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Too Near

Roxboro people are mad about one or two signs advertising the Durham Tobacco market. These signs have been placed right in Roxboro and many people here feel that this is carrying matters a little too far.

Now Roxboro people are very friendly with the people of Durham. They go there to visit and they go there to shop, but they do not want signs right in the heart of the city advising people to sell their tobacco in Durham.

Prior to this year the Durham Tobacco Committee has placed signs of this kind in the county, but not right in Roxboro. Our citizens voiced few objections to the signs in the county, but now they are a little hot and bothered.

Roxboro has a small market, but Roxboro people are trying to build this market and they ask that Durham not come too near as their signs are placed around in the tobacco section.

The Coming Home

In Monday morning's edition of his "Among Us Tar Heels" column published in the Greensboro Daily News, W. T. Bost writes of "War in North Carolina". Getting down to business quicker than he does with a political subject Mr. Bost quotes State Geologist H. J. Bryson to the effect that "the demand for sundry non-metallic minerals produced in North Carolina has increased materially since the start of the present conflict in Europe.

This "Coming Home" of the war to North Carolina cannot be regarded as news, for many even careless readers of newspapers have seen advertisements from junk dealers broadcasting the fact that they will pay and gladly pay for old iron scrap metal. The dealers have not said the junk metal was going to Japan, or maybe, with a question mark, to China. Where the metal went was their business, not our own, and Tar Heel participation in the trade has not been and cannot be blamed more than a similar participation by citizens of other states.

However, this minor Tar Heel war business in what has become a minor war fades into the past beside the report from Mr. Bryson. The two North Carolina products now in heavy demand are pyrophyllite and talc. These mineral products, indirectly used in the manufacture of war materials, "do not go directly into killing, but rather to the salvaging of human lives" and as such can be freely bought by England and France.

Not many of us will recognize "Pyrophyllite" as "a hydrous silicate of aluminum, usually white or greenish, which in the compact variety is used for making slate pencils and is called pencil stone", and still fewer of us are aware that Randolph and Moore counties are rich in up shootings of the metal-like substance and that it is used in the manufacture of rubber hose, gas masks, automobile tires, battery boxes and refractory bricks.

On the other hand, talc, produced in great quantities in the western part of the state, especially in Cherokee, is a more familiar product. It is a soft magnesium silicate used in the production of French chalk and soapstone.

Mr. Bost says that Mr. Bryson says, "Pyrophyllite prices are up \$2 a ton and talc, too, will go skyward." Here then, is one "Coming Home" of war to us, and since it is a coming home with financial profit many of us will not care, anymore than we have been distressed by scrap iron going into and coming out of Japanese cannons. What we should be concerned about is, quite rightly, the more subtle coming home of war through insidious but no less drastic social changes. We are still suffering from "inside changes" wrought by the last war and we need to be deeply concerned with those now to be thrust upon us, regardless of our participation or non-participation in actual warfare.

Week-end Adventure

Having some personal business calling him back to Greensboro and Guilford county, the writer of these words left his typewriter to the tender mercies of the composing-room staff and went. For years and years he has driven an ancient automobile up and down the city streets without ever having a ticket from Della Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell, for the Person folks who don't know Greensboro, is the judge, advocate, manager and power on the throne of the Greensboro traffic bureau.

Mrs. Della takes money for first and second offenses such as speeding, reckless driving and over-time parking. All this round-about is just a simple way of saying that the City Editor of the Person County Times, having recently forsworn his Greensboro allegiance in favor of Person County and Roxboro, should have had wit enough to leave his Greensboro city sticker-tag in the Times wastebasket, since the Monday afternoon end of a week-end in Guilford's Greensboro cost him the huge sum of one dollar as over-time parking tribute.

That same dollar could have bought the Roxboro tag that would have saved him from Mrs. Mitchell's judgement.

As Germany Recoups World War Losses



Maps show how Germany's expansion the past five years has created a nation far larger than the kaiser's pre-war empire. Principal World War losses were Alsace Lorraine, to France; the Polish corridor, Posen and Upper Silesia to Poland; Danzig, which became a free city, and the Rhineland, demilitarized. All but Alsace Lorraine have now been recaptured, although Polish seizures are not recognized and therefore not shown on the 1939 map. Germany has also seized Austria and most of the former Czecho-Slovakia. Germany is still below her pre-war size, however, because all foreign colonies were confiscated at Versailles.



We're All In It

Durham Herald

President Roosevelt's warning to congress that there should not be any group taking to itself the name "peace bloc" was well made. As the President said all of congress is a "peace bloc."

Senator Borah and his followers in the congress have let themselves be associated with that term. The implication is, of course, that everyone who does not agree with their particular viewpoint is in reality no worker for peace, but a worker for war.

This, of course, is absurd. No one definitely knows whether one method will bring peace and another war. All anyone can do is weigh the good points and bad points of each against the other in an impartial, calm manner and act accordingly.

We believe that congress as a whole is motivated in this neutrality question by a genuine desire to do the best thing for the United States. Senator Borah and his followers may think sincerely that their way is better; those who believe differently think their way is better.

The question will be settled in the American way of doing as the majority wishes. President Roosevelt and those who support his viewpoint believe that the United States has a better chance to remain out of this conflict as long as England and France are winning the war. They also feel that the quicker the war ends the better our chances will be. They believe they can contribute to the achievement of both these aims by instituting the cash and carry plan of selling war materials to all comers.

