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**But It's True-----!**



Emma Willard sang whenever the opportunity presented itself. She claimed that her voice was the highest-pitched in history. But her famous song is now used by all men who believe they are possessed of unusually deep basses.

**THE ROYAL VISIT**

There is something gratifying to American pride in the announcement that King George and Queen Elizabeth of England are to visit the United States and call at the White House next Spring.

It will be the first time that a reigning monarch of the British Empire has ever visited America. Perhaps if the idea of royal visits had occurred a couple of hundred years ago, say, we might still be subjects of the British crown.

At any rate, there is a strong and definite tie between this country and the nation of which most of the United States once owed allegiance, and we ought to be glad to show King George VI what a great country we have built by our own unaided efforts since we broke away from the control of his royal great-great-grandfather, George III.

As we understand it, the position of the King of England and Scotland and Emperor of Britain is that of a symbol rather than a ruler.

He is a figurehead, but a rather gorgeous figurehead. He symbolizes the greatest democracy in the world, a nation which in many respects is much more democratic than our own. The nearest thing we have in America to the King is the figurative cartoon of Uncle Sam, who stands for the American spirit as the King does for the spirit of Britain.

There has been some silly talk from Washington about the proper etiquette to be observed by the President and his wife when the King and Queen visit them. Should Mrs. Roosevelt curtsy to the Queen? That sounds like tommyrot.

If there is any question of equality, the balance is in the favor of the President and his wife, since the President is a more powerful ruler. But this is not a political visit.

The royal visit to Washington is a visit by one gentleman and his wife to another gentleman and his wife, and the proper etiquette is what is proper when one gentleman calls at another gentleman's house.

**PREPAREDNESS FOR—WHAT?**

We do not know, nor does anyone else, how imminent the danger of a war involving the United States may be.

We hope that there is nothing of the kind in the offing. But it is apparent that the folk who are running things in Washington believe that this country should put itself in a position where it can protect itself if necessary.

Sometimes the best way to keep out of war is to be prepared to fight if threatened—and to let the other fellow know that we are stronger than he is. We get the impression that some such theory underlies the revived talk of a great program of national defense.

We do not understand that anyone fears an actual invasion of the United States, though Gen. Malin Craig, Chief of Staff, says we ought to have a lot more anti-aircraft guns and search-lights to guard against attack from the air.

The President has suggested that we need a much larger fighting air force than we have now. There is talk of asking Congress to appropriate money to increase our military planes from the present goal of about 2,300 to nine or ten thousand.

At the same time we are building the biggest navy America has ever had. Six new battleships, 40 new destroyers, 16 new submarines, four new cruisers and a lot of smaller vessels are already either under construction or authorized.

The question naturally arises: What do we need such a big navy for if we do not expect to be attacked? We certainly don't expect to attack anybody.

The answer is found in the recent utterances of the President on the subject of the solidarity of interest of all the nations of the American continent, north and south. It has been a fixed policy of the United States for more than 100 years that we will not stand for any European nation establishing colonies or otherwise getting a foothold anywhere in America.

Under the Monroe Doctrine it is up to the United States to resist any attempt by Germany, Italy or any other country to get control of any part of South or Central America.

There have been many signs indicating that one or another of the totalitarian nations is eager to get possession of Brazil. If this country has to fight, it seems more likely that it will be to protect Brazil and other South American nations from foreign penetration than to repel invaders in the north.

Apparently we are getting all set for defense, and that fact alone may be enough to prevent any nation from trying to put something over.

**Go Into Your Dance**



**EDITORIAL**

The TIMES is in receipt of a copy of the 50th anniversary edition of the Charlotte News, which was established in 1888. It is a most creditable edition, containing 172 pages of interesting news and pictures, presenting forcibly the progress of its section during the past 50 years. The present management is to be congratulated upon this wonderful and worthy edition. May the News "live long and prosper."

On another page we are publishing an article showing that Franklin County has been allotted 18,190 acres for cotton for 1939. Assuming that Franklin County will average half a bale per acre this would indicate a production of 9,090 bales which at 10 cents a pound would amount to \$454,500.00. A normal average crop before Control gave Franklin County 22,000 which figured at 5 cents a pound would produce \$550,000, or approximately \$100,000 dollars more, with very little extra costs.

Information comes to the TIMES that the first move to do away with the present A B C Control will be made by a number of citizens on next Monday when they will go before the New Board of County Commissioners and ask for a special meeting to be set for December 24th, when it is expected petitions will be presented to the Board asking that it call an election to determine whether the people of the County want the system continued. The TIMES finds this to be a question upon which there is a serious division of opinion in the County.

