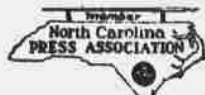


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GIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

WE ARE NOT TOYS WOUND UP: For in Him we live and move and have our being.—Acts 17:28.

The Government Gains

The First District lost an invaluable friend in Congress when Lind Warren resigned his seat to accept the position as Comptroller General for the United States; no doubt others will come along ably filling Mr. Warren's position, but we doubt if ever there will be another who worked so diligently for the First District as did Mr. Warren.

Our loss, however, is the government's gain. As we understand it the Comptroller General's office has been open for some time, and further, we understand that that officer is the only person who can put the brakes on government spending. His is the final word on whether an appropriation is to be allowed or disregarded. President Roosevelt could not have found a better man to fill the job.

A Worthy Record

Perquimans County has again come into the limelight. It was announced this week by officials in Raleigh that traffic records for the first six months of 1940 show that Perquimans County stands fifth—out of the one hundred counties in North Carolina—in the number of accidents during this time.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the safety division, offers his congratulations to the people of Perquimans on this fine record. It is one that can be pointed to with pride... for so few accidents and no fatalities during the six months ending July 31.

However, Mr. Hocutt warns that in order to continue with such a good record... one that if continued will make our highways safe for both vehicle operators and pedestrians—the people must be alert and cooperate in the drive to make North Carolina highways safe.

We have a grand record for the first six months of this year... let's all work toward maintaining that record... or even bettering it.

Plutocracy

Among the words which Adolf Hitler has introduced into his repertory of abuse is one borrowed from the Communists—the word "Plutocracy." Germany, says the Nazis, is fighting against the "plutocracy" of Great Britain, and whenever the Nazis are not feeling well disposed to the United States, it also is a "plutocracy."

The term was once meant to include a picture of Jewish financiers counting out their gold and opposing Nazism's professedly benevolent intentions for the sake of more gold; but the word "Jewish" is now usually omitted from speeches for foreign consumption, for the National Socialists have dropped their quarrel with the Jews of Russia.

In what does the sting of the word lie? Reichsfuhrer Hitler can scarcely be reproaching the democracies on the ground that they are rich, because it is an acknowledged ambition of his regime to make Germany rich. But he is using the word in its strict meaning of "government by the rich," then the German Government is as much a "plutocracy" as that of Britain or France. It is probable that the average income of members of the Nazi Government is at least as high as that of British Ministers or American Congressmen.

If, again it means "government in the interests of the rich," would there be any sense in making such an accusation against a system of rule which throughout the last half-century has done more for the poor than has been done under any other system? Is the standard of living of the poor as high in Germany as it is in America or Britain? Of course it is not. Is the standard of living of the rulers in Germany lower than in Allied countries? Reliable reports have indicated that it is not.

England was once accused by Napoleon of being a "nation of shop-

Chewing the Rag

With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

"185 Million Dollars For Two Battleships" (we spell this with capitals out of respect). "Sixty Billion Dollars For National Defense" (if we had something more respectful than capitals, we'd use it). And then we saw where the USHA was going to spend five million dollars in Norfolk... a pittance compared with the other staggering amounts.

These are figures the human mind cannot grasp... and it's just as well... they're figures and nothing more. Sixty Billion Dollars—sixty billion anything—is more than we can comprehend.

Perhaps it's better just to say that this means the United States in the next four years will spend for National Defense more than fifty dollars for every minute since the birth of Christ. (Figure it out for yourself.)

In the same vein of thought—government spending for National Defense—we can look for a sharp curtailment in what we call the American Standard of Living.

Despite the fact that we are the youngest people in the world, our standard of living is high above that of any other nation. Our hardships have been in the way of depressions—actually growing pains—not in famines and locust plagues and in endless struggle against the Old World system of One-Man-Rule.

So, "a sharp curtailment in the American Standard of Living," though it sounds frightening, may only mean that gasoline will probably be not so plentiful, that taxes will be much higher in order to meet the staggering cost of rearmament, and that some of us may be deprived of loved ones during a short training period.