England and France, of course, with their superior sea power, will be benefitted. Regardless of neutrality plans and the like, Americans need not fear becoming involved in the European war unless they directly want to become involved. It is likely that in the future they may have become angered many times.

If we, the people, can keep our wits about us and remain calm, we may also remain neutral. At the present time there seems to be a complete unanimity among all branches of our American system to keep out of this war.

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Reasons

Randolph Tribune

Italy may be sympathetic toward the Nazi regime in Germany. But the Italians have no love for Nazi methods. There is an inborn antipathy in Italy for anything German, something which has come down from the days of the Roman empire which finally fell under the onslaught of the blondes from what is now Germany.

The Italian dictator has been overshadowed by Hitler, his thunder stolen, and Mussolini made an errand boy of the German chancellor. There is no doubt but that Mussolini would go farther along the road with Hitler, even taking gladly the crumbs that would fall from the dictator's table, but he is well aware of the fact that the Italian people have no love for such an alliance.

Mussolini knows and his people know that for Italy to enter war on the side of Nazis would mean the destruction by the French of the great commercial centers of the country. These lie close to France and within easy reach of the French air fleet. Northern Italy would become a pathway for allied advance into southern Germany, and, whether successful or not, would turn Italy into shambles.

Italians have no heart to fight France. Both are Catholic nations and have many interests in common. By staying out of war, Italy may cash in on commercial relations with neutrals. While France, Britain and Germany are busy fighting, there's nothing to prevent Italy from expanding her foreign trade at the expense of all three. And this foreign trade is something Italy can use very well to stabilize her economy.

It may not be Mussolini, it may be the saner mind of the Italian king of which little is heard, but it occurs to us that somebody in Italy has a great sense of balance demonstrated by remaining neutral on the edge of a cauldron of fire.

Resolutions Of Respect For Rev. N. J. Todd

The friendships of life are the most treasured things that come to us and as one by one our friends slip away, our hearts are made sad at their passing. Mill Creek Baptist church and Person County as well sustained a great loss when God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take from our midst His faithful servant and our beloved pastor, Rev. N. J. Todd.

Born April 20, 1888 in Bertie County, he began his church work in his youth by teaching in Sunday School and conducting prayer services in a country church, called Greencross, in Bertie County. Years later, answering the call to preach the Gospel and desiring to prepare himself for this work, he entered Wake Forest college when he was thirty years of age, graduating in 1922 at the age of thirty-four. Since then he made his home in Person County and served churches for the most part north of Roxboro. His first field contained five churches, later, he took two of these, Mill Creek and Bethel Hill, which he served until his death, July 19, 1939.

It can truly be said of Brother Todd that his place in life was one of service. Besides helping in a religious way, he encouraged young people in their efforts to fit themselves for life. He helped them to enter college and in some way kept them there. In his churches he was active every day in the year trying to improve the life of the membership and others in the community socially as well as religiously. Even when he was physically unable he was faithful to his task of helping

Longevity Recipe



"The best gift to any man is a clear conscience," according to Henry Walker, 112-year-old Negro of Greenwich, Conn. Walker, who regales young friends with stories of the past, was born in 1827, when John Quincy Adams was President. He was a slave on a Virginia plantation, and served with the Confederates in the Civil war.

others in whatever way possible. Our lives have been greatly enriched by having known him.

We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Mill Creek church, sorrow that we shall see his face no more but we rejoice that he is free from all suffering and that he has come into the presence of his Savior, whom he loved, trusted and served with all his heart, soul and might.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, That we bow in humble submission to God's will.

Second, That we express deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Third, That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family, one be kept in the minutes of

our Society, one be sent to the Person County Times and one to the Roxboro Courier for publication.

Mrs. George Clayton Mrs. Dewey Dickerson, Mrs. Willie Harris, Committee.

Build Odd Set For Stahl Film

Fire-fighting equipment from the huge Santa Fe Springs oil field was used for the oil well fire scenes in "Blackmail," starring Edward G. Robinson at the Dolly Madison theatre.

The regular crew of six trained men under Harry Whitaker, one of California's two oil well shooters, donned asbestos suits, gloves, helmets, and special fire proof shoes and moved with Robinson and Guinn (Big Boy) Williams right up to within a few feet of the 150-foot fire.

Six streams of water from Los Angeles and Culver City fire departments were turned on the fighters as well as on derricks and other surrounding property. An active oil field of 300 wells was used as background for the thrilling scenes.

Advertisement for Thompson Insurance Agency featuring a fire station and the slogan "Station FIRE broadcasting RUIN" before you tune in on this program see THOMPSON INSURANCE AGENCY Roxboro, N. C.

Large advertisement for Pepsi-Cola featuring a cartoon character and a large bottle. Text includes "PEPSI AND PETE THE PEPSI-COLA COPS", "I MAKE SURE YOU GET A BIG, BIG BOTTLE - 12 FULL OUNCES", "ACTUAL SIZE FILLS YOUR GLASS TWICE", "PEPSI-COLA FAMOUS FOR OVER 30 YEARS", "A SPARKLING BRACING BEVERAGE", "PEPSI-COLA REFRESHING HEALTHFUL 12 OUNCES", "5¢ BOTTLE", "I MAKE SURE IT'S WHOLESOME AND GRAND TASTING".