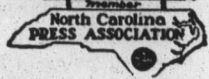


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Welcome!

Edenton has a newcomer in its midst in the person of H. (Bo) Thomas, who on Thursday of last week succeeded C. C. Saunders as manager of Hotel Joseph Hewes. Mr. Saunders cancelled his lease with G. H. Harding, owner of the hotel, due to ill health and is now at the home of his daughter in Royal Oak, Michigan, where he will rest in an effort to regain his health.

Mr. Thomas, who has with him his wife, daughter and son-in-law, has had a considerable amount of hotel experience and knows the business from A to Z. Edenton appeals to him and he is very anxious to become a part of the community. He, therefore, would like to become acquainted with Edenton people and invites them to call at the hotel to make themselves known.

The Herald regrets to see Mr. and Mrs. Saunders leave Edenton, but at the same time welcomes the Thomas family in our midst and hopes they will learn to love the old town and its people as much as many others who have adopted Edenton as their home.

Let's Be Sensible

With the situation in Korea becoming more tense and the prospect of another war in the minds of many people, the likelihood of unscrupulous people cashing in on the situation is becoming more and more apparent. Already prices of commodities have taken a boost for no reason at all except to take advantage of the situation to make easy money.

Up to the present time no action has been taken by the government to control prices, other than to argue whether or not price control should be invoked. In the meantime some people will become millionaires at the expense of the buying public. There is no doubt but that many who are hungry for the almighty dollar will take advantage of this situation by boosting prices until such time as they are harnessed by a program of price control.

Many people who can ill afford to do so also aid the profiteer by becoming panicky and rushing to purchase items they figure might become scarce. Government officials assure us that there is no shortage of any commodities, so that spontaneous buying on the part of the consumer is all the more reason for prices to go up.

It is very obvious that this buying rush tends to create the very scarcity which people fear. It is equally obvious that there are many people unwilling to heed the advice of leaders, who advise all loyal Americans, which by the way includes Chowan County citizens, not to rock the economic boat.

After all, even if some items do become scarce, there is no reason to anticipate suffering on the part of the buying public. There will be enough necessities of life available to survive, so that just a little inconvenience should be no legitimate reason to hoard and help raise prices.

Those who may be called upon to fight for their country will of necessity not only experience inconveniences, but will be forced to undergo hardships and in some cases even suffer death. Are we any better than they?

What Has Man to Depend Upon?

In these troublesome times, the individual who has no great principles to guide his life finds the present an era of great tribulation.

There are wars, rumors of wars, economic difficulties, political puzzles and personal problems to confound the average citizen of this country. What once seemed relatively safe and secure in many fields of human activity is now precariously attacked and even the sacred formulas of early days are badly battered.

Upon what, then, can man depend? Surely, he can depend upon the fundamental principles that he has adopted to guide his life. The basic faith in God that makes men lift up their heads, the confidence that faces doubtful fate superbly and the attributes of the soul that stand supreme above the vicissitudes of earthly strife are strength to the intelligent and the brave, a staff upon which the tired may lean and a blessing to all those who are willing to work for a better world of better human beings.

The number of people in a community is not nearly as important as the type of people in the community.

Loud talking sometimes passes as intelligence, but not for long.

HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

Jim Daniels is among a group who eats a steak supper out at Ernest Lee's once or twice a week and every time when asked what he wants to drink, Jim replies, "Coffee, please." The other night when the weather was hot and it felt good to sit in the path of an electric fan, one of the group asked Jim why he didn't call for iced tea instead of hot coffee. "Nope," said Jim, "I'm going to drink coffee until the weather is hot." Gosh all hemlock, as I am writing this column the perspiration is running down my neck, so that if Jim ordered a steak dinner now, I'm satisfied he'd call for iced tea. What kind of a guy is he, anyway?

