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VITAL SCANDINAVIA

WASHINGTON.—Boiled down to the most brutal fundamentals, the Norwegian war amounts to this: If the British lose it, they also lose the World War.

This may seem like harsh and hasty deduction, but it is based upon the fact that all the other nations of Europe, particularly Italy, are watching the outcome of this battle to see on which side they will jump.

If the Germans succeed in holding Norway, every small nation in southeast Europe will figure that the might of the British empire is broken, that the time has come to cuddle up to its successor.

But more important, you can write it down as certain that unless Britain wins in Norway, Italy will come into this war within approximately one month.

Almost every dispatch which the state department lays upon the White House desk indicates that Mussolini is getting ready for this plunge.

Real fact is that the Italian people are by no means in love with Hitler. Nor are they in love with the allies—though they probably like Hitler less. However, Mussolini never

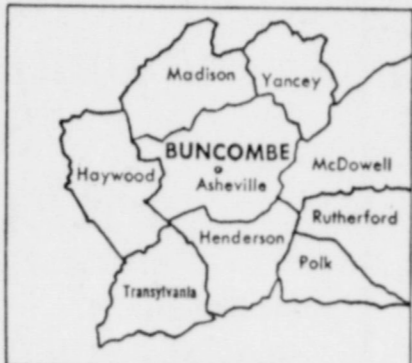
"The Name Is Familiar"

BY FELIX R. STREYCKMANS and ELMO SCOTT WATSON

'It's the Bunk!'

IT'S just a lot of bunk," is a phrase that owes its existence to a debate that occurred in the House of Representatives in 1820. This is not to imply that congress was free from "bunk" before that, by any means, but the words "bunk," "bunkum" and "buncombe" originated during a debate over the famous Missouri Compromise.

Felix Walker, a North Carolina mountaineer, represented the Western North Carolina district which included his own Buncombe county. While everyone else was demanding a vote, Walker wanted to make a speech. His political friends tried



to stop him but he insisted on making a long, pointless harangue declaring his constituents would be disappointed if he didn't say something for "dear old Buncombe." The word came to mean humbug or insincere talk.

And Buncombe county was named for Edward Buncombe, a wounded colonel of the Continental army who died in Philadelphia in 1780. Thus, the man whose name is used to designate claptrap had nothing to do with it and had been dead 40 years when the word came to have its present meaning.

Nicotine

NICOTINE is a common word but Jean Nicot, French diplomat of the 1500s, after whom it was named, is little remembered.

He studied in Paris, was a courtier to Henry II and envoy of Francis II to Lisbon in 1560. While in Spain, he obtained the seeds of the tobacco plant from a Dutchman who brought them from Florida. Nicot returned

to Paris with these seeds and became responsible for the introduction of tobacco to France.

But the word nicotine comes from the scientific word for the species of the 45 plants and shrubs from which nicotine is derived. They are called Nicotiana plants and that is the word coined directly

from Jean Nicot's name. Not all of the Nicotiana plants and shrubs are used for smoking—some of them are beautiful annuals and perennials with attractive flowers. All varieties bear nicotine which is used to kill insects and only the genus *Tobaccum* is used by smokers

to kill time. Why the Nicotiana plant was named for Jean Nicot who brought it to France instead of the Dutchman who brought it to Nicot can best be explained by the fact that Nicot wrote a French dictionary at the time and merely gave himself a break.

Mr. Adams . . . Mr. Andrews . . . Mr. Ashurst . . . calls out the veteran clerk in a booming voice. For every six names he calls, only one "Here" is heard. He gets through the Bs, the Cs, and the Ds. Then he slows up.

"Mr. Gerry . . . (long pause) . . . Mr. Gibson . . . (longer pause) . . . Mr. Gillette."

Clerk Crockett, who lacks the schoolmaster's power to punish the tardy, looks hopefully at the swinging doors to the senate cloakroom. But still he has only a score of scholars, and he needs 49 before the session can begin. If he gets through Wheeler, White, and Wiley before that number is reached, he must find the absence of a quorum, and start to call the entire list again.

It takes only seven minutes to run the roll call at fast pace, but Clerk Crockett consumes 15 minutes this time, just to give the boys a break. He pauses as long as 10 seconds between names.

At the end of the list he makes a hurried count, and whips the tally back to the vice president, declaring that 49 members have answered to their names. Actually, there are only 30 members on the floor, but Crockett knows another 20 will pop in soon, and he gives them a liberal leeway that they never got in school.

