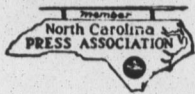


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Returned To Us By God

Published in the Greensboro Daily News Friday morning was an address said to have been made to a "number of high German officials" in May 1940 by Dr. Walther Darre, Reich Minister of Food and Agriculture, who in bombastic language associated with dictators outlined a visionary program of ultimate German victory over the world through force of arms and trade agreements.

Dr. Darre, presumably a man who holds in Germany a position somewhat similar to that held by Food Administrator Herbert Hoover in the United States during the World War I, is alleged to have given his message at a secret meeting, with no intention that his talk should be heard by or printed for any of those people outside of Germany, including citizens of the United States, designated as "slaves-to-be" in the new Germanized world. The Greensboro News, cooperating with a syndicate and with Life magazine in which the speech is also reprinted, declines to divulge the manner in which the speech was obtained. Intimation is that it came to America through some secret channel.

Discounting fact that its appearance in the U. S. may be a manifestation of smart propaganda, engineered by the very man who spoke, it is interesting to observe that he regards citizens of America as victims of an oppression caused by faulty economics and a demoralized social system and that chief fault he has to find with us is our possession of the greater part of the world's gold, which, he says, rightly belongs to Germany.

We are reasonably sure that this show-off speech will be put in its place by discerning readers: we are not certain that others can scan it without becoming hot under their collars.

Job Well Done

At proper time and place, because we have been impressed by quality of performance, we will in the Times review, "First, the Fields," the novel by Person's own Charles Wood, which was last week accepted for spring publication by the University of North Carolina Press.

At this moment we indulge in the hope that the interview printed in Thursday's Times will sufficiently excite native curiosity so that the book when published will be read by all those persons who share with the author some knowledge of the tobacco country in which we live. Not in a long while have we read a novel having so many excellences of economy and penetration, elements more often thought of as French rather than American, but we are sure that local interest in "First the Fields" will involve consideration of its photographic qualities and interpretation of the "Co-op" problem which is the volume's core.

Now, however, we wish to congratulate Mr. Wood on first step on the road toward recognition as a novelist. The trials of a writer who is sincere in his desire to record life around him are many and mental strain involved in production is frequently as wearing as the most exhausting physical labor. Only those who have themselves engaged in creative writing can imagine the energy expended before a formal and finished conception is produced. As has been said in the interview, "First, the Fields" may make Person county and its customs known far beyond its borders, and because this may happen Person folks should be as pleased as are all of Mr. Wood's intimate friends.

Another One Comes Home

In AP dispatches we notice that Josephus Daniels, elderly Tar Heel, who has for some years served as United States ambassador to Mexico, has announced his intention to retire because he wants "to finish some books he is writing, while he is 'still young'".

Coming home to Raleigh next week for Christmas, Mr. Daniels has given assurances that he will return to Mexico City after the holidays and that he may keep the ambassadorial post three months or a year. That is as far as he has gone in public statement of intentions. More interesting to know would be his reactions to events transpiring in Mexico during years of his residence there, particularly the last few months which have been marked by the week-before last climax of a none too friendly reception of U. S. Vice-President Elect Henry A. Wallace, who went to installation of the new Mexican president.

We have a notion that even as the Wallace reception difficulties may have been toned down for the press, the career Mr. Daniels has had ambassador to our Spanish-Indian neighbor has not been completely revealed. The job he has requires both diplomacy and that rougher art known as business management and because he has had to exercise both diplomacy and business sagacity, the venerable North Carolinian, who is accomplished in these arts when he wants to be, has had his hands full.

We are not now inclined to blame him for any failure of purposes while in office, but we think the State department will be glad to see him come home to stay. Until that happens, he can and will do as good a job as possible and not even the President can ask for more.



The Abernethy Case

The News and Observer

Trial of Charles L. Abernethy Jr., on charges of violation of the election law growing out of the primary last May has again been postponed.

The case was not tried last week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This Wayne County Superior Court adjourned abruptly on Wednesday without reaching the case.

Whatever the merits or demerits of the various delays which have marked this case, of which the two mentioned above are only the last of a long series, it is apparent that the case has been allowed to become quite old before reaching trial. More than six months have now elapsed since the occurrences which led to the indictments. Such delays always serve the defendant. Mr. Abernethy is entitled to a fair trial in open court. So is the State of North Carolina. The case should not be allowed to die without trial. Such a procedure would leave a cloud upon the defendant's name which should not be there if he is not guilty. On the other hand, if he is guilty failure to dispose of the case would be a grave reflection upon the courts of the state. Responsibility for bringing this case to trial rests primarily upon the solicitor of the district. But the responsibility is not solely that of the solicitor. The responsibility should be shared by the judge assigned to the district for the January term, the Attorney General of the State, who directed the prosecution, and the State Board of Elections which investigated the case.

