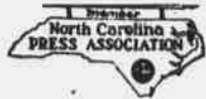


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With Regret

It is with profound regret that The Weekly takes the announcement of A. W. Hefren that, after twenty years as Town Commissioner, he will not be a candidate for re-election.

It is needless for The Weekly to review the long service that Mr. Hefren has rendered to the Town in his capacity as a commissioner. All know of his splendid qualities, his big-hearted support of every project coming to Hertford. All know of his efforts always to improve and to aid in the growth of this community. His record of service is a good one and a long one, and we hesitate to distract from that by enumerating just a portion of it.

Our thought is that the Town of Hertford will be the loser when such a man as A. W. Hefren passes from the governing body of the community.

Consul For Consul

The American State Department has been punctiliously proper in requesting the closing of Italian consulates in Newark, New Jersey, and Detroit, Michigan. The Italian Government last month demanded the removal of American consuls from the port of Naples and from Palermo on the island of Sicily; Italy closes two consulates; the United States closes two.

This is not in accord with the Hitler type of threats that for every British bomb that falls on Germany ten will be returned, but it follows the niceties of diplomacy, even to the steel hand in the velvet glove.

Possibly there is some significance in the fact that the two American consulates affected are in the southern part of Italy on the probable route of any German reinforcements that might be moving to Libya. Specifically, the United States was asked to move these consuls at least as far north as Rome. If this does mean anything, the American State Department has preserved the amenities by designating for reprisal offices in two important munitions manufacturing areas.

Italian consulates are not, of course, the only ones whose activities will bear watching. Evidence in the Black Tom and other World War claims cases have strengthened the suspicions that paymasters for deadly sabotage worked out of the German and Austrian embassies and consular offices.

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, denied in December that the increase in German consulates and their staffs had been out of proportion to those in consulates of other nations since the war. Nevertheless, many Americans hope—some of them for their own safety, if they are munitions workers—that the Federal Government is keeping a close surveillance on the movements of all agents of the Axis Powers, and that if any are engaged in improper activities, the United States will not wait a prompt from abroad to require their departure.—Christian Science Monitor.

Poor Mussi!

Reports from the highest sources say that Mussolini is virtually Hitler's prisoner. The Gestapo is in Italy. German officials are in key positions in all departments of the Italian government, including the War Office.

No matter how the war ends, Mussolini must lose. He must take Hitler's orders if Germany wins—he will have to accept British peace terms if Churchill's legions win. And, in the meantime, reporters who have left Italy say that anti-Fascist sentiments among the people grows by leaps and bounds.

Greece Seriously Threatened

Having conquered the Fascists in Albania, the Greeks are now faced with possible invasion by German soldiers. This would be a much greater menace than the Italians in Albania and it may be that Athens will consider accepting a loser's peace with Italy rather than inviting full-fledged blitzkrieg in Macedonia.

It is too early to forecast what will be the outcome of Hitler's latest accomplishment. Turkey mines the Dardanelles, calls up new troops and



NATURE NOTE: "THE COCKOO IS NOTED FOR ITS HABIT OF LAYING ITS EGGS IN OTHER BIRDS' NESTS."

Russia advises Bulgaria that the Soviet cannot approve her action. The British, one may be sure, are striving vigorously to maintain the war-front and, if the worse comes to the worse, may attempt to hold Salonica against a German advance.

The plight of Greece is serious, involving either the complete loss of freedom or a bloody battle with an overpowering enemy. Aid from Great Britain and Turkey might make possible successful resistance but only at a fearful price in blood and destruction.

At other times the court jester was a feeble-minded nit-wit the tragedy of whose imbecility appealed to the low sense of humor of a vulgar court. Even today our great and solemn bodies needs must have their semi-official jesters of one sort or another.

Not even the great American Senate can get along without its jester who will by instinct or by uncanny mental acuteness inject the innane and ridiculous at the very moment when the seriousness of the occasion appears overwhelming. That was a fine and merry act in the true tradition of the clownish art when "Our Bob" stepped on the Senate floor at the conclusion of the debate on the Lend-Lease Bill and assured the noble Senators that he had his eyes fastened on the year 1944! You remember that long ago "Our Bob," Senator Robert Rice (Chink-Food) Reynolds, proclaimed himself a "Vindicator" and stuck a feather in his hat? We wondered at the time what the gentleman was going to vindicate. Now it is all clear—"Our Bob" vindicates the right of the ancient jester to a place in the solemn halls of modern law makers. However, the voters of 1944 may not vindicate Robert!