But a national system of defense so formidable that no other people will dare to antagonize us backed up by a fighting determination to brook no interference with the youngest way of living which has proven the best, will come very cheaply to us at no greater cost than a "sharp curtailment in the American Standard of Living."

And still in the same general vein of thought, we note the increasing popularity of patriotic music. "God Bless America" is becoming much more often heard than "Flat-Foot Floogie" ever was... even in its heyday.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction—and with a smug sense of pride in having said so long ago that young people are rattle-brained only when there's nothing pressing—that we see them playing "I Am An American" on the nickel victrola more often than they play "Boogie," a significant title if we ever heard one.

The two tunes aren't played by Salvation Army bands or enlistment-enticing Army recruits, either. We heard Gray Gordan's orchestra playing "I Am An American," and Kate Smith singing "God Bless America."

For a long time Wilbur had been keepers." The English did not resent the expression. Shopkeeping is an honorable trade. The richest nation in the world is the United States, but that is not to its discredit. It is better to become rich by trade than to become rich by violent seizure of the riches of one's smaller neighbors.—Christian Science Monitor.

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

IN ITS AUGUST FIRST ISSUE THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33 DEGREES, Bulletin prints the following which appears to be of sufficient interest to pass on. The article is headed "The Truth About the Norwegian Invasion" and follows in full:

Carl Johan Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament for over a decade, arrived in Washington, July 15th. He came here from Halifax, after accompanying King Haakon from Northern Norway across the North Sea to England.

Before a group of reporters at his country's legation in Washington, the Norwegian statesman told how his country had come under the control of German arms. He declared that "there was not a Norwegian in any official capacity or in the army or navy who was a traitor to his country." Nor, said he, was there a particle of truth in the reports that Norway was conquered by a "fifth column." The stories of treachery, he averred, were falsely disseminated by the German propaganda machine to confuse not only his people but the world.

Referring in this connection to the German report that the Nazi fleet had sailed unopposed up the Oslo Fjord, past spiked fortifications to capture the Norwegian capital, Mr. Hambro said the invaders lost two of their biggest ships in their encounter with Norwegian forces. Nazis, he added, were compelled to

going along quietly minding his own business, innocently deluded in the belief that he was among the most liberal-minded people in the world and not the tiniest little bit critical.

Then on one of those days that come into every life he ran across a ten-cent detective story magazine and discovered with a distinct sensation of dismay that he had never given even the most casual thought to the trials and tribulations of "Sex-Mad Trollops of the Highway."

"And apparently," Wilbur reasoned, "they merit consideration of some sort and somebody must be interested, or this magazine would never have printed the story."

"That's why I'm dismayed," Wilbur told us sadly, because he had completely overlooked a walk of life that evidently holds acres of interest for Any Number of People, he explained.

There was little to identify the front cover with the story of the Sex-Mad Trollop, Wilbur told us. There was the usual frightened-looking girl one finds on ten-cent detective magazine covers, and while one shoulder strap slipped off (as usual) she pointed a gun or a knife at somebody not in the picture.

Nevertheless, Wilbur managed to resist the temptation to read about Sex-Mad Trollops of the Highway, and then it dawned on him that he was being very unfair. Nay, even critical!

"I'll never mention it to the W. C. T. U.," Wilbur said, "but I found myself hoping that all my young friends will be as uninterested in these Sex-Mad Trollops (lovely words) as I am."

"Who am I," Wilbur questioned, "to suggest that the W. C. T. U. bend its efforts toward discouraging the reading of this type of literature (or shall I say Rubbish)?"

"You're barking up the wrong tree, Wilbur," he cautioned. "It's been our observation that a best-seller isn't a best-seller anymore unless there are repeated passages devoted minutely to vulgar descriptions and obscene lines that would have sent Aunt Aggie flying to hide her face in her pillow in embarrassment."