If the case is not tried, failure to try it will be a sad reflection upon the law enforcement machinery of the State and the failure will be regarded as license by other violators of the election laws.

Trusty Gun Backfires In Wilkes . . .

Greensboro Daily News

Perhaps it is an outrage that the clerk of the Superior court of Wilkes county should have named a Republican county commissioner to succeed a Democrat who was elected but didn't care for the job. But perhaps it is as strong as we would care to make it, and we'd also like it known that we do not expect personally to feel outraged at all.

The reason there were two Democrats and one Republican elected to the Wilkes county board of commissioners was that a Democrat representing Davie county in the legislature secured the passage of a bill dividing Wilkes into three districts for the purpose of electing the commissioners—otherwise there would have been three Republicans.

If an outrage has been committed, it looks as if it might have been perpetrated by a callous legislative majority which designs laws for the especial benefit of Democrats living in Republican counties.

If the Woodhouse bill, which produced Democratic commissioners in Wilkes, is the answer to question on the best way to secure popular government in North Carolina, why not dismember all those counties voting Republican and see that there are no Republican officers whatever? It would be just as decent; indeed, we are inclined to think it would be more so. A member of the minority might then know what to expect and could go about his private affairs with never a public concern.

Of course it might make for some poisoning of wells or hamstringing of cattle; but that might be met with offering a bounty on everybody unwilling to say Uncle Franklin.

We fancy the clerk of court over in Wilkes is a Republican, too. Well, here's to his long waving!

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Cafe Inspections Made By Fowler

"The Cafes and lunch counters in Roxboro and Person County are the cleanest since regular inspections were begun two years ago; says T. J. Fowler, Sanitarian, after making the inspections for the month of November. Fowler also said, "There are some cafes and lunch counters in the town and county that are not as sanitary or run in as clean a manner as they should be. They made a rating just high enough to stay open."

The law requires that all places serving food have to make a rating of 70. In the future all drug stores that make and serve hot soups and sandwiches, will be inspected and rated according to the Cafe laws.

Two places were under construction during the inspection and were not rated this month, they were Shank's Grill and Gardners Tea Room.

Following are the Grades: 90 to 100, Grade A. 80 to 90 Grade B: 70 to 80 Grade C.

Roxboro Diner 95, Hotel Roxboro, 94; Royal Cafe, 94; Feedwell Cafe, 91.5; Peoples Cafe, 91.0; Barnett's Cafe, 90; Moon Glow Cafe, (Col.) 93; King's Palace, 83.0; Blue Bird (Col.), 89; O'Brian's, 80.0; Brown Bobby, 82.5; Georges, 80.5; Red Lane Cafe, 77, Knoll Inn 70.0; and New Home Cafe (Col.) 70.

Person Health Report Shows Work In Schools

In his monthly report, released today Dr. A. L. Allen, of the Person Health Department said: "The month of November saw increased attention to school work, which consisted of physical examinations; inoculations, including Schick, tuberculin, toxoid, small-pox; and dental care given in the Negro institutions. An outbreak of measles occurred, which reached almost epidemic proportions, while 28 new cases of syphilis were discovered. This last resulted from the large number of blood tests made routinely as well as for the army registrants".

Below are facts in the report:

Schools
Pupils examined by physician: 373. Pupils examined by dentist: 675. Pupils having teeth cleaned: 259. Total dental operations 981. Pupils referred to private physician.
Medical and dental care in schools was carried out by Dr. Allen, Dr. I. A. Daves, State Negro Dentist, and nurses, Mrs. Blanche Vincent and Miss Evelyn Fletcher.

Syphilis Control
Blood Tests: 190; Treatments: 482; New patients: 20, No. patients enrolled 178.

Control work done by Dr. A. L. Allen, assisted by Mrs. John Bullock and Miss Lake Allen.

Sanitation:
Under supervision of T. J. Fowler.

New Privies Installed: 53;
Cafe Inspections: - - 64
Tuberculosis case finding:
Individual fluoroscoped: 55, by

Dr. W. P. Richardson.
Pregnant mothers examined: 17 by Dr. H. M. Beam.
Communicable diseases were: Measles 33, Syphilis 28, whooping cough 6, chicken pox 5, scarlet fever, 3.

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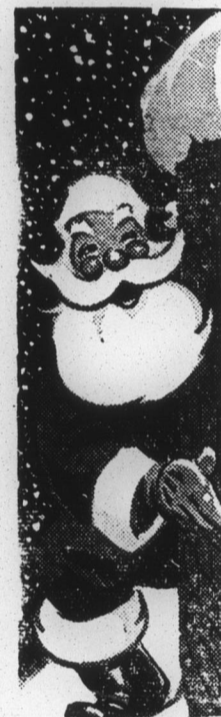
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