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CAN WAR BE AVOIDED?

For more than a year we have been hearing war talk from many parts of the world, and have been getting news of actual warfare. First Japan invaded China—and nobody did anything about it. Then Italy attacked Ethiopia. The whole world protested, and the League of Nations undertook to put pressure on Italy to desist from its unwarranted attack on a weak and almost defenseless nation.

Then we heard threats of war in the Far East between Japan and Russia. In the mean time, however, Germany disclosed the fact that was alarming and preparing for another war—a war of "defense," of course, though nobody seemed to be threatening Germany. Russia disclosed that it has the largest trained and equipped army in the world, and a reserve of 17 million men. Stalin, the Russian dictator, denied that Russia had any hostile intentions toward Japan, but spoke of the menace to world peace that lay in Germany's belligerent attitude.

France has been strengthening her armies and the fortifications along the German and Italian borders. Britain, following Prime Minister Baldwin's declaration that the British frontier is no longer the North Sea but the Rhine, announced the other day a program of aerial and naval armament to be completed in three years. Germany's answer to that was to move its army across the Rhine, occupying territory which, under the Versailles Treaty and the later Pact of Locarno, it was obligated to keep demilitarized. But Hitler declared those treaties had been rendered void by the new treaty between France and Russia.

All of those things are fighting gestures. They may lead to war, or they may result only in a readjustment of European relations and a possible easing of the warlike tension. Nobody knows. All that is certain is that the world is in a state where a single false move may start a greater war than has ever been seen. Such a war would almost certainly destroy civilization as we understand it.

GIVES DATES FOR SHORT COURSE, FARM AND HOME WEEK AT STATE COLLEGE

The annual 4-H club short course—a week of fun, fellowship, and instruction for rural boys and girls, will be held at N. C. State College from July 22 to 27.

As the short course is brought to a close, Farm and Home Week, an educational vacation for farm men and women, will open and continue through July 31, according to an announcement by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

Last year the short course and Farm and Home Week were cancelled on account of the outbreak of paralysis over the State. This year it is hoped that the programs will make up for the disappointment expressed by rural people who had planned to attend these events last summer, the dean said.

Odd Accidents

An entire New York family, Charles McLaughlin, his wife and little son, lost their lives from asphyxi-

SPORTOGRAPHS

(By "Smack" Proctor)

Arnold "Popeye" Tarr, Lincolnton's amateur fistic hero and twice winner of Charlotte Golden Gloves titles, left early this morning for Duke University, Durham, N. C., where for the next ten days he will assist head coach Addison Warren in training the Duke ringmen for Olympic tryouts.

Tarr is very popular in Durham, where he has fought several times on amateur programs. He is expected to be of invaluable assistance to Warren, as he is an experienced ringman, packs a wallop and possesses ruggedness to the ninth degree.

Snavelly to Cornell

There are many, many sad eyed Carolina alumni in your favorite county seat today, for the one man they loved and were proud of will depart in April to newer gridiron pastures—Cornell, where he will take up head coaching football duties under a three year contract.

Snavelly's signing of a Cornell contract came as an abrupt surprise to his many friends here, as his contract at Carolina has one more year to run. The Tar Heels were reluctant to let Snavelly go, it was understood, and gave him his release from the contract Friday night at a meeting of the athletic council in Chapel Hill, after failing in an eleventh hour attempt to have him stay another year at Carolina. "Greater opportunities" was given as the biggest reason for Snavelly's decision.

Snavelly in his two years coaching reign at U. N. C., left nothing to be desired by the enthusiastic Carolina grid populace as his first Tar Heel team in '33 won the State Championship and the past season they were ranked the eighth outstanding eleven of the season by no less an authority than Alan Gould, A. P. sports editor, despite the Duke shelling on Nov. 16th. His teams lost only two games in two seasons of play. No wonder the U. N. C. boys feel keenly the loss of such a proficient coach, and a very personable young man of 42 years at that.

Snavelly won a host of new friends on his visit here on January 10th, last, when he appeared as principal speaker on the Carolina alumni smoker meeting. At that time he spoke freely of the North Carolina institution, praising the spirit, traditions and sportsmanship, and otherwise seemed well satisfied at Carolina (of course that was before the Graham plan gained momentum)—The writer at that meeting had an exclusive and interesting chat with him, the first time I had ever had occasion to talk to a real big time football coach. Snavelly then was in fine spirits, seemed enthusiastic about his '35 team—his coaching duties, North Carolina football as being on par with other outstanding teams of the country, etc.

