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NO MATTER HOW BRIGHT IT APPEARS AT FIRST THE WAY OF THE TRANSPARENT IS HARD TO SEE.

Will Bear Watching

Repeated conferences and good neighbor policies sponsored by the United States in the past several years have not brought the total trust and the measure of attention and the Western Hemisphere nations that have been and still are so desired and which will be essential to protection against foreign aggression is to be sought. Now and then incidents occur to test Uncle Sam's guard and to make that his efforts have not been as fruitful as hoped for.

A case in point is the situation right now in the republic of Panama. A pro-Nazi fascist administration in power is lacking against granting concessions the United States seeks for air facilities as part of the defense of the Canal Zone. This area is a narrow neck of land flanking the canal on both sides which is under lease to this country for ninety-nine years. It is so narrow that it is wholly insufficient for the proper sort of protection for this vital artery of transport and communication. Unless facilities are available in adjacent territory, the canal will remain highly vulnerable and open prey for any enemy that may wish to attack.

Just what sort of game the Panama government is playing is hard to understand, assuming that totalitarian ambitions be the world were to be realized, Panama could not possibly be in any better position as an independent nation as it now is. All the odds are that it could never hope to be more than a puppet of the state of the League of Nations and other states of Europe that have been overrun by Germany.

A brother of the present president of Panama, himself a former chief executive, is owner and editor of the principal newspaper in the republic. He is intensely pro-United States, so much so that there are strong hints his paper will be suppressed unless he desists to some extent in his policies. Reports are that the president is surrounded by pro-Nazi advisers, one of the chief of which is his secretary, who has strong German leanings after a stay of some years in the Reich.

Nowhere in Central or South America is the defense of the United States, and perhaps of the hemisphere as well, so vitally threatened as at the isthmus. But for the canal, this country would be compelled to maintain a two-ocean navy. While such a sea force is now building, it will be years before it is completed. In our present status, and without the canal as a means of switching our sea strength from one ocean to the other in short time as needed, there is little doubt that the axis triumvirate would be more brazen and defiant toward us than it is or will be if adequate offensive weapons are available for use at will.

The situation in Panama has not become critical enough as yet to make the front pages. Its precise nature at the moment has not been greatly elaborated upon, but if information that has come to the surface is a true indication of actual conditions, developments may be brewing there that can cause grave concern in this country. Certainly it will bear watching.

This war should make pre-fabricated houses popular. They could be folded up and hidden in the basement until the air raid is over. In keeping with the trend, why not please Mother by telling the ten best meals you ate during 1940—crediting her with all of them?

Airports Are Building

A most worthwhile objective of the Chamber of Commerce for this year, it seems to us, would be a renewed and even more intensive effort in behalf of acquiring an airport for Henderson. What makes this the more urgent is the fact that other smaller and middle-size towns and cities like Henderson are rapidly getting funds approved for their airports, and the more of these there are the less will be our chances both because of possible fund shortages and diminishing necessity for additional landing fields.

If efforts already undertaken are allowed to be fairly certain we shall be passed over. Cities in other sections of the State have been working for years toward acquiring adequate facilities and are still hard on the job, never letting up because success is not as speedy as they would like. Persistence usually brings its rewards in the end, but rewards seldom come where they are not expected.

Though difficulties may exist in obtaining a suitable location on acceptable terms, this merely adds to the problem, but does not bring success any nearer. It means harder work, but it usually pays dividends in the end.

It is not necessary that the field be surveyed again by way of presenting reasons or arguments setting forth advantages that would accrue from possession of a suitable landing field here. Aviation got its first great stimulus from the last war, and will receive vastly more from this one. Planes flying overhead are a daily occurrence now, but there will be many more of them in the near future and those communities that are able and willing to offer facilities will be the ones to benefit in whatever way this already great and still growing industry may shed its blessings.

Efforts in this direction will never be set down as wasted. The time will come, and not so far off, when we will be glad we have an airport, if we have, and when we shall regret it if we haven't.

Clayton's Tragedy

The tragedy at Benson Friday night, in which four Clayton young people, three of them high school basketball players, were killed in a grade crossing accident, ought to be a warning to all high school authorities and students in the State. But will it?

Athletics in our schools is a wholesome activity for students in that it develops physique, stamina and the spirit of competition and fair play. Each year interest becomes keener and keener until sometimes it appears the essential function of the schools, that of educating the youth of the land, is in danger of being to some extent eclipsed. Already it exists, it indeed it has not in a few instances, distanced, scholastic excellence in the primary purpose of these institutions. That ought not to be.

