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TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1941

Amateur Night

The People Turn Out and Take Over an Election

It was amateur night in Charlotte and the carriage trade turned out. The result was astonishing and altogether encouraging.

Three good men were running for mayor. Mr. Davis professed to be an independent with no strings tied to him.

As a true Independent, Mr. Davis would have deserved support. As a champion selected by these interests, he lost his amateur standing.

Mr. Baxter too was an organization candidate. To him had been bequeathed the support of the City Hall group, and as the best speaker to Mayor Douglas.

And that without derogation to Messrs. Davis and Baxter, was the encouraging feature of yesterday's balloting. Political novices, with the end of good government and nothing further in view, banded together and carried the day with a vengeance.

The prospect is that the breakthrough of the Citizens Group and the dispersal of the political alignments will assure the city of a first-rate Mayor and City Council, no matter what turn the election proper may take.

Tank Line

Mass Production of War Engines Begins at Detroit

According to the Washington Merry-Go-Round, when opposition leaders in the House of Commons asked Mr. Churchill why Greece hadn't been sent tanks, he had to confess that there weren't enough to go around for all the fronts.

Grim Words

Which Show a Realistic Attitude Toward Germany

Mr. Churchill was in a grim mood. "There are less than twenty-million malignant Huns, some of whom are curable and others killable."

Nobody leads any more save by giving them what they admire and desire. And if Hitler has been able to get control of Germany it is precisely because the great body of the Germans have admired and desired what he proposed.

There have been many thousands of individuals in Germany who did not desire and want what Hitler is now doing, and many more who did not desire all of it.

But that he is the incarnation of the will and wish of the German nation as a whole is as certain as anything can be.

And Hun has now been proved to be the correct name for that nation.

It has placed itself outside the pale of common humanity with its attempt to enslave mankind by terror. And the world will never be safe again until it has been destroyed beyond all chance of rising to do the same thing over again.

Fair Enough

Lindbergh Is Not Entitled To Status of a Sacred Cow

Lindbergh deserves credit for having conducted himself with dignity in the matter of his resignation as a reserve colonel in the Air Corps. He is thoroughly out of sympathy with the views and purposes which now prevail in the Army, and his presence on active duty would be very dubious—not because anybody thinks he would be disloyal but because his views would be certain to breed dissension.

But if he behaved himself with dignity it does not follow that he has the ground for grievance which he suggests. To call him a quaking is thoroughly unjust, for there is no evidence to bear out such a view. But to think and say that he is an appeaser—the historical meaning of Copperhead—is entirely justified.

The nation has adopted, by majority verdict, a foreign policy of all possible aid to Britain, a policy of trying to insure her victory. Lindbergh opposes that policy. England, he tells the people of the country, is certain to be defeated. And what we ought to do is to abandon her cold, retract our commitments, and bring pressure to bear on her to yield to a so-called "negotiated peace"—i.e., abject surrender to the alive system of Adolf Hitler.

It is not only a proposal for a cold-blooded and cynical betrayal. It seems to most competent observers to be admirably calculated to leave us without a friend in the world and to place the British navy, and with it, the command of the Atlantic, in Hitler's hands.

Lindbergh has a perfect legal right to advocate it, nevertheless. And nobody has challenged that right. But no man who makes proposals like that may demand that he and his motives shall not be subject to criticism.

Useless Belay

Mediation Board Might Have Settled This in Beginning

John Lewis pointed the conference table yesterday and held to his determination to do away with the Southern differential in coal mine wages.

But the decision of the Southern operators to reopen their mines while continuing negotiations with CIO appears to have settled the coal strike for all practical purposes.

What the Southern operators finally agreed to as the basis for reopening the mines was matches the Northern increase of a dollar. CIO had demanded that the wage be brought up from \$5.60 to \$7.00. The operators had countered with a proposal of a flat eleven per cent increase, which would have nearly doubled the Southern differential advantage.

The crying shame about all this is that the settlement could just as well have been arranged a month ago before the strike was called. For that failure to settle the dispute was obviously to blame—CIO in insisting that the wage differential be eliminated at this time, and the Southern operators in trying to secure a wider margin of differential.

Texas Worry

By Dorothy Thompson

EL PASO, Texas.—Out here on the Mexican border people are worrying less about Greece than they are about Hitler.

Local and Federal authorities are looking for some German cervix and his henchmen who are shopping in Texas for queer things that innocent or un-American might be willing to let loose. Paratroops still, for instance.

By from such little incidents, there is continual evidence that the Nazis are working overtime in Mexico and over Mexico as a whole.

It would be an exaggeration to say that Texas residents are deeply concerned, and the most intelligent of them have no illusions whatsoever as to this is a "European struggle," or that the Western Hemisphere is in no way involved.

By these means, they take comfort in the presence of the numerous Texas army camps, where a record of military and police units of selected service men are being trained for whatever might happen.

DEMOCRACY'S SOLDIERS CAN LOOK FIT

By their agreement, the morale of the men in the Fort Bliss encampment is extraordinarily high. They are handsome and healthy a crowd of men, and they are a credit to the average height was six feet, and remembering the Poles and French last year, whose bodies, bones, and teeth contrasted disgustingly with the Texan soldiers.

