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Letters To The Editor

The Editor, The News, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir: As a lifelong resident of Chapel Hill and for the past two years Judge of the Chapel Hill Recreation Board, I have had opportunity to observe this community with and without so-called "Sunday Blue Laws".

In my opinion the lifting of the ban upon the showing of motion pictures and athletic contests on Sunday has done material benefit. Prior to "open Sundays" there was quite a bit of disturbance due to people in the main buildings of the University of North Carolina, looting around on the streets and sidewalks during the daytime and at night petty nuisances were perpetrated, which nuisances might be traced to the "blue laws". However, the advent of "open Sundays" has almost entirely done away with these two problems in a very satisfactory manner.

Further, it has been my observation that during the past few years there have been no disturbances of any kind. As a member and officer of the Chapel Hill Recreation Board, I have noted any decrease in church attendance by reason of the Sunday prohibition of motion pictures and athletic contests. The hours of such exhibitions have been so arranged that during the customary hours of church service no activity of this kind is in progress. Our experience has been that the "blue laws" which the church does not present a problem in connection with "open Sundays". In fact, the "blue laws" have been found at the afternoon and evening sessions of motion pictures on Sunday.

-ANDREW G. MEINTOSH, Judge of the Circuit Court of the Town of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill.

The Editor, The News, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir:

I have been a resident of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for 27 years. It is my belief that Sunday morning for the past two or more years. It is my sincere belief that they have interfered in no way with our Sunday worship. On the contrary it is my feeling that they have added to the betterment of our community insofar as they have furnished us wholesome entertainment and recreation.

I heartily endorse Sunday movies except, of course, during church services. -FREDERICK O. DOWMAN, Member Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill.

A Sour Note On The Teaching of English. Hilda Saunders, Kenyon Review. It is the old story, "Anyone can teach English." I am a former student who heard of a sort job in England to teach the English language to a student who was turned down as an applicant who could never grasp perspective, a something class teacher, several lies headed with painful obviousness for the life of the old maid, our countrymen admit that she would give it all up for a man, and a small leavening of disappointed writers. There is some hope for these last.

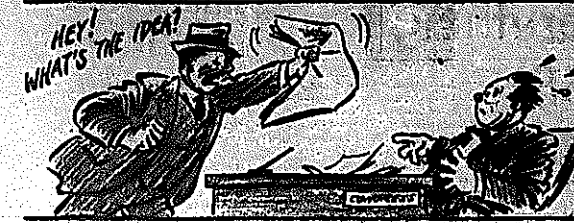
All of them sink gratefully into the warm bath of literary history. France falls but they are concerned with the literary sources of Alexander the Great in the fourth-rate Reasoning play, Trotsky murdered, and they sit consulting on an obscure problem, a mercifully forgotten fact which would prove that Killgrew was drugged by Bucknahan a few years ago. And they are nearly 300 years old. And they are contemporary subject on the curriculum.

But without exception, whether nominally or not, we tend here to include my defined self as an advanced student of English, of teaching. We know that many of us and probably many of our teachers are here because we faced failure in some more strenuous field. We know the contempt for the humanities felt by them as well as the variety given over to preparation in "practical" sciences, and we look on the student who is confused as well as when we explain that we are preparing to teach.

"Oh... English." "That settles it." A Junior high miss in the neighborhood is wavering between making a career of her sweeteners and trying for high school on an air-line. A problem confronting a draft board in New York is whether to accept a sleepwalker, as there is more to this army life than being on night patrol.

A counterletter, long sought by authorities, is found in bed and pretending to be ill. It must have been something he cherished.

A move is afoot for millions of "defense gardens," which is only a step from planting the links again, and harvesting four potatoes and five golf balls to the hill.



Letters to the Editor:

Reynolds Unfit For Post

Dear Sir: I have just read your editorial on Bob Reynolds for chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. He is a "Hitler Buddy". I am a former Air man and have had a taste of the hell of war over there. I am giving my shop to the Red Cross every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to see and make bundles for Britain, and will help in every way possible to keep the war over there and defeat Hitler and his blood-thirsty slave-makers. -F. G. BLACK, Monroe.

Today's Riddle. An Arab died, leaving seven cents to be divided among his three sons. The first son was to receive one-half of the sum, the second son to receive one-third of the sum, and the third son to receive one-ninth of the sum. Not being able to divide them, they called in a neighbor, who divided them to their entire satisfaction. How did he do it? (Answer: He divided the seven cents into 63 parts, each worth one cent and two-thirds of a cent. He gave 31.5 parts to the first son, 21 parts to the second son, and 7 parts to the third son. He kept 4.5 parts for himself.) (Note: To G. G. Hammy, of Beale & Ligonier, one dollar in payment for this riddle. The editors of The News will pay a dollar for every riddle accepted for publication. They must pay for logic or ingenuity in their solutions to be acceptable.—Editors The News.)

