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It Did Happen Here

The long deferred opening of the Roxboro Tobacco market Tuesday morning found the warehouses full of tobacco, and people. At the time this is written it is too early to say much or anything about prices, though a guess may be ventured that highest prices were not as high as many growers desired them to be, nor were the lowest figures as low as some of the growers had feared they would be.

In any case, the faces of growers, warehousemen, buyers and "just-on-lookers" were full of animation, if not jubilation. Sounding like a cross between the put-pop-put of a machine gun and the grinding medley put out by an Italian monkeyman's hand organ, the chant-cries of the auctioneer held the owners of the faces under a spell. Young men and boys came along with iron hooks and pushed and pulled baskets into line.

People stopped to look at prices and sometimes the boys pushed the people, too, but not often. A few tags had high prices. Most of them were medium. A handful had been scratched, turned over or torn out, saying that the owners liked not what they saw at the moment and would prefer to take a chance on another day.

Oldtimers say the opening scene was much as it has been in former times, with even more people than usual. But what all of us will have to remember is this: our 1939 market, in common with all other markets of the belt areas, is open and in operation under unusual conditions. If prices turn out to be better than expected, or if they hold an average we should be glad. And even a lower price is better than no price. Before long pound upon pound of the weed will have been sold and we have reason to think that most of us will be gladder and more self-confident than we have been during these past few weeks. Indeed, self-confidence seems to be in the air and on the streets of Roxboro. Let us hope that this same spirit reaches out to Person's borderlines and even spills over into our neighbors fields, for all of us, as we must know, thrive together, if we thrive at all.

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Referendum Note

Washington releases saying that approximately 89.8 percent of the referendum votes for crop-control of the 1940 tobacco output were affirmative appear to be a little below the Person county average, as readers of Sunday's local story can remember, for only 171 votes out of 3,409 in the county were negative. Person went for control, despite some tears, and down in the Farm Demonstration office in the courthouse Miss Bessie Daniel and the others are having a quieter time. Though, mercy knows, Miss Bessie and her boss still have plenty to do, and would not know how to loaf if they could, now they have the referendum infant in its bed for the winter. They and the committeemen are wisely remembering that care and feeding of control are almost as difficult as pre-natal supervision.

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Checkers

Being somewhat smaller than the New York Times we cannot order our staff artist to draw a picture of Adolph Hitler's six years of checker-boarding up and down and across middle Europe. But there is no law that prevents our looking at what the other Times artist has drawn, a graphic map showing with pretty signs each step in Hitler's progress.

First, of course comes his acceptance of the German chancellorship, January 1933. Next is Germany's resignation from the League of Nations, less than a year later. Then comes the unforgettable "Blood Purge" of 1934, followed quick succession by his invasion of the Saar, his rejection of the Versailles treaty, his Rhineland occupancy and his more or less open intervention in Spain.

In retrospect, these events seem small beside those still closer to us: the Rome-Berlin axis, the collapse of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel and Poland, and the formation of a non-aggression pact with Russia.

Last week came the next move, a challenge to France and Britain on peace or war. The challenge came in an address before the Reichstag last Friday morning in which Hitler said he wished to see the establishment of a Reich frontier "which shall be in accordance with existing historical, ethnographical and economic conditions".

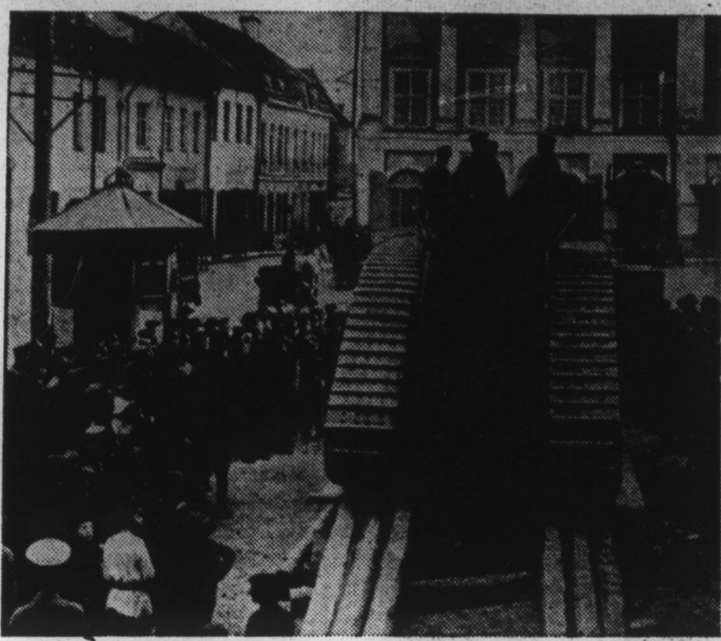
He said much more. But France and England and the rest of the world have not yet agreed to take his words at face value. The world, that part of it outside of Hitler's direct control, is beginning to see the cumulative power he has gained through the checker-board moves he has made in six years. At the present moment it is impossible to say what jump will come next.

