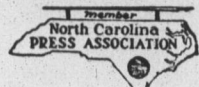


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Four Months of Work

All through the winter season of the new year Wallace W. Woods, secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, has been busy doing the work at hand.

A good Chamber of Commerce Secretary has, however, a double job. It is not enough that he merely devote his time to keeping his boat afloat; he must, if he is to properly represent his constituents of the community, be alive to opportunities for advancement of the community.

What he has been doing will perhaps become more apparent between now and the time set for the observance of Hospitality Week, although Mr. Woods will be the last person in the world to shout his contributions to that program, now in the making, from the housetops.

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The Machinery Gets Going

An Associated press release from Washington relates that Secretary Wallace has this week presented to Congress an outline of a plan whereby tobacco farmers "who have heretofore voted annually on whether to have marketing quotas for their crops would be given an opportunity this year to vote on quotas for the next two or three seasons".

The Secretary's suggestions, in line with 21 amendments to the 1938 Agricultural Adjustment act, include a referendum on establishment of tobacco marketing quotas for two or three years in advance; a change in the requirement that the marketing quota for any state should not be less than 75 percent of 1937, and other changes to take care of possible ups and downs in the market.

Further analysis of the Wallace plan indicates that the tobacco marketing quotas for 1941, 1942 and 1943 should not be more than 10 percent below the 1940-41 quota and that acreage allotments for the same years "should be adjusted uniformly in relation to 1940 allotments", it being felt that burley and flue-cured allotments for the next three years will need to be about the same as they have been for this year.

Under the Wallace proposal, which has been previously discussed among tobacco men and farmers in Person and elsewhere, an opportunity to vote on the adoption of a planned two-three years control system would be provided for at the time ballots are to be cast on the annual quota, subject to approval of two-thirds of those farmers voting.

In the Wallace message to Speaker Bankhead it was pointed out that rejection of the longer quota period will not mean an end to the present annual method of regulation. Looking over this summary, it will be seen that there is in it nothing new, but although Secretary Wallace's message to Speaker Bankhead constitutes repetition, there is reason to hope that tobacco people will be given an opportunity to express an opinion for or against the two-three years quota plan.

Several months ago the writer of this column said that long-ranged planning, if there has to be planning of any sort, would appear to be better than the hif and miss plan of an annual quota. There has yet been no reason for a change in that opinion.

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"Adrift on the Land"

Not the greatest but to our minds one of the most sincere motion pictures of the current season is the "Grapes of Wrath". We urge Person and Roxboro citizens to see Steinbeck's story of the wandering Joads. In book form the narrative was colored by passages of questionable taste; the Hollywood version is deleted, but the emotional impact of the story loses nothing because of these changes. It is too much to expect that many people who see the "Grapes of Wrath" will make an analysis of the technical devices used to convey the story to the screen, but it will remain in our minds as an outstanding example of simplicity and directness. Put it on the "must" list even if you disagree with Steinbeck.



Families Don't Type

Greensboro Daily News

New York's and Grover Whalen's world fair next summer, one hears, is to be host to a "typical North Carolina family". Hence Clyde R. Hoey as Governor of the state and believed to be running rather true to type as both public and private citizen has been asked what he considers a typical Tar Heel family.

He thinks that this family would live in a small town or in the country and have a "reasonable number of children." In addition it would "take considerable interest in public affairs, have a reasonable amount of pride in the state and be informed on its resources and condition as well as schooled in its tradition and history and be interested in schools, churches and other civic affairs."

If Governor Hoey means to suggest that a reasonable number of North Carolinians under one roof tree pool their interests to produce a type, he may be correct; if he means that a family approaching the average will have so many interests, he shows a pardonable ignorance of case work.

The typical North Carolina family, far from being schooled in its history, knows next to nothing about the state's beginnings or its middle period, save as prated about by uninformed stump speakers, and of its present has heard a good deal but is interested in little save sales tax and secondary roads.

One member might be interested in schools, another in churches, a third in civic affairs but t'other two-three would probably have nothing much on their minds than food, clothing and shelter.