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3. Is the bark of the dog natural or a development?
4. Is the Finnish language a Scandinavian tongue?
5. What are the reflections on water made by moonlight called?
6. What is the oldest continuously inhabited community in the United States?
7. Is it possible to have rain when there are no clouds in the sky?
8. In subtraction, what is the number to be subtracted called?
9. Are snowflakes ever found to be of the same pattern?
10. Is it correct to say the English government?

The Answers

1. The temporary chairman.
2. Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, who substituted lemonade for wines at the White House.
3. The bark is an artificial development. After becoming domesticated dogs began barking.
4. No, it is more directly related to Japanese, Turkish and Mongolian.

Scented Divorce

In 1700 an act was passed by parliament which laid down that any woman, whatever her age and whether she be married, single or a widow, who by the use of perfume, cosmetics, paint, false teeth, wigs, iron corsets, padded bust and hips, or high-heeled shoes, inveigles a male subject of his majesty into marriage, shall be guilty of having broken the law which prohibits the practicing of witchcraft and other arts of black magic, and any such marriage will be counted for null and void.

Gems of Thought

IS NOT prayer a study of truth, a sally of the soul into the unfound infinite?—No man ever prayed heartily without learning something.—Emerson.

Now happiness consists in activity; such is the constitution of our nature; it is a running stream, and not a stagnant pool.—Good.

You cannot escape necessities; you can conquer them.—Seneca.

A heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.—Charles Dickens.

Loyalty is the holiest gift in the human heart.—Seneca.

Stranger Was Quick to Acknowledge Introduction

The clergyman in a wayside church out of London was about to start his sermon when three strangers entered.

They were late and very conscious of it. One of them found a seat near the door, but the other two had to walk further up. At that moment the preacher was finishing the announcement of his text: "—and Paul I know, but who are ye?"

The young men paused for a moment, looked bewildered, then one of them spoke up. "Glad to have the pleasure, Reverence," he said. "This is Harry MacTavish from Edinburgh, and I'm James MacPherson, from Edinburgh, too.

Evil Offspring

Jealousy is said to be the offspring of love. Yet, unless the parent makes haste to strangle the child, the child will not rest till it has poisoned the parent.—Hare.

Strange Facts

Reveal Fur Frauds Styming Annoyers Expensive Checking

With the aid of microscopes, microtomes, chemicals and special lights, a New York scientist who specializes in the detection of frauds in furs has discovered several counterfeit coats that have been passed as genuine by other fur experts. He can identify the species of animal, the part of the world in which it lived and the season when it was killed by magnifying to 800 diameters one of its hairs and a piece of its skin about the size of a pinhead.

The telephone numbers used in stage plays, movie scenarios and radio scripts are fictitious and cannot be called. They are given to writers by the telephone companies to prevent curious callers from annoying subscribers.

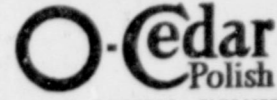
Complete, detailed audits of the books and other records of companies with extensive branches are rarely ever undertaken, because of the work and expense. For example one recent examination of a large corporation's accounts, although it was far from thorough, cost nearly \$300,000.—Collier's.



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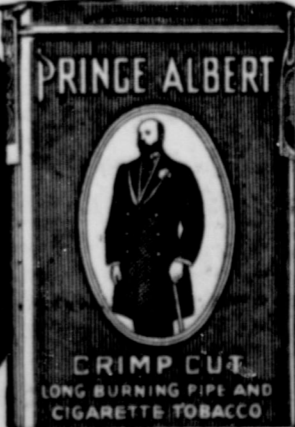
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HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN—The science of medicine always has been embarrassed by fakers who claim to have short-cut cures and special ability or information not possessed generally by the medical profession concerning certain diseases. Although these exploiters are prohibited by law from advertising their false claims, they still attract in devious ways those too-trusting individuals who are impressed with high-sounding language and a disarming manner. Among this group will be found the cancer quack," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox State Health Officer.

"This kind of quackery is likely to take any one, or a combination, of many forms. For instance, the quack may suggest the use of a special serum or vaccine that will promptly remove cancer. He may attempt to sell medicines, pastes, salves, or a machine that emits colored lights. Special diet lists have been peddled off as a cancer cure, also. "It cannot be too vigorously stated that quacks and their super-claims, through false hopes and delayed diagnosis, cause unnecessary deaths but never effect cures. Many endorsements of their alleged treating ability have been based on the fact that the sore or other condition which they have diagnosed as cancer, was not such in fact.

