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Spanish Earth.....

Small item in news of a week flaming with Balkan problems now that Bugaria has now backed down, was that in the coffin of the late Alfonso XIII, was placed "a small bag of Spanish earth." No better proof than this is needed as evidence that tradition itself dies "hard" in a changing world.

Ex-King Alfonso, a Hapsburg, had to day of his death not been in Spain for ten years and had, if any, an infinitesimal amount of Spanish blood. He had for himself no hope of regaining his lost throne, but knowing that death was upon him, he recently handed over to one of his younger sons, claims to the throne of Ferdinand and Isabella, and finally, when death was an accomplished fact, lay in state in a coffin graced with a tiny sack of earth from the nation which was his only by the kingly adoption perpetrated by his ancestors.

Equally within conformity were respects paid to him by Spanish royalists, more than one thousand in number. Busy reporters of world news flashed these details from Rome, knowing as they did so that readability attached is encompassed in historical possibilities as much as it is in human interest. As an ex-monarch Alfonso conducted himself with dignity and it is in a topsy-turvy world not beyond realm of possibilities that his designated son, in good health, may return to the throne of Spain, once that nation, and several others, is done with experiment with common blooded dictators.

Not least of the ironies of the modern age is discovery by democracies that government of those European nations previously ruled by kings, and now unhappily under up-start dictatorship, was under kings more truly democratic than was supposed. For the particular circumstances under which many Europeans have lived the monarchical form of government must now appear as the lesser of two evils.

Educational Inchworming.....

In the Sunday issue of the Times' Roxboro Rambler section was published a district school's honor roll for the fifth school month. This list as usual was comprised of between forty and fifty students from the sixth through the eleventh grades who, we suppose, must have made 90 or above on all subjects, arriving at happy state of being on said roll through hard work, plus personality and all other factors which govern teachers, who are, after all very human and therefore liable to fallibility when it comes to difficult business of evaluating mental capacities of the young persons committed for eight months out of twelve to their care.

Month in and month out we have been publishing similar lists from various schools in the county system and since such publication ministers to the vanities of pupils, teachers and parents concerned we shall probably go on with the publishing as long as we remain in Person county and when we go elsewhere or are removed by death the tradition will be carried on by those fortunate or unfortunate enough to take up where we leave off.

We could, of course, say what we have long thought: that "honor rolls," "improvement rolls" and the like, are in higher educational circles becoming somewhat passe, since educators with brains are beginning to at last realize comparative impossibility of saying that Mary is definitely brighter than Susan, or that John, who learns easily and without effort is better than James, who has to plug for what he gets, but nevertheless gets it in the end.

At one or two institutions of higher learning, Rollins college and St. John's if we remember rightly, "A," "B," "C," "D" grading has been altogether abandoned in favor of a trial period for the first two years, with a comprehensive including a specialized field in the senior year. It is too much to expect that so liberal and elastic a method of "graduation" can be employed in public high schools, let alone grammar schools, but signs that education is coming to be thought of as what it has really always been, a relative process, can be regarded as an approach to an adult state of mind in a field wherein adulthood has previously been singularly lacking.

Doctors and lawyers have long been notorious for the zeal with which they have guarded educational and professional traditions, but it is high time somebody spoke out anent similar tradition-worshipping practices among teachers, who of all people by their very inheritance of culture with a capital C should be

supposed to be possessors of open and ventilated minds. Recent instance as reported to have been uncovered in the local school system is indicative of local continuance of the "closed-minded" and tradition-hedged policy of educational inchworming, of straining at a gnat to swallow a camel in matter of honor roll qualification, but those who have been discomforted by the discovery can cheer themselves by remembering that the same thing goes on throughout the land, and more particularly in those communities where teachers are still regarded with respect merely because they are supposed to possess more book-larnin' than their fellow-workers.

We realize that there must be some measurement of intellectual capacities, if only for purposes of distinction between those persons who are dumb and can't help it and those others, the brighter ones, who because of their capacities will lead us onward, whether the leadership is in intellectual processes or more appreciated money-making, but we are of opinion that the measuring demands of those in position to judge, great capacities of commonsense often not derived from books.

Tar Heel Daylight.....

Having experienced in New York and other states inconveniences attached to an incomplete system of daylight saving under which clocks on public buildings kept to old time in defiance of "new law" and in which railroads operated trains under old schedule in order to avoid complications in passing through areas where in daylight saving was not observed, we can't somehow, get up much enthusiasm for Durham Legislator Victor Bryant's sponsorship of a Day-light Saving bill for North Carolina.