The big question now is, who will succeed Snavelly at Carolina? Brother, that's a big task. What about Matty Bell now, Carolina alumni?—Did you (readers) know that when the time for selection of the U. N. C. coach came two years ago the list had narrowed down to Snavelly and Bell, present Southern Methodist coach. Nice pickings, eh—All I can say is, Snavelly's departure is Cornell's gain and a very BIG loss for Carolina.

Local Shots

Billy Wilkinson, local boy at King College and former Golden Gloves finalist, added another crown to his already impressive record by winning the lightweight title in the High Point Central Carolina G. G. tournament that ended Friday night.

Jud McGinnis, leading hitter with a 369 stick average last season, Glenn Beatty, a 358 hitter last season, Bill Grice, a 333 swatter, and Pete Cornwell, 333, are counted upon by Block Smith for the hitting power of his '36 club. Shelton, tall and grateful working righthander, will be No. 1 pitcher, with McGinnis in the No. 2 spot. Practice for the team has been hampered the past several days due to rain and high winds, along with a throat ailment that has kept Coach Smith on the sidelines for the past week.

Lincolnton bids to have not only quality in baseball this summer, but quantity as well with Glenn Long Shoals, Eoger-Crawford, and Rhotel-Rhyme expected to put out strong outfits.

When the coffee pot boiled over and put out the gas stove. They were seated admiring the child's Christmas tree.

Another New Yorker, Clarence Johns, was burned to death when he fell through an open heat register and slid down the hot air pipe leading to the furnace.

Hurrying out to attend a party, Ernestine Boyd's dress was caught fast when the door slammed and locked. Unable to get out of the garment and reluctant to tear the new frock she stood still until her father arrived home an hour later to find her nearly unconscious from exposure to the Wisconsin winter winds.

The Annals of Lincoln County

By William L. Sherrill

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Col. William Johnston, late of Charlotte, was a notable citizen, who did much for the material development of the state. He graduated from the University in the class of 1840 with William M. Shipp, Albert M. Shipp, and Charles Connor Graham, of Lincoln; Tod R. Caldwell, of Burke and Calvin H. Wiley, the first superintendent of Public Instruction in the state. He then attended the famous law school of Judge Richmond M. Pearson, at Richmond Hill and graduated in the first class of the long line of law students, who received instructions from that able jurist.

He then settled in Charlotte in 1842 to practice law; was president of the Charlotte and Taylorsville plank road and in 1846 (when but 29 years old) was elected President of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad (from Charlotte to Columbia) which was completed about 1853. Then in 1859 he was also elected President of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, which was completed to Statesville in 1861 and work on it was then suspended on account of the Civil War.

Col. Johnston and Judge James W. Osborne were the delegates from Mecklenburg to the Convention of 1861 and voted for the Secession Ordinance. When he saw thirteen Charlotte Jews volunteer for military service he had no trouble in persuading the convention to repeal the statute which prohibited Jews from holding office in North Carolina.

Governor Ellis recognized the fine judgment and business ability of Col. Johnston by appointing him Commissary General with the rank of Colonel. He resigned his seat in the convention to accept this position and served with satisfaction until September 16, 1863 when he resigned to give his full time to the management of the railroads of which he was still President.

In 1862 he was the candidate of the War party for Governor, but was defeated at the polls by Zebulon B. Vance. In 1864 President Davis tendered him the appointment of Commissary General of the Confederate States, but he declined the position, thinking he could render better service to the Government by giving his full time to the railroads of which he was President. In 1865 Federal troops destroyed sixty miles of the railroad track between Columbia and Charlotte, but by 1866 Col. Johnston had it fully rebuilt and in the same year began work on the extension of the road to Augusta. His railroad duties commanded his time so completely that he was forced to abandon his law practice. He was a public spirited and progressive citizen one of the founders of the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte in 1873 and served as Mayor of Charlotte for seven years between 1875 and 1887. As a public speaker he was persuasive and logical, though not of the style that enthused the multitude, but he possessed mental gifts, which qualified him for any position.

He was born in Lincoln county in 1817, son of Robert and Mary (Reid) Johnston. It is said that when Robert Johnston asked Captain John Reid for his daughter in marriage that Captain Reid said: "You can make the money and Mary will take care of it." This indicates where Col. Johnston got some of his fine business ability.

On March 16, 1846 he married to Ann Eliza, daughter of Dr. Geo. F. and Martha A. Harris, of Memphis. They had two sons, Frank G., and Wm. R. Johnston, and two daughters, Julia, who married Col. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, and Cora, who became the wife of Col. Thos. R. Robertson. Among the grandchildren are William, Johnston Andrews, A. B. Andrews, Jr., Graham H. Andrews, and John H. Andrews of Raleigh, and Maj. W. R. Robertson and Miss Julia Robertson, of Charlotte.