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

A FIRESIDE CHAT IS IN THE OFFING and not so very far off. Perhaps this week, or it may be next, the President of the United States will speak to the people of the nation. The subject matter of that talk should be of the utmost interest to every citizen. The "Aid to Britain" bill has been passed. The nation, under the leadership of Mr. Roosevelt, has taken a stand the importance of which and the consequences of which can hardly be exaggerated. Indeed to us there seems to have been but two moments in our history when decisions of comparable importance have been made. Those two moments of history were: when we decided to fight for our independence from England; when we decided to fight for the principle of the indissolubility of the Union. In these two instances we came to the very simple decision that our life could not go on under the conditions existing. At the present moment in history we have also come to a very simple conclusion: our national life, as we know it and want it, cannot continue under an international scheme controlled by the ideas and ideals of the present totalitarian powers. The day France fell this day of decision for the United States was written in the calendar and was so noted in the minds of all observers.

Concerning the stand now openly taken by the United States the President will speak. When he speaks every American should listen and listening forget all party affiliation. There is but one question before the people now and that is how best to carry to its logical conclusion the course of action decided upon. What the incidental consequences along the road of accomplishment may be no man knows. Work, sacrifice, self-denial? Yes. War? One man's guess is as good as another's. From our own point of view, unless we over-estimate the power of the Axis, war seems inevitable.

In every community there must now be organized some work by the doing of which the citizens can by their actions show the loyalty they feel toward the Government and the sympathy they feel with its efforts. It is, therefore, a real satisfaction to know that the Woman's Club is making genuine progress in getting the "Bundles for Britain" work started here. By the giving of their time, skill and means to the work of this organization the men and women of this community can give expression to their loyalty to a great cause and their patriotic allegiance to their own great country. It is even possible that now, with the Woman's Club showing the way, the local Red Cross may throw off its all too evident apathy and inefficiency and by the appointment of a strong executive committee give the people of this County an opportunity to demonstrate that they stand ready always to respond to the call of that great organization of mercy—the American Red Cross.

THE COURT OF YE ANCIENT KING HAD TO HAVE ITS OFFICIAL CLOWN. Said clown or jester, was quite necessary to give the light touch to solemn moments. In some instances the court jester was a man of more than usual wit and wisdom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

2108 Idlewood Ave.,
 Richmond, Va.
 March 7, 1941.

Editor, The Perquimans Weekly,
 Hertford, N. C.

Dear Sir:
 The worked up dither over the affairs of this world is leading many thoughtful people into a fearful frenzy. They visualize catastrophic convulsions that are unavoidable; and are awaiting the peal of thunder after the blinding flash of lightning that will rend this world from center to circumference. They stand ready to be sucked into the holocaust with an air of abject resignation.

Mattie Saunders' appeal to reason in today's Perquimans Weekly is essence with profound logic; but logic has lost its balance in this warped-brained world.

Statesmen stand as pygmies, powerless and futile in the face of the gathering storm.

Many of us have ideas how equilibrium may be restored; but no idea seems to coincide with any other idea. Hence a mass of confusion stands in bold relief against the kaleidoscopic revelations that permeates our troubled world.

Our rabid irrationalism from Hollywood to Honkink is dancing to the tune of "Everybody's Doing It Now."

Hades will soon to have be enlarged, and its maw distended to receive the overflow of human derelicts that fail to negotiate the cataract of annihilation.

Five years ago the World Press acknowledged in a warning gesture, time and again, that another world war would destroy civilization. There is no doubt but that its perspective was sound.

Now take a look at what is happening. The Press is silent as a tomb on the same question it was vociferating so feverishly over a few short years ago. By keeping mum in this crucial hour it will stand condemned before the King of Kings for its failure to repeat the warning cry continually before the Nations. It has knuckled to the "Powers that be" in every land in order to hold to its tit of popular sustenance.

Oh, for men with gall and grit to tell the truth, and stand by the truth "till the last galoot's ashore!" Nebuchadnezzar was a pagan king. The Jews were God's chosen people. Yet God allowed the pagan to raze Jerusalem and take her people captive for 70 years in slavery, all because of their disobedience to the commandments of their Eternal

Father.

Pagans are running roughshod over supposed to be Christians right now and for a similar reason; namely, disobedience to God.

