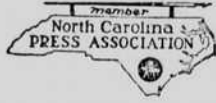


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OLD NORTH STATE FUND

● ● The Old North State Fund, headed by Governor Broughton as honorary chairman, is undertaking to raise funds from North Carolinians to provide a fully-equipped airplane ambulance as a gift to the people of the British Isles from the citizens of North Carolina.

Purchase and delivery of this mercy ship will cost about \$75,000. Contributions are now being accepted from all citizens of North Carolina. The quota for Halifax County is set at \$1,000 of which Roanoke Rapids is to give \$400.

It is our opinion that citizens of Roanoke Rapids will give \$400 to this fund without undue solicitation. As one of several members of the State Advisory Committee, we call upon the local British War Relief Society to busy themselves among larger contributors. Any wishing to contribute may bring or mail their contribution to this newspaper office.

Here is a humanitarian side which should appeal to all whose sympathies are with any who suffer. Those who might not care to give for war can now give for surcease from pain and suffering. We believe there are enough of those plus those who want to aid Britain directly to raise this Roanoke Rapids quota without the necessity of another intensive drive for money at this particular moment.

Just mail or bring your contribution to this office and it will be forwarded to the State Treasurer of the Old North State Fund.

ALUMINUM FOR DEFENSE

● ● Did you know that your country needs some of those aluminum pots and pans in your kitchen?

Did you know we never thought we would ever write such a question? But here it is.

Did you know the world situation was at such a stage that this great country of ours would need to call for pots and pans in order to have enough supply of this vital metal to defend itself and its friends? It's on us.

The Halifax County Defense Council, of which A. L. Hux is chairman, will issue a call for aluminum to be donated next week. This is the first job to be performed by the Local Defense Council. The work will be done by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic organizations, etc. The giving will be done by you. Wire bins will be built in front of every Post Office in the county where you may bring your aluminum ware. A house to house canvass will be made for those who cannot get to the Post Office or who do not have a Post Office conveniently located.

USO called and Halifax County delivered. The

AT LONG LAST!



Old North State Fund for an airplane ambulance is under way this week and Halifax County will deliver. The Defense Council will call next week for aluminum and we know Halifax County will again deliver.

You ask us, what next? We tell you it will be more calls and more. Read the accounts of what those people over there are undergoing and have a little talk with yourself. After all, they are losing relatives, neighbors, friends, homes, business, jobs, everything in the path of war. What have we lost when we give a few dollars, a few aluminum pots and pans?

BIGGER STORES

● ● Roanoke Rapids is getting bigger stores to serve a bigger city and a bigger trade territory.

This week sees the opening of the bigger Leggett's Department Store, with the space increased 30 percent and the entire interior redone and departmentalized along big city channels. Unbiased observers say it is the best store of its kind in any city of this size in the United States.

Recently, A & P increased the size of its building and instituted the super-self-service big city style for Roanoke Rapids and this trade territory. Housewives tell us it is a joy to shop in a place where the meal is almost prepared for them and where there is such variety.

Last week, D. Pender opened in new quarters with twice the space of the former store and with all new and modern equipment, facilities and stock to satisfy the most discriminating.

The point is that we are not trying to give these enterprising firms some free publicity on this page but that we are willing to take particular notice of their desire and willingness to give Roanoke Rapids the best. We have been in many stores in the State and in this section in recent months and none can compare with the above-mentioned and some of the older stores in Roanoke Rapids.

The old saying was that people make a town. We would amend that: it takes people, payrolls and attractive stores to make a town.

Roanoke Rapids is getting all three.

SABOTAGING SENATORS

● ● The time has come when all patriotic Americans have a right to demand that leading isolationist Senators stop sabotaging our national defense. No one questions their right to argue in favor of their own conception of foreign policy when that policy is being debated. But when the United States Navy takes action in the national defense, as in the case of Iceland, political opposition which jeopardizes its success passes be-

yond politics and borders upon treason.

Senator Wheeler's action in warning the world and Mr. Hitler that the United States was going to occupy Iceland will be thus regarded by the vast majority of Americans. With the access to military secrets which he has evidently gained, Senator Wheeler must have realized the vulnerability of Iceland to a large-scale German attack. But that did not stop him from warning Hitler of our military plans, and thereby giving Hitler a golden opportunity to strike before our forces reached Iceland and to meet them upon arrival with Stuka bombers.

Less flagrant on the surface but basically as dangerous to American security and American lives is Senator Taft's statement that "The landing of troops in Iceland is an act equivalent to aggressive war". The fact that this charge is clearly invalid will not make it less valuable to Hitler, who has already quoted General Wood of the America First Committee in justification of his policies. If his pirate submarines now clash with our Navy in the Atlantic, Hitler will use this statement of Senator Taft as a trump card for involving the United States in war in the Pacific also. To call upon Japan to attack the United States then, he must, under the terms of the Tri-Partite Treaty, be able to claim that the United States has attacked Germany. Senator Taft has now given Hitler valuable aid in making such a claim and hence is seeking to involve the American people in war upon both oceans at once.

We call upon these isolationist Senators to face squarely the fact that the ability of our country to pass through this world crisis successfully and with the least cost and loss of life now depends upon the strategy of our defense. If they continue to sabotage that strategy, they will be aiding Hitler against their country, imperilling its defense and pyramiding the final cost to their country in American blood and American standards of living.

DEFENSE HIGHWAY FUNDS

North Carolina will receive only \$2,378,838 of a \$250,000,000 defense highway program, according to recent recommendations of the U. S. House of Representatives Road Committee. This money is earmarked for use in correcting existing highway deficiencies, and in North Carolina the only deficiency existing now is lack of wide shoulders on the highways: hence the small sum for this state. It appears that to some extent the Commission is being penalized because it had the far-sightedness that other states lacked. Still, the small amount scheduled for North Carolina is a tribute to our highway system.

A LARGE ORDER

In determining to pass on what constitutes "normal courtship" in order to pass on applications for deferred classification because of marriage, a Halifax County draft board has given itself a large order.

What the board is getting at is, of course, a worthy objective. Shirking should be discouraged whether it takes the form of evading military service or any other form of civic duty. But a collusive marriage may be entered into after a courtship which is "normal" by any known standard. And abnormal courtships sometimes result in unions which are not only entered into in good faith, but which prove successful.—News and Observer.

Rules Of The Road

UNATTENDED VEHICLE

Sec. 125, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"No person having control or charge of a motor vehicle shall allow such vehicle to stand on any highway unattended without first setting the brakes thereon and stopping the motor of said vehicle and when standing upon any grade without turning the front wheels of such vehicle to the curb or side of the highway."

In other words, before leaving a vehicle parked with no one in it, be sure that the motor is cut off and that the emergency or hand brake is on, and if parked on a grade, see that the front wheels are cut toward the curb or side of the roadway. At night be sure to leave your parking lights on.