"Don't be too hard on ten-cent detective mags, Wilbur," we went on. "Sex-Mad Trollops is tame reading compared with the current books most in demand."

"Who's being critical now?" Wilbur chided. "But, frankly, I agree," he added, "though I didn't intend to criticize the critics who label these masterpieces of vulgarity The Best Book I've Read This Year, and say Put This One on Your Must List."

"Maybe I'm just old-fashioned," Wilbur went on, "but when I turn to the modern gems of literature for entertainment and information, that definitely isn't what I get."

"What do you get?" we asked, half expecting him to say he gets sick at the stomach.

"I get sick at the stomach," he answered, "and an urge to give up reading entirely... except for the funny papers and maybe some nice clean National Defense Figures."

land on the shores north and south of the fjord to make their initial attack. Continuing, the Norwegian statesman said that the surprise attack on Oslo, April 9th, was successful because it was swift and was launched in the middle of the night when the visibility was poor.

Seizing Oslo, the Germans immediately took control of the radio, and, in perfectly spoken Norwegian, they issued "official government statements" assuring the people that there had been no attack and to disregard the mobilization calls which had been issued to begin April 11th.

Mr. Hambro said the city of Bergen was captured without a shot, as the Nazi squadron, in faultless English, radioed the defenders that they were British vessels bringing assistance against the German invaders.

He explained that the so-called "fifth column" in Norway was hundreds of German hitch-hikers—tourists—who had spent weeks sketching, presumably natural scenery, but, in fact, were drawing maps. It was they who returned, with a military force, and directed the blasting of bridges.

When asked what of the future of the League of Nations, Mr. Hambro who was elected president of the assembly last year, said it was still functioning; but the employees for the most part had left Geneva. "They left their institution of peace," he said, "to seize arms and fight for their countries."

(Comment): Carl Johan Hambro's graphic account of the seizure of his country will be revealing to the mass of the American public. It is a flat denial of the German propaganda of why Norway failed, a propaganda that has and is being given too much credence in the American press. According to many observers, the German success is largely due to its deceit towards the nations they attacked, an outright misrepresentation of facts in the form of propaganda within the nations, and to the various news services.

As an example, the French press, in control of the Nazis, has for days

denounced England for, allegedly, not giving France adequate support during the German assault, and for having sunk or seized the French navy. This denunciation has been presented as a sentiment of the rank and file of the French people, and is being accepted as factual by many people of the United States. Nothing appears in the French-controlled press of the deceit and perfidy of the Nazis, their secret purpose to use the French navy against France's former ally, nor of the declared purpose of the British Empire, if successful in their lone fight against Germany and Italy, to re-establish the French Republic.

Americans should remember that there is no free speech in France and that news which comes over the radio or from the French press is not the sentiment of the mass of the French people.

In the words of the noted columnist, Frank Kent, "Always (the American people) should remember that the first aim of the Hitler gang in a conquered country, as in their own, is to kill the truth, prohibit free speech, control the press and color the news to promote their political and military purposes."—E. R.

MORE ABOUT WAR

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reported now ready to advance across Egypt.

Belgium faces famine by mid-September. England says that the Germans, not the British blockade, will be responsible for any suffering among the Belgians. All of which argument is of little concern to the desperate Belgians whom the U. S. Ambassador to Belgium says will starve unless they receive food from the United States.

While Adolf is marking time—maybe as a part of his planned invasion of England and maybe not—startling developments are taking place on other fronts. From Russia's mustached Joe Stalin Tuesday night came a warning that war may spread to the United States soon.

Hopping from that far-away country to South America one finds facts to support the warning. And while they may not touch directly on danger, the happenings at the Pan-American conference in Havana a few days ago clearly indicate that all is not well in the Latin American countries; that some of the republics are favorable to the Axis Powers.

Japan is now extending its claims and directing an eye toward the South Seas, meaning possibly that she will, also claim the Philippine Islands.

While the world of events transpires swiftly, this country lags in its efforts to meet emergencies that are now certain. Adolf and his fellow barbarians in Europe are probably getting great satisfaction from the delay of the conscription bill while a small minority in Congress continues to fight defense preparations.

