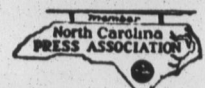


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## The Color Of Farm Life.....

From Raleigh comes announcement that State College Extension service, through courtesy of R. J. (Dick) Reynolds, will be showing motion pictures in color depicting Tar Heel farm life. Production of the film has been delayed because of shortages attributable to war conditions, but it now appears that work can go ahead and that North Carolina farmers soon will be able to see themselves at work, and in the seeing grasp for themselves the totality and bigness of their job.

In giving these pictures to the State, Reynolds, one-time Mayor of Winston-Salem, who is now a Navy Lieutenant, is doing for the State the same thing that Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, has been doing for Person County. And those citizens who have been made more familiar with improved farm practices in Person do not have to be told of the educational value of Hunter's down to earth movies.

Reynolds several years ago, with the same commendable, public-spirited enthusiasm, gave the State a color film showing North Carolina as "Vacationland", and as important as that series was, it seems unnecessary to add that the up-and-coming farm series should be much more important and more greatly appreciated, especially by those citizens who believe that intelligent farming is one way of economic and cultural salvation.

## History Repeats, Maybe.....

From Oxford's Richard Minor (in the Durham Morning Herald) comes a story concerning the reopening of the old High Hill, Blue Wing and Durgy copper mines, the last named in Person County, close to the Virginia line. Except for flat-footed statement that these mines will be developed under supervision of the United States Bureau of Mines and that preliminary investigation may cost \$25,000, there is nothing new or sensational about the story, although Minor's version of it does give a little more of concreteness to vague reports that have drifted in to Roxboro for the past two months.

Center of operations, according to Minor, is to be Virgilina, Va. Oldest of the three mines appears to be the Blue Wing, in Granville, with High Hill, in Halifax County, Va., next, and the Durgy, in Person, last, although not one of the mines has had profitable operation since the Durgy closed in 1918. Minor appears to be optimistic, expecting that reopening of the mines may mean the creation of a vital war industry in the Virgilina section, but a survey of the facts as to previous costs of operation, set against the smallness of yields and profits, should enable Roxboro residents to keep their shirts on.

The State of North Carolina, as witness recent activities in the Western part of the State, is interested in revitalizing the State's ever tantalizing but never too profitable mining projects, but we have not to date heard of any North Carolina support for the Durgy and its sister mines. Something like a hundred years ago there was in this State a considerable effort and some Yankee capital expended on mines for copper and gold, particularly in Randolph and Guilford counties. It is interesting to think that the same spirit may be revived here now, but "interesting" is about as strong a word as circumstances warrant.

Mining at Durgy, or elsewhere in North Carolina will not be profitable unless modern science can devise ways to pull the elements out of the earth at less cost. The cost angle, in proportion to amounts of ore extracted, has been the negative influence in the development of North Carolina as a mining State for all except mica.

We hope Minor is right in thinking that real business can begin in the Virgilina area, but until it does begin, the Person attitude of caution remains commendable.

## The Other Obligation.....

We were talking last night to one of Person's war-spawned, unpaid Government officials. Regardless of unhappy personal repercussions that may result from execution of duties imposed by his job, it is the civic duty of this citizen to execute orders pertaining to his job.

Sometimes, as it happened last night, full weight of the job hits our citizen. He knows that the best he can do is imperfect, that no official, paid or unpaid, can get the public to fully cooperate with any program, not even when cooperation is the easiest way out for all concerned.

And right at this point, to our mind, is where the other obligation enters in. The public knows that rules and regulations are today imposed for benefit of the majority. The public knows, too, and so does our worrying, unpaid official, that laws are made to be broken, rather than observed. Otherwise, there would be no need for restrictions.

Paradox, however, lies in the deliberateness of evasion, and in the comparative intelligence of the violator. It all boils down to a matter of conscience, as we think our official will agree. But what troubles most of us is a dormancy of conscience. Citizens who have for long lived in a land of license are hard put to it to discover that liberty and conscience mean the same thing and require the same controls.

Our unpaid Government officials are human. Like those who get salaries for their pains, they make mistakes. But it is sometimes the rest of us who are most wanting in cooperation, and in charitable understanding.

## Versus Education.....

A resident of Olive Hill township, Person County, is the Rev. J. H. Shore. For nearly fifty years, ever since he married one of Person's daughters, the Rev. Mr. Shore has been familiar with the Person way of living, and as he last week told the Council of Social agencies, he has found in that way much of which he can approve.

It is his belief, for instance, that Olive Hill township, about which he was invited to speak, has shown a commendable understanding of the distinction between education and culture and that many of its citizens realize that people can have one and not the other. Education, as he intimates, implies an ability to read and write, and the faculty of using these abilities as tools in getting ahead, financially, socially, morally. Culture, on the other hand, suggests rather the ability to understand what is read and written and lived with.

