail this season stems from the bootlegging of ditto in Alleghany last season. We are remembering that one quail bootlegger did a thriving business with Charlotte cafes and hotels, and as the story ran then, the natives of Alleghany quite willingly contributed to his success. And so if the supply runs short this year they have themselves largely to blame.

As for our ownself, we promise faithfully not to further deplete the quail population—not in Alleghany. When we take to the field, we want it to be a field, not a mountain. When we want that kind of exercise we'll find a good smokestack to climb and leave our gun at home.

But in all seriousness, Dick Gentry is giving a warning that is as sensible as it is timely. Wildlife is a distinct asset to that or any other community. Especially is this so with regard to quail. And it is an asset that should not be wasted but conserved.

Wildlife can be conserved by the exercise of a little common sense and thoughtfulness—in the flat country as well as in Alleghany. Every sportsman worthy of the name will engage in any reasonable practice that assures the permanency of the game supply. And the other kind of hunter, the pot hunter, should be made to do the same, whether he wants to or not.

It might interfere with the plans of some, but it would be a fine thing if the State would put a ban on quail hunting for a year or two until the fields are stocked to a point where there would be quail to hunt when a fellow feels the urge to shoulder a gun.

**Racketeering Come to Grief**

From this distance it would seem that the last legislature built a lot of grief for the State when it began to piddle with North Carolina's slot machine law by letting the gap down for a brand of racketeering that includes the State as a sort of silent partner.

True, the license money represents a tidy total, but there is where the partnership comes in. It is as though the State were splitting with the racketeers, which from a moral standpoint makes it about as guilty as they.

Last week Joseph Calcutt, whose slot machine business is said to have grossed nearly two million dollars, and who paid the State \$100,000 annually in license taxes, was sentenced to twelve months on the roads and fined \$10,000 for possessing illegal slot machines. Yet the illegal slot machines had licenses on them. So it seems that Calcutt got it going and coming.

The head of this gigantic industry testified that he bought great gobs of these licenses, bought them wholesale and attached them to his one-armed bandits as he chose without the assistance of State officials and without any sort of inspection. It was left to his rather calloused conscience, and certainly under those circumstances it could hardly be expected that the licenses would apply only to machines that were to be played for amusement only.

Judge Parker, the trial judge, himself declared: "I don't think I have ever seen the law more flagrantly violated, or a more contemptuous attitude toward the law. There is a sinister relationship between racketeering, gambling and politics." Judge Parker was referring to politics in local communities which winked at Calcutt's thumbing his nose at the law. But the judge's remarks could well include the legislature which opened the way for it.

The trial testimony also revealed that Calcutt had paid the enormous sum of \$73,000 for legal services, in addition to lobbying costs. It developed, too, that the State could not point to a single instance in which a license had been refused to any operator of a slot machine, all of which shows very clearly that the State is interested only in the revenue. But for the unusual interest of a Superior Court judge, Calcutt and his buddies would have gone on indefinitely, fattening on the gullibility of fools who play the things.

**Mr. Hoover Insists**

One must have full respect for Herbert Hoover's fine and noble interest in suffering humanity in Europe. Their appeal probably is stronger to him because of the part he played in the American relief drama in the last war and which Belgium and the world remembers so well.

Yet one must have full respect too, for Britain's stand in the matter of Mr. Hoover's proposal to give aid to Europe's hungry. One of the last utterances of Lord Lothian, Britain's Ambassador to the United States, whose death is so widely lamented, was that Britain could not consistently let food pass to the nations conquered by Hitler. And this was followed by a statement from Ronald H. Cross, British minister of shipping, that "Germany has got to feed these people because it suits the German book that they should be fed, but it would suit Germany far better that somebody else should undertake the task and leave Germany with a greater margin of foodstuffs for her own use. And the greater margin of foodstuffs at Germany's disposal the longer she can carry on the war."

Obviously the one weapon upon which Britain must rely to ultimately win this war is the successful blockade of Germany. To become too considerate of those whom Hitler has conquered would be nullifying the blockade, and actually making it easier for Germany to carry on. For no matter how much Mr. Hoover may argue that none of the proposed foodstuffs would fall into German hands, the simplest of us are convinced that by some hook or crook, Hitler would pilfer some of it.

It is one of the rules of warfare that conquering forces are charged with the responsibility of maintaining order and that implies a reasonable consideration of the hungry. Hitler certainly would not tolerate any outside interference with the assets of his conquered areas. Very promptly he would insist that these are his by right of conquest. Then just as surely he should also shoulder the responsibility of his liabilities.

