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THE ISSUE OF NEUTRALITY

Congress convened in special session yesterday on call of the President, and heard his demand for a revision of the neutrality legislation. That there will be furious debate in both houses goes without saying. In our desire to keep out of the European war it is difficult to make up our minds as to the best means of accomplishments, and there is much to be said on all sides. There are at least four schools of thought:

1. The Isolationists, who would have the United States cease trade of all kinds with all nations involved in the war, and keep American ships out of war zones.

2. Those who favor the present Neutrality Act, forbidding sale of arms and munitions to belligerents.

3. Those who favor President's Neutrality plan, the so-called "cash and carry" which would permit the sale of anything to anyone who would come for it, pay for it, and carry it off.

4. Those who favor open-faced aid to our Allies of the World War, come what may.

It is probable that the Isolationist plan would be the safest, insofar as embroiling us in the present war is concerned. But it would be regarded internationally as an act of weakness, and it would seriously hurt business unless, as Bernard Baruch suggests, we go in for an armament spending program of our own to make America safe and sound against any enemy from without.

The next safest plan is the moot question between the present Neutrality Act and the proposed Roosevelt measure. It is argued that under the present Act we can ship arms and munitions to neutral Italy which in turn may be sent into Germany, whereas our hands are tied against such shipments to our avowed friends, England and France. This is not neutral, many maintain. On the other hand, opponents of the Roosevelt plan say it will not be neutral to permit France and England to come here and get what they want when Germany and Russia, because of the strength of the Allied naval forces, cannot do the same. Those favoring the Roosevelt plan maintain it is not our fault if England and France control the seas. But it might lead to German reprisals ultimately involving us in the war.

Of course the most dangerous program would be No. 4, though there are those who believe that Hitler can best and sooner be conquered by a united front of the democracies against him.

Congress will decide. It will greatly assist your Senators and Representatives in Washington if you will let them have your views.

BOYS WILL NOT BE TRAINED AS SOLDIERS

The Civilian Conservation Corps promptly denied one of the early war rumors that military training would be introduced in CCC camps, and that the Civilian Conservation Corps would become a recruiting agency for the Army and Navy. According to Director Robert Fechner there will be no such use of the CCC boys unless Congress enacts special legislation to that effect. That is unlikely.

It will be remembered that there were similar rumors at the beginning of the World War that the Boy Scouts would be pressed into training and military service. In that instance it was made very plain that if any

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

QUESTIONS

ONLY IN AMERICA HAVE SILK STOCKINGS BECOME A NECESSITY OF EVERYDAY LIFE—FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION PAIRS OF SILK STOCKINGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES EVERY YEAR, AN AVERAGE OF THIRTEEN PAIRS APiece FOR EVERY AMERICAN WOMAN OVER FIFTEEN.

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THE MINUET (POPULAR DANCE OF COLONIAL TIMES) GETS ITS NAME FROM THE LATIN "MINUTUS" MEANING "SMALL" ON ACCOUNT OF THE SHORT STEPS IN IT.

JAVA IS A MALAY WORD MEANING "LAND OF THE NUTMEGS".
JAVA MEANS "A CUP OF COFFEE TO ME."

TAX COLLECTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE PAST SIX YEARS HAVE INCREASED NEARLY 80 PER CENT—FROM 8% BILLION DOLLARS TO WELL OVER 14% BILLIONS.

1933 TODAY

GRAINS OF SAND

A State Senator doesn't necessarily know all his constituents.

Senator Boyette, counsel in a case in Superior Court in Carthage Monday, spotted a juror he didn't recognize.

"What's your name?" he asked.

"Boyd."

"Where do you live?"

"Southern Pines."

"How long you lived there?"

"Thirty years."

"Are you in business or do you work for someone?"

"I work for myself."

"What business you in?"

"Real estate."

The juror was Jackson H. Boyd, one of Southern Pines' most prominent citizens, joint master with his brother James of the Moore County Hounds.

When Carl Goerch, popular radio man of the street, fired his questions on a recent broadcast, he asked a man to name a North Carolina town that had the same name as a large city in Scotland. Our sister town was unknown to the individual questioned. But when the audience was asked, it pealed forth as in a grand amen, "Aberdeen!" We had escaped the ignominy, or public disgrace, of not being recognized.

