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OUR BIG RAILWAY PRECEDENCE

A neat little booklet of "Railroad Information", just issued to cover the present year, gives the reader an awesome idea of the magnitude of American railroad interests and of the great part they take in the nation's economy. Though one feature of this information is not new the average citizen hereabouts will be impressed by its repetition. We refer to the stated fact that at end of 1934 (when the latest complication and comparison were made), there were 818,752 miles of railway line in the world, of which 243,857 miles were in the continental United States. Thus, with less than 6 per cent of the world's land area and with less than 6 per cent of the world's population, the continental United States has 30 per cent of the world's railway mileage.

It is interesting to read anew that Russia comes second with 50,000-odd miles, while Canada, Germany and India are competitors for third place, with mileages ranging between 42,000 and 43,000. But all four are outstripped in the United States, by ratios of between 4 and 5 to 1.

In the United States Texas naturally leads the procession with approximately 16,800 miles, while Illinois and Pennsylvania are second and third with about 12,200 and 11,000 miles, respectively. New York, on the other hand, lags somewhat in the competition. Its record of 8,200 miles is closely pressed by California and exceeded by Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and Ohio. Owing to causes for which they are not to blame, Delaware and Rhode Island are at the rear of the procession, with respective credits of 325 and 205 miles.

When we further consider that the Class No. 1 railways paid more than \$1,600,000,000 to its employees in 1935, no additional argument is necessary to prove the value of our railroad system and the need of encouraging it in all reasonable ways.

INGLORIOUS WINGS

The fighting taking place in Spain now is the first since the Armistice in which the newest implements of war have been used in a civilized country. In those ominous discussions of the Next War which one hears too often these days, it is sometimes said that in that war the air raid will be the most important weapon. This has certainly proved true in the fighting in Spain. If it had not been for the planes sent by Italy and Germany to help the rebel army there is every reason to think that it would not have been able to achieve so much success. The army itself though ably led by former Spanish officers is composed largely of Moors and Foreign Legionnaires and would have been nearly ineffective without an air-force. It may well prove to be the decisive factor in the Spanish Revolution.

During the last war the aviators were the beaux sabreurs of all the armies. Their task demanded great things of them, called for individual acts of quick decision and high courage. The "dog-fights" high over the lines were man-to-man duels, clean, quick, dashing, watched often by the troops beneath with breathless excitement, as the combats between the heroes of old were watched by their followers. On both sides aviators were heroes, honored and acclaimed by every man and woman.

There were in the past war, be it noted, comparatively few raids over towns and non-combatant

areas. Even the raids by the Germans over Paris and London were, as raids, on the whole ineffective. As moral spurs, as recruiting agents not only to the French and British but to America, they were highly successful, for they awoke an instant and bitter hate in the hearts of all who felt or heard of them. But, somehow, the fact that the planes and Zeppelins were manned by this same type of dashing airman was overlooked and forgotten and, to the end of the war, in the exploits of the Lafayette Escadrille, the French and British Air Forces, Richthofen's German squadron a world horrified, disgusted, war-weary was still able to find the gallantry and dash and colour of Romance which it must always crave.

It is becoming evident that another war, though it will add to his use, will see an end to the birdman's glory; for he has forsaken his soaring eagle's flight for the preying dash to earth of the hawk. Yesterday rebel bombers flying over Madrid killed and wounded over two hundred people, most of them women at their marketing and children on their way to school.

What can be the feelings of these young aviators as they fly toward a great city knowing too well what targets their bombs will find there? What can be their feelings as they come to rest back in their own lines once more? As they climb from the cockpit it is a safe guess, at least, that they will turn away their eyes from the slings where the bombs hung that morning when they left at dawn; but can they also turn away their minds from the pictures there of women and little children lying in the city streets?

Some people have a theory that when war gets horrible enough and when it affects all the people, not just the soldiers, then perhaps we will have none of it. In this Spanish revolution the air service has lowered its fair colours, its flag of gallant heroism, at the harsh command of war, and in the act has torn from the form of Mars one more piece of the shining armor of his devious disguise.

—K. L. B.

REAL ESTATE

LaFayette Williams to D. B. and Carrie A. Smith: property in Mineral Springs township.

C. B. Thomas et als to Claud Thomas: property in Mineral Springs township.

J. C. Wallace and wife to C. E. West: property in Moore County.

A. H. Garrison and wife to D. E. East: property in Bensalem township.

Sam Brower to D. E. Bost: property in Bensalem township.

J. B. Cole and wife to W. H. Cole: property in Moore county.

J. L. Sullivan to Mattie J. Sullivan: property in Carthage township.

J. M. Thomas and wife to Charles Seabolt Thomas and wife: property in Mineral Springs township.

Lessie McIntosh to C. F. Leavitt: property in Moore county.

M. G. Boyette, Commissioner, to J. B. Crabtree: property in Carthage township.

Betty Florence Garner and husband, B. A. Garner, to Mamie Lambert: property in Sheffield township.

The New 1937 line of R C A Victor Radios at Hayes'.

CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES JR



THE NAMES OF 533 TARHEELS ARE LISTED IN WHO'S WHO

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE



WEALTH



THE PER CAPITA WEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA IS \$1,136 WHILE THE AVERAGE FOR THE UNITED STATES IS \$2,366

DRIVER'S LICENSES



713,000 PEOPLE IN N.C. HAVE OBTAINED DRIVER'S LICENSES

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE ELECTION OF JAMES K. POLK, A TARHEEL, NORTH CAROLINA GAVE HIS OPPONENT, HENRY CLAY, THE MAJORITY OF ITS VOTES

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING

COMMUNITY

GRAINS OF SAND

By Helen K. Butler

Every small town has several outstanding creatures, whether they be man or beast, who are known to pretty near the entire population. In this case a black and white collie is the subject. He roams the village streets and has a friendly tail wag for everybody. He follows into the bank when the door swings open, drops down for a quiet rest. In front of the stores, at busy intersections, or over at the filling station, he is encountered about the town. He is getting up in years and has been a town character for a long time. And during that time he has learned something about human beings too. In passing a group of small boys near the theatre building he raised a paw and shook hands all around. Two blocks above an old man was coming his direction. The dog stopped and raised his head. The anticipated pat was forthcoming. The morning freight arrived. The dog crossed the track beside two women he joined. They saw he reasoned the sidewalk in safety. He has had a bump or two meanderings continue. The bond between a man and his dog has always been an interesting union.

Cordiality goes a long way and reaps as satisfactory results as anything we can think of. Every once in a while we get a nice letter from the man at the Plaza hotel inviting us to stop and see them when we are in New York the next time. He says he will meet us personally, have theatre tickets ready, that all kinds of transit facilities are at the door, and that the house has been redecorated and refurnished and that if we come up this fall they would be mighty glad. It is just like getting a letter from Granddad, and you resolve if you are ever in New York again you will drop in long enough to tell 'em howdy and that if they ever get down this way we would like to have them stay long enough to play golf on some of our fine courses and have dinner at one of our nice hotels.

The State game commissioner says November 20, marks the date when quail, rabbits and wild turkeys come in season.

Southern Pines as a town is not as old as some, yet it has been in existence long enough to see long lists of its young people grow up and branch out into many productive fields and lines of distinction. Doris Swett, who recently left for Florida after a brief visit is one of her outstanding products. Miss Swett's skill and ability as an etcher has won recognition for her from institutions of fame and note. Hence Southern Pines feels pride in the youngster who lived and grew up in the town.

We reached the middle of November with many fall flowers. Our first frosts were delayed, prolonging roses and chrysanthemums where they have made many attractive spots about the local gardens. Rebecca Cameron had a spectacular display of Tithonias, reaching nearly second story heights. The wanderers who discovered her garden in their explorations found something very showy in the bright orange flowers.

A popular pastime for folks at home, the radio, and some newspapers, is to ask puzzling questions your friends can't answer. When utter bewilderment sweeps over the face of the contestant and he fails to answer, the question is supposed to be good. The Charlotte Observer asks

this one: "What is pronation in golf?" If the Observer lived nearer to Pinehurst or Southern Pines and followed the wizards of golf very far, they too would understand the skillful use of a golfer's wrists. We can't be caught on that one.

Last summer cars from 48 states toured the park lands of western North Carolina. A count was taken as the automobiles and people registered, in traveling through. The Federal government has condemned for national forest purposes 74,951.18 acres more, with 12 counties included in this territory. In a recent Federal court the government instituted proceedings for condemnation of more land in that western area. We will soon be an all year round resort state.

One of the most deplorable sights about the town and country is the smoke rising from piles of burning leaves. In the use of commercial fertilizers North Carolina leads all other states. The News Letter from the University Press says North Carolina consumed slightly over a million tons last year, and no other state a close competitor, and that North Carolina uses one-sixth of all the fertilizers used in the United States, and has been doing so for over two decades. That is quite a record. If the farmer pays around \$30. a ton for fertilizer at that rate they reckon on about one-half of the gross income from the State's cotton crop of half a million bales to pay the fertilizer bill. A lot of trouble with our impoverished soil condition is thoughtlessness on the part of farmer and the gardener.

Exhausting the humus of the soil is one of North Carolina's most costly mistakes. A ton of rotted leaves has practically the same value as a ton of manure. We burn one and buy the other. Left to decay with a light covering of dirt, valuable material is ready for the garden in the spring, as decomposition of leaves is quickly accomplished. The News Letter says: "In no state is there greater need for soil conservation than North Carolina. If our soils could be built up to compare moderately favorably with our unexcelled climate, North Carolina would be an agriculture paradise." To maintain plant life with any success there must be a return to the soil of what the plant has removed. An experiment with the next downfall of leaves will mean response in the spring.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: Walter Alexander Wilson of Center Falls and Susie Catherine Jones of Bennett Route 2; Dewey Matthews and Bonnie Boyte, both of Carthage Star Route; H. M. Patterson of Sanford and Edna Shaw of Southern Pines.

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FARMERS CLUB TO MEET IN VASS STORE TONIGHT

The next regular meeting of the Farmers Club of Moore County will be held with the Women's Club at Vass tonight, Friday. The supper will be served at 7:00 o'clock in the basement of Beasley's department store. The membership of this club was built around the cotton and tobacco committees to begin with. Since it started other names have been added to the list. The club was organized strictly for the benefit of agriculture in Moore county and the only subjects taken up are those pertaining to agriculture. If there are others who would like to attend they are at liberty to do so at any time. The only

request is that County Agent Garrison be notified so that a plate may be prepared. The ladies of different clubs have been nice enough to prepare these suppers at a very reasonable price. Those not on the club's regular mailing list who would like to attend the meetings should notify Mr. Garrison. There are no dues and no cost for joining, the only expense being the cost of supper, which is 40 cents. Thirty-five cents of this goes to the ladies who have put on the supper and five cents to the treasury. At the last meeting 35 were present.

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