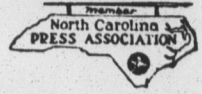


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Tar Heel Lady.....

Public press this week has made much over Mrs. Elizabeth Rollins Deegan, former Asheville resident and a granddaughter of the late Jeter C. Pritchard, one-time Republican political figure in North Carolina.

Instead, as all readers must now know, she apparently indulged in the American habit of meddling by giving assistance to Britishers in French prisons and hospitals.

On the day the Paris story "broke", Mrs. Deegan's brother, Tom Rollins, whom we knew at Chapel Hill as one of the most attractive men of his generation, died at Asheville and at the same time it was announced that her daughter, after spending some time with her father's people in Alabama, was enroute to Asheville to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Rollins, Sr.

The sublime (and egotistical) belief held by many Americans-in-Europe that they as Americans can do as they please because they are citizens of the United States needs now, if ever, to be properly exploded.

Military Vermicelli.....

Indications are that in Italy repercussions are being felt because of the slowness of Mussolini's "conquest" of Greece. Scarcely had the world heard of the removal of Marshal Badoglio before it was informed that Count de Val Cismun had resigned as commander-governor of the Dodecanese islands.

Denials have come from Italy that these changes and accusations will lower the morale of the people, but so many changes in places of high command and so much indication of internal displeasure over the necessary economic system must be taken as signs that the Italians are disappointed with failures to achieve easy conquests such as they once made in Albania and Ethiopia.

Events move so swiftly in war time that changes must occur over night. There was that same rapidity in the American Civil War, when commanders on both Confederate and Yankee sides went up and down in accordance with their respective successes and failures until Lee and Grant got down to serious business in final days.

The intensities of wars may progress: the human elements, particularly in Italy at the moment, remain the same.

Christmas Fireworks.....

Printed elsewhere in the Times is an open forum letter from City Manager Percy Bloxam calling attention to fact that there is on City Books an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fire-crackers within corporate limits.

Not soon will we forget the Christmas-in-hospital enjoyed by a friend of ours, who thought he was being smart when he rigged up a home-made fire-cracker out of a tin can.

with fire-works and with faulty Christmas decorations, electrical and otherwise. To all his words of wisdom we can but say "Amen," hoping that echo of the sound will be loud enough to reach ears habitually deaf to public announcements having official connotations.

Making Petition.....

Regardless of items which may have been discussed and settled as being important we have been impressed by reports that delegations from Allensville, Mt. Tirzah and Bethel Hill wanting repairs and improvements to minor sections of roadways in their respective communities were on Monday at a district highway meeting held in Roxboro turned away after the hearing with promises that their petitions will be "considered."

"Considered" in such a connection is one of those evasive terms which leave "Yes" or "No" suspended in mid-air. We know that collective bodies dealing with other collective bodies must at times retreat behind such a screen of non-commitment and we know too that roads described may or may not need repairs.

At risk of displeasing one group because repairs are not made and at risk of less immediate attention to some bigger job, the seemingly minor requests made by groups mentioned above are of importance and not to be neglected on excuse that they are small.



Trucks At Large.....

The News and Observer

Entirely too much damage is being done in North Carolina by trucks

The latest incident in Raleigh is that of a driverless truck loaded with fuel oil, which rolled two blocks and finally crashed into a residence.

The truck was either mechanically unfit for service or the driver who allegedly affixed the brakes before leaving his vehicle was incompetent.

The time has apparently come for stricter inspection of trucks and the men who drive them. A mechanically perfect truck is a menace when under the control of an incompetent driver.

Light in a London Basement.....

Christian Science Monitor

Good does not come out of evil. Whence, then, the courage, the neighborliness, the resourcefulness that mankind exhibits in war time? War does not produce it.

A correspondent of an American newspaper has been interviewing some of London's brave women. One of these now keeps her home together in a basement of a friend's house. She and her husband live there with only the absolute necessities—a couple of camp beds, no luxuries, no cream, few clothes, and limited rations.

Many people today are realizing their incapacity for doing without nonessentials. Experience with war may hasten this realization. But all experience tends to develop a wisdom that turns human thought in the same direction.

We need not suppose that the essentials of living in a war-torn community are a measure of human needs under other conditions. Normal comforts, beauty and order in one's surroundings—most people agree these are desirable.

A measure of emancipation from the pressures of self-centeredness may be experienced in time of war or other crisis. A still greater measure may be achieved by recognition of opportunities for service in accord with that true essential of which Jesus was speaking when he told Martha that but one thing was needful.

Investigators To Visit Beer Outlets In All Counties

Raleigh, Dec. 12 — Investigators for the beer industry will visit every North Carolina county during 1941 to make certain that retail beer dealers conduct reputable places of business.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, announced today that the industry's "clean up or close up" campaign has resulted in the elimination of 136 undesirable beer outlets in 41 counties—109 by revocation, three by surrender of license, and 24 by refusal to re-license.