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ECONOMY UP TO THE PEOPLE

It cannot be too often repeated that we will have economy in government when the people want it—and not until then.

What this means is that economy must begin with the taxpayer. It means that we must turn thumbs down on public spending for spending's sake.

It means that there must be an end to spending the tax money contributed by all the people for purposes which effect only the favored few.

People who talk most bitterly about excessive government spending are often the first to whoop it up in favor of an appropriation for their town or state. And the result is the greatest peace-time debt in the history of this or any other nation, and a tax burden that is crushing industries, to the detriment of employment, productive investment, and economic progress.

The cost of government can be cut. The budget can be balanced, and a program looking to the reduction of the national debt can be put into effect, if thrifty citizens demand it. But we will first have to make our minds to the fact that it is impossible to get something for nothing from government. That may not be pleasant medicine to take, but it is the only way that national bankruptcy and the eventual collapse of our free country can be prevented. Help won't come from spendthrift politicians.

Apologies to Bill Dunlop, whose name was left out of the list of past presidents of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club last week.

A visitor at the New York World's Fair was asked to write her impressions of the North Carolina exhibit.

The visitor, like Abou Ben Adham, wrote and vanished. On the slip or paper given her she left the effect produced by her senses. The warm sunshine that filtered through the big windows was what North Carolina meant to her, an enlivening and cheerful influence.

"What a pleasant thing it is, for the eyes to behold the sun."

Some people have all the excitement. The folks living on the eastern edge of Moore county read their war news and hear their foreign commentators to the accompaniment of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Its something on the order of seeing moving pictures with and without music. It's the sound effect in either case that adds to the reality.

The one comforting thing about our type of night firing is that when bursting shells light up the dark and rattle our windows we turn over and sleep in peace, not worried whether we have time to reach the dugout before the roof goes off.

Saturday, September 23, at 5:50 p. m., as the sun moves southward in the sky in its descending path, it will soon touch the equator, and days and nights will be equal the world over. The autumnal equinox sees the sun pass from north to south and the shortening days of Fall appear.

Not long ago the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon held a quiz program as part of their entertainment. The altitude of Southern Pines was a question not known to many, it appeared.

A government bench mark, about three feet above the sidewalk on the face of the Merrill drug store near the railroad station is a small brass disk which reads 515.524, the elevation at that particular point.

A number of years the U. S. government made a readjustment of the triangulation net and left behind as permanent records, standard marks of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. In the sidewalk on the lower side of the passenger station, between the Patch store and Chan Page's garage, is another reference mark. Scattered about the town and countryside are descriptions of the triangulation and traverse stations in open view of those who are interested or have curiosity enough to look them over. The marker at the drug store corner will always remind the citizen who forgets his figures in case he wants to recall our elevation, or inform the one who never had the faintest idea how we stood.

If you want to catch the next Rotarian, ask him to give a wild guess as to our latitude and longitude, say from the steeple of the Congregational church or the Southern Pines water tank on Weymouth Heights, and then ask The Pilot for the exact answer.

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The Week in Aberdeen

Tea For Faculty

The Parent-Teachers Association honored the teachers of the Aberdeen School last Friday afternoon with a delightful tea. Mrs. Jack Williams of Pinebluff and Mrs. Frank Shamburger met the guests at the door. The receiving line was composed of the 16 teachers who were introduced by the president, Mrs. Claude Covington. Mrs. H. W. Doub invited the guests to the dining hall where Mrs. Forrest Lockey and Mrs. Robert S. Gwyn served sandwiches, cake and mints while Mrs. Clifton Wilson and Mrs. W. W. Norris presided at the punch bowl. Misses Mary Margaret Burney, Jeanne Chester and Cora Worsley entertained with musical selections at the piano. After the social hour Mrs. A. F. Cummings said the goodbyes to the departing guests.

