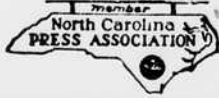


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EDITORIAL

INCREASE IN CRIME

Crimes of violence and crimes against nature are on the increase in Halifax County as well as elsewhere in the nation. With the best of our young men in the armed forces, it would seem that the society for which they are fighting is being subjected to the perverted ideas and actions of those who are unfit for service with uniformed men and are sent back or left to prey on unprotected children, women and property. Their only hope for decency and safety now rests with those too old to fight and with the courts, juries and law enforcement officers. Never was there a greater challenge to those left behind to safeguard life, liberty and property. Never has a more difficult task faced parents, teachers and preachers and all those interested in the moral, mental and physical well-being of the children of this land.

The armed forces must come in for their share of the responsibility because they should not turn back on society those who are incapable of living with other men; how much more incapable are those kind of living with women and children. Perfection in the armed forces will avail nothing if the home front is permitted to weaken or crumble.

THE CITY ELECTION

We hear and read a lot about what we are fighting for in this terrible war which just seems to be getting started good so far as the United States is concerned and among those things at the top of the list is usually the right to cast our vote for anybody we please.

We want the right and demand the right to vote but how many of us will use any kind of excuse to keep from using that right? The most popular excuse is to say we are not interested in this person or that person who happens to be running or in this issue or that in which we are not personally involved. The result is that only a small percentage of Americans use the right to vote even though men are losing their lives to keep that right and duty for them. It will be interesting to see what number performs that duty and exercises that free right to vote on next Tuesday, May 4th, when Roanoke Rapids elects a mayor to serve for the next two years.

SERVING ON THE JURY

High on top of the list of things our boys are fighting and dying for is the right of a jury trial in a free court and yet it was only this week we were told that so-called "good citizens" shy away from jury service when they are chosen. There is another right which is also a duty for every citizen entitled to service which should never be

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shunned, for with the collapse of our jury system and our voting system, there is very little left to distinguish our kind of government from those of the Japs and Nazis. Good American citizens will welcome jury duty and exercise the right to vote whenever called upon.

FUTURE BOND ISSUE

The 2nd War Bond Sale will go way over the top in Halifax County. The county's quota was \$695,600. On the surface there is every reason to be proud of this showing, but we are afraid the totals will show that very few individuals bought the bonds. A large percentage of the amount was bought by the local mills, by banks thruout the county and by a few investors. The final figures will show that the small investor and the average citizen did not purchase many of these 2nd War Loan Bonds. The big corporations and the banks, which have taken a lot of cussing in the past, put the 2nd War Loan Drive over. But they cannot keep on doing that and the 3rd drive and the 4th and whatever others are to come must depend on the average citizen or they will not have the money necessary to successfully prosecute the war. The government can get this money from only two sources: taxes and war loans. If the later war loan drives are not enough, it just means higher taxes to make up the difference and the difference between taxes and bonds is that you get your money back when you lend it by buying bonds but you kiss it goodbye when you pay it in taxes.

WAR EFFECT ON ROADS

During the first War year, and the most adverse year in its history, the State Highway and Public Works Commission managed to build or definitely improve 770 miles of road in 416 sections; a distance equivalent to a road longer than from Mantoo to Murphy. At the same time, it maintained 58,508 miles of rural roads, 1,922 miles of city streets and about 18,000 bridges, of which many were widened.

This work was accomplished in spite of serious shortages of men, materials and equipment; and in the face of sharply curtailed revenues. The majority of the new construction projects were for access roads to newly developed military camps and bases; and new war production plants, of which there are dozens in the State. The number of miles improved in 1942, however, was in the order of only about 30 per cent of the average in the busy years of 1940 and 1941.

Although traffic fell off sharply, there were more truck and bus miles travelled, by far, than in any previous years. These heavier vehicles are naturally more punitive to road surfaces, permitting no lowering of road maintenance standards.

Kiwanis Program Will Stress Good Will With Canada

"United States - Canada Good Will Week will be observed by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club, April 25 to May 1", said J. E. McGee, President of the Club today.

"Thousands of Kiwanis in both countries will commemorate this important observance," he announced. "The Rush-Bagot Agreement, which for a century and a quarter, did away with the building of armed vessels on the Great Lakes has only now been superseded and now only because such vessels are being built there by both countries for their mutual defense."

President McGee declared, "These two countries are together in war as they have been for so many years together in peace. The Hyde Park Declaration, co-ordinated military and economic warfare, and the new military highway to Alaska are practical steps toward common defense. The success of our joint war effort depends upon good will and understanding between all Americans and Canadians. It is not enough that our national leaders understand each other, but that the mass of our people must come to know each other better. "After the war is over, Canada and the United States must join with their allies in creating a lasting peace. We must cooperate in peace as in war or we will lose everything for which we are fighting."

Kiwanis Clubs in both countries will observe United States-Canada Good Will Week this year. Kiwanis first observed this event in 1921 and in 1925 members of the clubs from both nations erected the Harding International Good Will Memorial in Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C. Since then the organization has erected many bronze tablets along the border dedicated to lasting peace and good will. Owing to the shortage in metal the last one, however, was cut from granite.

The program sponsored by the local Club will be conducted by Kiwanian W. J. Norwood, Past Lt. Governor of the Sixth Kiwanis District, Thursday night, May 6th. This meeting will be very interesting and will show you how two nations can live side by side without a fence between them.

Halifax Liquor Sales \$68,291. Month Of March

The state ABC Board's report for March shows that sales in the 25 wet counties of the State totaled \$1,682,430.

New Hanover usually No. 1 in sales, again heads the list, with \$261,020.50 Other leaders were: Durham, with \$194,557.95, and Wake, with \$165,927.90; and Cumberland, \$150,052.55.

The smallest total was that of Tyrell County, with \$4,856.85.

Other county totals: Beaufort, \$37,679.15; Bertie, \$40,807.85; Carteret, \$31,410.35; Chowan, \$24,958.60; Craven, \$52,521.10; Dare, \$8,438.30; Edgecombe, \$68,562.30; Greene, \$8,455.40; Halifax, \$68,291.40; Lenoir, \$78,118.55; Martin, \$28,604.90; Moore, \$70,379.35; Nash, \$52,735.80; Onslow, \$61,529.60; Pasquotank, \$55,081.30; Pitt, \$60,839.80; Vance, \$38,222; Warren, \$20,703.05; Washington, \$14,622.75; and Wilson \$84,001.70.

Aid to Enemy

"Any American who wilfully neglects to pay his taxes on time or to invest every cent he can in War Bonds is surely giving aid and comfort to the enemy . . . We have a job to do and we are all called for service to our country. Our dollars are called to service too. Let us all ask ourselves, 'Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons?' " — Secretary Morgenthau.