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THE VALUE OF BOOKS AND LIBRARIES

"Some love horses, some birds, others wild beasts, but from boyhood I have been possessed with the desire of acquiring and owning books." That statement was uttered about the year 363 by a man who was known as Julian of the Apostate.

Whether it be the year 363 or 1939, the man who has formed the habit of acquiring or owning books is the man who expands, and who expands in all directions his bounds of knowledge. The young emperor lived in all the narrowness of barbarous janglings and religious strife; lived in a world of few books. Startling as this may sound, North Carolinians, although many years removed from Julian's day, are not much better off. If all the books in the subscription and public libraries of North Carolina could be divided and passed out among the people of our state, each inhabitant would receive one-third of a book, and no more. Fifty-four percent of the total population are without public library service, and North Carolina ranks 40th in the United States in public library service. We are only eight states from the bottom. That surely is not a record to boast of, neither is it one to be glossed over. North Carolina has been classed as an illiterate state and for years has had an unenviable low mark in educational rank. It has never been a reading state and never will be until we overcome the pitiful allotment of books per capita the library record shows.

"A book is the sign of all the gathered wisdom and romance and anticipation and research of mankind from the beginning of history to the farthest points of the imaginative future, the sum of all that is known to man or that is to be known, the mysteries of expectation, the traditions, the tales of the fathers handed to the sons, the make-believe of little people told to each other, the tragic dreams and realities in all their various combinations. And as the child is walking through its early years where all is novel and incomprehensible, and where wisdom is a doubtful and ill-assorted sea all about it, the juvenile mind welcomes a book that in a sort of way catalogues and hands out in shape to be understood some of this great marvel of existence and its manifestations." So wrote the late Bion H. Butler, in behalf of children and books.

Our library should be looked upon as important as any industry or institution in the county or state, as the books it holds mean the mental growth of the child and the adult. For mighty little effort the library gives back a wealth of knowledge. The cordial librarian is active and aggressive and anxious to extend to all not only systematic instruction but pleasant recreation and helpful entertainment.

The library needs all the serious encouragement and support every citizen of the town and community is able to give.

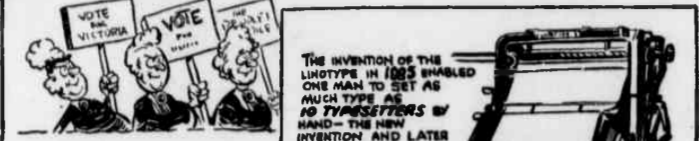
POLITICS ON VACATION

Since the war began in Europe, there has been quiet on the political front in this country. The attention of the great bulk of the American people is today largely centered abroad where history of the most momentous kind is being made. And so partisan politics, for the time being, has pretty much dropped out of the spotlight. You can't stir up much interest in Candidate Whoozis' political ambitions when ships are being

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COCKS IN EARLY AMERICA WERE MADE BY CARPENTERS (WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR WOODEN WORKS). IN EUROPE THE FIRST COCKS WERE MADE BY LOCKSMITHS, BLACKSMITHS AND ASTRONOMERS.

sunk and armies of unprecedented size are facing each other on the Western Front.

President Roosevelt has several times said, in effect, that partisanship should be adjourned for the duration of the emergency—that national unity should be the paramount goal sought by all, Republicans and Democrats alike. This viewpoint as naturally been endorsed by his political opponents. But the fact remains that partisan politics is an essential motivating factor in any democratic nation—it exists and must continue to exist. Both parties will have candidates in the field next year. Both will have platforms. Both want to win. And you can't fight a campaign without partisanship.

The problem facing the politicians is how to fight their verbal battles without alienating a public which feels strongly that this country must appear unified in the eyes of the world. That's a tough problem, and the burden of it, of course falls on the Republicans. The Democrats are in the saddle now, and the Republican hope is to unseat them. And the question of what issue to use for that purpose is causing many a severe headache among party chieftains.

Of late, the only domestic issue of great moment has been our neutrality legislation. And over that the party lines split wide open. Where, for instance, potent Republican Senator Borah immediately announced he favored rigorous isolationism, potent Republican Senator Taft stood with the President in support of cash-and-carry for arms as well as everything else. Neither political group, as a result, can make a good campaign issue out of neutrality—unless something happens to change the picture drastically.

Republican strategy now seems to be to bide its time and wait and see what happens. Leaders apparently feel it would be suicidal to take an aggressive partisan line now, and most independent commentators think they are right.

On the Democratic side of the fence, matters are somewhat simpler. But there is a big question mark there too—and it concerns the possibility that Mr. Roosevelt may be planning to do the unprecedented and seek a third successive term. If the President is thinking of that, recent public opinion polls must have encouraged him—they indicate that opposition to the third-term has dropped rather sharply in the past month or two.

Some think the fact that the President has refused to say he will not run again—as was recently requested by Governor Landon, who said that would be of great benefit in furthering the national unity the President asks—indicates that he plans to. On the other hand, a Presidential declaration to that effect would undoubtedly start a tremendous scurrying about among Democratic aspirants to

Grains of Sand

A huge billboard on U. S. Highway No. 1 north of Raleigh reads: "Stay on U. S. 1 through Sanford, Pinehurst, Camden." Try and do it.