40; slows down railroads and road traffic; accentuates position of valleys, lines and locomotives as seen from the air; causes many thousands of road deaths and injuries.

Ambassador Daniels Praises Roosevelt

Dear Sir: I am causing to be sent you and a few other friends in North Carolina, a copy of the proceedings at the banquet of the Presidential Electors held in Washington, D. C. on the night before the inauguration of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Wallace in January.

I would feel honored to have you read the address I made on that occasion, my subject being "God, Moses, Franklin Roosevelt." His majority in North Carolina in 1940 was larger in proportion to population than that given him in any state in the Union. In fact, it was the third largest he received. In the 48 states, many having a larger population, this speaks loudly of the proof that North Carolina in our day is living up to Vance's statement, "Democracy is Immortal." I am sure you will find the other addresses delivered at that banquet, contained in the Senatorial document I am sending, most interesting and that they will serve to strengthen all who read them in the faith.

Roosevelt's early statesman-like vision of the essential value of the Good Neighbor policy in the Western Hemisphere, bearing fruit in the failure of subversive and exotic doctrines to make much impression and in undergirding continental solidarity in these tragic days.

In the future contests before us in North Carolina, I hope, as elsewhere, to do battle at home side by side with you and all others who believe in the creed of our party. I am resolved to come home in our day to live up to the motto which I have in my many good battles for democracy. With my high regards, -JOSEPH DANIELS, The American Embassy, Mexico, D. C.

An English Aviator Decries Blackout

Script. Noel Pemberton-Billing, famous British aviation expert, is of the opinion that the blackout is a myth and that "lights up" could beat the night bomber. He objects to the blackout on the following grounds: It is impossible to hide the coastline. Rivers and other natural landmarks are accentuated. Target effect of fires or fifth-column signaling is increased. Blackout can be completely canceled by the signaling of fires. Adds to the terrifying effect of raids. Hampers the work of ARP and rescue squads. Adds to the difficulty of fire fighters and makes their work dangerous. Tends to destroy social life; wastes thousands of man-hours; wastes electric power; under the use of fighters at night because flying lights have to be illuminated.

The Proof Wall Street Journal

First Rubby - You don't really believe putting that rabbit's foot in your pocket will bring you luck? Second Rubby - I most certainly do, it brought me luck last night, when my wife felt it in my pocket and thought it was a mouse. TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden sledge of Ophir. - Isaiah 13:12.

Side Glances



Ben's Day

Distinguished Guests Testify To His Missionary Work

A gala day was yesterday, as the streets of the city were full of soldiers (as they will be every day in a little while) and the girls were bright-eyed, as they always have been in the presence of the form.

Job For Board

Mediation Board Seems To Be Only a Front for FDR

The President's proposals for the re-organization of operations in the coal mines of the nation seem rational enough. But it remains a mystery why this "mediation" has been turned over to the so-called Mediation Board for settlement. In holding up the case is clear enough; it is the bulkiness of the so-called Southern mine-owners, that is mainly Northern capitalists, with mines in the South.

Spain Apparently Judges That Will Not Act In Time

The clamor of the Spanish press against Franco indicates pretty clearly that Franco is playing with the idea of joining the Axis in the war, probably to open the way for a German advance upon Gibraltar. Such a move, if it were successful, would enable Hitler to seize major bases in Africa for the war in the Atlantic and perhaps to bottle up part of the British fleet in the Mediterranean.

Drift Policy

Behind the assumption that Hitler will win lies another assumption—that the United States will not act in time. If France were certain of early American naval participation in the war, he would not dare join the Axis. Spain's port cities are all poorly protected, and American battleships could smash all of them in a week. Dodge it as we may, we are inevitably making a decision. But unfortunately it is one which is being taken by the method of drift instead of by resolute action on facts. Decisions taken this way usually turn out to be disastrous. And we are probably going to hear a great deal of hysterical cackling after Britain has fallen and we find ourselves facing the monstrous force in Europe—alone.

By Associated Press. The new law which will take effect on April 15, prohibits the sale of liquor to anyone who is under 21 years of age. It also prohibits the sale of liquor to anyone who is under 21 years of age. It also prohibits the sale of liquor to anyone who is under 21 years of age.

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