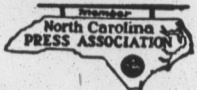


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Tobacco Market

In a very short time the Roxboro Tobacco Market will open. The exact date is September 24th. All warehouses in this city will open and all will be managed by experienced warehousemen. All of the major tobacco companies will have experienced buyers on this market. In other words everything will start in good shape.

For about twelve years now we have written an editorial similar to this one concerning the Roxboro market. Each year we have tried to get the farmers to sell their weed here. We have pointed out the virtues of this market and done what we could to build it up. There's really nothing new that we can say this time, but we hope that this oft-repeated message may cause a few more pounds to be sold here.

Roxboro is a good city. There are good merchants here. There is a good bank here. The city offers about everything that one needs in regard to a tobacco market. To us, it looks like a good place to sell tobacco and buy supplies. For a long time we have waited for someone to come along and prove that it was not a good place. That person has never showed up.

And so once again this writer urges you to sell your tobacco on the Roxboro market, give the market a trial and then if you really find that it is not a good place you are at liberty to try another market.

Now we have said the same thing once more, we hope it helps.

J. S. M.

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Fair To Start Soon

The Person County Agricultural Fair will open the latter part of this month. For the first time in many years the fair will have an exhibit house. As a matter of fact it will have two houses.

It would be a mighty good thing if the people of this city and county would really bring out the exhibits. Go to your pantry and select two or three jars of pickles, one or two of preserves and then look around to see what else you can find that would look well on exhibit at the fair. Why not fill those two houses this year?

A fair can be a mighty good thing, but it takes exhibits to make it that way. A carnival and nothing else, can not make a fair that is what you want. The people of the county must co-operate.

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Good News

Nearing the end of a five-day campaign tour of Illinois, Henry A. Wallace, Democratic vice-presidential nominee, said last week that the people "need have no fear" of the mounting national debt.

Even though the Federal debt has increased \$22,000,000 during the Roosevelt Administration, Mr. Wallace said in a prepared address, interest charges have dropped so sharply that "it is easier to carry the debt now than it was in 1933."

The average American citizen does not know much about how much money the government does owe. He knows that it is a large amount and has heard that it is too large. Whether he will believe the statement by Wallace, we do not know. However, if he can believe it, it might help his own feelings. The government owes a large amount of money and will probably owe more by this time next year.

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New Buildings Wanted

Sooner or later there will be some new buildings in the business district of Roxboro. As a matter of fact the Kirby Building on Main street is about finished and this building will provide several new stores. The Kirby building is not being finished any too soon. Stores are almost at a premium here and even this new building will hardly take care of the situation for any great length of time.

Roxboro continues to grow and as the city grows more buildings will be needed downtown.

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Going Into Action

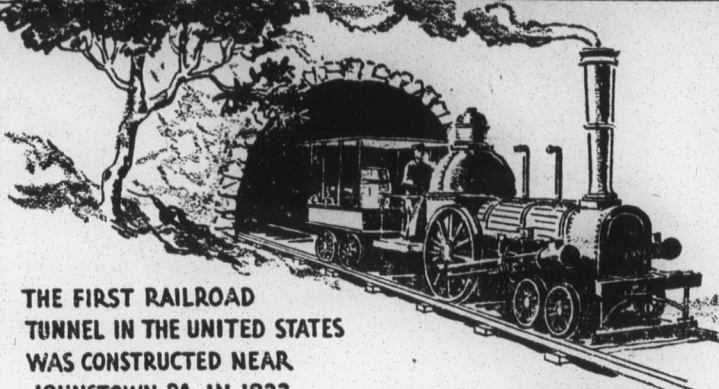
The United States this week cleared the decks for construction of a two-ocean Navy—biggest armada in naval history—when the Navy Department awarded contracts for 201 warships to cost \$3,861,053,312.

When the new program is completed five years hence, and assuming other powers fail to keep pace, this country will have a fleet dwarfing that of Great Britain, now queen of the seas, and larger than the combined sea-power of Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan.

