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THE VOTE IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Johnston county, by an overwhelming majority, voted to do away with its A. B. C. liquor stores.

Johnston county has a perfect right to do as it pleases in connection with this matter, but we must confess that we can't exactly understand the attitude of the voters as expressed in the recent election, writes Carl Goerch in The State Magazine.

Of course everyone will admit that the results of the election will in no way eliminate the consumption of liquor. The people of Johnston are going to drink just as they did before.

That being so, what has Johnston county to gain, and what has it to lose?

Let's look into the matter just a moment.

The A.B.C. stores have been done away with. They were operated under State and county supervision. No liquor was sold to minors or to inebriates. No drinking was allowed on the premises.

As we said a moment ago, the people of Johnston are going to keep right on drinking—stores or no stores. With the removal of the stores, liquor will be obtained through other channels. In some cases, people will drive to the adjoining counties of Wake and Wilson and will buy their supply there. In other cases—and here's the really bad feature as we see it—a hundred or more bootleg places will spring up in all section of the county. Liquor will be sold to anyone who has the price to pay for it and there will be no restrictions whatsoever.

And so, summing it all up, we find that Johnston county has lost:

1. Orderly sale of liquor under proper supervision.
 2. Revenue with which to help the county run its affairs.
- And Johnston county has obtained for itself:

1. Sale of liquor without any restrictions.
2. A return of bootlegging on a large scale.

We repeat that Johnston county is entitled to follow whatever course it desires, in this matter, but at the same time we can't help but wonder how the county expects to improve conditions by the action it has taken concludes Mr. Goerch.

INTERPRETING THE MONROE DOCTRINE

The acidly polite debate recently carried on between the United States and German governments concerning the Monroe Doctrine reveals that this traditional American policy is subject to widely varying interpretations. It is also evident that Hitler is giving the Doctrine an interpretation which was never imagined by President Monroe.

The Monroe Doctrine did not come into existence as a long considered, carefully thought out statement of U. S. policy. Rather, it was swiftly conceived to meet a condition which, in 1823, menaced the sovereignty of this nation. At that time the three great European states of Russia, Prussia and Austria, had formed a "holy alliance" to crush a revolution in Spain, and were casting covetous glances on Spain's many possessions in the Western Hemisphere. In addition, Russia, which then owned Alaska, was attempting to dominate the Northwestern coast of this continent in the interest of her merchant ships. So President Monroe issued an official warning in which he said that the Americas "are henceforth not to

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INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO TURN SALT INTO ROAD SURFACING MATERIALS AND FERTILIZER



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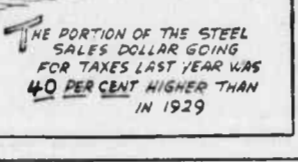
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SAY THIS IS GETTING TO BE A TOTAL SCOURGE



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THE PORTION OF THE STEEL SALES DOLLAR GOING FOR TAXES LAST YEAR WAS 40 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1929

be considered as subjects of future colonization by any European powers." In other words, the status quo was to be maintained so far as Europe was concerned. Afterwards, the policy which had been declared to meet the emergency of the moment, became a convenient instrument for protecting American interests in subsequent crises. We invoked it to drive the French from Mexico after the Civil War, to give the U. S. absolute instead of divided control over the Panama Canal, and to force England to come to terms when a border fight arose between Venezuela and British Guiana.

Today it is obvious that the Doctrine is to be used to provide legal grounds for preventing the Axis powers from seizing New World possessions belonging to the Democracies. Germany has met this challenge by asserting that the Doctrine must work two ways if others are expected to observe it—that in brief, the U. S. must stop interfering with European affairs if Europe is to keep out of the Americas. And here is where the vast difference of interpretation appears. For the Doctrine, as we have always understood and applied it, deals only with physical transfers of territory, not with political activity. We have never used it to deny a European power the right to carry on political or diplomatic work in our sphere of influence. Hitler seems to want to interpret the Doctrine to include "moral suasion" no less than military force.

In addition, high German officials have intimated that they deem it proper to apply a Monroe Doctrine of their own to Central Europe. They argue they have as much right to do this as we have to apply the original Doctrine throughout the Americas. And again, there is a great difference in interpretation. For we have not used the Doctrine as an excuse for imperial expansion and geographical aggression. We have not believed that it gave us the right to enslave and oppress other peoples. To the contrary, we argue, we have used it only to protect weaker nations from the possible oppression of potential conquerors.

The President said on July 7th that Europe and Asia should apply the principles of the Monroe Doctrine as a means of reaching agreement on the disposition of possessions of the conquered powers—that all should get together and settle the attendant problems, rather than allow them to be decided by the victor. That looks now like an academic opinion, which will find no favor whatsoever among the swaggering Axis powers.

Germany has said in response to State Department warnings, that inasmuch as she has shown no desire to seize British and French possessions in this hemisphere we have nothing to kick about yet. But Washington authorities feel certain that Germany will make moves in our direction in time, and then the

real test of the Monroe Doctrine will come. It cannot be effective unless the 20 Latin American Republics back it up with us. We are working feverishly south of the Rio Grande now in an attempt to bolster our influences there, and enlist both the contingents in the crusade to save democracy in this hemisphere.

