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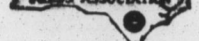
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it,  
but the COURIER-TIMES says it because it is true.

## THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE

Yesterday marked the official beginning of the nation-wide Infantile Paralysis fund drive. Person and Roxboro quota for which is \$2,161, as previously announced. The local quota this year is three to four times what it was three years ago, according to fund chairman Rev. R. J. Womble, but citizens who lived through the harrowing days of last summer's polio epidemic, will not complain that the quota is increased. Person cases of the past year were few in number, only two, but both ended in death, one for a small child and one for the young wife of a soldier.

Moving tributes to the worthiness of the work being done by the National Paralysis Foundation, some of them local, as witness the letters from Miss Dorothy Taylor, chairman of the Woman's Division, and from A. M. Burns, Jr., have been published in recent issues of the Courier-Times. Few who have read it, can ever forget John Harden's "Presence of God" comment, a stirring postlude to his splendid series of articles on "The Miracle of Hickory", additional comment on which was recently made in the Hickory Record.

These tributes are on record and can be read, as we hope they have been, with keen appreciation, but the real meaning of polio and its effects can only be understood by those who have lived through it or with it. Each week a young man comes to Roxboro on official business. Few who meet him in business relationships know that he has a daughter, a girl in her early 'teens who has for years had polio, is helpless with it and has to be carried up and down stairs each day. Her case developed less than two decades ago, but what is known now about polio and was not known then, possibly could have helped if it had been known. For her, it is too late, too late.

What will you do to see that others may have a better chance?

## ADDITIONAL—AND BETTER LAWS REQUIRED

Changes in laws regarding the admission of mental patients to various State institutions intended for their care are being contemplated in Raleigh and may be acted upon by the General Assembly in its current session, according to columnist Lynn Nisbet, who generally keeps his Raleigh ear pretty close to the ground with regard to what is coming up, and we are sure that Miss Sue C. Bradsher and R. A. Bullock, Person Superior Court clerks, and therefore concerned with said admission of the mentally incompetent, would be among those both officially and personally pleased by such contemplated changes.

We remember, for instance, an afternoon about two months ago when two women, Person residents, came to the County Health office seeking information about the commitment of a relative, a woman, to Dix Hill, in Raleigh. It was five o'clock in the afternoon. The Health office, which was closed, was not the place for the women to have come, anyway. Besides, they were in a hurry to catch a bus to a city in another state, where the allegedly insane relative lived. Time was short, but the women wanted to do something, and so—to Mr. Bullock they went—just as it was time for him to close his door. They might as well have saved their time, and his, for under the law he could do nothing, since the patient in question was an out of the State resident, although formerly of Person County.

That is just one example, hinging on technicalities. There are other cases just as fruitlessly gone over. We do, indeed agree with Guilford's Court Clerk, Joseph P. Shore, that sweeping changes and revisions in the commitment laws affecting the insane are in order, and most especially do we approve of the suggested temporary commitment order which would give the judging to doctors and psychiatrists trained in that work. The pres-

ent system imposes upon clerks of the court an obligation to possess technical knowledge regarding the insane which few of them except through trial and error experience ever possess. And the same, for that matter, can be said of the average practicing physician called in as a consulting advisor. Then, too, there might be the proposed changes be a final closing up of those loop-holes whereby sane, but unscrupulous persons sometimes persuade present officials that a sane relative whom they wish to put out of this world and to a living death, is insane. Such records, fortunately, are rare, but the loop-hole does exist and it should be as far as possible eliminated.

But before too much attention is given to a revision of the commitment system, as much thought, or more, must be devoted to an enlargement and an improvement of the present institutional systems, including the Caswell Training school and the as yet postponed school for feeble-minded Negro children, which last institution-to-be is of especial concern to Person Rep. R. P. Burns as a committeeman among those responsible for first investigation and subsequent recommendations.

## WE, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO MEET 'REP. WHITFIELD'

The usually accurate, if not always sedate Greensboro Daily News goes berserk, and twice in a week, over the prodigious political prowess of a Person political infant in the General Assembly, 'Rep. Whitfield', who, allegedly, according to the News, has garnered for himself at his first session, membership on "15 committees".

Frankly, we don't understand it, but just to string along with the News, here is the second reference as quoted from that paper's paragraphs of Saturday morning (add note: we did not see the first one, but have the impeccable authority of Person's Ex-Senator and present editor, J. W. Noell, who did see it the first one.) that:

"Hon. Whitfield of Person, serving his first term in the North Carolina house, is given membership on 15 committees. If the term lasts 60 days, he ought to be able to attend one meeting of each committee."