On May 20, 1896, he died in Charlotte, where for forty four years he had been a useful and honored citizen. He was distinguished in appearance and looked the part. He was cultivated in mind, polished in manners, dignified and courtly in bearing, always faultlessly dressed and commanded the high respect and confidence of the people.

1897

Benjamin H. Sumner died in Lincolnton, June 10, 1897, aged 70 years. He was postmaster for 10 years, from 1855 until 1865 and one time chairman of the board of County Commissioners.

The Legislature re-elected Jeter C. Pritchard to the Senate for the full term, beginning March 4th.

Col. Seth W. Stubbs was a useful citizen of Lincolnton for many years. In early life he came here from Massachusetts. He was a great mechanic, he knew all about machinery, could make a clock and made a good one for the County, placed it in the tower of the courthouse about 1856 and kept it in accurate running order as long as he lived. The old town clock was standard time for Lincoln County for many years before the telegraph line was built and until the old courthouse was torn down in 1922. He knew all about metals and knew how to build a locomotive. He established the Stubbs Machine Shop and Foundry and made machines of all kinds for the people, far and wide, and in the foundry manufactured kitchen ware pots and ovens, molasses mills and other castings. When Col. Stubbs grew old, the business was turned over to his son Elbridge W. Stubbs, who inherited his father's mechanical skill, and operated the business as long as he lived. All the Stubbs' family are now dead or moved away, but the valuable service rendered by Col. Stubbs should not be forgotten for he deserves the gratitude of the people for training a long line of efficient machinists who have served well our county and section.

Capt. Edward W. Ward, of the United States Army was born in Greenburg, Kentucky, September 15, 1843, son of Gen. W. T. Ward, who volunteered as a Union soldier in 1861, and Captain Ward, a youth of eighteen years went to war with his father, and after the surrender continued in active military service until he retired in 1879. He married first to a daughter of the late Governor Tod R. Caldwell, and his second wife, was Bettie Lee, daughter of S. P. Sherrill, of Lincolnton.

Captain Ward was a resident of Lincolnton from 1882 until his death December 13, 1897. He took much interest in public affairs. Was Mayor of Lincolnton 1887 and 1888. Was republican candidate for Congress in 1888 and defeated by Col. W. H. H. Cowles, and defeated for the Legislature in 1896 by J. F. Reinhardt, by only four votes. He was a widely informed man, an attractive public speaker, and an active member of the Methodist church.

1898

Cuba had been under the tyrannical rule of Spain for 200 years, and the Cubans were now in revolt. To protect American interests the Maine (U. S. Warship) was anchored in Havana harbor, when on the night of February 5, 1898 the Maine was blown to pieces by dynamite and 266 seamen killed. A wave of indignation swept over the United States and War against Spain was declared by the Senate, April 9th. The army was organized and great excitement prevailed throughout the country. Spain was defeated and Cuba was freed.

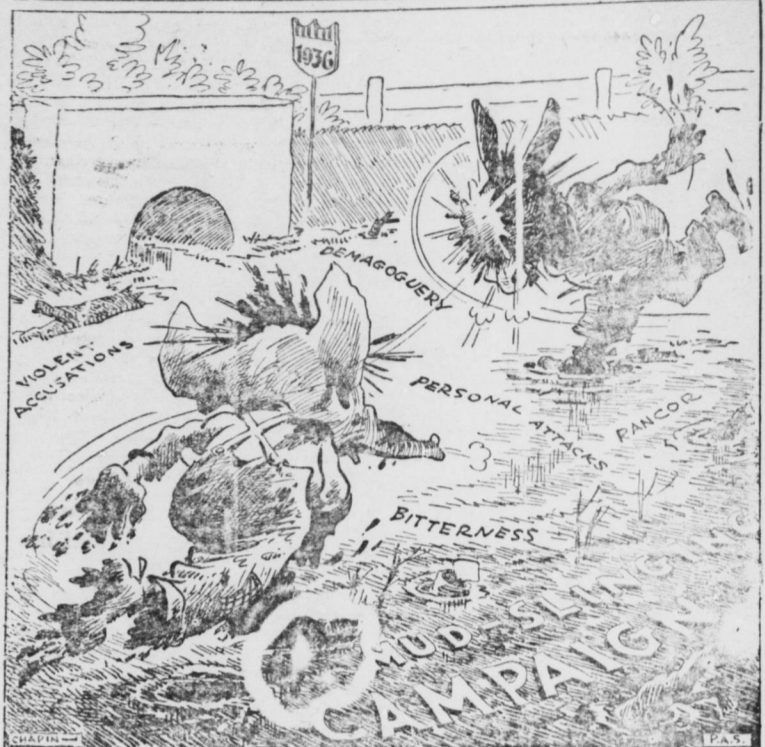
Major Henry W. Burton died at his home in Lincolnton, May 9, 1898, in his 77th year.

