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AGRICULTURAL MILESTONE

E. H. Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture of Vermont, recently said: "Nothing in the agricultural history of 1939 was more notable or more important than the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of milk control laws and the subsequent successful operation of milk marketing orders in Eastern markets."

The Court decision simply held legal, laws whose primary purpose is to encourage the formation of farmer-owned, farmer-controlled marketing cooperatives. Never in its history was selling cooperation so well organized in agriculture—never was it so loyally and aggressively supported by producers. The signs all point to more significant progress in marketing cooperation this year. That means progress for all agriculture.

NO RETAIL MONOPOLY

At a recent meeting of the American Farm Economic Association, A. C. Hoffman of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics presents a paper in which he gave considerable discussion to the role of chain stores in the distribution machine.

Mr. Hoffman, who, as a government expert, has investigated multiple-unit distribution thoroughly, found that the chains are in no sense a monopoly. To the contrary, he made this unusual point: "The nearest thing to a retail monopoly we ever had in this country was the village grocery store—for the simple reason that the shopping choices of its customers were limited by the cruising radius of a horse and buggy or by the legs of little boys whose job it was to fetch the groceries. If we think of retail competition in terms of the number of stores available to the average consumer, then we have far more of it today than we ever had in the past, simply because of the automobile."

That isn't just an ingenious theory, but a fact you or anyone else can prove for yourself. In the average American community of the present, small or large, chains and independents are operating side by side. Each tries to out-serve the other, each does everything possible to attract trade. There probably isn't a business in existence where monopoly is so completely out of the question as in retailing.

At the end of his talk, Mr. Hoffman said: "Large scale organization in marketing is as inherently a part of our modern economic system as mass production in industry." On top of that, maximum efficiency in the retail field is absolutely essential if the cost savings of mass production are to reach the customer. It isn't chance that we Americans get more and better goods for less money. The high standards of efficiency prevailing in industry, farming and retailing are responsible for that.

NAVY'S PREPAREDNESS

It has become evident that the United States Navy's tremendous proposed expansion plan—as embodied in Representative Vinson's bill for appropriating \$1,300,000,000 for the floating branch of our fighting forces—is designed largely to meet problems that might arise if the totalitarian governments come out on top in Europe's and Asia's wars. If the democracies win, the Admirals figure, we

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

AMERICANS—130,000,000 IN NUMBER HAVE A COMBINED PURCHASING POWER HIGHER THAN THE HALF BILLION PEOPLE OF EUROPE OR THE BILLION LIVING IN ASIA.

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will have nothing to fear—it is inconceivable that England and France would take up arms against us. But if the dictators won the United States would be the only great democracy left, and it would be surrounded by potential enemies.

This danger was brought frankly into the news by Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Stark, testifying before the House Naval Affairs Committee on behalf of the Vinson bill. The Admiral said: "What we have asked for, which we believe for the present will maintain the 5-3 ratio in the Pacific, is not sufficient to defend our home waters, the Monroe doctrine, our possessions, and our trade routes, against a coalition of Japan, Russia, Germany and Italy."

To the layman, the possibility of such a coalition of powers joining up to sack us may seem remote, but navy men are convinced that we must prepare to meet it. And all you need to do to get a realization of the difficulties of defending all our interests, is to take a look at a map of the world. Primary area of defense will be outlined if you will draw a gigantic triangle, running from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands, then back to the mainland at Panama. Here we are today supreme, so far as any military experts can see—the great Pearl Harbor Naval Base is believed adequate to hold off any invader from the East and, even if it were taken, the enemy fleet would be so far from its bases by the time it reached the continent that it would be in position to wage a long fight. And defense precautions are now being taken in Alaska, including construction of air bases. But beyond the area bounded by the triangle lie trade routes and other island possessions. The Philippines, for instance, are some 5,000 miles from Pearl Harbor, and theory has it that no fleet can be highly effective if it must fight over 3,000 miles away from a major base of supply and maintenance. Guam is in a similar position, being only 1,500 miles from Japan.

If we are to be able to really enforce the Monroe Doctrine, if and when it is violated by some alien power, the problem becomes more difficult still. A vast southern fleet, able to control the waters of Latin America and northern South America would be required.

This gives you an idea of the strong arguments the big navy advocates can summon. On the other hand, the doubters have good arguments too. They say that there is little chance of dictatorship over-running Europe. And, they continue, even if it does, the victorious totalitarian powers would be so exhausted that decades would have to pass before they could hope to achieve any success in going to war against us—and by that time any ships we might build now would be com-

pletely obsolete. They point out that the cost of building war ships great as it is, doesn't end the financial drain by a long shot—these ships are extremely expensive to operate and maintain in fighting trim. And they feel that the chance of the dictators ever getting together, judging by the differences which have now appeared between them (Italy and Russia, for instance) is hardly worth considering.