I've just got to pay more attention to locking the door to The Herald office when I leave, or Sgt. Jones of the Edenton Police Department will go "nerts." On my desk the other morning was the following note: "Hi Buff—If you don't clean off this desk I'll report you to Capt. Dick Hall. Awful . . . but just carelessness! Third time now in as many weeks. Let's go a-fishin' sometime. By the way, ask your friend, 'Informers' Allbrook, how many fish he caught the last time he went out." Well, I haven't heard from Allbrook (except to give me a ticket for parking overtime) about his fishing trip, so I just take it for granted that he didn't catch nary a fish. (A Bertie County School teacher told me "nary" is bad English). Well, so was Allbrook's fishing bad.

Mrs. Horace White reprimanded me on Sunday for saying I intended to bake a cake for the Pocahontas cake sale Saturday morning. The basis for her complaint was that probably some people might not attend the sale for fear of buying the cake I baked. Well, I "forgot" to bake a cake, but I saw one which one of the Pocahontas ladies baked. The thing looked like two pancakes slapped together. I don't know what kind of a cake it was supposed to be, but for lack of a better name, I called it a "flat cake." Nope, it wasn't for sale at the cake sale, and now I am tempted to try to bake a cake.

I am convinced that we widowers must stick together. In fact the last organization I joined was the Degree of Pocahontas, so that I'm ready to join a Widower's Club. All of which is caused by a rumor going the rounds that George Twiddy, a recent widower, is scheduled to marry one of the Edenton school teachers. The same rumor went the rounds about me and, as in my case, there is no ground for a rumor about George—or at least he knows nothing about it. What the Sam Hill, is somebody starting these rumors in an effort to find husbands for some of our teachers? Let the teachers talk for themselves, eh, George! At any rate, George says that if and when he plans to marry again, both interested and disinterested parties will be given due notice. I'm not talkin'.

Major W. R. Lucius the other day wrote a letter to Lieut. J. E. Foster, now in command of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station. In the letter were some golf score cards supposed to be the scores of some games the Major played on various courses. Of course, the scores were very good, but how come Major Lucius hasn't saved some of his score cards from the Edenton golf course? Think I'll send him some of my score cards so he can see how I can fix 'em up.

Lieut. J. E. Foster, in command of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station, says he loses a lot of time when he comes to Edenton. Folks stop him and ask about reopening of the base and some inquire about civil service positions. Lieut. Foster is of the opinion that the base will be reopened but he has had no official information. He says when he receives any information it will be made known. As to civil service jobs, he says no provision has been made for interviews, so that every time he is stopped it means he, as well as those talking to him about it, are losing just that much time. When Uncle Sam is ready to reopen the base he will do it, so that it's no need for local people to try to rush things.

Jim Daniels is one guy now who doesn't feel like he's getting the heeby jeebies every time a rain is in the making. While the Albemarle League was in operation so many games were rained out that Jim became fidgety every time he saw a cloud in the sky—it meant no money coming in and money going out. Now when the clouds begin to gather Jim says "Let it rain." Well, that's about all any of us can say.

Thanks to Asa Griffin and Percy Perry, I have received two of the largest watermelons I've seen this season. They come in very handy, for with company from Pennsylvania scheduled to arrive next week, I'll have something to eat—quantity at least, and I reckon the quality will be there, too. Asa pinned a question on his watermelon, but I have not been able to figure out the answer and he'll not tell me. Anyway, Percy said I placed an order for a watermelon in this column, so he didn't



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IN WASHINGTON

SPACE FOR TIME AND BLOOD AND LIFE

It would not hurt the readers of The Perquimans Weekly to digest the observation of the New York Times when that newspaper points out that what our fighting men are doing in Korea is the buying of time by the giving of space.

And, "what is space?" asks the editor. It is the "blood of men thrown into a battle for which they were not prepared, without the weapons they needed."

And "what is time?" continues the New York editor. It is "help coming from far away; the willing support of more than two score nations."

Is this all? The answer, unfortunately, is in the negative. Some of the brave young men will yield in battle the "most precious gift a young man has"—all the years that might have been his, if honor, duty and bravery were not his shield in a world not yet perfected.