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A Program Worth Time and Money

The other night we went to a civic club meeting, Kiwanis, to be specific, and heard a program presented

Estonia Fires Her Army; Russia Takes Charge



Tiny Estonia packed away her vest-pocket army when her foreign minister Kari Selter was forced to sign a treaty making the nation a virtual protectorate of Soviet Russia. Photo shows soldiers of the tiny defense force watching a tank being taken to storage. Map shows Estonia's position. The two islands off her Baltic sea coast are being made into Soviet air and naval bases. Later the Soviet demanded and won mutual assistance treaties with Latvia and Lithuania, to the south, placing them in substantially the same position as Estonia. Observers believed Russia was strengthening her position against any possible action by Germany, her new "ally."



by J. B. Snipes, Miss Velma Beam and a selected and representative group of Person County 4-H club boys and girls. Being a guest, too, we sat at the guest table with these young people and their leaders. We sat there and looked at them and heard them, and we were impressed. We were impressed with the worthwhile character of the 4-H program being carried on in Person and we were even more impressed with the active young club members.

They had poise and dignity, but not too much of such and they spoke with conviction concerning summer camps, schools and individual research problems fostered by the clubs. Having come from what is supposed to be a North Carolina city, we are not sure that we have caught the 4-H club spirit yet, but we hope other Person county folks do not need to go through a process of introduction to this good work. It is here. It can be seen and felt. That is all we can say.



Order and Freedom

Christian Science Monitor

It has been said that mankind must have order, even before liberty. Some will question whether the one is really procurable in the absence of the other. Mankind must strive on both fronts if it is to win the battle on either. There is world-wide conflict today between ideas of liberty and order against notions of order without liberty.

In the Bible we read that God created the heaven and the earth, that he divided the day from the night and the waters from the dry land—statements which symbolize the orderliness of divine activity. We also read that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." It is, then, no mere coincidence that those nations which respect free institutions and individual liberty within their boundaries are most insistent on order in the international sphere. This compound ideal is as old as religious perception.

While it is not conspicuously honored by the leadership of the Third Reich, it has long been honored by the German people and even by German thinkers whose philosophies—in incomplete form—have been adopted by Nazis as consonant with National Socialism. One such thinker was Treitschke, who stated a concept of order as dependent on respect and even reverence for the State, but who stated the fundamental of liberty as part of this concept:

The different circumstances of our lives prevent (the ancient Greek exaggeration of importance of the State), and above all, that recognition of our undying personality which Christianity has brought us, through which we realize that man can never be merely a member of the State, when he is free to think as he will of God and the Kingdom of God.

Much in German philosophy has alarmed the world and especially the philosophy of opportunism stressed in "Mein Kampf." It is heartening therefore to remember that German thought, like that of most people, has been deeply influenced by scholars whose perception was eminently capable of understanding the inevitability of order and freedom inseparable in the divine plan.

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Slaughter At Home

News and Observer

The best sign of the advance of a state is shown when it becomes sharply critical of itself. For that reason the statement of L. J. Folse, executive director of the Mississippi State Planning commission, about murder in Mississippi is important. He declared:

There is no place in the world where homicides are more prevalent than in Mississippi. In 1935 the homicide rate in Mississippi was higher than the homicide rate in any other country in the world, be it classed as civilized or uncivilized, religious or pagan, Christian or heathen. Such a record is an indictment of the state.

In 1935 there were 515 homicides in Mississippi, with the homicide rate of 26.2 for 100,000 population. Florida, with a homicide rate of 25.1, was second to Mississippi, and New Hampshire, with a homicide rate of 1.0, was the lowest among the states.

It is interesting to note that the homicide rate in Mississippi was 26 times greater than that of Maine.

What he says about his state applies in lesser degree to all the Southern states and cities. Not all the blame for it can be put, as it is too often, upon the Negro. Law-enforcement is everywhere in the South in white hands. At a time when men in the South as elsewhere are considering and condemning slaughter, a little more consideration would seem to be in order at home.

Items Of Interest From Bethel Hill School, Community

The Parent-Teacher association of Bethel Hill high school had its first meeting of the year Monday night, October 2. Approximately 150 people were present.

Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, vice-president of the association presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. H. Merritt.

Mrs. Billie Pleasant Flythe and Ronald Hoccutt of Raleigh were introduced by Louis Cannon as great speakers. Mrs. Flythe and Mr. Hoccutt are from the office of the North Carolina Highway Safety department in Raleigh. Both speakers urged the parents, teachers and students of the community to do all they can to promote a program of safety at school and at home.

