

# OUR POINT OF VIEW

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#### REYNOLDS HAYWIRE

The papers tell us today that Senator R. R. Reynolds on Tuesday furnished the vote that killed anti-neutrality legislation at this session of congress. The ballot in the Senate committee stood 12 to 11.

By this action Senator Reynolds displeased the vast majority of his constituents.

The people of North Carolina are overwhelmingly Roosevelt. They believe in his patriotism, his honesty, his judgment and discretion, and they do not relish the attitude of our western Senator which places FDR in an embarrassing plight, injuring his prestige and influence which are seriously needed in international affairs—affairs that involve the interests and safety of America.

The people of North Carolina are peaceful people. They want no European or Asiatic tangles that might trap us in a fight. At the same time they do not believe in the doctrine of cowardice and dishonor called "peace at any price."

George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland did not believe that way, neither does Franklin D. Roosevelt, neither do the descendants of "the last at Appomattox."

The people of North Carolina want the sale of war supplies by America to Japan—STOPPED—regardless of what the war lords of Japan think about it.

The people of North Carolina are in sympathy with the democracies of Europe in their efforts to preserve the peace of the world, and the people of North Carolina are willing for supplies of war material to flow in an unstinted stream to England and France, provided those nations can and will pay for them, and that our President should have the power and discretion to direct this supply.

If war comes, it will come only because the predatory powers believe they can crush the democracies. If war does not come, it will be because Germany, Italy and Japan fear they might not win the war. They cannot win against the resources of America, and know it.

The tigers will not spring with America standing in the shadow.

#### THE BOLSHEVIKS DENY IT

A Japanese army spokesman charges that Soviet planes were dropping dysentery germ bombs on Japanese positions along the Manchoukou border, which caused many Japs to flee. This Jap spokesman may be mistaken. If all reports about the huge fleets of Russian bombers are true, their approach could very well be calculated to need no germs to have a running-off effect on the Japs.

#### TOUCHING OLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND

An Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh says that North Carolina has increased its flue-cured tobacco acreage 21 per cent., and that the 1939 crop will reach 701,070,000 pounds. This figure points to the largest crop in the State's history.

This news will doubtless be received by the farmers who voted for uncontrolled production, with unmitigated pleasure, as it indicates higher prices for the weed, according to their reasoning.

The average citizen would be willing to see this crowd now in the enjoyment of their "liberty," go to the devil, but objects strenuously that they should carry the country with them.

#### EARLIER MARKET OPENING

It is pleasing news that the markets of the old belt will be open for the sale of tobacco Sept. 14 this year, which is about two weeks earlier than the usual date of opening.

The tobacco association of the United States thus at last gives a just if belated recognition of the rights of the tobacco people of this section.

This means that millions of pounds of leaf usually attracted to the early eastern markets from this section, will be sold on the home markets this year.

And many farmers who, in need of ready money, after finishing priming weeks before our home warehouses opened, may be saved the extra expense of the eastern haul where their averages were practically always less.

#### SAFE AND SANE FOURTH

By applying the scientific analysis, we can extract encouragement out of anything, however adverse.

You see, prior to Independence Day the press, radio and other publicity sources put out a great drive for a safe and sane Fourth.

The result was 600 killings.

But when we apply the scientific analysis, we are easily able to console ourselves with the thought that but for the safety and sanity drive, the casualty list might have been a thousand.

#### THE FARM TOUR

Farmers and their friends anticipate with much interest and pleasure the tour of the county arranged for next Wednesday.

Sponsoring are County Agent J. F. Brown, Asst. Agent T. H. Sears and Miss Ellen Jenkins, Home Demonstration Agent. They will be assisted by officials of the State College Extension Service from Raleigh.

These annual farm tours are growing in popularity and service. This is the third one arranged by County Agent Brown. The first year the attendance was 18, the third year 78. Next Tuesday's will doubtless be accompanied by a much greater number.

The tours are interesting, profitable, inspiring, and those who attend will be in many cases amazed at the remarkable progress and improvement being made by our county in farming, in home life and other things that make for better citizenship.

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA

The following are two interesting facts about North Carolina which may be you didn't know:

First—North Carolina this week rose from fifth to fourth place among the States paying revenue to the federal government. We pay now \$310,317,955.53 to Uncle Sam. Only New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois are ahead of us.

And—second—news from Raleigh says that with our general fund tax receipts exceeding estimates by \$2,117,164.64, Gov. Hoey says diversion from the highway fund will be unnecessary.

We are living in a fairly good old State—do you not think?

#### USELESS HAULING

Sales report indicates that farmers of North Carolina bought one million tons of fertilizer this year, paying \$25,000,000.

Putting the average analysis at 8-2-2, suppose they had used 12-4-4. Somebody figure out how much they would have saved by a shortage of 500,000 tons in the freight bills.

Of course you understand they would have got the same amount of plant food in the half million tons of 12-4-4 that they got in the million tons of the 8-2-2.

#### TO HIM THAT HATH—

The State Highway and Public Works Commission received low bids Tuesday on more new road projects to cost \$1,685,000.

Among the counties favored by the highway board are:

Guilford .....	\$ 68,340.10
Forsyth .....	163,521.75
Cleveland .....	44,596.50
Randolph .....	139,299.50
Rockingham .....	30,500.00

AND SO ON.

It had been hoped that the commission should have allowed Stokes at least one more mile of black top in the gap of No. 89 in Big Creek township, but owing to the late discovery of several miles of uncemented stretches in Guilford and Forsyth, it was considered impracticable to take up any additional projects until the weather gets cooler.

#### JULY

Most of it has been damp, and fearfully hot, but the peculiar slant of the season has produced crops which are a wonder and a delight.

County Agent Brown tells the Reporter he has visited every section of the county and with the exception of one or two neighborhoods, the farmers report the best crops of tobacco and corn for many years. Some of them enthusiastically go into superlatives, as for instance Gaston Meadows of Capella says it is the BEST he ever saw. And Gaston has seen a lot of water go under the bridge, not being as young as he and I used to be.

And for all this let us be thankful and may the Good Lord bless us all and give us uncontrolled prices.