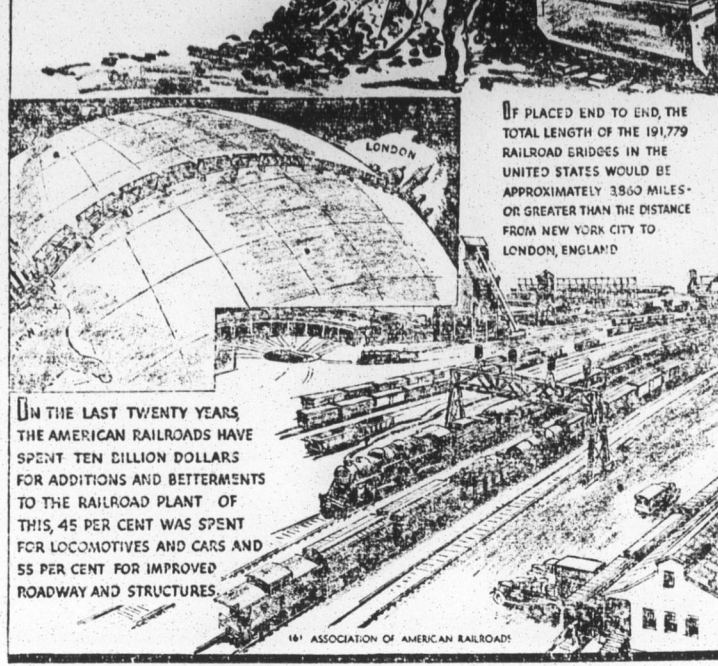
"A great majority of beer dealers conduct reputable places of business," Colonel Bain said, "but there is a minority which disregards the law and public decency.

Our campaign is directed at these scattered outlets. During 1941, our field representatives will check on these outlets and when necessary, we will request the local authorities to revoke their licenses."

During the past year, Bain said, more than 1,000 retail outlets in 94 counties were inspected. He emphasized that the "clean up" campaign will be carried to all counties in 1941.

Rail oddities

PRODUCTION OF THE MILLIONS OF TONS OF COAL BURNED IN AMERICAN RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES LAST YEAR GAVE EMPLOYMENT TO 94,000 COAL MINE WORKERS



Corn Responds Well To Potash In State Test

Bigger and better yields of corn are welcomed by every farmer. E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist of N. C. State College, passes along the results of a farm demonstration in Bertie County which shows the value of potash in raising the yield and quality of corn.

W. W. Mizelle of Green's Cross cooperated with B. E. Grant, Bertie County farm agent, in testing the response of corn to potash. He fertilized a field of corn with 300 pounds per acre of a 3-8-3 fertilizer before planting. He left one plot without any additional fertilizer. On a second plot he side-dressed the corn with 200

pounds of nitrate of soda when the corn was laid by. On the third plot he sidedressed with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre at laying-by time.

Blair says that the plant which was side-dressed with soda and potash yielded 39.1 bushels of corn per acre. The plot which received only nitrate of soda as a side-dressing produced 24.2 bushels per acre, and the check plot where no additional fertilizer was applied yielded 24.7 bushels of corn per acre.

"The season was dry for several weeks before the corn was laid by," the agronomist explained, "and the corn suffered severely from the drought. When it did rain, a hard wind preceded the rain. More corn was blown down in plots Nos. 1 and 2 than in the plot where the potash was applied. The potash plot had stronger stalks and better devel-

Hurdle Mills Has Honor Roll For Third Month

- 1st Grade, Bobby Hawkins, John Paul Jones, Billy Huff, Wallace Lang, Randall Rimmer, Nina Blalock, Annette Pugh, Page Gentry, Ann Long. 2nd Grade, Mary Lee Whitfield, Josephine Long, Bryce Gentry, Patricia Monk, Joyce Berry, Donald Lee Davis, Dewey Allison, Clara Mae Whitfield. 3rd Grade, Betty Sue Whitfield, Billy Rimmer, Dan Whitfield, Bobby Moore, John Foushee, Joan Whitfield. 4th Grade, Mary Evans, Katy Sue Terry, Louise Moize. 5th Grade, Wilma Berry, Guy Ashley. 6th Grade, Ruby Blalock, Juanita Bradsher, Christine Jones. 7th Grade, Gladys Sartain. 8th Grade, Stella Hawkins, Inez Hawkins, Malcolm Phelps. 10 Grade, Valinda Moore, C. B. Davis, Jr. 11th Grade, Clifton Day, Beatrice Blalock, Clarisse Foushee, Agnes Long, Irene McCullack, Norma Whitfield, Louise Jones.

TENANTS

Higher agricultural income is the principal reason why an increasing number of tenant farmers have bought farms this year, says the Farm Credit Administration.

SECOND

Total American crop production this year was the second largest on record, being surpassed only in 1937, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Blair further reported that soybeans sown in the corn at the last cultivation did better in the potash plot.

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring a man drinking and a bottle of Coca-Cola. Text: "Somebody knew I was coming" Ice-cold Coca-Cola is such a welcome drink. Prepared with a finished art, it has the taste that always charms. Pure, wholesome, delicious,—it brings a refreshed feeling after you drink it. Coca-Cola always makes any pause, the pause that refreshes.

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