"No one, therefore, should permit himself to be victimized by the cancer quack. If a suspicion, justifiably or otherwise, exists in the mind of any person that he may have cancer, the only course to pursue is promptly to seek the advice of a reputable physician. Incidentally, warning signs of early detectable cancer include: any lump in the breast or other part of the body, any unusual discharge or bleeding, chronic indigestion, any persistent sore on the skin or mucous membrane of the mouth. Delay in the presence of these manifestations may result in a cancer death, painless and comparatively trivial as such symptoms at first may be. The fact that a large percentage of such signs are not precancerous or cancerous origin is no excuse for delay in seeking proper medical advice. Indeed, to put off the visit to the doctor in such cases may be writing one's own death warrant. "Irradiation by means of X-ray or radium, and surgery are the methods employed in treating cancer. Frequently, surgery and irradiation are successfully combined under the direction of a competent physician. These facts should be kept in mind, if a cancer quack attempts to sell his spurious wares."

THOMAS E. DEWEY

By F. W. R.

Yes! I was in Amarillo the day Thomas E. Dewey was there. Sure! I went on purpose to see and hear him. I was looking for presidential material.

Mr. Dewey makes a very favorable impression. To meet him, one is struck with a happy, spontaneous personality. An exceptionally keen mentality is evident. His earnestness and enthusiasm seem to be struggling for expression.

To hear him in speech is to recognize a master. His style is art. His logic and his force are captivating. His purpose in coming to Texas was to make a good impression. He was very, very successful.

But supplanting Mr. Dewey in importance at Amarillo was the attitude of the throngs, the intense interest of the people. To the memory of the older citizens an equally alert, inquisitive people cannot be called to mind. It seemed that politics (the kind that is "holy" as compared to partisan politics) had suddenly awakened.

Their government's attitude and concern for their own destiny in the scheme of things, was uppermost in their minds... A love of liberty and a realization of personal responsibility went through the crowd as a contagious thine. True patriotism was trying to supplant the childish longing for a cheap Santa Claus.

not mature barley in the required amount and has destroyed the wheat should notify this office that such wheat has been destroyed in order that a recheck may be made as early as possible and the farm shown to be in compliance.

By Garlon A. Harper, Secretary, Farmer County A. C. A.

Texas oil companies furnish producing, pipe line and refinery equipment free for use of students in adult vocational classes conducted by the State Department of Education. Approximately 14,000 Texans have taken these courses to date.

LAKEVIEW NEWS

Messrs. Milt Crow, Clifford Crow and Chick Warren were business visitors near Texline, Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. O'Brian has been ill with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Parson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hap Fairchild and family.

Fred Barker is spending a few days at Hot Springs, N. M.

John Allen Morris, of Adrian, spent the weekend visiting his friend, Kenneth Durstine.

W. T. Guinn and R. A. Guinn of Matador, D. A. Guinn and children and Howard Gray, of Sarcoxie, Missouri, and Charles Edwards, also of Matador, spent the weekend in the C. A. Guinn home.

Don't forget the program and pie supper at the Lakeview school building Friday night, April 26, at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Veazey and family visited relatives near Muleshoe, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Robason and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson and family drove over to Crossroads, New Mexico, Sunday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Crow.

Junior Dodson, Clifton, B. C. and Garlie Harper are among those who were absent from school last week on account of measles.

Dudley Robason, C. A. Guinn and Charlie Veazey were Farwell visitors, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harper and Mrs. Ester Harper were Clovis visitors, last Saturday.

A. A. A. NEWS

We plan to start rechecking wheat farms immediately after May 1 to determine what has been done with volunteer wheat which is in excess of the farm acreage allotment. All wheat farmers know that the volunteer wheat which is in excess of the farm acreage allotment must be destroyed not later than May 1 if such wheat is not to be counted against the farm allotment. Of course it is understood that the 1940 Wheat Parity Application may not be submitted for farms which have volunteer wheat in excess of the allotment until it has been determined that such wheat will not be harvested. Therefore, we are very anxious to recheck all such farms immediately. All farmers who have volunteer wheat in excess of the allotment and who have destroyed this volunteer wheat should notify the County ACA office immediately. This will help you to speed up this work and will allow the farmer to make application for wheat parity payment.

Again we want to call your attention to the fact that wheat which is seeded in mixture with barley or rye must be rechecked to determine whether the barley or rye has matured to such extent that the grain which might be harvested may not be sold as straight wheat. If barley or rye does not mature to this extent the acreage will be classed as wheat and counted against the wheat allotment, unless the wheat is destroyed. Of course the inspection can not be made until such time that both the wheat and barley or rye have reached an advanced stage of growth. However, it is important that these inspections be made as early as possible since farms which have these mixtures seeded in excess of the allotment may not make application for wheat parity payment until after it is determined that the wheat acreage allotment will not be exceeded. Any farmer who has decided that the mixture seeded on his farm will

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