So, no matter what your own views on naval expansion are, you can see that the groundwork is laid for a first-class, knock-'em-down-and-drag-'em-out fight in Congress.

PINEBLUFF

The annual meeting of the Pinebluff Library Association was held on January 10, with the president, Mrs. Charles Warner, presiding.

Interesting reports were given by the several officers demonstrating the value of the Library to the community.

It was voted to purchase more magazines for the library work; also to continue its social activities there, by providing funds for books and necessary expenses.

John Fiddner returned home Saturday after spending the past week in Danbury, Conn., visiting his mother.

The Pinebluff Library Association wishes to announce the purchase of a number of new books, and gifts of books and magazines from several friends.

Last week the Library received from the State Public Library at Raleigh, 48 children's books and 52 for adults. These books are loaned the local library for a period of six months.

The library is open from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robertson were called to Manchester, Conn., on Sunday because of the death of Mr. Robertson's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Trollinger and children of Laurinburg spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shannon.

Mrs. Lawton Foushee of Tramway spent the past week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lampley.

The Pinebluff Library party, which was to have been held on Wednesday, January 31st, at the home of Mrs. MacLaughlin, has been postponed until a later date.

The Home Demonstration Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Club House on Thursday, February 8, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Charles Warner, Mrs. Anna MacMinn and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Van Boskerck were among those who attended the annual supper of the Episcopal Church at the Southern Pines Country Club on Thursday night.

The members of Mrs. Parker's Sunday School class sponsored a Hash supper at the Methodist Church last Wednesday night, the proceeds going for a new altar rail. It was a very successful supper and a large number attended.

ADVERTISE IN THE PILOT.

THE PASSING YEARS

First Week in February
BY CHARLES MACAULEY

1939

"State's Tourist Business Increased \$25,000,000 in First Year of Advertising."

"Launch Campaign to Raise \$600,000 for Boys' School."

The Misses Isabel Pelton, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Grover and Kathleen Henderson have returned to C. C. W.

1935

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins and children have arrived from Albany, N. Y., to make their home here. Mr. Hodgkins is associated with the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

The Glee Club of the University of North Carolina will present a program of religious music, spirituals, and folk songs at the Church of Wide Fellowship this Sunday.

1930

The Rev. E. L. Barber who has been recently called as pastor to the Bethesda Presbyterian church in Aberdeen will be formally installed as minister of the church next Sunday at the morning service.

D. D. S. Cameron elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

1925

W. D. Smith of Aberdeen has commenced the erection of a large bungalow on the corner of May street and New York avenue, Southern Pines, for J. C. Barron.

Scribner's announces a new novel "Drums" by James Boyd.

1920

George C. Abraham is in town looking out for his orchards.

On next Sunday Mrs. John Y. Boyd will deliver an address at the Congregational Church on the subject "The greatest thing in the World."

1915

Friday night at the lodge room, the Eastern Star held an initiation at which time Mrs. B. W. Leavitt and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Eddy were received.

Invitation Dance. Mrs. C. L. Hayes gives a dance at the Princess to about sixty of her friends, on Wednesday night. One of the finest parties in years.

1910

February tournament at the Southern Pines Country Club. Class A Alfred Grover tops gross score 44. T. A. Kelly next, then C. L. Hayes, Dr. E. W. Bush, N. J. Mills.

The Rev. John Lewis for the past three years pastor of the Baptist Church of Southern Pines resigns.

1904

W. H. Goldsmith, of Lyons Farms, N. J., has joined his family here for his annual winter visit.

The Southern Pines hotel entertained this week Mr. and Mrs. W. Atlee Burpee, of Philadelphia. Mr. Burpee is well known through his famous seed house.

1899

Following destruction of the Central hotel the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Company organized. (Of the 38 men on this muster roll, 5 men all identified with the growth of Southern Pines, are now living. They are M. N. Sugg, James Patch, C. L. Hayes, A. S. Ruggles and Lawrence Grover.

MRS. CARRIE M. MONROE, 87, PASSES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Carrie M. Monroe, 87, widow of Delray F. Monroe, a winter guest of the Dutch Inn, Southern Pines, died at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. E. L. Barber were held at the Powell Funeral chapel at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday. Owing to weather conditions in northern New York the body was taken to a vault at Richmond. Interment will be held later at her former home at Whitney Point, N. Y.

Mrs. Monroe was born at Union, N. Y., November 3, 1853, the daughter of Charles M. Ford and Josephine Boas Vandermark Ford.

Mrs. Monroe is survived by three sons, Frank A. Monroe, of Southern Pines; Edwin C. Monroe of Sacramento, Cal.; Clinton D. Monroe in Australia, and two daughters, Mrs. C. I. Dickenson of Whitney's Point, N. Y., and Mrs. Grace M. Clark of Binghamton, N. Y.

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