Last Thursday night the Southern Pines theater turned people away by the score. Cars were parked for two blocks up and down the avenues and on Broad Street. Crowds jammed the doors to be told there was standing room only. The beauty contest proved to be a great drawing card.

Kent Kane, a Pennsylvania lawyer and politician, weary of depression and relief questions, headed west on a vacation, his objective the Mormon settlement in Utah where people reject relief and still thrive. He writes to relatives in Southern Pines: "It was remarkable to see 10,000 people in a body, none of whom smoke or drink, and they are only part of 750,000 who live by the same rule."

Last week when the thermometer hovered close to the 90 mark and a few on the street were complaining about the unseasonable heat one feature offset the summary conditions. Up in the Mack five and ten cent store they were busy with some preliminary Christmas work, and piling up colored boxes for Santa Claus. We didn't know whether to commiserate with the unhappy man over the warm weather or worry about the spectre of Santa Claus looming up.

We who are surrounded by green grass all winter think little of the many acres that are about us until we are attracted by a comment from a northern visitor who is not accustomed to seeing grass cut after they have left heavy frosts and freezing weather behind. A couple of non-residents enjoyed the busy lawn movers as they cut across the expansive green of the postoffice and library lawns on a damp morning the early part of the week. The smell of fresh mown grass greets a Sandhiller's nostrils any day of the year, be it fall or mid-winter.

LEAVES ESTATE TO SON

The will of Mrs. Alice Gregson, late of Southern Pines, has been filed for probate in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Moore county. Mrs. Chiswell bequeathed her property to her son, Alfred Gregson Chiswell. The estate was valued at around \$5,000.

From Farm to Fire—that's the freshness of vegetables, poultry, etc., at the Curb Market, Southern Pines.

The White House, at the expense of unity within the party. Those in the know in Washington think that the President has not expressed himself on the third-term issue even to his closest advisors—that no one save the Chief Magistrate himself, knows whether he will run or not. And it is obvious that unforeseen events of the future in this uncertain world could determine the decision.

Church a Beneficiary Under Doscher Will

Wide Fellowship and Womens' Society Named in Document Dispensing \$7,500

The Church of Wide Fellowship and the Womens' Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship are among the eleven beneficiaries named in the will of Johnna C. Doscher, late of Southern Pines, which has been filed in the courthouse in Carthage.

The will provides that all of the property be sold and the money remaining after settlement of expenses be divided equally among the church and society, and Christopher J. Doscher of Waldrick, N. J.; Hanna Tiejens and Kip Finch, both of New York City; Mrs. George Dunkel, Jersey City N. J.; several persons, and a school in Germany.

The value of the property is about \$7,500, and F. W. Van Camp and Ethel S. Jones are executors.

To Explain Townsend Pension Recovery Plan

Prominent Southern California Lawyer and Geologist To Speak Here Sunday

Robert Z. Adams, prominent attorney-geologist of Southern California, whose company was credited with development of the now famous mass meeting in Southern Pines on Sunday afternoon, October 5th, it was announced this week by Grant Lowe, Salisbury Townsend National representative for North Carolina. The meeting will be held at the Civic Club at 2:30 o'clock. The address is one of 15 to be made in North Carolina by Mr. Adams who has been sent here by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, president of the Townsend organization, at the request of Townsend clubs in this state. Mr. Lowe said. He will explain the Townsend Pension Recovery Plan.

Adams is highly regarded on the west coast. His firm, the R. Z. Adams company, was the largest land development concern in Southern California during the expansion and building in the Los Angeles area. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

OPERATING REVENUES OF SEABOARD SHOW GAIN

Total operating revenues for Seaboard Railway for the month of September, 1939 amounted to \$3,195,995, an increase of \$316,725 or 9.91 percent over September 1938. L. R. Powell, Jr., chief executive officer, announces. Freight revenue amounted to \$2,461,337, an increase of \$203,248 or 8.26 percent over the same month last year, and was higher than that for any corresponding month since 1930. Passenger revenue for September, 1939 was \$381,006 as compared with \$266,041 for September, 1938, an increase of \$114,965 or 43.21 percent, and was higher than that for any corresponding month since 1929. Net railway operating income for September 1939 was \$112,441 as compared with a deficit of \$38,658 for September 1938 and represents an increase of \$151,099 over September 1938.

DINNER NEXT WEEK TO BENEFIT UNDERPRIVILEGED

At this time each year the Pinehurst Parent-Teacher Association serves a dinner, the proceeds being used to serve hot lunches to the underprivileged children in the school. The dinner is to be on Wednesday night, November 8th, from 6:00 to 8:00 and will be served in the Community Church under the supervision of Mrs. Charles B. Fields. Prices will be 50c for adults and 35c for children, and a delicious menu has been planned. If any who cannot attend the dinner care to make donations, they will be greatly appreciated. These donations may be mailed to Mrs. Charles B. Fields or Mrs. Karl Johnson.

MRS. HOWE DIES DAY AFTER ARRIVAL HERE

Mrs. Alice Carlton Palmer Howe, 78 years, the widow of the late Albert Howe of Brookline, Mass., died in her apartment on Pennsylvania Avenue on October 28th. Funeral services were held in Boston, Mass., on Sunday the 29th.

Mrs. Howe, a seasonal resident for several years had planned to spend the winter here, arriving in Southern Pines just the day before her death.

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