There it is, in black and white print, plus quotation marks, "Hon. Whitfield". He is indeed a remarkable man, a first attender, of the first order, and, says the News, a hard worker. We would like to meet him. But we don't know him, and so, obviously, we can't be meeting him. The only Person "Hon. Whitfield" of recent years whom we have known as an office-holder is the distinguished and genial Frank T., of Bushy Fork, until last year and for some several seasons, Chairman of the Person County Board of Commissioners.

But the Hon. Frank T., who in his time had to put up with County mobs, window-breakings and burning-to-death in jail cells, had enough to contend with then and we would not like to bother him further with the additional responsibility of a personal ghost in the General Assembly. Also, the Greensboro Daily News' editorialist, or somebody connected therewith is for once just plain wrong and all wet.

To begin with, the Representative from Person is Robert Paschal Burns, a veteran enough, who has gone several times to the House and has as many committees as he chooses to look after—could in fact have the "Hon. Whitfield's fifteen," but does not want that many. The only man from Person who can claim fifteen is Sen. Flem D. Long, who is likewise a veteran of several terms, and can if he so wishes get around to each of the fifteen more than once in sixty days.

It was a nice, if not neat paragraphic, if only we could meet the right "Hon. Whitfield". Failing that, we'll take the veterans we have. We like 'em the way they are, and how.

## A PROSE PATCH TO ADD

Woodville's Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, according to the papers, is being quoted as advising grand jurors to read Oscar Wilde's "Ballad of Reading Gaol", so that they will understand more nearly what (being) in jail is like. Having but last night re-read that poem (and before we saw the Judge's recommendation) we are today that much better prepared to agree with him, but we would suggest collateral reading a much stronger, but lesser known book by the same author, "De Profundis" which in prose is much more shocking than the poem, and in the edition which we have, contains besides, a couple of genuine chillers, namely letters that Wilde wrote to a London newspaper regarding the conditions then attending the incarceration of children.

The letters were written all of forty-five years ago, shortly after Wilde himself was released from Reading jail, and some two to three years before he died in France, a heart-

broken genius, paying still for a crime that is better understood if not better managed today. Conditions then were horrible enough in prisons for adults. Balanced diets, sanitation and proper exercise and occupational therapy were unheard of. Conditions that were intolerable for adults, were utterly unbearable for children.

There are juvenile courts today, plus a totally different conception of the confinement of children. To Judge Burgwyn, to grand jurors and to all others concerned with moral improvement of the race, we suggest the addition of "De Profundis" and those letters. They do show that the world does move, if ever so slowly, in right directions, and despite the evils of recurrent Hitler gangs.

## NEXT STEPS FOR CAP

Wednesday night at 7:30 at Roxboro High School will be the time and place for the first organization meeting of the Roxboro unit of the Civil Air Patrol, according to

## HEROIC WOMEN

A great deal of criticism has been directed at American women who are not nursing in the Army and the Navy yet who are eligible. The nursing profession has been thoughtlessly, impulsively, superficially, unfairly and unduly arraigned. The truth probably is that a greater percentage of the nursing profession is in uniform than most other lines of endeavor and many of those who are in the service are performing inestimable service.

Suppose we be realistic for a moment about women in the uniformed services of the United States. One of the reasons there are not more of them is that the armed services often do not treat them with the slightest consideration.

If that be treason, contempt of court or lese majesty toward the Army, the Navy or that glorious outfit, the United States Marines, the fault of excess, for there can be excess in war, is behind that offense, too.

Do you want to know the "low down" on why more American girls have not volunteered for nursing duty—why it has become necessary to attempt to draft nurses?

Because their parents won't let them volunteer; because their brothers and their sweethearts write back from France and Italy and the Philippines, as they wrote from Africa and Sicily and Guadalcanal, urging them not to join up; because the Army and the Navy too often treat them as automatons and the word gets around back home and all of their friends advise girls against enlist, just as you probably advise your sister or your daughter. Don't blame the girls too much.