After a terrifically hot campaign the democrats carried the State in the November election and the Legislature was largely democratic.

Alfred Nixon was elected Clerk of Superior Court in November.

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BOYS WILL BE BOYS — by A. B. Chapin



Man Wanted In Mooresville Bank Robbery and 39 Other Similar Crimes Arrested

3 Negroes Arrested For Murder, Attack

New York, March 14. — Edward Bentz, whom federal agents charge with participation in 40 bank robberies with a total loot running into millions of dollars, was seized today covering in a dumbwaiter shaft, clad only in underwear.

Government operatives surrounded the apartment building in Brooklyn where he was captured, and filled the lower floor with tear gas bombs. With drawn guns they gingerly advanced into the building to meet the man hunted for more than a year.

"Don't shoot, boys, I'll come right out," a voice said and following it the agents came upon Bentz jammed in the dumbwaiter shaft.

Specialists Offer Hints For Planting

With the planting season only a few days away, many specialists at State College are offering growers helpful information on the Carolina Farm Features radio program.

For instance, during the past month, one of the points stressed was the making and proper care of tobacco plant beds so that the grower might have healthy, vigorous plants when the time for transplanting comes.

As this is also the baby chick season, specialists from the Poultry Department have been instructing chicken raisers as to the best methods of caring for and feeding the chicks. The free plans for building a brick brooder, which were offered on the program, had a wide response from listeners.

Horticulture and home demonstration specialists are urging the men and women on farms to grow more varieties of vegetables so that they will have enough for use during the spring and summer and also a quantity sufficient for canning. This enables farm families to have a year-round supply of vegetables for table use.

The full schedule for the week of February 24-29 follows: Monday, E. H. Hostetler, "Farm Work Stock;" Tuesday, M. E. Gardner, "Caring for Fruit Trees;" Wednesday, J. B. Mann, "Farm Credit;" Thursday, Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, "The Home Garden;" Friday, Roy S. Dearstine, "Questions and Answers on Poultry Problems;" and Saturday, Forestry Department.

Auction Sale!

I will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at what is known as the White House, Washington, D. C., the following property: 1937 January 8, 1937 Beginning promptly at 10 o'clock, A. M.

One Democratic platform that has never been used, therefore as good as new; One aged mule, unbroken and slightly blinched; A few broad smiles; One car-load of mixed feeding cattle, if not shot before day of sale; The bones of 12,000,000 little pigs, and sows, which died from the effect of the AAA; One herd boar, sired by silverite and expansion, and damned by everybody; 150,000 bushels good seed corn raised in South America, also some Canadian seed wheat; 4% bushels AAA potato stamped and wrapped in tissue paper; One ship load of cotton goods imported from Japan; 123,542 corn-hog contracts to be offered one with the privilege of all; One joke book containing all codes and the Russian alphabet; 72 caterpillars picked before frost and approved by the Brain Trusters; One big Chisel; All CCC tools, including picks, forks, shovels, hoes, rakes, axes, grubbing-hoes, scythes, harrows, and garden plows.

All farmers who expect to go back to farming in 1937 should attend this sale.

Free lunch to Hobo's. Blue Eagle sandwiches, and beer. Terms: All sums of \$10.00 and under cash in hand with 50 cent dollars. No gold to be accepted. All sums over \$10.00, 300 years time will be given to foreigners without interest, while 30 day time will be given to Americans with bankable notes to draw all the interest, and taxes they can stand.

Auctioneers and clerks to be selected on day of sale by the Brain Trusters.

UNCLE SAM, Owner. (The Yellow Jacket)

Advertisement for FRIGIDAIRE with the METER-MISER. It features a woman's face and a speech bubble that says: "IMAGINE THAT! YOU SAY SOME REFRIGERATORS WASTE AS MUCH AS 42% OF THEIR SHELF SPACE?" Another speech bubble says: "RIGHT! BUT NOT WITH THE NEW FRIGIDAIRE WITH THE 'METER-MISER'. IT'S WIDER, ROOMIER, AND IS UP IN FRONT, WHERE YOU CAN GET AT IT!" The ad is for Guy E. Cline Inc., LINCOLNTON, N. C.