Long night trips for contests on football fields or basketball courts are accompanied by hazards of the kind that resulted in the Clayton tragedy. Young people are entrusted with the steering wheel of a car, and however good a driver they may be they lack, in most cases, the poise and clear-headedness of adults who ought always, it seems to us, to be in charge of automobiles that transport children on occasions of this sort. As a rule boys and girls on these trips are more occupied with the thrill of their journey and of the game that is to be or has been played, and are thinking more of that than of their own safety.

In the accident at Benson a train was involved, but death could strike just as hard elsewhere along the highway. Too much caution is impossible, and one can but wonder sometimes whether ends achieved are worth the risks assumed in carrying out programs and schedules of this sort.

Junior doesn't see anything strange in that soap manufacturing company planning to make munitions. He always has regarded a bar of castile a deadly weapon.

King George of Greece has presented his troops with 70,000 bottles of brandy. No wonder the Italian soldiers in Albania think they must have stumbled into Roaring Gulch on a wild Saturday night.

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

- 1. A rabbit-skin.
2. Forty days.
3. First Families of Virginia.
4. The Hawaiian Islands.
5. Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon.
6. The one-cent piece.
7. Lapidary.
8. LaFayette and Forman.
9. John Fox, Jr.
10. Henry VIII.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

- 1. How many religious objectors were granted exemption from war duty in North Carolina in the War Between the States?
2. Who was the man, once declared an apostate, for whom Wilkes county was named?
3. When was the first time North Carolina had to fight German troops?
4. Why were early macadam roads built with macadam on one side instead of in the middle of the road?
5. How does North Carolina's position in 1940 compare with the census of 1940?
6. How many Southern states established plants for manufacturing silk during the War Between the States?

ANSWERS

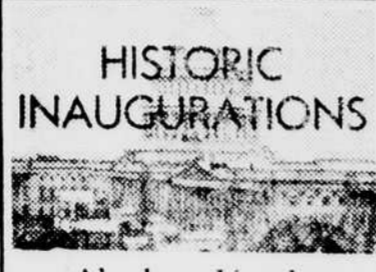
- 1. A total of 342 were granted exemptions in North Carolina on the basis of being conscientious objectors.
2. John Wilkes, an English politician, born in London in 1725. While a member of parliament in 1763 he published in his own newspaper a criticism of the government for which he was arrested and placed in jail. After a week he was released. He then brought a successful suit against those who had caused his arrest. He followed by suing regarding the article which the House of Commons declared a libel and expelled him from parliament. In the meantime he had been elected a member of parliament and had just taken his seat in the House of Commons. When he returned to parliament for the first time he was elected speaker. Three months later he was elected speaker, however, he died only 22 months after he had taken his seat in the House of Commons. He was not allowed to be elected speaker and was elected Lord Mayor of London, and then returned to the House of Commons, Dec. 17, 1797.
3. During the Revolutionary War when about 10,000 Hessians conscripts were sent to fight from six states in Germany. They fought in many of the important battles of the war, including the Battle of the Clouds, the Battle of Guilford Court House. Only about 1,000 returned to Germany. About 2,000 were killed or died, and about 10,000 were left in the United States and Canada.
4. In dry weather farmers preferred using the clay part of the road. If the macadam street had been built in the middle of the roadway the clay on each side would have been hauled to England to help subdue the revolting American colonies. Too narrow to have allowed for a wagon way.
5. In 1940 North Carolina's population was 3,367,967. The 1940 census showed a population of 3,563,174.
6. North Carolina was the only one of the Southern states to establish plants for manufacturing silk. Evaporating plants were maintained on the coast until the Union forces occupied that area. Some of these then were moved to Salisbury, Virginia, where silk was spun.

Italians Make Strong Stand In Albania

Bally to improve the situation or delay the Greek advance" was echoed by Italian prisoners, most of them fresh troops recently arrived from Italy. "The Greek air force was reported active in day bombing and machine gun attacks on Italian troops and gun emplacements.

Increased Armaments Demanded

"The national policy" the President stated. "First, by an impressive expression of the public will and without regard to partisanship we are committed to all inclusive national defense. Second, by an impressive expression of the public will and without regard to partisanship we are committed to all inclusive national defense."



HISTORIC INAUGURATIONS
Abraham Lincoln (Sixteenth President, 1861-65)

posted soldiers along the procession route and on the rooftops to act as sharpshooters and to quell anticipated disorder. The ceremony passed, however, without disturbance, and Abraham Lincoln was duly sworn in as President of the United States. Soon more important issues were to crowd out remembrance of that tense inauguration day, but at the time there were many who breathed a sigh of relief when the ceremony was over. The traditional ball concluded with Mrs. Lincoln dancing a quadrille with Stephan A. Douglas.

Soldiers Like Letters Best

Fort Jackson, S. C., Jan. 4.—Letters to post and division officials here from mothers, wives and sweethearts of soldiers from North Carolina continually ask what they, as "folks back home" can do to add to the happiness of their boys in training. In compliance with these requests, Army officials have investigated and found that a large percentage of the 3,000 men from North Carolina prefer personal letters and copies of the home town newspapers to all other gifts.

