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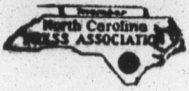
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it,
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MEETING DECIDES THAT IT SHALL BE A HOSPITAL

For some time the question of what kind of a monument the City and County would erect in honor of the memory of our boys and girls who have fought such a great fight for us in foreign lands has been under discussion. There were several things proposed, and all of them worthwhile, but at a meeting held recently the question was finally settled, and it will be a hospital.

We are in entire agreement with this decision, for we can conceive of nothing which will be of more service to humanity at large than a real hospital, a place where not only those who saw service for Uncle Sam, and their loved ones, but all who are in need of hospitalization can receive treatment. The plan is that we shall have a hospital which will care for the rich and the poor, the white, Indian and Negro. A hospital where the wealthiest can have service in keeping with their desires, and at the same time a hospital where the poor will never be turned away for lack of money.

But, you say, are you not expecting too much? No. The people of this good County are well able to finance such a proposition, the only question is, are we willing to do it? That old question, "Am I my brother's keeper," has long been recognized in the affirmative, and we can not evade it. Any city or county which does not provide for its sick is neglectful in its duty and we must not delay longer in doing our duty in this respect.

We had just as well make up our mind that a hospital for Roxboro and Person County is a home affair, and that we must pay for the same. Of course, there are good prospects that we can, and will, get some outside help, but the bulk of the cost will rest upon our shoulders. We can do it, and will do it, the only question for us to decide is whether we want to pay for it out of our individual pockets, or shall we resort to a bond issue. It can be built either way.

At the meeting above referred to a committee was appointed and this committee gives assurance of success. It will be a large part of this committee's job to look into the best plan to undertake in building the hospital, but the committee will also be charged with the duty of seeking the opinion of the people as to how they want to pay for the hospital.

WHERE WE ARE IN BLACK MARKETS

Quoted elsewhere on this page today is an OPA statement relative to black marketing, an issue that is receiving at the moment statewide and national emphasis because of an increased shortage of poultry and other meats. The statement is from an OPA News Letter addressed to OPA Boards and staffs and there is in it an appeal to the boards, their staffs and the public. The appeal is patriotic, for closer cooperation all up and down the line, and can best be summed up in this fashion; it takes two to make a black market, the buyer and the seller.

Sometimes, there is a go-between, a third party as an intermediary, but the only real reason a black market develops is because John Jones wants a scarce commodity and is willing to pay John Smith a higher price for it. In Roxboro and in Person County there have been and still are black markets of one sort or another, just as there are and have been similar markets in all of the hundreds of cities and towns and counties throughout the nation, and for that matter, across the seas.

It is a matter of supply and demand versus conscience. It takes two to make a fight, and it takes two to make a black market. Purely local interest attaches at the moment to two cases involving black market allegations, the one at Oxford, where it is alleged that two young women, OPA staff members, were dealing in gasoline coupons, and the one

brought up in Durham in Federal court in which a Roxboro poultry dealer and a nationally known meat packing company are involved. At this writing neither of these cases has been disposed of, but until they are, and until all evidence has been heard the public should not be too hasty in passing judgment by the easy expedient of throwing enforcement back to the OPA. The OPA is no stronger and no better than the public makes it.

We, the people, if we willingly create black market conditions, are the ones who ought to be condemned. Those who stand in court and take the rap are merely the "front".

FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITY

Renominated and expected to be returned to their respective offices without opposition are Mayor S. G. Winstead and a five-man Board of Commissioners, most of whom have served several terms in office and are familiar with the duties and the pattern connected with the administration of Roxboro's affairs. The citizens who gathered Thursday night at the Court House in a mass meeting wanted these men returned to office and thought well enough of them to make their renominations a matter of acclamation. There is evident satisfaction on the part of most citizens and every reason to believe that experience in government can count.

Indeed, it is possible that experience gained by the present municipal officers in the past two terms, of two years each, can pay off better in the coming two years than ever before. Municipal leaders have had a hard time of it because of the war, but that excuse may be ended soon, or at least partially lifted, by the fall of Berlin and the ultimate collapse of Japan. In the world of peace that lies ahead there is much that can be done to improve conditions here at home and it is to be hoped that Roxboro's city officials will be ready for the day when street repair supplies, trucks and cleaning equipment, sewer and water equipment and the like, become more plentiful. There is much that can and should be done.

THE SAME COUNTRY

Yesterday morning a young Roxboro man recently returned from service in England and in France was making uncomplimentary comparisons as far as the English attitude towards Americans was concerned. He liked the French and Paris much better than the English and London. There is, he says, a greater appreciation on the part of the French, whereas the English are on the indifferent side. Last night we rode home with another soldier, just back from twenty-seven months in Great Britain. He was full of nothing but praise for the English people and their spirit, their kindness and their consideration. He is, in fact, receiving letters from an English family with whom he lived.