Junior Book Club

The Junior Book Club met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Keith last Friday afternoon. The subject for the afternoon's programme was "Operas", with Mrs. Keith giving a paper on "Tristan and Isolde, and Mrs. Glenn Caviness a paper on "Tannhauser." After the program a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. Lockey Hostess

Mrs. Forrest Lockey was hostess to the members of the Walter Hines Page Book Club at the Southern Pines Country Club, with a large number of invited guests also present. The study for the afternoon's program was "Woman in the World of Journalism," with Mrs. C. M. Wilson reviewing the book, "The Journalist Wife." An interesting paper on "Taxes" was read by Mrs. G. C. Seymour. During the social hour following the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

Donahue-Lawrence

Mrs. Martha C. Lawrence of Aberdeen announces the marriage of her daughter, Mabel Suezene, to James Regis Donahue of Cresson, Pa., and Washington, D. C., in Rockville, Md., on February 26.

Ussery-Lampley

Miss Julia Lampley, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lampley of Pinebluff and J. E. Ussery of Fayetteville were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage in Aberdeen last Friday morning, with the Rev. E. M. Harris, the Baptist pastor, officiating.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Carter, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Charles Martin, on September 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas, announce the birth of a son on Friday, September 16th.

Aberdeen Personals

The many friends of Mrs. Katie Bethune Shear of Candor will be sorry to learn that she is quite ill in the Hamlet Hospital.

Mrs. E. M. Medlin accompanied her mother, Mrs. Davis, to her home at Davis a few days ago. Mrs. Davis spent some time here with her daughter recuperating from treatments at Duke Hospital, Durham.

Miss Mildred Mashburn of Wilson, who was Commercial teacher here last year, spent the week-end in Aberdeen, after accompanying a number of the Aberdeen teachers to Candor where they witnessed the marriage of Miss Inza Lassiter to the Rev. J. C. Whitney. Miss Lassiter was also a teacher in the Aberdeen schools for the past two school sessions.

Miss Lillie Mae Sturt of Richmond, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Harrington.

Francis Reid Harris left this past week for Wake Forest to enter the Freshman class.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad S. Page of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. Robert N. Page, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. McKeithen have returned following a vacation trip to Brevard.

Misses Mary Margaret Burney and Kathleen Rhyne left on Monday for Greensboro to enter the North Carolina College for Women. The Misses Theresa and Roberta Zimmerman have returned to complete their school work.

Mrs. Ralph Reims of Washington, D. C., arrived in Aberdeen last week to be at the bedside of her mother,

Mrs. A. B. Freeman who is a patient in the Moore County Hospital. Miss Mary Page has returned from Norfolk, Va., and was accompanied home by her cousin, Mrs. Herbert for a visit.

Mrs. Inza Tillman of near Carthage is spending this week in Aberdeen visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ella J. Heckart.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Britt of Troy were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. H. L. Brooks.

Richard David of Washington, D. C., is spending this week visiting friends and relatives in Aberdeen and Pinebluff.

S. J. Starnes, Jr., left this week for Durham where he is entering the Freshman class at Duke University. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brasington and son Graham, and Mrs. Mary Campbell spent Sunday in Raleigh visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thomas and Clayton Brasington, Jr., who is a student at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fletcher were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Austin of Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Caviness of Ashboro were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Caviness.

Miss Mary Shaw Rosser of Sanford was the guest of Miss Lida Duke Blue last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Troy Watts of Charlotte was the week-end guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. A. Cummings.

Bob Wilder left this week for Philadelphia where he is entering the Medical School at Temple University, following two years pre-medical work at Wake Forest College.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Willard O'Neal of Selma were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker.

Mrs. Johnnie Johnson spent the past week-end visiting her brother in Columbia, S. C.

PINEBLUFF STORE ENTERED

Joseph Cody of Maine, on his way to Florida, was charged in Recorder's Court Monday with forcible trespass in entering the store of Francis Adams in Pinebluff and attempting to rifle the cash register. As the prosecuting witness did not appear, the court dismissed the case upon condition that the defendant leave the county before night and remain out.

ADVERTISE IN THE PILOT.

SEE IT OCT 14 AT YOUR LOCAL CHEVROLET DEALER'S

New 1940 CHEVROLET

Eye it
You'll know it's FIRST in beauty the moment you see its refreshing new "Royal Clipper" styling!

Try it
You'll know it's FIRST in all-round performance with economy the moment you drive it!

Buy it
You'll know it's FIRST in dollar value—the economy leader—the biggest buy in the lowest price range!

"Chevrolet's FIRST Again!"