They congratulated Bethel Hill school on its bus patrol.

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

The following is a list of class officers of the various Bethel Hill classes:

Freshman — Margaret Hall, president; Nat Whitfield, vice-president; John Hall, secretary; Dorothy Watts, reporter.

Sophomore — Frances Curtis, president; John Honeycutt, vice-president; Ruby Humphries, secretary and treasurer; Christine Perkins, reporter.

Junior — Garnell Wilkins, president; Frank Murray, vice-pre-

disc or old fashioned A shaped harrow. Where it is impossible to give the land any other preparation, the brush may be burned and seed sown by hand in the ashes. Use a liberal amount of seed and cover lightly with a weeder or brush.

Dolly Madison

THEATRE

From Thursday, Oct. 12 thru Saturday, Oct. 14

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Thursday - Friday, Oct. 12-13 Ralph Richardson - C. Aubrey Smith - John Clements - John Duprez in

"Four Feathers (First Run)

In Glorious Technicolor Every emotion the Screen Can Ever Give You . . . All in one Magnificent Picture! Music Hall Vanities: "A Night In A Music Hall" Pete Smith Specialty: "Weather Wizards"

No Morning Shows; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c; Evening daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-25c;

Saturday, Oct. 14

Richard Arlen - Andy Devine with Beverly Roberts - Lou Merrill - Samuel S. Hinds in "Tropic Fury" (First Run)

A two-man Cyclone Smashing the Human Beasts of Prey in Perilous Tropics! Episode No. 11 of the serial "Daredevils of the Red Circle" ("The Red Circle Speaks") with Charles Quigley - Herman Brix - David Sharpe - Carole Landis

On The Stage - In Person (Both Theatres)

WSM Grand Ole Opry Stars "Sarie and Sallie and their Cabin Creek Band"

featuring ICHABOD, The Country Cousin

Just returned from Hollywood where they were featured with Gene Autry in his latest picture "In Old Monterey". Now you can see and hear them in person with their hillbilly music, singing and comedy! Don't miss this treat!

Matinee 2:30-4:00; Admission 10-25c; Evening 7:30-9:45. (Box office opens at 6:45.) Admission 10-25c.

ident; Inez Gillis, secretary; Daphne Davis, treasurer; Nellie Ramsey, reporter.

Senior — Elsie Whitfield, president; Mary Sue Wrenn, vice-president; Rachel Lee, secretary and treasurer.

HOMEMAKERS CLUB MEETS

The Bethel Hill Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Lillian Day Friday, Sept. 27. Mrs. W. B. Humphries opened the meeting by asking Mrs. W. W. Rogers to read the Club Collect as a prayer.

The president appointed a nominating committee to select new officers for the new year to be voted on at the October meeting.

A short article was given by Mrs. Claude Hall telling how a farm family of Arkansas bought land and prospered without raising a stalk of cotton. "Cotton," she said, "was their chief money crop just as tobacco is a money crop in North Carolina."

Mrs. E. L. Wehrenburg told how to prepare hard pears for salad.

The club was glad to have as its guest, Mrs. J. A. Beam. The meeting adjourned to meet again in the home of Mrs. W. W. Rogers on October 25, 1939 at 2:30.

SHORTAGE

The shortage of hay in some states is causing dairy farmers, their leaders and college specialists to urge the disposal of low-producing cows and cows in poor health or suffering from diseases.

DR. R. J. PEARCE EYES EXAMINED MONDAYS ONLY Thomas-Carver Bldg.

Palace Theatre

ADVANCE PROGRAM

From Thursday, Oct. 12 thru Saturday, Oct. 14

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Thursday - Friday, Oct. 12-13 Fred MacMurray - Madeleine Carroll - Allan Jones with Akim Tamiroff - Helen Broderick - Osa Massen - Carolyn Lee, in

"Honeymoon In Bali"

Romance with Madeleine and Fred in far off, beautiful Bali, where languorous natives loll beneath that tropic sun, and life is just one long holiday! Walt Disney Cartoon in Color. Passing Parade: "Angel of Mercy"

Special Morning Show Friday 10:30;

Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c; Evening daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-30c.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Fred Stone - Rochelle Hudson - Richard Fiske - Eddy Waller in

"Konga, The Wild Stallion" Konga, King of stallions, leads his wild-horse herd in a frenzied stampede against a ruthless enemy!

Episode No. 10 of the serial "Overland with Kit Carson" ("The Black Raiders") with Bill Elliott - Iris Meredith - Bobby Clack

Terrytoon Cartoon: "G-Man Jitters"

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