The England that these two soldiers have seen is the same. It is a country full of loyal, sympathetic people. It is a country that is still conservative, and to a degree, class conscious. It is a country that has not as yet recovered from dreams of empire, but one that has been capable of contributing to the upbuilding of both American and French democracy.

The two Person soldiers under discussion have, however, come back home with conflicting and different impressions. The answer is that people usually find what they are looking for. Although it is perfectly possible that soldier number one, who liked France better, was simply unfortunate in the English people whom he met, there is the other answer from soldier number two. Both are right, and the first people to say so would be the British.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

HIGHWAY HOME FRONT Greensboro Daily News

The highway safety division, if you want to call it that, reports that 40 persons were killed and 242 injured on the roads of this state in February, an increase of 21.2 per cent over February of last year.

What were the causes of this inexcusable slaughter? "Carelessness, excessive speeds and faulty equipment."

We take too little care of such things. Public sentiment should require that automobile equipment be checked far more efficiently than is the case and that those who have time and again proved themselves to be reckless drivers should be stopped from driving.

Meantime, there are two rules of the road worth observing: (1) Don't be in too much of a hurry; (2) always assume that the other driver has just escaped from a lunatic asylum and has never driven a car before.

THERE IS NO MYSTERY IN BLACK MARKETS

OPA News Letter, Region Four.

Some people seem to have lost sight of the fact that the intensity of the war in Europe and in the Pacific—now at its height—has brought an unprecedented need for supplies and food. To give an idea, the invasion of the Jap stronghold of Iwo Jima alone required enough fuel oil to fill a train of tank cars (10,000 gallon capacity) 238 miles long . . . enough gasoline to operate 301,730 automobiles for a full year . . . enough lubricating oil for a complete oil change in 466,000 automobiles . . . enough ammunition to fill 463 train cars. And, enough food to feed a city the size of Atlanta for 30 days.

This, mind you, is the supply requirement for one small operation in a battlefield that extends hundreds of miles on two continents.

The food supply is more critical than at any time since the war began, and as you know, the scarcer an item becomes, the great-

er the Black Market menace.

We are now witnessing the disgraceful spectacle of a meat Black Market that is a travesty on the sacrifice the men and boys of our country have made, and are making every hour around the clock.

The situation is such as to demand of you at the Boards a vigilance such as you have never been called on to show and a militant action to stamp out any and every illegal traffic in meat that comes to your notice.

It is necessary for you and all Good Soldiers to wage an intensive campaign directed at those who BUY as well as those who SELL in the Black Market.

There is no mystery about a Black Market. It is as simple as this:

A person who buys or sells at a price over the ceiling is engaging in a Black Market.

A person who buys or sells without exchange of proper rationing currency is dealing in a Black Market.

Why Farmers Should Buy War Bonds

By L. N. Duncan, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

Farming is hard work. Farmers have no pension and retirement plans, and the land they cultivate must produce for the needs of today, pay the debts of yesterday, and provide the security of tomorrow.

Farm prices cannot be expected to remain at their present high level, and the factors which control profits from farm enterprises are always variable. It is, therefore, highly important that the profits accruing from farm operations today be carefully husbanded and used as a cushion against crop failures and price declines of tomorrow.

Mortgages on farm holdings should be reduced wherever possible. New investments in additional farm lands should be made only after the most careful weighing of conditions governing our farm economy in a war cycle.

It is my considered judgment that the safest possible course for farmers to follow should be: (1) the reduction or retirement of outstanding obligations; (2) the careful improvement of lands and equipment; and (3) the purchase of War Bonds.

The purchase of War Bonds out of profits now will provide the best possible security to the individual farmer tomorrow when conditions may be much less favorable. In addition, investment of free profits in War Bonds now is the best single guarantee against inflation. Since farmers as a group are in the low capital brackets, they may well expect to be among the first to suffer from inflated prices.

Black Market Meat

The reasons for the black market in meat are explained primarily by two figures, the Office of Price Administration said. American civilians with the purchasing power now available to them provide a demand, at ceiling prices, of 170 pounds of meat per capita per year. Allocations for the present quarter of this year allow for a civilian consumption of 115 pounds. This difference between a demand of 170 pounds and a supply of 115 pounds constitutes the root of the black market.

District Club Session Soon

Meetings To Be Held At Chapel Hill, Reidsville, Oxford and Surry County.

Raleigh, April.—The North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold four district meetings in the northwestern section of the state beginning Tuesday, the State College extension service announced today.

Speakers at all meetings will be Mrs. Edison Davenport, of Mackeys, president of the federation, and Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent. Attendance will be restricted to delegates and presidents of the county councils in each division.

The first meeting will be at Chapel Hill on Tuesday, with delegates from the eighth district attending. The district is composed of Wake, Durham, Chatham, Orange and Person counties.

The second meeting will be at Reidsville April 25, for the seventh district composed of Rockingham, Caswell, Alamance, Guilford and Randolph counties. The 14th district meeting will be held at Oxford on April 26, with delegates from Northampton, Granville, Franklin, Vance and Halifax counties attending.

