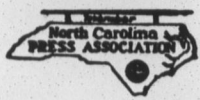


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Airport -- Roxboro

For no one knows how many months we have been marking a certain headline type frequently used in this office as "Airport", 24 D. C., which last letters mean double column. On Thursday coincident with the announcement by City Manager Percy Bloxam, "Airport" had another meaning. The possibility that Roxboro, together with certain other cities and towns in North Carolina, may share in a nineteen million dollar allotment from the Civil Aeronautics Administration for purposes of construction and building of an airport here is, even in this day of lose talk about money, an event of first magnitude. One of the difficulties with living in the otherwise charming town of Roxboro has until within recent years been difficulty of communication between Roxboro and the world outside. People now of middle-age can recall that there was no railroad here until 1890, and those of still younger years will remember that the quickening pulse of motor traffic has been felt here only within the past decade and a half. The next step — an airport here must indeed be taken as another forward move in, quickening contact with the outside world.

A survey of the communication received here in regard to the proposed airport may indicate that possible choice of Roxboro as an airport location may be dictated by military rather than commercial or humanitarian considerations, but it nevertheless remains true that Roxboro by virtue of geographical factors has in modern times seen its centralized location in the State increase rather than diminish in importance. And talk of an airport here may be taken as one more indication that persons outside of Roxboro are beginning to realize this more perhaps than the natives.

We hope, however, that Roxboro and Person citizens who will now be bestirring themselves to press the advantages of their city-county as an airport location will in the bestirring show more application and singleness of purpose in securing it than did some of the larger cities in this state when airports first became common topics of municipal conversation. Right now we can think of more municipal jealousies and bitternesses engendered by airport rivalries than we could shake a stick at and it remains our private opinion that those who did the talking did not nine times out of ten know enough about the subject involved to even fuss intelligently.

If we want an airport here we must go about the business of getting it with discretion and calm judgement, aided and abetted by singleness of purpose. It may be slightly ridiculous to think of our Person metropolis as an airport center but if plums like airports are going around we might as well have one and count ourselves among the more fortunate. At the present stage an airport in Roxboro is a hypothetical project. We need not add that the project will remain hypothetical unless we get to work making representations in right quarters. Here then, is a chance for all of us to work—while the passing out is being done.

Watching and Waiting

A dispatch from London, about as reliable as any information now-a-days received, indicates that Germany, Italy and Russia are playing a game of waiting in their dealings with Greece and Turkey. Great Britain on the other hand, must be doing quick changes behind the front curtain. Adding to the European confusion is the fact that no one can say what is happening in France and Spain, where apparent axis negotiations have been going on for some two-three weeks or more.

A radio news commentator has suggested that Hitler thinks none to highly of Fellow Dictator Mussolini, that he wishes to consolidate the axis position by bringing France and Spain more nearly in line with axis policy, and that the up to this point not so terrific war between Italy and Greece may be in Hitler's mind an instrument to cause Britain further embarrassment by necessity of spreading out army and naval forces in Balkan, Mediterranean and Egyptian areas. It has also been suggested that Hitler is anxious to settle Greece, Turkey and Russia as soon as possible and that he would like to achieve humiliation of the British before the American election day of November 5 and thus influence American choice of a president.

These last suggestions, to our mind constitute a rather large order, not to be accomplished by Hitler or any other one man in less than five days. It has been apparent, however, that war in Europe has for the past few days been in a state of comparative inaction as far as military movements have been concerned. Most activity has been cerebral rather than physical and even London raids have not been as frightful as they were, but we know not whether suspension of activity may mean German completion of a squeeze play or an eventual triumph for the British.

Central Grammar School

Those Roxboro parents who took time enough to read Miss Ina Collins long open forum letter describ-

Instead of a Campaign Button



Here's a new wrinkle, from Hollywood, designed by Max Factor Jr., for a red-hot political campaign. Starlets Joan Barclay and Muriel Zaler wear their choice for President in the form of an old-fashioned beauty patch, with the initials cut out of court plaster. As a fad it's good until November 6, but not a day longer.

ing conditions at Central Grammar school, where children are so crowded together as to necessitate a complicated time schedule for luncheon and recess hours and an admonition that city parents keep their children at home as long as possible in the morning and during luncheon hours, may sense from her message that something is wrong with physical facilities at that particular school.

Miss Collins, who is principal of the school, being a good and uncomplaining woman has not said that Central Grammar school needs to be enlarged or that it would be better yet if another grammar school building, with adequate playground facilities, could be built in Roxboro. Miss Collins is now trying to meet conditions as they are, not to buck them.

Despite the fact that we have been told that Central Grammar's building is from the fire hazard standpoint in good condition, and despite the fact that we have been told that debts for school buildings must not exceed a certain percent of the total county debt during a year's time, we are of the opinion that before long Roxboro must have a new or an enlarged Grammar school building. The job of making first move is as we understand it, up to the City school board, but parents who are in agreement with statements expressed here can stimulate the Board's interest by letting it know where parents stand.