Clerks in stores and other city workers, of which there are in proportion not too many in North Carolina, might have thereby an extra afternoon hour for golfing or gardening, but plain truth is that the most of the inhabitants of this state rise early and work late and will continue to do so regardless of efforts to move the clock backward. If daylight saving is ever needed as one more cog in the now much-talked of "National Defense" as a means of saving electric power, that is something else again—of which we can approve on practical grounds, but until such a practical angle is introduced we can see no earthly need of disturbing the present Tar Heel time-schedule.

We Hope They Do It.....

Word goes around that certain Roxboro women, former members of a club devoted to such arts, are contemplating revival of a too long defunct garden club in Roxboro. As an aid to civic and personal beautification and as a corrective to bridge and luncheon gossiping and drug-store tittle-tattle we can think of nothing better and we hope there is more than just talk attached to the idea of rebirth. A beautiful flower is a work of art in nature and its production is but a step below that creative instinct sometimes given to music, to writing or to painting.



Literature And The South.....

Durham Morning Herald

The nation owes a great debt to the South for the literature which this section has given it. Perhaps it's a paradox that while so many people in the South have been writing, and still are writing, good books, there are, comparatively speaking, few people down here who buy and read good books.

It has been a characteristic saying of book publishers that time spent trying to sell books in the South was purely and simply wasted. Only a few weeks ago a famous publisher spoke slightly of the South's interest in books.

But, we submit, there has been a change taking place. Without denying that the South in the past has been something of a desert as far as book buyers and readers were concerned, we say that recently, extending back perhaps three or four years, there has been a notable quickening in the average Southerner's interest in books and his willingness to buy them for himself.

This observation would seem to be borne out by the testimony in the past few days of two people who ought to know what they are talking about. The Durham Morning Herald book page recently quoted a representative of a New York publishing firm, a representative who travels in this region, as having said that whereas a few years ago it would not have paid him to spend much time in the South today he can spend a day in such a city as Durham, for instance, to good advantage. This he felt to be characteristic of the change coming over the South.

On the book page yesterday Alfred A. Knopf, head of the publishing firm which bears his name, also commented upon the altered attitude of the South toward books.

We believe that this change is healthy and that we ought to take pride in it. We hope, and we believe, that it will continue and that more people will come to appreciate the value of books and the pleasure and benefit which a library of their own will bring to them.

As far as creating literature is concerned, the South scarcely need take second place to any other region. Here we have one of the greatest of living novelists in Ellen Glasgow. Younger novelists are coming along who seem destined to be placed with the country's literary giants. Mr. Knopf could point himself to two distin-

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guished books which he has only recently published by residents of this State: Professor White's superb biography of Shelley, and W. J. Cash's important "The Mind of the South." The South is contributing immensely to the literature of the nation.

And along with the quickened interest in reading books it is logical to expect that the South will contribute in even larger measure to the world's creative literature. Every Southerner should take pride in the advances that are being made.

**Eggs**  
Egg production during the coming spring and summer may be slightly smaller than in the corresponding period of 1940 because of fewer layers on farms than a year earlier.

**Meat**  
Prices received by American farmers for meat animals and livestock products averaged about 2 percent higher in 1940 than in 1939, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

ECLIPSES OF THE SUN NOW MADE TO ORDER

An instructive article pointing out that astronomers don't have to travel all over the earth any more to study eclipses as their new instruments provide them with all the information they seek. Read this interesting feature in the March 16th issue of **The American Weekly** the big magazine distributed with the

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Legal Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the terms of that deed of trust executed by N. V. Brooks and wife Maggie H. Brooks on the 2nd day of March, 1937, and recorded in Book 8, page 507, in the office of Register of Deeds of Person County, default having been made in the payment of the bond secured thereby, and upon request of the holder thereof, I will as trustee:

On Saturday, March 15th, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon at the Court-house door in Roxboro, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash the following real estate bounded and described as follows:

That certain lot or parcel of land lying and being on the South side of the Roxboro-Olive Hill public road and fronting 261 feet on said road, said lot being composed of lots Nos. 5 and 6 as shown by map and survey of Winstead Park, recorded in Book 22, page 410, Register's Office, Person County, and being the lots upon which the grantors have recently erected a new dwelling, said lots above mentioned being in Block A as shown by the aforesaid plat. See deed from A. Lipshitz and wife to O. L. Satterfield, Book 21, page 486, and deed from O. L. Satterfield and wife, to N. V. Brooks in Book 35, page 139, and deed from A. Lipshitz and wife to J. M. O'Brian and H. W. Winstead Book 21, page 475, deed from H. W. Winstead to J. M. O'Brian, Book 22, page 478, and deed from J. M. O'Brian, to O. L. Satterfield, Book 27, page 17, which are made a part of this description.

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T. F. Davis, Trustee. 2-20-41-t

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