Some of the people he has conquered are more or less willing victims; some have fought him and failed, but that does not enter into the measurement of Hitler's responsibility. Mr. Hoover is alleged to have said that he will bring the British to heel. Others have joined with him in this purpose. And none of them are doing the democratic cause a service, no matter how appealing their cause.

**WITH THE SICK**

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Mrs. Mamie Apperson, Jonesville; Mrs. Simpson, Dobson; Zena Mae Phipps, Independence, Va.; Johnny Swaim, Elkin; Betty Lou Baker, State Road; J. A. Wagoner, Jonesville; Mrs. Lillian Money, Mount Airy; Walter Weaver, Jonesville; Carl Evans, Yadkinville; J. H. Cockerham, Jonesville; Mrs. Mamie Alexander, Ronda; Mrs. Martin Hudson, Elkin; Willard Creek, Roaring River; Joe Clardy, Elkin; Mrs. Sheffie Graham, Elkin; Mrs. Vena Wood, Dobson; Vermell Weatherman, Jonesville.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Bonnie Hall, Millers Creek; Mrs. Mary Cheek, Roaring River; Walter Osborne, Elkin; Hobart Adams, Jonesville; Annie Lee Cothren, Elkin; Thos. L. Crouse, Sparta; Mrs. Thos. Shugart, Elkin; Mrs. Louise Cooper, Elkin; Mrs. Etaree Walters, Jonesville; Mrs. Martha Burchette, Jonesville; E. R. Cheek, Elkin; Mrs. Opal Wagoner, Elkin; Mrs. Hallie Suratt, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Martha Wray, Mount Airy; Mrs. Mae Butner, Booneville; Allen Tilley, Dobson; Mrs. Sallie Macemore, Cycle; Omar Sprinkle, Jonesville; Carl Evans, Yadkinville; Willard Cheek, Roaring River.

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**WANTS**

For Sale—A good iron safe, size 40x57 in., outside. Elkin Furniture Co., Elkin, N. C. 12-26c

For Sale or Lease—Big Nickel Lunch, Elkin, N. C. Completely equipped and now in operation doing nice business. Easy terms to responsible party. Owner has other business interests. Phone 333J. tfc

For best prices on produce see Sant Holcomb. tfc

Announcing Bell's Studio over Ideal Beauty Shop, opening Saturday, December 21. Let us fix your pictures. Better pictures is our motto. 1tp

Wanted—1000 people to know about the plate lunch specials served every day at the Nite Spot just across the bridge in Jonesville. Choice of one meat, two vegetables, hot corn bread, or rolls and butter for 25c prepared by "Aunt Teenie" Martin, best colored woman cook in these parts. Plenty of parking space and quick service. tfc

For sale—Eight weeks old setter pups, females \$4.00, males \$5.00. Also one female pointer nine months old, priced reasonable. Red Walls, Ronda, N. C. 1tp

Large assortment used phonograph records, 10c each. The Nite Spot. Open all night. tfc

For sale—white Plymouth Rock capons, buttermilk fed. Phone 22-F-11. O. P. Wall. 1tc

For sale: baled lespedeza and soy bean hay. L. S. Weaver, Jonesville. 12-26c

Hilary Martin shines shoes seven days a week at the Big Nickel Lunch, on Bridge street. 1tp

For rent—three-room apartment with private bath and private entrance. Good residential district. Phone 327-J. tfc

Lost, strayed or stolen, small black heifer calf. Finder please notify C. I. Boger, phone 197-R. 1tc

For rent: 6-room western bungalow, refinished throughout. Dr. W. R. Wellborn. tfc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. tfc

We want one car load green hides, must have them. See Sant Holcomb. tfc

It will pay you to see Sant Holcomb for all kinds of produce. tfc

Wanted: Eggs, hams, butter, chickens, all kinds of country produce. For best cash prices see Earle Combs, South Bridge street, Elkin, N. C., Phone 308. tfc

Kill destructive insects with proven insecticides. Arsenate lead, magnesium arsenate, Paris green. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. tfc

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Wanted to repair — radios. One expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. tfc

**Christmas Communique**



**BOONVILLE MAN IS FINED FOR SPEED**

Ernest Brown, of Boonville, was arrested here Wednesday by Chief of Police Corbett Wall, on a charge of speeding. Tried before

Magistrate J. L. Hall, he was fined \$10.00 and the costs.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy shown us during the illness and death of

our mother, Mrs. Carrie Cummings. The floral offering was beautiful.

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