

Adventuring For Us.

The announcement of Admiral Byrd's new venture into the Antarctic wastes is stimulating news in a world weary to the heart with drab problems of money, trade and discordant relations between nations and people.

And of great interest, too, is the knowledge that Col. Jacob Ruppert has become one of the sponsors of Byrd's Antarctic expedition II. For millions of us poor stay-at-homes, with our noses on the grindstone, Colonel Ruppert has helped to make it possible for us to follow for two years the course of a romantic, dangerous and thrilling series of incidents and accomplishments to refresh our jaded spirits and take our minds off our troubles.

In participating, in our behalf, in the Byrd expedition upon which President Roosevelt has already placed his benediction, Colonel Ruppert has made it possible for himself and us to live through exciting triumphs and perils of a grand adventure, by proxy, through the world's greatest explorer and his intrepid men. One of the country's most generous and beloved sportsmen, a bachelor, former commander of a regiment, owner of the New York Yankees, and withal, a highly successful and respected business man, the genial brewer will share with us the Antarctic thrills which will come to us over the radio waves through the public prints, and eventually through the movies. We thank you, Colonel.

There are more serious thoughts than mere romance and entertainment, however, behind Admiral Byrd's trip. A vast area, larger than the United States and Mexico combined, half a million square miles still in the ice age, has never been seen by human eye. It is land, ice, water, plains, mountains or what? Is it good for anything? Does it offer oil, coal, gems—or gold? What effect does it have on the world's climates? Some of these questions and thousands of others will be answered by Byrd and his scientists on this marvelously equipped enterprise.

Whether the long journey produces anything of scientific or commercial value or not, the man in the street, the woman in her kitchen or living room, and Colonel Ruppert in his office, will get a real psychological kick out of the doings of 70 fearless men in the stark Antarctic. And that's something of real worth, these days.

Care In Harvesting Means Better Potatoes

Success in keeping sweet potatoes through the winter depends on harvesting the crop before the potatoes are injured in the soil; immediate and thorough drying and ventilating after harvest, and maintaining temperatures in storage that will prevent cold injury or excessive drying.

"We overlook the fact that sweet potatoes may be injured by excessive water in the soil in late autumn when the temperature is too low the soil to dry out," says Dr. R. F. Poole, plant disease investigator for the North Carolina experiment station. "It seems to be a custom to harvest sweet potatoes in this section immediately following the first killing frost whether this frost occurs in late October or late November. We have found that when the crop is harvested between October 10 and October 20, it will keep better in storage than when harvested at a later date."

Dr. Poole says there are some 20 fungi which cause disease and rot of the sweet potato. Some of these will enter the roots whether they are injured or not, and when soil conditions are favorable, trouble will follow. This is why the specialist advises digging before the soil becomes water-logged in late fall.

It is poor economy, says Dr. Poole, to store any potatoes that are diseased. Therefore he advises inspecting the roots before storage. None that are broken or cut should be placed in the houses.

Good ventilation in the storage house is also advised. Excessive heat is to be avoided because this not only results in shrinkage but also in poor quality.

ENOUGH LAND. CLEARED FOR N. CAROLINA

Less land-clearing and more tree planting are two necessary needs in North Carolina at this time. The one and one-half million acres of land cleared but idle has been one of the sore spots of the state's agriculture for the past 10 years.

"We already have one and one-half million acres of cleared, idle land in the state and now with the governmental crop adjustment programs under way another million acres will be added to this amount of idle and unprofitable land," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State college. "It is my opinion that idle acres are just as harmful to the nation as idle laborers. The evil results are seen in erosion, loss of mineral plant food and humus, loss of bacterial life in the soil and other bad effects. Such lands lose their productive power and will take generation to rehabilitate them."

Mr. Graeber warns against clearing

any more land under any circumstances and urges that North Carolina citizens become forest minded, recognizing trees as growing things. In this way the problem of land use will be partially solved. Trees will accumulate wealth and usable wood products."

"In North Carolina we have on the average more than 1,000 acres of idle crop land per county," he says. "Many of the Piedmont counties have 20,000 to 30,000 acres in this class. Randolph leads in total acres of idle crop land with Davidson and Guilford counties following in close order."

Yet in the old flue-cured tobacco belt of the piedmont, farmers are continuing to clear more land to get fresh soil for tobacco. Good growers are finding that this is not necessary, Graeber says.

URNS TABLES

Instead of the rattlesnake eating the mouse which Wm. Gates had placed inside the serpent's cage at his Nashville (Ind.) store, the mouse began eating the snake's rattles, which were saved from destruction when Gates removed the little rodent.

A Good "Buy Now" Argument

The purchase of retail commodities is not only a patriotic act to restore prosperity. It is an act of economy, a real means of saving money.

Along with the revival of confidence which has swept the country under the Roosevelt administration, prices have begun to rise. Basic commodities are higher, labor is higher, but retail products are last to feel the boost. Roxboro merchants stocked their shelves with fall merchandise early in the season when prices were lower and are maintaining depression prices, despite the fact that replacement costs will be much greater.

As long as the supply lasts, the public will benefit. But as the fall and winter rolls around with increased wages shorter working hours, and higher wholesale costs, merchandise is going to cost more. The month of September and early October provide the opportunity of a generation to stock up at bargain prices.

