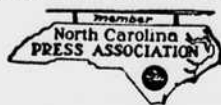


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## EDITORIAL

### WELCOME, BOY SCOUTS

• • The citizens of Roanoke Rapids will be the hosts to at least 1,500 Boy Scouts from all over Eastern North Carolina on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

On behalf of the citizens, we welcome these young visitors from neighboring counties and wish for them a most successful Camporee. We hope they have a good time and a profitable time.

These boys will be our guests. In order for them to have a good time and a profitable one, which they will long remember, it is up to every citizen to see that nothing happens which might mar the three day program for the boys or which might bring criticism on our city.

We must remember that the eyes of the State are on us and especially the eyes of the parents of these boys who for three days will be in our care and custody.

The local committees have worked long and hard on the many details necessary to care for and entertain 1,500 boys. Should they call on us for any task now, we should all gladly respond.

This will be the biggest convention ever held in the history of Roanoke Rapids. We have others with a hundred or even several hundred visitors but never have we had a thousand and a half-thousand visitors for a three day stay before.

All of us can make this a success by attending the grand opening of the Camporee Friday at 4 p.m. at the parade ground between the High School and the Armory when the Governor of the State will officially open the three-day program. We can then see the big parade. We can attend the Singing program at Simmons Park at 8 p.m. on Saturday night. We can all have a smile and a "Hello, Boys" when we meet them on the streets.

That is the kind of a welcome we can give them all. A sort of three-day welcome, knowing all the time that from these fine boys will surely come the leaders of America with their daily slogan "Be Prepared".

### AND WELCOME, ENGINEERS

• • Folks, we have some new neighbors and from the way they are fixing up their home at the Armory we know they are going to be good neighbors. So we say to them that Roanoke Rapids welcomes them, is glad to have them with us and is willing to do all it can to make their stay here happy.

Since our own Medical Company left us, we have little to give us realization that we are at war and our boys are in uniform. With the Engineers here now it should be a daily incentive and reminder to all of us that more than anything else there is a war to fight. We can think of no better way to keep this first in the minds of all the people than to have a company or two of men in training in every town. We also think it very wise that

### The Oldtimer

SEEMS TO ME THE SMARTEST STAMP COLLECTORS ARE BUYING DEFENSE SAVING STAMPS WITH THEIR PENNIES AND WHEN YOU COLLECT EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS WORTH AND CONVERT THEM INTO DEFENSE BONDS, UNCLE SAM WILL BUY IT BACK FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AT THE END OF TEN YEARS. A NICE PROFIT FOR YOU



(WNU Service)

Armories all over the land be used as is this one in Roanoke Rapids: for the advanced training of specialized groups in our armed forces.

We are in a war to the finish. What better way is there than for these men in uniform and every one of us in civies to take advantage of every inch of space and every second of time to get ready for that war?

The men in uniform are on duty and under discipline all the time, ready to defend us all. The rest of us should be ready to supply us all. And to supply the armed forces first.

Thus our job as citizens is not only to tell the Engineers we are glad to have them in our community; it is also our job to do whatever our civilian job is just a little better and with the same sacrifice they are making so that, in a way, we are soldiers too. Then and then only can we look our new neighbors in the eye.

### THEY ALSO SERVE

• • While our thoughts are with the men in the armed forces of our country who are serving their country with all-out service, we should also give thought to those who are not in a position to give that type of service but who are doing a splendid job of part-time service.

For example, we shall use only one branch of Civilian Defense of the many branches where men and women are giving of their time and efforts. We are thinking of the women at the Control Center which is located in the Commissioners' Room of the Municipal Building.

These women have volunteered their services to stand by the master switchboard which connects Roanoke Rapids with the main office of this War Department Area. In case of air raid or other trouble of that kind these women would be the first to get the series of signals which would warn this section. Then they would immediately contact by special phones all Defense chairmen, Air Raid Wardens and heads of other Defense groups.

It sounds exciting and interesting. It would be if you had air raids now. But, for weeks these ladies have been waiting and watching and there has been nothing official to report. Yet, they keep right on, staying out the four hour shifts, twenty four hours a day, because they never know when the real signals might flash on the board. They are ready.

Those women, especially those on the night shifts and the early morning shifts, (when air raids are most likely), should be commended for their free service to the defense of all of us. We hope they will never be compelled to flash the awful message of an actual air raid on our section. But it is heartening to know that if the worst comes, we will be forewarned by those who also serve their country.

### LOOK OUT FOR THIS

• Axis propaganda, the same kind of lies, rumors, whispers, jokes and half-truths which weakened and ruined the conquered countries of Europe and Asia, is being staged in our own country and right here in Roanoke Rapids.

The idea of the starter is to make the tale truthful enough and funny or serious enough to have some good American citizen repeat it; from then on it's a cinch. In places like this, an actual enemy is not expected; but if one of us repeats something we hear over the radio or read in a newspaper or magazine or pamphlet or something a traveling salesman told somebody else, we run the danger of spreading a lie started by our enemies.

Look out for things like this which have been printed and sent thru the mails, aired over the radio and picked up by those who want to make conversation:

The Americans will fight to the last Englishman; the English will fight to the last American. These are used by our enemies where they suit best. It is just like spreading a lie in Scotland Neck and spreading the opposite of that lie in Roanoke Rapids. It is done for the sole purpose of dividing folks who would ordinarily be friendly.

Look out for this: Russia is a semi-partner of the Axis; Russia might later line up with Japan. The truth is that the more Russia is successful against the Axis the more we may expect to hear talk trying to poison our minds against Russia.

Father Coughlin's Social Justice with a wide circulation prints such as this: Have The Reds Got Us? Why is there a shortage of rubber? Father Coughlin says because it was planned. He knows we all irk under the rubber shortage rules and he takes advantage of that to make us mad.

Very few copies of his magazine may ever reach a place like Roanoke Rapids but something like that is reprinted or brought by word of mouth until it is hard to convince some folks that it is not the Gospel truth.

Winston Churchill is thus the target of these vile untruths and insinuations, even as is President Roosevelt, Walter Winchell and any other American brave enough to take a chance to save his country.

Look out for anybody who tries to smear loyal Americans or loyal allies of America. They are probably not Axis agents but foolishly or ignorantly they are helping Axis agents spread the very talk that will soften us up and make us another easy nation to conquer.