Here is just one sample of what one high officer in one of the armed services wrote home to his sister in Durham—and we are leaving out some of the most discouraging of his words:

... From a woman's standpoint it is terrible. But when I see the way our (nurses) stand up under things that would drive most women mad and still smile, I mentally salute them and they all should be decorated. With Q. M. boxes in the cold for latrines, baths at very irregular intervals, duty seven days

plans discussed here Thursday night at the Kiwanis-Rotary meeting at which Maj. E. I. Nott was speaker. As a result of the civic club gatherings some two dozen adults signed up as being interested in CAP, and report has it that between forty and sixty high school students are interested.

Allowing for the fact that CAP has since the start of the war done a good job in a semi-military capacity, the natural question in minds of many civilians is, "What next?" Maj. Nott answered this query to his own satisfaction last Thursday night, stimulation in aviation interests in the postwar, civilian sense. Speaking selfishly, that is the interest that Roxboro has at this moment, and there are enough people here to foster such an attitude, but unless they turn out and show interest in the Wednesday night gathering and in subsequent ones much of the progress that is being sought for will be sidetracked that much longer.

The Roxboro CAP can be an important influence here, if enough people want it to be.

a week and no afternoons or holidays and no leaves since we hit France on June 23 and more in prospect. . . . Wearing herringbone (will) covers all most of the time, sloshing in mud—not very glamorous do you think. But could you get one to change? NO—and they would underline that."

True, there aren't enough nurses, but there wouldn't be enough, under present circumstances, if they were worked eight days per week, if there were an eighth day.

True, too, when they are confronted with the terrible need, they are eager to work until they drop; but we wonder how many are moved to write home and suggest that their sisters join them.

We must have nurses as we must have fighting men and have them we probably will, if we have to draft them as seems likely, but two things should burn themselves into the minds of American civil and military authority:

1—If there is good reason for drafting women for the vital but strenuous and dangerous mission of nursing, why not draft other women for the secure, relatively easy and highly paid, yet equally vital, job of maintaining production on the home front; and, if national service for fighting men, why not for working men?

2—Once men and women have been drafted for service, they need, for most effective and efficient service, to be treated like human beings.—Durham Sun.

## Milking

There are, admittedly, opposing schools of philosophy regarding the manual extraction of lacteal fluid. Some farmers and all boys regard milking as the most obnoxious of all chores. They claim, and with a considerable degree of validity, that doing the chores night and morning is simply adding that much labor to a full day's work.

On the other hand, there is a certain group which admits it likes milking—and milking time. The countryman who really likes cows, enjoys the work connected with them. It isn't so bad as some urban dwellers think. Certain conditions must be met. The tie-up should be

## LEGAL NOTICE

### THIRD SALE ETTA CLAYTON FARM

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Person County, made in Special Proceedings, entitled "Jacob L. Clayton et al. vs. Bernice Clayton et al.", the same being No. B 71 on the Special Proceedings docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door in Roxboro, N. C., offer for resale to the highest bidder for cash that certain lot of land lying and being in Person and Durham counties, North Carolina, and described as follows:

Beginning at 1, a stone Copley's corner, thence South 87 degrees East 22.30 chains to 2, a sweet gum on Yellow Branch, thence North 2 1-2 degrees West 15.60 chains to 3, a stone the South East corner of Lot No. 1, thence North 87 degrees, West 21.40 chains to 4, a poplar stump in Copley's line, thence South 1-2 degree West 15.60 chains to the beginning, containing 33.4 acres and allotted to Etta Clayton, known as "Jasper Clayton Home Place." On this property are a dwelling and good farm buildings. The bidding will begin at the price of \$3,780.00. This 12th day of January, 1945.

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ANYTHING ELSE, INJUN?  
"NO, TONTO HAVE EVERYTHING!"

IS THERE A LETTER HERE FOR ME? 'BIG MIKE' IS THE NAME!  
"WAIT A MINUTE... I'LL SEE!"

OUTTA MY WAY, RED-SKIN... AND STAY OUT!!

HERE'S YOUR LETTER, STRANGER!  
"GIVE IT TO ME!"

SAY, WHERE'S THE BANK IN THIS TOWN?  
"RIGHT NEXT DOOR!"

THANKS! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!

I'M SORRY THAT GUY PUSHED YOU AROUND, INJUN!  
"THAT ALL RIGHT--ME NOT HURT!"

**BANK**

WHAT THE--!  
"IT'S A HOLD-UP! THE BANK NEXT DOOR!"

IT'S THAT BIG CRITTER WHO GOT THE LETTER!  
"WAIT! HIM STEAL MY HORSE!!"  
"BANG!"  
"BANG!"