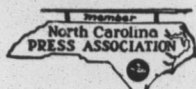


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Beginning of an Ending

News of the week from Norway and Denmark may easily be the most serious reported from Europe since the beginning of World War II. Available information by telegraph and radio indicates that Copenhagen has been occupied by German troops and that the Norwegian capitol has been moved inland from Oslo. The extreme gravity of the situation is intensified by the meagreness of first reports.

Outwardly the stage setting appears to have been perfect. Monday morning dispatches recorded placing of additional mines off the Norwegian coast by Britain and France. Purpose of this move was described as an attempt to block German vessels from this territory and to put an end to German trade in vital stores of iron ore. Monday, midnight, the retaliation was German occupation of Copenhagen Denmark, and the first thrust at Norway.

No one knows what may be the next move, although it must be expected that British and French aid to the Scandinavian countries will not be lacking. Invasion of Norway which has enjoyed one hundred and twenty-five years of peace, is tragic in the same sense that invasions of Finland, Poland and Bohemia were tragic, but the breaking out of war in the land of the midnight sun has in it possibilities of much more tragedy, insofar as the Allied cause is concerned.

Domination of the Scandinavian countries by Germany will mean release of much needed food and munition supplies to that country, and conversely, a cutting off of the same supplies to Great Britain. This, in simplest terms, appears to be the prime significance of the latest bulletins, although there are other complications such as the possibilities of intensified sea warfare between Great Britain and Germany in northern waters.

At first glance it may be observed that Scandinavian participation may bring the war to a quicker end. It will either be that or a greater prolongation. In England the results may soon be noticeable. In Germany, which stands to benefit by the events of the week, not so soon. The whole affair has the appearance of a swift-as-lightning move, but sober reflection will show that the explosion of the week has been in the making for months, with particular activity during the past two weeks.

That is all one can say at the moment: later, the full story of the unceasing internal conflict between pro and con factions in Norway, Sweden and Denmark may come to light. Until that page of history which is being written this week may be read without prejudice there will be no way at all of arriving at the truth. Once again the United States is called upon to play a game of waiting and watching and the people of this nation can only hope watching and waiting will not be replaced by active American participation.

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An Afternoon "Good Turn"

Coming back from a Saturday hike, members of Troop 32, of the Boy Scout organization, reported an afternoon of fire-fighting on Hager's mountain. Discovery of the fire, in an area about a mile wide and three miles long, was made about three o'clock in the afternoon and battle was given by the Scouts for several hours. Under direction of Scoutmaster Lawrence Rynd the boys, ten of them, labored until they were exhausted, although they stayed on the job until help came.

The story is typical of Scouts and is representative of the ideals of the organization to which they belong. The boys were not able to put the blaze out but they did hold it in check until help arrived and in doing so they prevented spreading of the flames to forest-fire proportions. This is all there is to the story, a story which can be matched many times over throughout the nation. It is a pleasure to record the incident as one worthy of public appreciation, however willing the boys may have been to take their strenuous afternoon's work as a part of the day's program.

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Strange Business in Durham

Tuesday's Durham Morning Herald carried a narrative of horror in the night which happened in that city early Tuesday morning when the home of Neva Lyon, Negro woman of Rock street, was wrecked by a blast presumably caused by explosion of dynamite sticks placed under the floor of the room in which she was sleeping. Sleeping with the Lyon woman, who was killed, were her two children, both of whom escaped with injuries described as slight. Also sleeping in the room was a Negro man, said to have been there for purposes of protection to the family, whose house had been set on fire in an arson attempt two or three weeks previously.

The incident, as reported in the Herald, is mainly factual, with no effort at an explanation of the unexplainable. The crime, however, smacks of Chicago at

the worst it was ever thought to be, and it is to be hoped that if the guilty party or parties are ever caught, full justice in the form of punishment will be meted out. The killing of a mother of children is always to be deplored: this particular incident has in it more of horror than any recent occurrence in this area, and regardless of what may come to light in subsequent investigations, it has, likewise, fullest elements of tragedy.



The Literary Classics

Durham Morning Herald

It was not surprising to read in yesterday's Herald-Sun that the literary classics are among the most undisturbed books in the public library.

The authority for this statement was Miss Clara Crawford, head of the library.

Miss Crawford said: "Only school children read the literary classics these days, and that's only because they have to."

To say that modern people are going to the dogs because they lap up current fiction and overlook the literary classics is to argue on doubtful ground. But we do say that those who have never made acquaintance with those great classics of the past have missed a lot of pleasure, a lot of entertainment.

They have cut down their field of pleasant reading; they move in a restricted field.

It has always seemed unfortunate to us that somehow or other there has been built up about the classics an impression of heaviness and unreadableness. Most people today think of them as dull, dry things. Exactly the opposite is the case. For it is the peculiar virtue of the classics that through the years they lose nothing of their original freshness and charm. Indeed, they seem to mellow with age.