THE HORSE IS STILL A SOLDIER

General Swift allowed me to participate in a problem which involved the capture of the source of water for a battalion. The well was, theoretically, guarded by a few men with machine guns, and we—were the enemy—were to capture them. It was desert warfare, and the horse was a highly armored scout car that ploughed across the desert over and under hummocks. They call them bombboxes out here—of mesquite and greasewood, and before it is a zebra fighting in Libya, and considerably black and blue.

A Fellow Who Knew Road Like a Book

Have Slink, Lexington Dispatch

Uses of Adversity

Winston-Salem Journal

Bad news should be read carefully in the person to which may be used in creating good news.

The Big Offensive That Hitler Lost

By Raymond Clowder



Letters to the Editor: Tar Heel Pride Or Britain?

Dear Sir:

We note that your paper is active in trying to prevent Senator R. H. Reynolds of North Carolina from becoming chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate. I believe that the only grounds on which you could base such action would be your convictions that he is anti-Administration.

Senator Reynolds has gone with the Administration through thick and thin on practically every issue except the Lead-Zinc Bill. Certainly a Senator should be allowed to vote his convictions at some one time or another without any antagonism from his constituents. Senator Reynolds probably has as good or better a record for voting in favor of the Administration measures as any other member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Whether or not Senator Reynolds is capable or incapable of handling the duties as chairman of the committee members and other Senators to determine and not for us in North Carolina. Why should we get all steamed up in trying to settle something which the Senators must determine and ourselves with the facts before them.

What I am trying to say is that it would be a distinct honor to the state of North Carolina if Senator Reynolds is made chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

We can build up our state if we pull together for those of our state who are in a position to be of service to the nation and to our own State.

The time to fight Senator Reynolds is when he comes up for re-election and fight him within the bounds of the state. The time to support Senator Reynolds is when he has an opportunity to be of service to the entire country as well as North Carolina.

If Senator Reynolds does not have the personal ability and personal qualifications to handle this

Today's Riddle

How long will it take a train consisting of 108 cars, one engine, and one caboose each 90 feet in length, traveling at the rate of ten miles per hour to pass through a tunnel 1.4 miles long? (A mile is 5,280 feet).

The answer to this riddle will be found on the back page of this issue of The News. (Note: To E. H. Clayton, of Sanford, one dollar in payment for this riddle. The paper will pay a dollar for each riddle accepted for publication in this issue.)

chairmanship, I am confident that the other Senators will not elevate him to the position. If he is capable of handling the job, he should be given the opportunity to demonstrate his Americanism and loyalty and public spirit.

We would gain a great deal as a state if we could pull together and support those whom we have elected to represent us.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. JONES, RAYMOND A. JONES, (Note: Mr. Jones makes his points with reason and restraint. In the same spirit, and wanting more in mind, I hope than I have the last word, we should like to comment on his letter.)

That statement too can be documented liberally with his utterances and actions, ranging all the way from unscrupulous remarks becoming to a Senator, about the King and Queen of England which he has made in the past when he was visiting this country, to outright proposals to grab British territory and possessions while that country was engaged in a war for its survival.

So far we have confined ourselves to the record. But there is another compelling reason why Bob Reynolds should be denied the chairmanship which will call to him through a series of deaths and not because of an unwillingness to man the flag and face the hour.

As Chairman of the Senate's Military Affairs Committee, it will be necessary for him to be taken into the confidence of the President, the Army and Navy. He is a man to be trusted with confidence. He is indiscreet and he is not a man to be trusted with confidence of men who would consider enemies to the republic, such as Father Coughlin.

does. Shall a man of those tendencies be permitted to climb in prominence in the Senate simply because he is nominally a Democrat and has come into a place that he cannot rightfully fill?

Not, we feel Reynolds is no man to lean on in this crisis. We urge that he be passed over. We consider it vital to the preservation of all we hold good that he be passed over.—Editor, The News.

Think Blue Sunday Made City Grow

Dear Sir:

I noticed in Monday afternoon News you printed the towns which have lost 100,000 people since 1930. The three largest cities DO NOT have Sunday movies. Charlotte, Greensboro and Greensboro are the only cities in the South that have Sunday movies and are the only cities in the South that have Sunday movies and are the only cities in the South that have Sunday movies.

People are thirsty for the Gospel. Everywhere people are restless. They long for that something that satisfies.

Would you set early before a child and not give them any? How much more then should we share our favour with lost souls that we might know the truth and the truth might make them free. It would do any good to "set" and beg people on my knees to be found in the house of the Lord and the Sabbath to be associated with any one who recommends worldly amusements on the Sabbath.

Let us beg of you, keep God's blessing on our city. CHARLOTTE, N. C. RUTH G. LANGFORD, (Stille, Lexington Dispatch)

Or High Rock Harbor

Charlotte's new air base may turn out to be the most fortunate as it may be the construction of the Duke Creek navy yard.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt hath lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.—Matt. 5:13.

THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

- No. 1—An Uplown Theater-Auditorium
No. 2—A Separate Court District
No. 3—An Uplown Rest Room
No. 4—Street-Widening

Visitin' Around

Stille (Stille, Lexington Dispatch)
There are more holidays in California than any other individual.
What's His Climate
(Buck's R-1 Item, Rutherford County News)
Mr. Cling West is out after having had the mumps.
Blessed Spring
(Reds Item, Lexington Dispatch)
There are several cases of measles, chickenpox and mumps in this community. This is a sign that Spring is really here!