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BIBLE THOUGHT

For we walk by faith, not by sight. —II Corinthians 5:7.
To be an American is to express an act of faith. —Raoul de Roussy de Sales.

The Mica Boom

WE are indebted to Thad D. Bryson, Jr., for the informative article on the front page about the mica situation in the county, brought about by the stimulus of war needs and the cutting off of foreign sources. The old adage that "It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good" is again proven to be true in respect to the necessity for developing the latent resources of the rich mica vein which runs through North Carolina, beginning in Mitchell, Yancey and Avery, and running in a southeasterly direction through Haywood, Jackson and Macon.

For too long the mica miners have been operating in a wasteful and haphazard way, due in part to lack of capital for machinery and equipment. Now that the Colonial corporation has been formed under the direction of the government, there is opportunity for this county to benefit from the mica boom brought about by the war and to continue the industry on a stabilized basis after the war. If owners and operators have the vision and spirit of cooperation necessary for any large scale development, they will start a new day for the county in developing raw material possibilities.

Much of the pioneer promotional work that has helped the present development has been due to the moving spirit behind the publication of the South East Miner at Asheville, Isaac Van Horn, who has given his services as editor, and has had faith that the great undeveloped mineral resources of Western North Carolina would some day come into their own. His faith and work in regard to mica is now being rewarded. When he started the publication seven years ago, he states that he was advised there was no field for a "mining publication" in this section because it was not a "mining country."

In an editorial on The Mica Situation in the July issue of the publication, Mr. Van Horn closes with these paragraphs:

"It has always been claimed by this publication that the varied mineral resources were here in abundance, to furnish the raw materials for a great mining and processing and manufacturing industry, but venturesome capital, so called, has never been available in large quantity because of lack of mining-mindedness by the local people, this is very unfortunate.

"But suddenly we find because of the war that as a nation we have been depending on imports for too many minerals and because of this, the Government itself is moving in.

"The move has now been made on Mica and other products, might this publication and those of like mind, be also right about the building of a great Magnesium industry?"

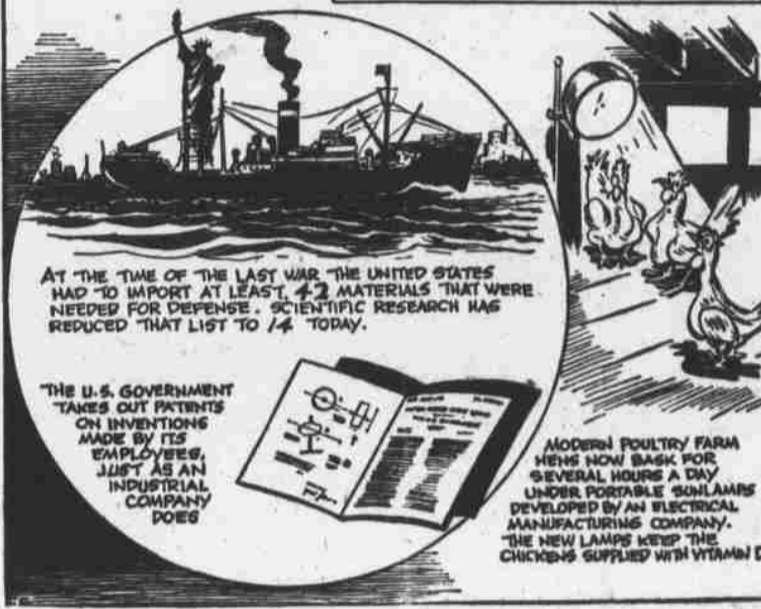
The Farmers Speak Up

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has had a letter recently from the heads of the nation's three largest farm organizations pointing out that America faces grave danger of a shortage of food and fiber by next year unless ceilings on farm products are adjusted to take care of rising production costs.

The letter was signed jointly by President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Master A. S. Goss of the National Grange and President H. E. Babcock of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. These three organizations have a combined membership of more than 3,000,000.