To those who know the classics, "Tom Jones" is as absorbing, as thrilling, and as thoroughly enjoyable as any modern novel. "Wuthering Heights" has a fascination about it that one finds in few books, seldom in modern literature. "Pride and Prejudice" remains an absorbing novel of the quiet life of ordinary people. Its characters are as alive and as fresh today as when they first were created by Jane Austen.

So it goes with these old books. Though they were created decades ago, they remain forever young.

This is the thing that makes them classics. All old books are not classics. Unworthy books were produced centuries ago just as they are being produced today. But they have fallen by the wayside. The good books of past years are still with us. That they are is proof of their worth, of the pleasure they give, of the entertainment they afford.

It is not surprising that they sometimes are neglected. But it is unfortunate that so many people deny themselves the pleasure they afford merely because of a mistaken belief that they are old and out of date.

They are never out of date.

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Letting 'Em Leak

Greensboro Daily News

The Durham county grand jury has submitted to proper authorities what the Morning Herald of the Bull City describes as "a long list of needed repairs for school buses".

Apparently the report is destined not to go beyond the recommendatory stage for some time as L. H. Barbour, county superintendent, is quoted as saying that the improvements will be made "as soon as possible". The school head avers that there is no money in the budget for repairs and that they will probably have to be delayed until after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

There are in the recommendations, however, a number which relate primarily to safety. Eight of the buses are declared to have brakes which are badly in need of readjustment. Other findings include broken safety latches and defective horns. It is indeed a grave responsibility that somebody takes in loading down these buses, day after day, with human cargo. Correction of their defects seemingly would entail a comparatively small expenditure, but apparently the money, even to small amount, simply is not there. Our first thought reverts to the question of how school busses get and stay that way until their deficiencies are discovered by a grand jury. Certainly there should be demand and provision for their periodic inspection and constant upkeep; any driver or minor school official ought to know when brakes are out of adjustment, when a horn won't blow or when a safety latch is faulty. And failure to provide funds for repairs which may be necessary throughout the school year certainly reveals a shortsighted management on somebody's part.

Moving from the safety sphere to the downright wastage, the grand jury's report noted six leaking gasoline tanks. And must they go right on leaking, after having been that way for who knows how long, until the next fiscal year? Authorities who aver they have no money are obviously paying for whatever gasoline seeps from these faulty tanks, and stoppage there would at least provide that much towards other needed repairs which will avowedly have to wait. Everything else failing, maybe NYA would consent to finance that many cup-bearers to the leaking tanks

ORCHARDS

O. R. Freeman, assistant farm agent in Lenoir County, says four farmers in that county have started new commercial peach orchards this year.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of R. H. Oakley, deceased, late of Person county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 11th, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of March, 1940.

B. H. Oakley,
Admr. of R. H. Oakley.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Sallie P. Whitt, deceased, late of Person county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of March, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 21st day of March, 1940.

W. B. Whitt,
Admr. Sallie P. Whitt.
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NOTICE - RESALE OF LAND

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court, made in the Special Proceeding entitled Leby Dixon, Jesse Dixon and others vs Luther Dixon, Clyde Dixon and others, I will offer for resale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Roxboro, N. C., on MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1940, at 12 o'clock M., that certain parcel or tract of land lying and being in Roxboro Township, Person County, North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows:

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The bid at this sale will begin at \$840.00.

This sale will remain open ten days for an increase bid, and the purchaser at this sale will be required to make a cash deposit of 10 percent of the purchase price.

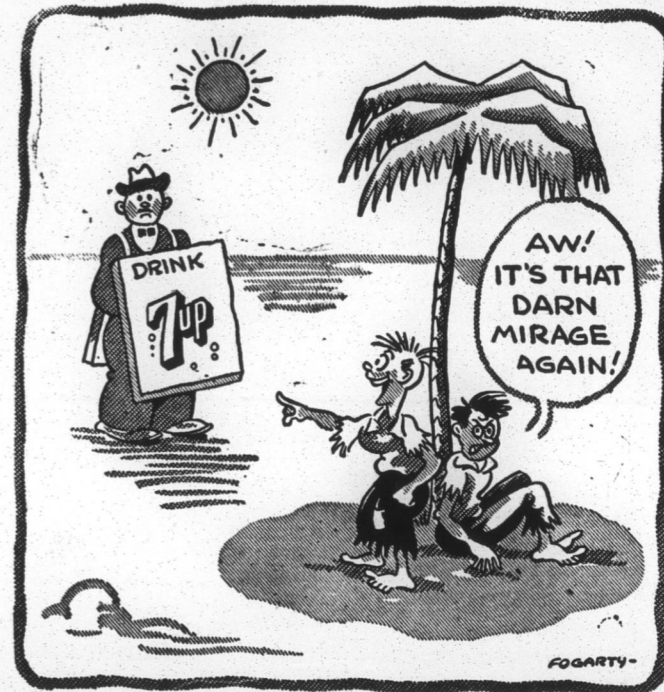
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W. D. Merritt, Commissioner.
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