THE TOBACCO REFERENDUM

Flue-cured tobacco growers of the state vote tomorrow, Saturday, on whether they want three-year marketing quotas, one-year quotas or no quotas at all. They will also decide by their ballots pretty much what price they will receive for their 1940 tobacco.

If quotas are approved for a three-year period, 1941 through 1943, the federal government has promised to protect prices of the 1940 crop "at or slightly above last year's 14.9 cents per pound level." The triple-A officials also have announced that if three-year quotas are voted, the allotments in 1941 will be the same as in 1940. Recent amendments to the Crop Control Law provide that no quota can be reduced more than 10 per cent from the 1940 allotment during the next three years.

If one-year quotas are voted, the federal government will not be able to protect prices at the 14.9 cents level the 1939 crop brought, and allotments for 1941 will be reduced ten per cent. Without any quotas, predictions of the price the 1940 crop would bring range from 5 to 10 cents per pound.

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PILOT EXTRA EDITIONS
Editor, The Pilot:

On two occasions during the past few weeks The Pilot has published extra editions giving its readers important, though sad, news. As I cannot figure out how any financial gain accrues to you in these extras, I am curious to know why you issue them, much as they are appreciated.

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(Editor's Note—The Pilot publishes an extra edition when it deems that current news warrants it, solely as a service to its readers. You are correct that there is no revenue from these extra editions, but there is a satisfaction in serving our constituency. We are repaid by your appreciation.)

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS SHOW DECLINE FIRST 6 MONTHS

Traffic deaths in North Carolina numbered only 363 the first six months of this year, the lowest toll in several years, the highway safety division reported this week.

June deaths were only 61, a 20 per cent drop under the 77 of June, 1939.

The six months toll was nine per cent below the 396 deaths in the first six months of last year. The worst record for the six months was in 1935, when 480 were killed.

Grains of Sand

We were on our way to the post-office.

Suddenly, behind us, we heard the Democratic national convention going on in full force. We looked back.

There Norris Hodgkins, the banker, and E. L. Lorensen, the accountant, were strolling along carrying a portable radio between them.

Taxes now take 21 percent of the national income, whereas they took just six percent in 1913, according to latest statistical study.

Three of the last five Presidents have had alliterative names: Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover and Calvin Coolidge. Making it four out of six is the job of the Republican party.

Not since Grover Cleveland have we had a President without double letters in his name: William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt.

Now comes a candidate with double letters in both first and last names: Wendell Willkie.

Washington, national capital, has increased 36.3 percent in population in ten years; now has 663,153. Washington has more than doubled its population since the days when Woodrow Wilson was serving his first term as President.

"Bees grow where the honey is."

It cost C. B. Deane nearly twice as much NOT to get elected to Congress as it cost W. O. Burgin TO get elected.

Expense-Free Cruise On Warship Offered by US

Unmarried Men With Two Years of College Eligible for 30-Day Training Course

Five thousand unmarried young men between 19 and 26 years with two years of college will have a chance this summer to cruise 30 days on a Navy warship, expense free, and qualify for commissions as reserve Ensigns.

Applications are being taken at Naval District and Naval Reserve headquarters and at Navy Recruiting stations. As part of the Navy expansion program, the Government will pay travel expenses and stand the cost of food, lodging, uniforms and other equipment.

Candidates who successfully complete the 30-day cruise are eligible for appointment as Naval Reserve Midshipmen and enrollment in a 90-day course on shore to qualify them for appointment as Ensigns in the Volunteer Reserve.

The first cruise will begin about July 16 on the USS Wyoming and additional cruises will begin periodically until January 15, 1941. Gunnery, navigation, engineering, communications, and other technical skills will be taught.

During the three-months shore course, candidates will receive the same pay and allowances as Midshipmen of the regular Navy. This course, however, may be postponed in order not to interfere with college courses or other civilian activities.

The nation's motor vehicle traffic took a toll of 32,600 lives in 1939.



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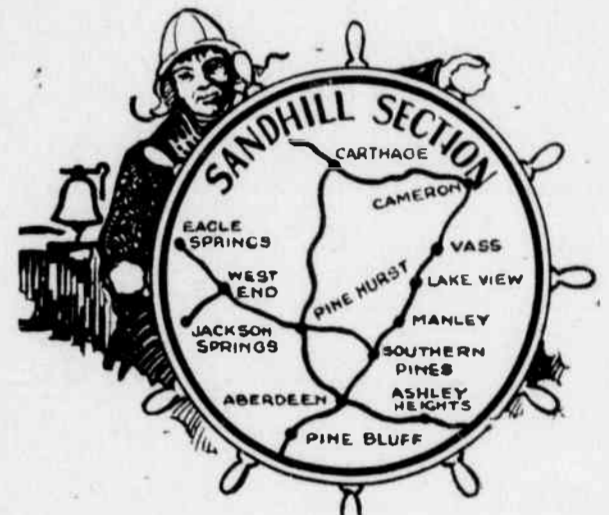
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Friday thru Monday
July 19-22
\$3.00

Tickets good going on Thursday afternoon, all Friday and Saturday trains (except the Silver Meteor). Returning leave Portsmouth as late as 5:30 P. M., Monday evening. Tickets good in coach only. No baggage checked.
round trip adult fare to Portsmouth. Fares to Virginia Beach 75c higher. Children 5 and under 1/2 fare.
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