The United States must mean business at last. When our new boats are completed this country will be a naval power that will have to be taken into account on practically every score.

When we get our air force to top strength and two or three million trained men we will have a country that other powers will want to let alone—at least that's our idea.

Rail oddities



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Japs and Axis Powers

Durham Morning Herald

Successive reports add to the accumulating array of evidence that the Japs have blackjacked the Indo-China regime, which is to say the French Government of Vichy, into granting passage to Japanese troops and air base facilities. And that, if true, is the next thing to official proof that Japanese militarists have reached a working agreement with Berlin that amounts to a partnership of convenience. For the Vichy Government, to all intents and purposes, is an agent of Berlin and if Vichy has sanctioned the passage of Japanese forces through Indo-China, it has done so with Berlin's approval.

Truth of the matter, of course, is that the present world situation invites Japan to play along with Hitler and Mussolini, apart from any agreement that may or may not be entered into undercover. And the invitation was accepted by Japan months ago.

It is just as true that the situation invites the United States and Berlin to proceed on the basis of a partnership of convenience and lately they have shown mild indications of doing so.

Trouble about an Anglo-American partnership of convenience is that Britain is so busy elsewhere she cannot afford to give much attention to the Far Eastern situation and there remains in the United States the articulate feeling that Japan ought to be called to account but the British ought to do it, with maybe our moral support.

Moral support, of course, no longer counts much, and for nothing when it comes to deterring Japanese militarist.

So Japan has about decided, and probably correctly, that the British are presently unable to offer material opposition to Japanese aggression and the United States is too timid to undertake more than diplomatic protests.

We do not pretend to know what the United States should, or can, do about calling Japan to account. What is fairly clear is that if we are not ready to back them up with force that can be exercised we might as well stop sending diplomatic notes.

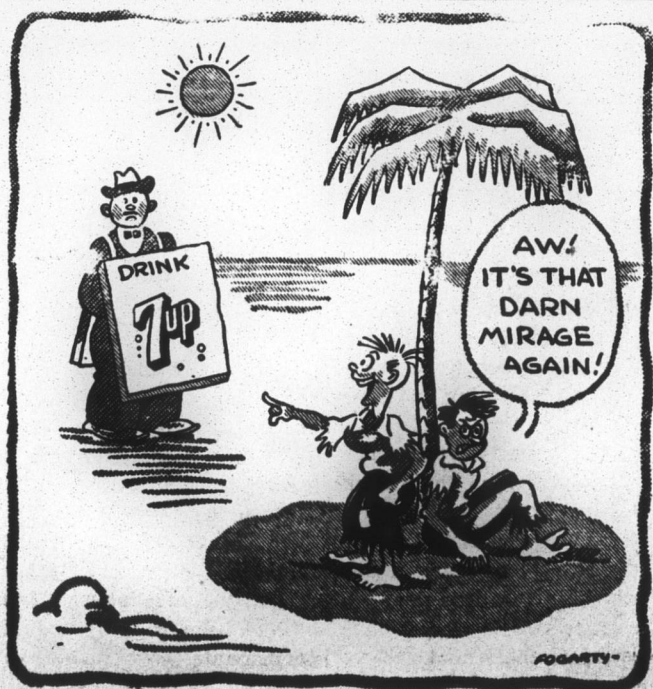
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Still Two Sides

News and Observer

The British Isles are now facing, and so far surviving, their bitterest test. The Germans are making it most of their superiority in the air.

But that superiority is not yet supremacy. There are two encouraging factors for the British. Time fights on their side. Bad weather will soon cripple air attacks upon the British Isles. More important, the battle is still a two-sided one. British planes are not only able to inflict substantial losses upon the invaders, they have been able to do considerable damage in raids of their own. If Great Britain can see it through until bad weather comes, the end of Winter should see the turn of the tide.



This Month On The Farm

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—With summer on the wane, State College specialists recommend the following good farming practices for September, the first autumn month of the year.

