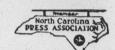
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### Tar Heel Lady.....

Public press this week has made much over Mrs. Elizabeth Rollins Deegan, former Asheville resident and a granddaughter of the late Jeter C. Pritchard, onetime Republican political figure in North Carolina. Mrs. Deegan, a divorcee, has for some years been living in Paris, France, where she has lately been connected with the American embassy as clerk. Mrs. Deegan, for all we know, might have stayed there for years without ever getting her name in the papers, if sne had been content to exercise ner talents in the restricted sphere to which she had been assigned.

Instead, as all readers must now know, she apparently induleged in the American nabit of meddling by giving assistance to Britishers in French prisons and hospitals. Since December 1, Mrs. Deegan has reportedly been detained by the German "Gestapo" or secret police and efforts to ascertain her whereabouts and to effect her release have thus far been futile.

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 Ashville 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 Ashville to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Rollins, Sr. Thus, from the North Carolina angle, this Deegan story has had in it all of humanity and color wanted by newsmen. But, much as we can sympathize with the distressed family, we cannot much blame the "Gestapo" for exercising that function for which it was created.

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. Being American is or should be a privilege but mere possesion of privilege does not mean license to get ones-self into trouble with expectation that fatherly Uncle Sam will always come running to rescue. Wars have been begun over just such episodes as the Deegan incident and we can see no reason why our government should do more than it has to in order to save face because a "lady' is involved.

# 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 Cismon had resigned as commander-governor of the Dodecanese islands. Rumor has it that Rodolfo Graziani is also on the down scale and may be removed from office before this editorial can be read. It is also reported that the lordly profiteer, buddy of Mars, is waxing fat in the land

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 succeses and failures until Lee and Grant got down to serious business in final days. American histories and memoirs of the period are full of accusations and counter-accusations by generals and ex-generals who in after days were certain that this battle and that could have been won if only "they" had been allowed to exercise their talents.

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 shootng of fire-crackers within corporate limits. Like Mr. Bloxam, we have no desire to be classified as a "kill-joy" but we earnestly recommend that such explosives be not used in the City and even where they are we request that the merry-makers emulate the caution commonly associated with the Chinese, whom legend credits with being inventors of fire-crackers and other more deadly explosives.

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. The thing went off, and so die he, with a blasted face and loss of sight. Perhaps 1 was lucky the hospital was not a morgue

Mr. Bloxam also mentions fire hazards associated

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 annoucements 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. We hope that some few of their requests will be granted and that "considered" will not be what it frequently has been, an excuse for doing nothing

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 Raieigh 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. The recent record of accidents would indicate that sufficient precautions are not being taken against either type of menace.

### 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. The facing of trials and the readiness for sacrifice, however, does disclose in the character of men and women depths and strengths of which they may not have been aware when physical comforts and luxuries absorbed their attentions and their energies.

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. Early in her career this woman seems to have learned that which it has taken some persons a lifetime to discover. "It is very restful," she said, "when all the non-essentials have fallen away." The Preacher, in Ecclessiastes, came to similar conclusions.

Many people today are realizing their ccapacity 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. The marble-imprisoned millionaire talks wistfully of the "simple life." Even the covetous poor man glimpses amid his strivings something of the futility that makes them wearisome. Is it a cause for wonder, then, when a woman discovers that to be rid of nonessentials is a blessing?

We need not suppose that the essentials of living in a war-torn community are a measure of numan needs under other conditions. Normal comforts, beauty and order in one's surroundings-most people agree these are desirable. Still, human beings are too easily enslaved by self-prescribed "needs."

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. Thus in peace as in war the restfulness that comes with the displacement of non-essentials by more substantial interests is always available.

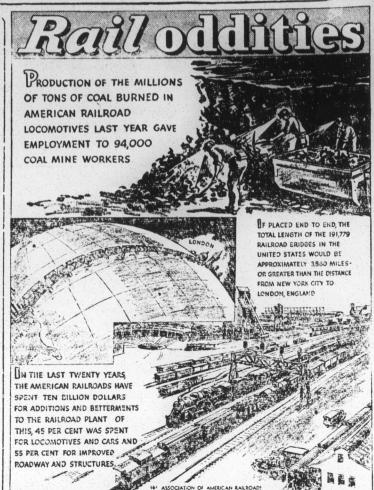
# Investigators To Visit Beer Outlets In All Counties

able places of business.

the elimination of 136 undesir- counties in 1941. able beer outlets in 41 counties--109 by revocation, three by surrender of license, and 24 by refu- SELL YOUR TOBACCO sal to re-license.

"A great majority of beer dealers conduct reputable places of usiness," Colonel Bain said, "but there is a minority which disregards the law and public decency. Raleigh, Dec. 12 — Investiga- Our campaign is directed at these ors for the beer industry will vi- scattered catlets. During 1941, sit every North Carolina county our field representatives will during 1941 to make certain that check on these outlets and when retail beer dealers conduct reput- necessary, we will request the local authorities to revoke their li-Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, censes."

State Director of the Brewers and During the past year, Bain said, North Carolina Beer Distributors more than 1,000 retail outlets in committee, announced today that 34 counties were inspected. He the industry's "clean up or close emphasized that the "clean up" up" campaign has resulted in campaign will be carried to all



## Corn Responds Well To Potash In State Test

are welcomed by every farmer. potash yielded 39.1 bushels of creaseing number of tenant far-Bigger and better yields of corn E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist of N. C. State College, passes a side-dressing produced 24.2 tration. along the results of a farm de- bushels per acre, and the check monstration in Bertie County plat where no additional fertilwhich shows the value of potash izer was applied yielded 24.1 in raising the yield and quality bushels of corn per acre.

the response of corn to potash. verely from the drought. When He fertilized a field of corn with it did rain, a hard wind preceded 300 pounds per acre of a 3-8-3 the rain. More corn was blown oped ears." side-dressed the corn with 200 stronger stalks and better devel- potash plat.

the corn was laid by. On the Norma Whitfield, Louise Jones. third plat he sidedressed with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per TENANTS acre at laying-by time.

Blair says that the plant which was side-dressed with soda and

"The season was dry for sevtie County farm agent, in testing ed, "and the corn suffered se-

## 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. losephine Long, Bryce Gentry, Patricia Monk, Joyce Berry, Donald Lee Davis, Dewey Allison, Clara Mae Whitfield.

3rd Grade, Betty Sue Whifield. Billy Rimmer, Dan Whitfield, Bobby Moore, John Foushee, Joan Whitfield.

4th Grade, Mary Evans, Katy Sue Terry, Louise Moize. 5th Grade, Wilma Berry, Guy

6th Grade, Ruby Blalock, Juaita 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. pounds of nitrate of soda when Agnes Long, Irene McCullack,

Higher agricultural income is the principal reason why an incorn per acre. The plat which mers have bought farms this year, received only nitrate of soda as says the Farm Credit Adminis-

#### SECOND

Total American crop production this year was the second largest on record, being surpassed W. W. Mizelle of Green's Cross eral weeks before the corn was only in 1937, reports the U.S. cooperated with B. E. Grant, Ber- laid by," the agronomist explain- Bureau of Agricultural Econo-

fertilizer before planting. He left down in plats Nos. 1 and 2 than Blair further reported that sayone plat without any additional in the plat where th epotash was beans sown in the corn at the fertilizer. On a second plat he applied. The potash plat had last cultivation did better in the



COCA-COLA BOTTLING WORKS OF ROXBORO