The ads in this issue of the Courier will tell you where to buy your early fall merchandise and, in

addition to offering their stock at unusually low prices, the merchants extend to the people of the Piedmont section who sell their tobacco on the Roxboro market a welcome to visit their stores and buy their family needs.

Thrice Widowed

Betsy Ross, the Philadelphia woman who made the first United States flag, is believed to be the only woman to lose three husbands in one war. The men were Private John Ross, Captain Joseph Ashburn, Lieut. John Claypool, who were killed in the Revolutionary War.

Short Sermons

By J. B. Curran

The Business Of Life

In Cole's "The Life That Counts" we find the following: "The frivolous, purposeless lives of this world are like ships at the mercy of the winds and tide. Hail one of them and ask, 'Whither are you bound?' and the answer will be,

"I don't know." "What cargo do you carry?" "Nothing." "Well what are you doing out here on the ocean of life?" "Only drifting." "Ah! but you don't know how sorry a spectacle you make—only drifting when there is so much to be done."

Quoting again from the same source: "It is said that Carlyle, on one of his daily walks, met a young man and, falling in conversation with him, enquired about his purpose in life. 'I haven't any particular purpose in life,' came the reply. 'Then get one,' exclaimed the stern old man, striking his cane on the pavement,—'get one quick.'"

Surely every life should be guided by a fixed and steady purpose; and it is equally important that the purpose be the best one.

What then shall we say is the business of living? What is it all about?

The wisest, and best, of all, he who was both man and God, gave us the answer to our question.

He says that even he himself did not come to be served, but that he

might serve others. And since he came to serve surely none of us were placed here to be petted and spoiled by society, but to help others. We are to live all for each and each for all.

The Master tells us we are measured by our service to others; that the greatest is servant to all.

Therefore the business of life is to make the greatest possible contribution to the world.

BONUS FOR LEAF

Canberra.—A price of 27 pence a pound, 400 per cent above the world average, has been guaranteed Australian tobacco growers by the federal government.

The stop was taken despite rapid increase in production, and in returns to planters.

Official figures show that last year, in the single season, the output jumped from 2,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds, the crop selling for well over \$5,000,000.

STATEMENT CABARRUS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—Concord, N. C.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown By Statement Filed

Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year \$3,079.13 Income—From Policyholders, \$10,145.12; Miscellaneous, \$130.75; Total 10,275.87 Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$8,461.58; Miscellaneous, \$1,651.73; Total 10,113.31

Assets Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest 3,241.69 Total 3,241.69

Total admitted Assets 3,241.69 Liabilities Net amount of unpaid losses and claims 76.75

Total amount of all liabilities except Capital 76.75 Total Liabilities 76.75

Business In North Carolina During 1932

Fire Risks written 48,204.00 Premiums received 10,145.12 Losses Incurred—Fire 8,461.58

President, D. B. Coltrane; Sec.-Treas., Ora H. Wallace. Home Office, Concord, N. C. Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

Manager for North Carolina: Home Office. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1933.

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Cabarrus Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Concord, N. C., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written. DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT DAVIDSON COUNTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY Lexington, N. C.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown By Statement Filed

Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year \$7,181.05 Income—From Policyholders, \$4,894.09; Miscellaneous, \$234.41; Total 5,128.50 Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$5,437.39; Miscellaneous, \$1,776.62; Total 7,214.01

Assets Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 95.54 Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest 5,000.00

Total 5,095.54 Total admitted Assets 5,095.54

Liabilities NONE Business In North Carolina During 1932

Fire Risks Written \$255,326.00 Premiums received 4,894.09 Losses Incurred—Fire 5,437.39

President, M. L. Adderholt; Sec.-Treas., Ira S. Bunkley. Home Office: Lexington, N. C. Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

Manager for North Carolina: Home Office. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1933.

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Davidson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lexington, N. C., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written. DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

MEDICAL ADVICE If you want to ... keep the bowel action regular and comfortable ... make constipated spells as rare as colds ... avoid danger of bowel strain —use a liquid laxative

Can constipation be overcome? "Yes!" say medical men. "Yes!" declare thousands who have followed their advice and know. The right liquid laxative will bring a perfect movement, with no discomfort at the time, or afterward. The wrong cathartic may keep you constipated as long as you keep on using it! In buying any laxative, read the label. If it contains a doubtful drug, don't take it. If you don't know what is in it, don't chance it. The contents of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is stated plainly on the label; fresh herbs, pure pepsin, active senna. Its very taste tells you syrup pepsin is wholesome. A delightful taste, and delightful action. Safe for expectant mothers, and children. Drugstores have it, ready for use, in big bottles.

STATEMENT UNION COUNTY FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY Monroe, N. C.

Condition December 31, 1932, As Shown By Statement Filed

Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year \$524.16 Income—From Policyholders 7,472.09 Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$5,866.22; Miscellaneous, \$1,199.35; Total 7,065.57

Assets Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest 930.68 All other Assets, as detailed in statement 930.68

Total admitted Assets 930.68 Liabilities Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$3,407.41

Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$3,407.41 Total Liabilities \$3,407.41

Business In North Carolina During 1932

Fire Risks written \$3,515.00 Premiums received 7,472.09 Losses Incurred—paid 5,866.22

President, S. A. Latham, Route 5; Sec.-Treas., P. H. Johnson. Home Office, Monroe, N. C. Attorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

Manager for North Carolina: Home Office. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1933.

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Union County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Monroe, N. C., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1932.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written. DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

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