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Wallace's Distinguished Guest

On Friday, June 11th Wallace will play host to the First Lady of the Land, the wife of our President. In having this opportunity Wallace is being paid a tribute which many a larger municipality has vainly sought, a tribute which means much to its citizens.

It is true that our distinguished visitor will receive the homage of all citizens due to the fact that she is the wife of our President, but apart from this, she will be welcomed because of her manifold kindly, human traits, traits which have endeared her to millions of her fellow Americans since she first entered the White House.

It would be difficult indeed to mention a woman who, in recent years, has become as universally loved as Mrs. Roosevelt. This is due not so much to her prominence as the wife of Franklin Roosevelt, or her commendable activities in the field of charitable work, and the like, as it is to her own kindly, gracious personality, her democratic, unassuming attitude towards others, and her generosity to less fortunate fellow citizens of this great commonwealth.

Almost from the moment Eleanor Roosevelt entered the White House as First Lady she has been much in the public eye in her own right. Not for her was the task of merely reigning over the White House and resting upon her laurels as wife of the President of the United States. She at once entered wholeheartedly many fields of endeavor where she felt she could best serve her fellow citizens. For none of these many activities does the First Lady receive any remuneration. The proceeds from her extensive literary work, for instance, are all turned over to various charities.

Insofar as it is humanly possible, Mrs. Roosevelt never refuses to visit any worthy undertaking no matter in what part of the country the event takes place. This does not follow that the First Lady accepts any and all invitations extended her; that would be manifestly impossible. But the willingness she displays in entering into the spirit of such occasions, at no matter what sacrifice of time and effort, stamps her as a person possessing tolerance and understanding to a great degree.

There is gratitude in the hearts of Wallace citizens and their friends and neighbors that Mrs. Roosevelt will visit with them the coming week; there is anxious hope that her stay will be an enjoyable one. But when she alights from her train Friday morning and sees and hears the tumultuous welcome prepared for her it is hoped that she will not feel that it is being done solely because of her high position in public life. The people of this section love and honor her for the type of woman she is, and her official position is consequently of secondary importance to them.

Now that summer has arrived the waters of the land invite swimmers and boating lures the landlubber. It might not be amiss to utter a few words of warning in regards to the dangers that lurk in these delightful pastimes.

Every year the newspapers carry stories of inexperienced swimmers, taking risks, and going under for the third time before somebody pulls them from a watery grave. Similar incidents are chronicled about boats turning over and leaving the occupants struggling to get to shore, if they can.

Our County, we hope, will be spared such sorrowful developments this summer. However, it is up to all of us to exercise proper care in our water sports if we expect to live through the summer months.

Farm Prosperity

While no observer of sound sense would deny that conditions in the United States have improved very considerably in the past four years it would be a mistake, in our opinion, to conclude that the nation has reached a normal state and that everything is well with the republic.

We particularly note the general idea prevailing in metropolitan areas that agricultural communities are living on the fat of the land, that there is in process a scheme designed to extort extravagant prices from consumers for food and that the government is making farming a new bonanza for all participants.

The truth of the matter is that farm land values have shown tremendous improvement over the depression, bottoms, that farm credit conditions are much better than they were and that the prices of farm products have gained considerably. These factors, however, must be considered along with other facts, including limited production, whether due to drought or other causes, which cuts down farm income. In fact, while farm income in 1937 is expected to hover around \$8,000,000,000 this is \$2,000,000,000 less than the annual average preceding 1930 and indicates that agriculture is not yet entirely normal.

Unfortified

People are inclined to take things for granted. For that reason few citizens of this County ever give a thought to the boundary between this country and Canada, where, for a hundred and twenty years, there has been no fortifications.

This, whether we realize it or not, is an excellent example to the rest of the world. It speaks well for Canadians and Americans, for the smaller as well as the larger nation. It evidences conclusively the pacific spirit that dwells nates their people and is just cause for congratulations in a world that has gone mad with armament and the preparation for warfare.

Terrible

It's terrible, but, it seems, 'tis true! The U. S. air force is so inadequate that it can defend the nation on only one front at a time and, if we were attacked on two fronts, one would be defenseless!

So says Maj. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of four General Headquarters Air Force, and he ought to know. What we would like to know, however, is how many fronts does the general expect us to be attacked on at the same time?

Farmers Not Independent Today

There are many persons in our own State who have no idea that conditions in foreign countries have anything to do with them. They have swallowed a lot of bunk about individual freedom and initiative and believe that the United States can carve its own future while the rest of the world looks on, envious and amazed.

This sentiment exists on our farms although the truth of the matter is that basic American farm prices are affected by world production and world economic conditions. More important, the prices that our producers get for what they grow, insofar as our main crops are concerned, are vitally affected by political restrictions of other governments. Absolutely vanished is the era of farm independence when a man could set up his own empire on the acres that he tilled and make his way forward while the rest of the world rolled by.

The farmer of today is not independent of his fellow-man, either in this country or the world outside our boundaries. He must learn, if he expects to prosper, to cooperate with brother farmers, in his own locality, in his own nation and, at last, in the vast areas of the globe. It is the only road to improved economic conditions for our farmers and their families and a highway to be travelled with intelligence and courage. However, it will have to be traveled whether we realize it now or like it.

VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS

By FRANK A. MONTGOMERY, JR., Staff Writer

In the United States it is difficult for us to realize that just a few thousand miles across the Atlantic supposedly civilized people are at the present time engaged in one of the bloodiest and most vicious civil wars in all history. It has gotten to the point where one cannot pick up a newspaper without reading about some new atrocity which has been committed by one or the other of the opposing forces.

The most unbelievable part of the whole thing is that in these supposedly civilized days men can perform such cruel acts—especially in view of the fact that it is Spaniard against Spaniard, brother against brother.

True it is that other powers are furnishing men and munitions to further this strife—fanning the flame, as it were. Still in this enlightened age it is inconceivable that men and nations can be so blind. Thousands of lives lost, and millions of dollars worth of property devastated all because of what amounts to no more than a difference of opinion between two factions.

But by far the most horrible aspect of the whole business is the bombing of towns by the air raiders. Women and children, innocent on-lookers of this furious struggle are sacrificed in an effort to batter the opposing sides into submission.

Where it will all end no man can say at this stage of the conflict. One thing can be said, however, and said with authority: if the war were to end tomorrow the damage done, in some respect, can never be repaired. A century from now the influence of this barbaric struggle will still lay heavily upon the land.

Three Distinguished Men Who Will Attend Berry Festival June 11



HON. ROBERT R. REYNOLDS



GENERAL MANUS MCCLOSKEY



HON. GRAHAM A. BARDEN

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crowns the announcer says: "The Revolution followed. And then came the struggle of the thirteen states, all strange and slightly suspicious one of another, to form United States; a situation somewhat like ours at Penderlea where people of different background and experience seek to form a united community."

"Now," continues the announcer, "the hum of a motor introduces the twentieth century and offers a new tempo; a new concept of human possibilities and a new efficiency for developing them. Therefore these men now appearing must be coming to tear down the eighteenth-century economic structure of Adam Smith and reconstruct with modern knowledge."

Instead the men, confused and without organization have only the spirit to joke and sing and thus to survive the depressions of 1920 and '30.

At this point a tractor appears, bringing into view a shack of the type lived in by the earliest settlers at Penderlea. From its roof jump off a shouting, undisciplined generation and from its doorway emerges a group of women with spirited determination. With this impetus the "false fronts" are quickly removed, a useful community cannery is revealed and life on a more cooperative basis, with scientific planning and understanding guidance slowly evolves.

A dramatic tie-over is effected between the two episodes by having the same men play the leader of the "adjusters" in 1771, and the leader of the farmers in

1935. A thread of romance runs through each, as it does in any group situation.

This, briefly, is an outline of the script. The performers are more important. For they are not actors, but farmers; people whose days, from dawn to dark, are crowded with all the arduous toil of farm life. From this daily labor they have come at night and on Sunday afternoons to listen, criticize, and bring these scenes to life. They are the great farm folk of America and this event, graced by the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt, herself of strong pioneer stock and instincts, is primarily of them, by them, and for them.

WALLACE AGAIN BEARS

(Continued from Page One) has been a big corps of buyers on the local auction market, and growers as a whole have been well pleased with prices received for their product. The 24-quart crate, which was generally used for the first time this year in the belt, was received with enthusiasm by both buyer and seller, and on the whole prices received for the smaller crate was every bit as high as for the old style 32's.

The Wallace market got under way on Monday, April 19, with 300 crates of berries passing through the block on that day. The price received on opening day was from \$3.75 to \$6.00 per crate. Prior to that a few scattering crates had been sold.

As the season progressed there was a gradual increase in sales, until the peak was reached on Monday, May 17. That day a high record for the season was estab-

lished when 18,232 crates were handled through the auction market.

The previous Saturday, May 15th, was the second largest day on the market this season when 15,144 crates were auctioned off to the highest bidder. On very few days since the market opened have sales dropped below the 5,000 mark up until last week when there was a noticeable decline in offerings due more or less to dry weather conditions. On any number of days during the busiest part of the season sales ran from eight to twelve thousand crates daily exclusive of Mondays which are always peak days due to the fact that no fruit is picked on Sunday.

To harvest this year's banner crop of strawberries, thousands of pickers were obtained for local growers through an office of the State Employment Service which was opened here for that purpose. As the season got under way with a vengeance, at least one sit-down strike occurred among the pickers, and two cases of hi-jacking of pickers were reported.

During the first days of this season the bulk of the berries

moved from Wallace by truck, but in the closing days a large number of shipments were dispatched to northern markets by refrigerator cars.

The auction sales again this year were in charge of Auctioneer William Hussey, and the sale of berries was handled in an efficient and speedy manner, despite bumper crop.

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SCOTT VIEWS

(Continued from Page One) this section," Dr. Charles Dearing, assistant director in charge of the station, told Commissioner Scott and the board members.

For a quarter century, work has been done at the station with the Muscadine groups, with the result that new varieties have been produced—even a new type of varieties which are self-fertile.

Bulb investigation work is an important phase of the horticulture program, Dearing said. Tests deal chiefly with variety and storage studies. Over 100 varieties have been tested here for adaptation to Southern conditions.

"It has been clearly demonstrated that Southern-grown bulbs will force earlier than Northern-grown bulbs," Dearing added.

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Once in a while the people of the world get a break in the developments of affairs and at this writing it begins to look like the common people all over the world are thinking up things to ask for.

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I. N. HENDERSON
Duplin County Tax Collector

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