The question of who shall be Constable for Harris Township has shifted from a question between candidates to a question between voters. The Board of Elections closed the case, as they thought, by following instructions from the State Board of Elections and the Attorney General. The matter was taken up again with the State Board and the Attorney General by attorneys for the voters, and these officials directed the County Board of Elections to ascertain if the wishes of the voters could be ascertained by the markings on the ballot, then to reopen and repass on the question. The County Board, we understand, feeling that it had closed the case and regardless of its findings, an appeal would be taken, has requested the State Board to hear and pass upon the question. There is no question about the fact that a voter has and should have, the right to vote for any one he chooses. But we do not think it proper to go into a primary, and select a candidate and then not elect him on election. It's bad practice and will result in the complete elimination of the party primary system. It also indicates the public is becoming tired of the methods of securing nominations in primaries. The present methods are too expensive, too undemocratic and unresponsive to the will of the public. The "write-ins" have made a small beginning, but will possibly enlarge and widen its scope as a protest.

**SOLVING THE FARM PROBLEM**

The ultimate solution of the farmers' problem, we have been told for many years, is the development of new uses for the products of the soil. The Farm Chemurgic Council has spent much money and time in laboratory research to discover industrial uses for farm crops, and with encouraging success.

Now the United States Department of Agriculture is starting out on the same line. Four regional laboratories are to be established under a new Bureau of Agricultural Technology and Engineering, headed by Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry.

The purpose is to find new ways of tying agriculture to industry, by developing industrial uses for such items as corn, wheat, fruits, vegetables, potatoes, cotton, sweet potatoes, peanuts, tobacco, apples, and milk. Those are on the list of farm products in which the first research efforts will be made.

In the meantime, an important step toward industrial utilization of the potato crop has been made in Maine. At Houlton, the center of the great Aroostook potato district, two new starch mills are being built. One of them, with a capacity of 2,000 barrels of potatoes a day, will turn out 20 tons a day of starch for the use of New England textile manufacturers, by a new process which takes only six hours instead of 72 from raw potato to finished starch.

The other will make a type of starch new in American industry, which has heretofore been imported.

That is the sort of thing which will do more to put agriculture on a stable footing than all the benefit payments, crop control plans and price-fixing projects that anyone has proposed.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM ITEMS**  
 By County Farm Agents

You are requested to attend Hog Killing and Meat Cutting Demonstration at the Franklin County Home Tuesday afternoon, December 6, at 2:00 P. M.

At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to observe the Packer Method of slaughtering hogs and of cutting out the carcass. Also information will be given on methods of curing and making sausage. Your attendance at this meeting will be greatly appreciated.

If weather conditions are not suitable for killing hogs, this demonstration will be postponed to the first suitable day. You are also invited to bring your neighbors with you.

Approximately \$75,000.00 has been received in Franklin County during the last several weeks as an adjustment payment on the 1937 cotton. This represents a total of approximately one-half the amount that will be received in the County, cards are mailed to payees as soon as checks come in and a very rapid distribution is being made. In order that these checks may be distributed without error and with as little interference as possible, it is very essential that the farmers throughout the County cooperate with the County Agent's office and not call for checks until notified that check has been received at the Office.

A Referendum will be held December 10 for the purpose of voting on whether or not marketing quotas for 1939 will be continued. All farmers who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1938 are eligible to vote in the Cotton marketing quota Referendum and all farmers who were engaged in production of flue-cured tobacco in 1938 will have an opportunity to vote on tobacco-marketing quota on the same date. The fact that a farmer is eligible to vote in one Referendum does not mean that he is eligible to vote in both cotton and tobacco Referendum. However, he is eligible to vote in both Referenda if in 1938 he was engaged in production of both cotton and flue-cured tobacco.

**IDA POWELL FULLER ENGAGED TO MARRY**

Mrs. Annie E. Fuller, of Louisburg, announces the engagement of her daughter, Ida Powell, to William Edward Dunstan, of Elizabeth City. The wedding will take place on December 28 at Corinth Baptist Church near Louisburg.

The bride-elect was graduated from Louisburg College, and received her degree from Meredith College in the Class of 1936. During the past two years she has taught in Pasquotank County. She is at present a member of the Plymouth School faculty.

Mr. Dunstan is the son of Mrs. W. E. Dunstan and the late Mr. Dunstan, of Elizabeth City. He is a graduate of Duke University and has done graduate study at the Baker School of Finance, Harvard University. He is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and is in business in Elizabeth City.

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I want to sincerely thank each and every one who so kindly rendered help to me during the sickness and death of my cousin, Anna Loyd. They will be long and tenderly remembered.  
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