The central, downtown section of a city is no place for a grammar school and the sooner we can make a change the better it will be for the children, who will soon enough be the citizens with whom the rest of us have to work and live. Those who agree are invited to write letters to the Times and to talk, to the right people.



Stalin Pauses

News and Observer

For the first time since signing the non-aggression pact with Germany, which paved the way for the present war, Joseph Stalin has paused.

The hesitation of the Russian dictator as to what action, if any, to take in regard to the present invasion of Greece by Italy is significant.

Turkey, Russia's principal ally, is evidently disposed to enter the conflict on the side of Greece. But Stalin's pause has caused Turkey to pause also. Reports that Russian airplanes have been sent to Greece have been made and denied.

If Stalin enters the fray on the side of Greece, his entry will be evidence that Stalin has concluded that an alliance with Germany is no longer profitable. Such a conclusion would be based on one of two premises, that Stalin fears to let Germany get so close to Russia or that Stalin expects Great Britain to win. In either event, Russian participation in Greece would probably mean eventually Russian participation on a much wider front.

No Biting In Clinches

Greensboro Daily News

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene duPont, of Greenville, Md., whose daughter married Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., are reported to have contributed \$4,000 to Wendell Willkie's presidential campaign.

Rumor aforesaid had made free with the anyhow political distaste of young Roosevelt's in-laws for his parents, so this article does not cause any considerable surprise.

Don't know that we would refer to it but for the fact that from time to time we see friends of ours who ought to know better becoming enraged at friends of theirs who do not see eye to eye with them on the subject of the presidential election.

Now, Mr. and Mrs. duPont, of Maryland, aren't going to fall out with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, of Washington, and neither the President nor Mrs. Eleanor is apt ever to remind the mother-in-law or father-in-law of their son of the \$4,000. The duPonts and the Roosevelts will live and let live—and have enough on which to do it handsomely, no matter who is elected President.

But thousands of silly people who do not stand to gain or lose fifteen cents a head as a result of the voting on November 5 bid fair to make permanent enemies of lifelong friends. Pride of opinion may be worth that, but we doubt it.

Hear us announce here and now that we expect to go on speaking, or even tipping a hat to, those whom we have favored with admiration, esteem, or even best wishes, just as always. And if on Wednesday, November 6, we hear that some particularly recalcitrant friend of our youth hauled off and voted for Norman Thomas, like as not he will receive a visit from us.

CAPITAL FIRE PROBE ORDERED BY OFFICIALS

Washington, Nov.—A fire which swept through an uncompleted fourth-story addition to the war department, imperiling secret codes and damaging records, was under official investigation today.

A board of five officers was instructed to investigate "all circumstances", including the possibility of sabotage, a few hours after the flames were brought under control.

Officials were inclined to the belief, however, that the blaze was of accidental origin. Secretary of War Stimson was quoted as saying that an electrical short circuit or a careless cigarette were "unquestionably" to blame.

CRAFTY NAZI ENVOY CALLED FROM TURKEY

Istanbul, No. — Franz von Papen, crafty German ambassador of two great wars, left Turkey unexpectedly today for Germany.

Presumably von Papen will report to Adolf Hitler on Turkey's position and her intentions in the war which, at long last, has entered southeastern Europe through Italy's invasion of Greece. (It was 25 years ago this coming December that von Papen was sent back to Germany from the United States on the state department's representation that he had indulged in "improper activities in military and naval matters", Hitler named him ambassador to Turkey in April of 1939, but he failed to prevent Turkey from entering into a mutual assistance pact with Britain.)

BRITISH TARS PASS THROUGH DANVILLE

Danville, Va.—A British naval officer who was on board the Ajax during the Graf Spee encounter, passed through Danville last night with 15 British seamen.

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They were in route to a southern port to take over another destroyer which is going to England.

He preferred not to make known his name but there was evidently a romance in connection with his visiting Danville because one of Danville's corps of school teachers was at the station to chat with him during the brief period the train stopped here and the young officer—he is only 33—said that he hoped to marry her after the war is over.

ASKS PRIORITY BOARD TO LET ENGLAND HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 12,000

Boston, Nov.—President Roosevelt disclosed that he had asked the national defense priorities board to give "most sympathetic consideration" to a British request for permission to buy 12,000 additional planes in the United States.

In a campaign speech, prepared for a nation-wide broadcast from a Democratic rally in the Boston Garden, he said there was a "steady stream of airplanes" already flowing from this country to Britain. This, he assured, was responsible in part for the fact that the strength of the Royal Air Force was greater now than at the start of "three months of blitzkrieg in the air."

"The friends thou hast and their adoptions tried, gape them to thy soul with hoops of steel!" —Shakespeare

"Neither a borrower nor lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend." —Shakespeare

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