Ranking next in the gift line, soldiers from North Carolina like sweets, candy cookies and chocolates are always much appreciated. (For mailing purposes sweets should be wrapped in oil paper and packed so they won't melt or be crushed.) Further, soldiers like chewing gum. On the march it helps keep them from drinking too much water and from dipping into their lunch ration. Other gifts soldiers from North Carolina like are books of stamps, a pocket flash light and a towel and then, toilet articles, such as talcum powder, tooth paste, tooth brush, shaving cream, razor blades and soap are always welcome.

The important thing about sending gifts to soldiers, the investigation revealed, is that the gifts are more appreciated and therefore add more to morale when they arrive at intervals—rather than all in one bundle. For reading, the soldier likes his home town newspaper, a prayer book, a Testament or a magazine. But all of these possible gifts are secondary to a letter from a relative, or a friend "back home."

There is nothing a soldier—be he from North Carolina or California—likes as well as a letter from home. Unfortunately, many letters to new soldiers are lost in the mails because they are not properly addressed. The correct way to address a letter to your boy in training is his name first, his company or battery second, his regiment third and lastly "Fort Jackson, S. C."

Stock Market Stages Rally

New York, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The stock market again put on a selective recovery shift today but the movement was somewhat feeble. Dealings were relatively low from the start and top gains ranging from major fractions to a point or so were trimmed in most cases near the fourth hour.

Hong Kong is in the typhoon area and has suffered great damage from them on several occasions. A London hospital selling its place, 100 years old, to build in another part of the city received the sum of nearly two million dollars for the land which originally cost 100 years ago some thirty thousand dollars.

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Bullitt To Speak Tomorrow Night

Chapel Hill, Jan. 6.—William C. Bullitt, recent Ambassador to France, is expected to reflect the views of Franklin D. Roosevelt when he speaks here Tuesday night, January 7, under the auspices of the International Relations Clubs of the University of North Carolina. The former Envoy to France and Russia has informed Manfred Rogers, president of the club, that he will confer with President Roosevelt before leaving Washington. It is a matter of record that Mr. Bullitt and Mr. Roosevelt have been in accord on the question of aiding Britain and China as first lines of defense against aggressor nations. Although special invitations have been mailed to mayors, chamber of commerce officials, and others, officials of the club stressed the point that the address will be open to the public and the seats in the auditorium will not be reserved.

SOUTH AMERICANS TO STUDY AT UNC

Chapel Hill, Jan. 6.—The first organized academic Latin-American group to visit this country, 110 representatives of eight South American nations, has just sailed for the United States and is scheduled to arrive at the University of North

Five Million Unemployed

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Census Bureau estimated today that 5,110,270 persons were without jobs of any kind, and looking for work last March. The figure was obtained by using a five per cent cross-section of the population enumerated in each of the 154,000 census districts last April. The bureau said that some variation could be expected in a final tabulation. The preliminary calculation showed the population included 100,972,196 persons 14 years of age or over of whom 43,250,430 were employed in private jobs of nonemergency work; 5,110,270 had neither public nor private jobs and were looking for work, and 2,380,062 were employed on public emergency projects—WPA, NYA and CCC.

This left 48,131,434 persons aged 14 or over who were not in the labor force. It included: 28,638,484 engaged in housework; 9,070,936 in school; 5,220,098 unable to work; 1,236,374 in institutions; 1,986,348 not seeking work for other reasons, and 1,769,144 whose status concerning employment was undetermined. The bureau said it was believed the majority of the latter group "was not in the labor force."

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Candace Woodlief, deceased, late of Vance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to his attorneys in Henderson, N. C., on or before the 9th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate payment. This the 9th day of December, 1940. T. C. WOODLIEF, Executor of the Estate of Candace Woodlief. Gholsen & Gholsen, Attorneys for Executor. 9-16-23-30-6-13

Cotton Prices Are Mixed

New York, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 3 to 5 lower. Noon prices were 1 higher to 3 lower.

FRED W. KNOTT DIES AT HOME IN OXFORD

Oxford, Jan. 6.—Funeral services for Fred W. Knott, 41, who died at his home near Oxford Sunday night at 9:20 o'clock, will be conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His pastor, the Rev. W. D. Poe, assisted by the Rev. D. D. van Stevens of Warsaw, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Enon Baptist church cemetery.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. Notice is hereby given that I have qualified as Executor of the Estate of H. B. Hicks, Deceased. All persons having claims against said Estate will present them to me on or before the 30th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to me. This December 30th, 1940. JASPER B. HICKS, Executor of The Estate of H. B. Hicks, Deceased. 30-6-13-20-27-3