Education, of a sort, becomes the property of a pupil who has advanced no further than the first grade. Successive steps from one grade to the next and on into college are but so many steps in an enlargement of education and in a possible but by no means certain acquisition of culture. In saying that the culture of a people offers a measure of their understanding of social and moral problems, of their abilities to read comprehension into the very headlines in their newspapers, the Rev. Mr. Shore offered the most penetrating analysis we have yet heard of concerning what is wrong with the most of us.

Education can be and is given through the public schools. Culture flourishes or dies in accordance with what the educated person does with his knowledge, or more rarely, like a wild flower, springs up without watering and without care.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### Four Strong Points

News and Observer

Naturally, Madame Chiang Kaishek thinks that the United Nations should concentrate in the battle in the Pacific and give more help to China which has alone in the Orient been waging war against the Japanese for five years. On the justice of China's claims she brought forward four strong points:

1. Japan by conquest has greater resources at its command than Germany.
2. The longer Japan is allowed to hold them, the stronger she will be allowed to become.
3. The Japanese are an intransigent people.
4. China has endured Japan's "sadistic fury" for four and a half years.

Everybody will agree that we should help China more and quickly. The lion in the path is lack of transportation. The closing of the Burma Road and the lack of transport planes stand in the way of as much assistance as we desire to give and give soon. There is no Chinese port open to Allied shipping; all are held by Japan or blockaded by Japanese sea power. The Burma Road is in the enemy's hands and over the long Chinese-Soviet highway comes but a trickle of supplies. Only India, across the fearful barrier of the Himalayas, can serve as a supply depot and from there transport is limited to air freight, and a few tortuous caravan routes. Within China itself are great communications problems.

Lend-lease aid to all countries has exceeded eight billion dollars, while only one hundred and fifty million dollars worth has reached the Chinese. The New York Times says:

Nothing less than opening up an adequate supply route and equipping the Chinese army as a modern fighting force will overcome the Japanese on the front on which they are most vulnerable. But before we can develop an adequate supply route we must first reconquer Burma; to reconquer Burma we must have sufficient sea power in the Bay of Bengal to prevent the landing of Japanese reinforcements at Rangoon; and to make sea power available for this purpose we must first win the present Battle of the Mediterranean. We come back to the conception of a global war, in which all fighting fronts are merely segments of one mighty struggle.

## Congratulations To -

The Progressive Farmer.

Mrs. Rosalind Redfearn, long the popular and useful home agent in Anson County, N. C., and David S. Coltraine, our able Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, both of whom received awards for Distinguished Service to Agriculture at the recent successful State Farm Bureau meeting in Raleigh.

—To three Virginians chosen at the 1943 meeting of Ruritan National to head that organization during the coming year—John Henry Powell of Nansmond County, president; Howard A. Spangler of Rockingham, vice-president; L. T. Hall of Isle of Wight, secretary.

—To Hon. Josephus Daniels whose superb fight for a ninth month for North Carolina public schools entitles him to the gratitude of all rural North Carolina... and to the State Grange and Farm Bureau, which defeated strong reactionary elements and supported this progressive program.

—To 32 North Carolina counties which earned 90 per cent or more of their maximum soil-building credit under the AAA program, including the two leaders, Anson (97.6 per cent) and Scotland (97.5).

## Open Forum

Thursday, March 4  
Roxboro, N. C.

J. S. Merritt,  
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Dear Sam:

Person County's Red Cross quota for this year is \$5,600.00 or about double the amount asked last year. If everyone will contribute his part this goal can be attained and the quota over subscribed. With the increased demands on the American Red Cross both to our boys in the service, at home and abroad, it will be necessary for each of us to give generously to carry on this great work.

The American Red Cross is one of the greatest humanitarian organizations in the world, and their duties are not confined to the treatment of the injured and sick but especially has their work been outstanding in keeping the boys in foreign services in touch with their relatives and helping them over homesickness and despondency by arranging their days of leave from actual combat into entertainment in private homes, sightseeing tours, etc.

One of the most outstanding workers in this field is an American born English woman, Mrs. W. J. Dexter. Mrs. Dexter was a Red Cross nurse in World War I, who celebrated her 21st birthday in France consuming sardines and jam festively set out in a garbage tin, has served the

American Red Cross in two wars and one earthquake.

The Eagle Club in London at which Mrs. Dexter works now numbers about 10,000 boys as American citizens, entitled to use the Eagle Club and the chances are good that she knows about 9,000 of them by name, not the formal surnames used by casual acquaintances, but the intimate little nicknames the

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folks used back home. Such services to our boys and to the boys of our allies can not be estimated in dollars and cents for the building of their morale while on leave by such people as Mrs. Dexter, makes them better soldiers and more content with their lot.

We are sure there is not a citizen in Person County who (turn to page three, please)



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