University Alumni Gather Aug. 17 At Roanoke Island

Saturday, August 17, has been designated as Greater University of North Carolina Day at Manteo and Fort Raleigh.

Annually the graduates of Woman's College, State College and the University at Chapel Hill sponsor a get-together of former students in northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia in connection with "The Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island.

President Frank P. Graham is scheduled to make a pre-curtain talk at the Waterside Theatre, followed by a showing of Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" which is to be dedicated to the Greater University.

Former students of the three campuses of the Greater University will gather in Manteo for luncheon when William D. Carmichael, Jr., will speak. The affair will mark Mr. Carmichael's first visit to that section since he took office as University Controller in June and will be in the nature of a general reception in his honor. Other University officials and representatives of the three general alumni associations will attend.

L. P. Davis, Dare County superintendent of public welfare, is president of the sponsoring committee.

Mrs. Barber, Survived By 34 Grandchildren, Died Last Saturday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Barber, who died Saturday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Knowles.

Services were conducted by the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were five grandsons, Garland Bullock, Jr., Ned Nixon, Vernon Barber, Robert Barber and Franklin Davis, and Kermit Kirby. Flower bearers were granddaughters, Bernice White, Helen Mae White, Grace and Dorcas Knowles, of Hertford, Nettie Barber, Alice Davis and Anne Bullock.

Mrs. Barber, who would have been 87 years old in October, was the daughter of the late Langley and Martha Billups, of Perquimans County. She had lived most of her life here, and was a descendant of several great patriots.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. R. L. Knowles and Mrs. R. A. White of Hertford; Miss Lena Barber of Wilmington; Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr., of Winfall; Mrs. F. L. Davis of Courtland, Va.; and Mrs. G. I. Bullock of Creedmore; two sons, C. E. Barber and Grant Barber of Portsmouth, Va.; and thirty-four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. C. B. Parker was a most charming hostess to a number of friends at bridge Tuesday afternoon at her home at Burgess complimentary to her daughter, Mrs. Ben T. Parker, of Roanoke Rapids.

The spacious living room and sun porch were tastefully decorated with colorful summer flowers.

After several progressions, high score prize was awarded Mrs. Ben Parker, and Mrs. Linwood Mann received the consolation.

Those playing were: Mrs. William Tucker, Mrs. Ben Thatch, Jr., Mrs. Ben Thatch, Sr., of Hertford, Mrs. Linwood Mann, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. N. C. Spivey, Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. C. B. Parker and the honoree, Mrs. Ben T. Parker.

The hostess served delicious melons and grapes during the game, and ice cream with cake after the game.

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hobbs and family, of Winfall, spent Sunday as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow.

Mrs. J. W. Stallings, of Camden, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane.

Misses Lucille Lane, Clemma Winslow and Pearl White and L. L. Lane attended Farm and Home Week at State College, Raleigh, last week. Miss White went from there to visit in Burlington and Guilford.

William Winslow, U. S. N., Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow.

Mrs. Cecil Forbes and children, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker a few days last week.

Mrs. Roy Lane and son, of Hertford, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWitt Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane and daughter, Doris spent the week-end in Charlotte with Miss Martha Lane. Miss Lane returned home with them and went to Guilford College to attend the Friends' Yearly Meeting.

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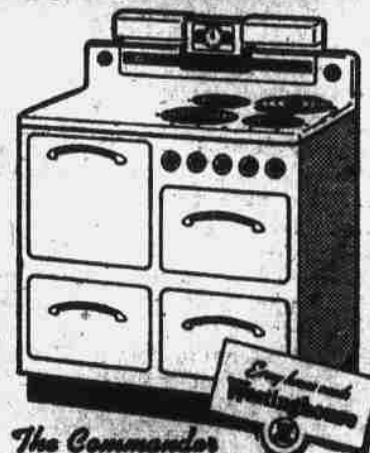
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