Plant winter grazing crops now, says Earl H. Hostetter, professor of animal husbandry. Italian rye grass or any of the cereal grains make excellent grazing for all kinds of livestock during the winter and early spring. The grazing will be improved and the period extended if white Dutch clover or crimson clover is seeded with the grain or grass.

Ellis Vestal, extension swine specialist, says many pigs are farrowed in September. But before farrowing time, put the brood sow in a field that has been cultivated since any hogs ranged over it. Never let pigs go to the old hog lots or pens. Keep them on clean land until they weigh at least 100 pounds. Vestal also says a sow worth feeding should have a good farrowing house. County agents have blue-prints of these houses which any grower may obtain.

September is a good month to plant pastures, recommends John Arcey, extension dairyman. It is one of the most favorable months of the year, since seedlings made now will get off to a good start during the fall and winter. This will enable them to withstand better the droughts of summer, a fact which is not always true of pastures planted in the spring. In planting, Arcey recommends good land with the seed bed pulverized to a depth of three inches, 300 to 400 pounds per acre of high grade fertilizer mixture, and grasses and legumes sited to soil and climate conditions.

Cotton should be picked just as soon as it dries out, says Paul Kime, Experiment Station agronomist, in a bit of timely advice at the beginning of "cotton-pickin'" time. The first open bolls usually contain much moisture and if picked before the lint is fluffy, the seed cotton will heat. After picking, the cotton should be sunned or spread out in the cotton house and stirred with a fork each day. If possible, hold from one to two weeks, since green cotton gin-cuts easily.

September is the beginning of the annual season for fairs, so H. R. Niswonger, Extension Service horticulturist, advises farm families to get their exhibits of fruits and vegetables ready now. He says fruit to be exhibited should be picked and handled with extreme care, keeping in mind that the best fruit for show purposes is found near the top of the tree. Don't pick the largest specimens but those which are typical of the variety. Then wrap each one in paper and pack snugly. Vegetables for exhibit should be free from blemishes, clean, and fully matured.

Jack Rowell, extension entomologist, adds this suggestion to the September list: Tobacco fields should be plowed and planted to a good cover crop to aid in the control of tobacco insects. This will prevent the development of tobacco suckers which furnish a food supply for hords of fleabeetles, horn worms, bud worms, and other insects until frost. If the development of suckers is prevented, most of the tobacco insects will go into hibernation so weak they cannot emerge the following spring to lay eggs for

a crop of new pests to harass growers in 1941. Cotton farmers should follow the same practice to fight boll weevils.

WHY WOMEN DO THINGS MEN WON'T DO

Well-known psychologist analysis urge of "silly-age" females to show off in useless contests that males fight shy of. An interesting illustrated feature in the September 22 issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American, on sale at all newsstands.

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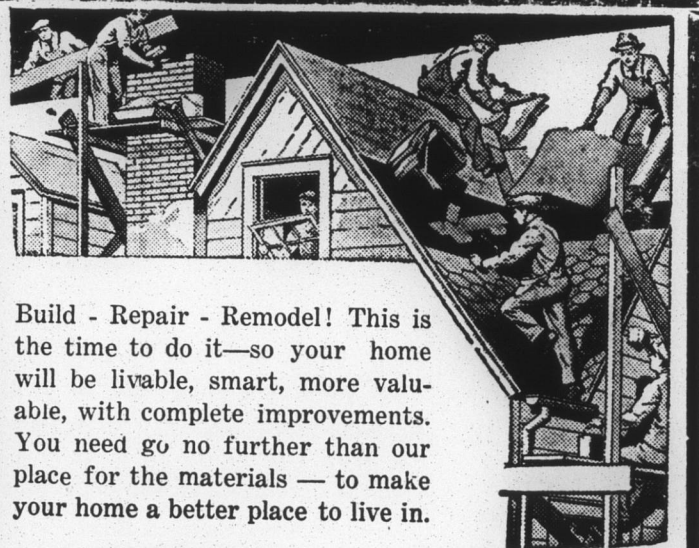
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