There are perhaps a thousand or so families who might measure up to Governor Hoey's ideal of type. There are several times as many who could not make the grade. There are not a few who score much higher.

Surely one couldn't call the family of the late Allison F. Page a typical North Carolina family, nor that of the late Judge Henry Groves Connor. Nor would we think of presenting the household of the late Mrs. Mary Herndon of Carpenter, Wake County—such part of it as is being tried for her murder—as typical.

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The Old South

A Book Review by Jonathan Daniels in The Saturday Review of Literature.

At a time when Mr. Selznick is making alive for millions the legend of the lost South in terms of greater halls than it often possessed and in brighter colors than it ever wore, Harry Kroll has written the story of the Big House South* as it appeared to more white Southerners than sat on its wide piazzas.

Mr. Kroll has told his story in terms of the boyhood and youth of Lett Capers, illegitimate son of the plantation master by his overseer's wife. It is by no means an entirely pretty store as Lett saw it, though there were moments of ecstasy in it (as when young Lett lay in the shrubbery watching the dancing and listening to the music), as well as times of trouble and of pain, ambition, and frustration. But it is a drama of life which the planters made but which overturned their world—to the new world beyond it in which new villainy is better understood for realization of insensitiveness in the past.

Much of the white South even while it fought saw that war as a rich man's war and a poor man's fight. Between them Lett Capers was as divided as his blood. He played too often a tough and slippery part in his relations with both sides. And though at the end he emerges triumphant, he emerges far from magnificent. Perhaps the noblest character in the book, in which the aristocrats are too conventionally drawn despite the arrogance added to their attitudes of grace, is Lett's strong, honest, quarrelsome peasant mother. The Negroes are real, and tragically real are all those whites who were often less secure than the slaves. More important than the career of Lett Capers is the picture of the white men who surrendered but did not share the high and graceful civilization said now to have gone with the wind.

Mr. Kroll's book will not change many minds. Certainly it will not destroy the legend of the lost South, which is now vastly greater than it ever was before 1865, but such readers as wish to understand the civilization which did depart will find here something new and viril and fundamentally true in Southern historical novels.

There are some flaws in the book. Its story is not always compelling; sometimes it is overdrawn sometimes its characterization falters, but a truth emerges from it which is too much lost and which needs to be understood. The Big House South was like the millionaire present. Often big cotton planters were only the Coca-Cola bottlers of their day, and most white Southerners from Jamestown to this hour have been scratching hard, far down under talk of traditions which came down from Athens and Rome, for decent living in the South, and seldom finding it easy to secure.

*"THE KEEPERS OF THE HOUSE". By Harry Kroll. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. 1940. 413 pp. \$2.50.

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BREWERS SEND MESSAGE TO MEN WHO SELL BEER

Person County and City Officials Asked To Co-operate With State Clean-Up Program.

Raleigh, April 18—The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee has requested city and county officials of Person county to scrutinize carefully "all applications for retail beer licenses to the end that the industry may be purged of illegal or undesirable outlets."

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director in charge of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina, cited the 1939 statute which prohibits the issuance of retail beer licenses to persons guilty of liquor law violations "within the last two years prior to the filing of the application." He reminded that the new tax year for beer licenses begins May 1.

"In venturing to call this section to your attention," Col. Bain wrote city and county officials, "we courteously and respectfully urge you to refuse licenses to all dealers who can not comply with the law."

"In our investigation of beer dealers in North Carolina, we have found several instances where dealers convicted of liquor law violations in 1938 were re-licensed in 1939. We hope that all such dealers will be eliminated in 1940 for the welfare both of the communities and of the beer industry, which contributes more than ten million dollars annually in taxes and wages in this state."

This letter to city and county officials was the last move in the committee's fight against the small minority of beer dealers who violate the law and public decency, Colonel Bain said. He reminded that the committee had secured the revocation of 67 licenses since September. In addition,

the committee has petitioned for revocation of 26 licenses in eight other counties, and has warned 97 dealers in 57 counties to "clean up" or face more drastic action. "A great majority of beer outlets are reputable places of business," the state director said, "and it is our intention to rid communities of those undesirable places which are a nuisance to the communities."

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