The final meeting will be for the sixth district, at the Franklin high school in Surry county on April 28. Counties in the district are Forsyth, Davidson, Davie, Stokes, Yadkin and Surry.

Volunteers Needed To Help Food Crop

Upwards of 500,000 part-time and full-time workers will be needed for the canning, dehydrating, drying, freezing and packing of the 1945 crop of perishable fruits and vegetables, the War Manpower Commission has announced. The number of migratory workers—those who follow the crops to work in food processing plants—will be relatively small but the important part of the total number of workers, full-time and part-time, that are needed. For the most part, communities in which canning, drying, dehydrating and freezing plants are situated, will have to depend largely on volunteer labor furnished by youths, teachers, merchants, housewives and others. "If youths, housewives, merchants, ministers, retired persons and others respond this year as they did last year," said Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of WMC, "we should have no great difficulty in canning and otherwise processing the fruit and vegetable crops. We are still at war and need all the processed foods we can get."

Wake Forest, April 19.—Members of the executive committee of the general alumni association of Wake Forest college, an organization representing 15,000 former students now living, have nominated as president of the association for the 1945-46 school session Dr. Bahnsen Weathers, 1915 graduate and Rohnoke Rapids physician.

Nominated for other offices are: First vice president, Lee B. Weathers, class of 1908, Shelby newspaperman; second vice president, J. Henry Leroy '20, Elizabeth City attorney; executive committee: Rev. Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn '35, pastor of First Baptist church of Lumberton, and Carroll C. Wall '17, Lexington manufacturer.

Ballots will appear in the forthcoming (May) issue of the Wake

Ancient Letter Comes Home

NEW BERN, April 19.—A letter carried from New Bern 154 years ago by President George Washington's party has been presented to the New Bern public library by A. B. Andrews, Raleigh attorney. Written by Dr. Isaac Gulion, wor-

Forest College Alumni News, and paid-up members of the association will vote for those nominated or for others of their choice.

Election results will be announced at the annual meeting of the alumni association to be held during commencement at a luncheon on Monday, May 28. Classes reuniting this year are as follows: 1940, 1935, 1930, 1925, 1920, 1915, 1910, 1905, 1900, 1895, 1890, 1885, 1880, 1875.

Present officers of the association are: President, Benj. T. Ward, Greensboro; first vice president, Dr. Bahnsen Weathers; second vice president, Dr. Marvin Slate, High Point; alumni secretary, Prof. Jasper L. Memory, Jr.

No. 3, A. F. and A. M., when Washington visited New Bern April 20-22, 1791, the letter was addressed to Joseph Clay, of Georgia, and was taken to him by Colonel Jackson of President Washington's party.

Still in excellent state of preservation, the letter reads as follows: "Joseph Clay, Esquire, Georgia. Mon'd. by Col. Jackson.

"Dear Sir: Since writing you in Feb'y last I have not been fav'd with a line. I have to request the favor of you to inform me the present value of such certificates as mine in your hands, and if I can have it funded or the particulars of the interest, etc.

"I could not omit writing you by so favorable an opportunity. The President of the United States having favored us with a short visit and going to your State Col. Jackson of his family condescended to be the Bearer. Please write by post and oblige.

"Very sincerely,
"Your most obedient, humble Servant,
"Is. Gulion."

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SHEETROCK

We have just unloaded a car of sheetrock. Send us your orders before the supply is exhausted

PAINTS

We have a good stock of 100% pure paints. The limitations on paints have been made more drastic this year. There will be only a limited supply available. Get your requirements early

PLYWOOD

We have been able to secure a limited supply of plywood. No priority required for this board

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JAY PARKER REACHES AN IMPASSABLE BARRIER..

WHOA!..WHOA! BOYS!!!

IF I EVER HAD A CHANCE TO BEAT OAKHURST, THIS KILLS IT!

HEAVY RAIN MAKE CREEK PLENTY BAD!

HE'S ACROSS AND C... HIS WAY TO BANCROFT! WE'RE STUCK!

MEANWHILE... FASTER, VICTOR! COME ON, SILVER!

OH! A CLOUDBURST! JUST MY BAD LUCK. I GUESS! WAIT!.. ME HEAR..

WHOA, SILVER! WHOA!

KEMO OAKHURST GOT ACROSS THE FORD BEFORE IT FLOODED! I'M STUCK HERE!

MAYBE NOT, JAY! I HAVE AN IDEA THAT MIGHT WORK!

IF YOU CAN GET A STAGE ACROSS THAT CREEK, YOU'RE A MIRACLE MAN!

NOT A CROSS JAY.. UNDER IT!

UNDER THE WATER? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

IT DEPENDS ON HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT POPPING LEATHER! FOLLOW ME!

THERE'S THE ANSWER, IF YOU ARE A GOOD DRIVER!

GOLLY! I DON'T KNOW!