The letter follows:
"We, the heads of the undersigned farm organizations, whose members produce most of the food and fiber raised in this country, feel it is our duty to inform you that there is grave danger of a shortage of food and fiber next year, unless the ceilings of farm prices are so adjusted as to enable farmers to meet essential production costs. The establishment of any ceiling on farm products which omits farm labor as an item of cost will fail of its purpose. The responsibility for the future food and fiber supply of the nation must rest squarely on the shoulders of those who deny consumers of food and fiber this protection.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



"It is our duty to point out to you that the best protection against inflation is abundant production. Already the production of food and fiber in this country has passed its peak. Unless farmers can pay adequate farm wages, production of these essentials will continue to decline. The demand on farm labor by the military services, and the attractive wages and shorter hours of labor which are already prevailing in industry, are resulting in farm laborers, farm boys and girls, and even farm operators leaving our farms in ever increasing numbers."

Press Comment

KEEP IT OUT! (The Asheville Citizen)

Our Raleigh correspondent reports that "the Secretary of State has received several inquiries about procedure for obtaining a state charter for a Ku Klux Klan. Source of the inquiries is a secret, military, ethical or otherwise."

Commenting on this disquieting report, The Greensboro Daily News demands in effect that the Secretary of State should refuse to grant any such charter. Whether Mr. Eure has the legal power to deny a charter is far from certain. After all, the granting of charters is a perfunctory matter with little choice left to the Secretary of the State if all the forms of the law are observed.

But the State Constitution places the proper estimate on such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan when it declares: "Secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people and should not be tolerated."

Legal considerations aside, the Ku Klux Klan is a mischievous organization which should not be revived in North Carolina. When it flourished in this state some twenty years ago, it brought only strife and confusion. The only persons to profit by its activities were the organizers and the hucksters of night shirts. It died then because the members became ashamed of their connections with such a shabby organization.

The Citizen hopes that every community in this state will be on its guard against the resurrection of the Klan. An alert and outspoken public opinion can do more than all of the laws to prevent this bigoted organization from regaining a foothold.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and the friends of our son who have shown us their sympathy in our bereavement in so many thoughtful and beautiful ways. Lyman and Frances Higdon.

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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends for their kindness and the beautiful flowers received, in our recent bereavement. Henry Holden and Children.

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D. A. Ledford and sons wish to thank their many friends and relatives for their dear kindness and sympathy shown during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God extend his blessings to all of you is our prayer. D. A. Ledford Oscar Ledford Vester Ledford Morris Ledford Herman Ledford Bert Ledford.

This and That

By FRANKIE MACON

Married men don't live longer than single men, it just seems longer!

She was the type that could best be described as having a beautiful profile all the way down.

He made me what I am today, Hated, broken, thrown away— And that is why you see me here A disillusioned bottle of beer.

Many coon-crits in the Middle West are without roofs; but that will be remedied if Mr. Henderson goes through with his plan to put a ceiling on farm products.

One war dispatch says that our troops in Australia "will soon be on the jump." Have they so soon taken on the habits of that far-away land of the kangaroo?

A despondent German writer says, "The whole world has turned against us." Well, isn't it natural for the world to turn on its Axis?

Date Is Changed For Ministers' Conference

The ministers conference will meet at the Franklin Baptist church on Tuesday September 29, instead of Monday, September 28. All ministers are invited to attend. C. C. Welch

CORBINS CANCEL REUNION THIS YEAR

Dewey Corbin, president of the Corbin clan, has announced that due to the shortage of tires and gas that they will not hold their reunion this year.

U. S. ARMY DIVISIONAL INSIGNIA



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE EMBLEMS?—Patches worn on the left shoulder sleeve of the soldier's service coat or overcoat indicate the Division to which he belongs. Insignia designs are made in a wide variety of colors but are reproduced above in silhouette to facilitate recognition. The absence of certain divisional numbers indicates that such divisions are without personnel or not yet organized.

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