U. S. MUST SUPPORT CIVILIZATION

The out-numbered and out-gunned Americans, fighting in South Korea, received no comfort from the "new weapons" that the military planners have been talking about using in the next war.

The handful of fighting men, now being mauled by an overwhelming North Korean force, will pay dearly in lives for the mistakes of their Republic. They have suddenly been thrown into the tempest of war, under circumstances which make it impossible to do more than fight a delaying battle. This type of warfare tries the nerves and tests the morale of seasoned veterans, much less the untried soldiers which have been sent into Korea from Japan.

The men who fight, get wounded and die in South Korea will not add any victories to the proud record of this nation but their sacrifice will not be in vain if it persuades the people of the United States to adopt a sensible, balanced, military policy. They suffer today because of the hysteria that swept this country in 1945, when practically everybody on the domestic front demanded that the boys be brought home at once. The same popular opinion forced the rapid demobilization of our fighting men.

While the nation proclaimed its support of the United Nations and its determination to fight Soviet aggression and talked glibly of winning the next struggle with new techniques and inventions, there was no logical expansion, and training of any adequate force of ground troops. Today, in the face of possible emergencies in other areas of the world, the United States is not in a position to effectively oppose any vigorous thrust of the Soviet Union. We are not ready to implement our loudly-proclaimed principle of containing Communism by aiding free nations when attacked.

If there is general approval of our intervention in the Korean struggle, and a similar intervention in other cases of Soviet aggression that may occur, it behooves the United States to prepare itself for battle. We must not only be ready to talk about supporting the free peoples of the world, but must have the military power to oppose the strength of the aggressors. If this requires the maintenance of a striking force of a quarter or a half million soldiers at all times, then this nation should not neglect the requirement.

For many years, the British Empire maintained contingents of British troops around the world. There was no United Nations to police the earth and the British, because of their trading and territorial interests, took on the job of an international police force. Today, in the present plight of the world, there is no force to act for the cause of human freedom and there will be no effective police force unless the United States is willing to provide it.

The task of preventing aggression of the type now being witnessed in South Korea requires more than the presence of a small army in the United States. This country must maintain adequate forces in key bases throughout the world. They must be supplied with the paraphernalia of warfare at all times. Not only must

the ground troops be equipped and ready to fight, but there must be in service adequate ships to take them where they are needed and supply them where they fight. In addition, there must be an adequate Air Force to support them anywhere, whether it be based on land airfields or carried on the decks of floating airfields.

Into this picture comes the demand in some responsible quarters in Washington, that the United States participate in a mutual defense pact throughout the Pacific area, patterned after the North Atlantic Treaty. Such a pact might have some long-range value, but, for the present emergency, it amounts to nothing. There is little likelihood, in fact, that the contribution of other nations in the Pacific area will amount to much during the course of the next few decades.

While we do not oppose a mutual defense pact in the Pacific, being willing to take whatever long-range gains it may provide, we must not permit the idea to persuade us that we do not have to rely upon our own fighting strength alone. The police job in the Pacific cannot be handled by principles of mutual defense but must be the risk of a military force in being, backed by the productivity of this great industrial nation. This means, in short, that the United States must exert its power throughout the Pacific and replace the British Empire as it takes up what has formerly been termed the "White Man's burden."

While we are conscious of the nation's desire to preserve the peace of the world, and to set up conditions that will permit the peoples of the earth to develop themselves, we must

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not expect praise or appreciation from the so-called backward areas. Instead, we will meet criticism and hostility, and, in the course of a very few years, become the object of those who formerly assailed the British as imperialists, bent upon the plunder of subject peoples.

As a start in the tactical application of principles now followed by this country, the United States might as well be set up, as a permanent force, an expeditionary contingent of sufficient size to cope with any emergency

VISITING RELATIVES

Mrs. Mable Spencer and daughter left today (Thursday) for their home in Baltimore, Md., after spending a week visiting Mrs. Spencer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nixon, and other relatives.

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