Dire things are in store for this hypocritical world and unless it really goes to God in complete surrendered repentance it is doomed. No panacea of selfish men will relieve the horrible situation. Our false prophets will prophesy falsehoods until the crack of doom; but the world will not get better until a universal stand is taken for God and His righteous way of living among men.

Let's not be hoodwinked by a

phantom mirage any longer. There is assurance of safety, only, in the Everlasting Arms.

With the words of Mattie Saunders I am closing, "The old order changeth yielding place to new."

Respectfully,
 SAMUEL J. LANE.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who rendered their services and for the expressions of sympathy during the illness and at the death of our mother, Mrs. W. C. Perry.

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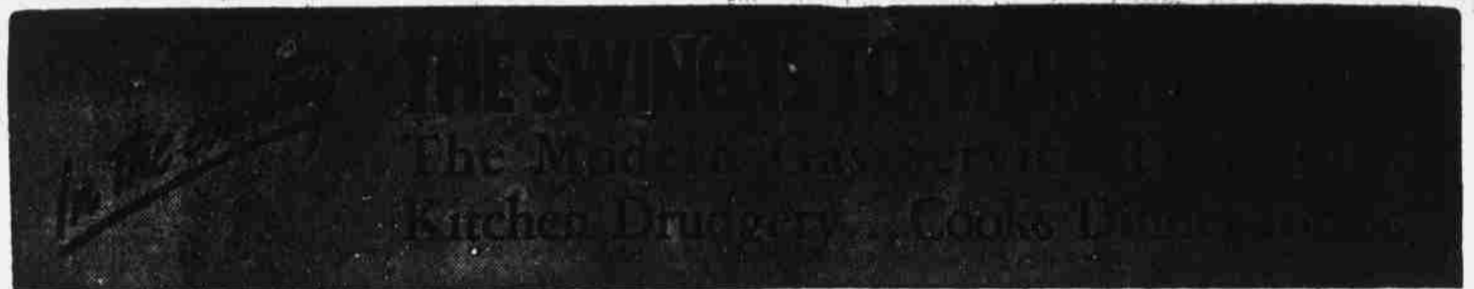
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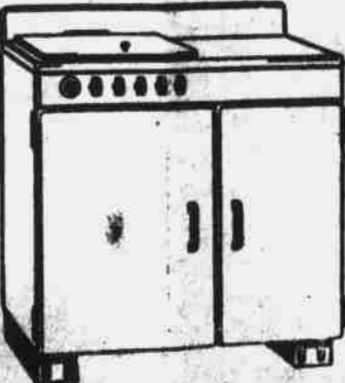
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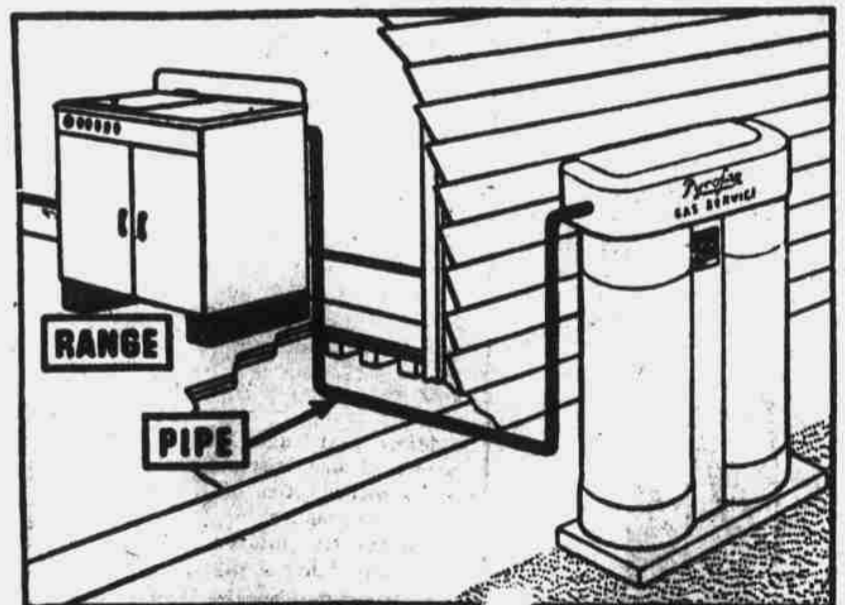
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