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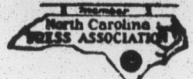
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it, but the COURIER-TIMES says it because it is true.

WHERE CUSTOM COULD HAVE SAVED FACE

Aforetimes, unless memory is playing us false, it has been the custom for the members of the cabinet of an out-going-and-an-incoming-same President of the United States to offer their respective resignations, thus clearing the air for any departmental changes that a President returning to office might wish to make. This custom, apparently, has not been followed in the beginning of President Roosevelt's fourth administration. Perhaps, for all that, resignations are not the custom, but if they are not, they should be, if only to avoid the present Jesse Jones and Henry A. Wallace spectacle, a show which is doing the administration no good and certainly cannot be expected to improve the tempers of the men involved, let alone that of the President.

The situation is painful in that Hon. Jesse Jones has had the Commerce job, plus the more recent loans authority, for some twelve years. Twelve years is a long time, three times as long as the average four years of an administration and long enough for a longer suffering Chief Executive to change his mind as to the type of Cabinet material wanted for a given job. The Jones-Wallace crisis is, indeed a fruit of President Roosevelt's own long tenure of office. Such a situation as has resulted could not otherwise have taken place, but the awkwardness of the happening only gives emphasis to a slip-up in the usual Roosevelt finesse in handling men and situations.

Mr. Wallace is not popular with certain conservative elements, but if the truth were fully known about ex-Secretary Jones, we doubt if his own popularity would be any larger. The Wallace appointment offers satisfaction to the so-called liberal elements in the nation, but if the Congress is going through with its stripping of powers from the Commerce Department the new secretary will have just the empty honors that his enemies wish him to have. We do not like the spectacle of so much disharmony between the President and Congress.

Custom and commonsense, it seems to us, could have saved a lot of face and avoided that public bickering which does nothing so much as to give pleasure and amusement to Nazi leaders.

NEW CHANCE FOR EDUCATION

Two U. S. Army gliders, each manned by a crew, are expected to appear here Friday afternoon at Roxboro Airport near Bethel Hill, according to announcement made today by Malcolm (Mac) Warren, local airport manager, who says the gliders are being sent here with a tow-plane through courtesy of Col. Frank Dawson, of Charlotte, commanding officer of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

So much for the facts, except for a note that all prospective Person and Roxboro Civil Air Patrol cadet members, together with prospective adult members, are being extended an invitation to be at Roxboro airport to see what they can see about one of the most recently developed forms of airborne Army service. Riding in such gliders, or rather, landing in them is a rough and a sometimes hazardous experience, according to reports received from a Roxboro young man who is in a glider unit. We can't expect Friday's spectators to realize those factors just from looking on, but we are willing to hazard the suggestion that few citizens here will have a better opportunity to see gliders in operation. Demonstration shows of this kind just don't take place every day except in and near glider training bases.

There may be some doubts hereabouts as to the over-all soundness of the Civil Air Patrol program, but Friday's promised demonstration, which could not have been arranged for without the assistance of Col. Dawson, is at least a step in the direction of backing up previously made promises from CAP for an airwise education of citizens here.

GOOD BEGINNING

First to come forward publicly in print in support of the five-point program for progress in Roxboro as advocated last week by Editor J. W. Noell is C. M. Abbitt, city water plant superintendent, whose "Open Forum" communication is with pleasure being published in today's issue of the Courier-Times. Other citizens here have since the Noell address come forward with spoken words of approval, but Mr. Abbitt is the first to put his thoughts on paper, unless the long-ago received letter from that Campbell college student could be counted as a forerunner. Said student, a resident of Person County, it will be remembered was the only person who responded to a previous appeal from the Courier-Times for a suggested program of Roxboro and Person improvements.

It is a heartening thing that Mr. Abbitt has himself written out his thoughts and it is but natural that his conception of a Community Center should be limited to City functions of government, whereas the conception advocated by Mr. Noell places an emphasis on smoothing out County functions, a thesis made plain by recollection that County offices are and have long since reached an overflow stage in and around the Court House, and up and down Main street and Abbitt avenue.

Real solution, probably, lies in a combination of the Noell and Abbitt conceptions, if that could be worked out, but in any case, both City and County groups have long had their eyes on Roxboro Central Grammar school building and both groups are longing for the time when that building can be converted to at least some of the civic purposes enumerated by Mr. Noell and Mr. Abbitt. Good, too, this the Abbitt suggestion of getting that adjoining lot to provide extra park and recreation space. Still another suggestion would be the construction of a County Center building back of the Court House on what is now a parking lot and USO Service Center spot.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Tomorrow will be observed as National Public Health Nursing Day, the first such day set aside to honor the women, who, in the face of increasing difficulties brought about by war-induced staff shortages, are carrying forward the high standards previously established in public health work. Some measure of the difficulties being encountered can be seen right here at home—in Person County—where one or two women, assisted by volunteers drawn from the ranks of homemakers, are going ahead each day with a job that used to be allotted to a trained staff of from four to five persons.

It is true that there are nursing shortages everywhere and in all ranks, in hospitals at home and in front line tents, but except for nurses needed in military service, none are more essential than those who are sustaining public health programs. Americans have become so accustomed to public health services as to take them for granted. National Public Health Nursing Day, if it does nothing except lift us out of this taking for granted complacency, should be worthwhile.

HARD-HEADED MRS. JACKSON

Public opinion is with North Carolina's public school teachers in their fight to secure higher salaries on the \$125 to \$200 basis proposed by the North Carolina Education association, but that same opinion is divided over the wisdom of the walk-out threat made last week by the Greensboro Association of Class-room Teachers, of which Mrs. Nevelyn Martin Jackson as president is spokeswoman.

Opposition to the walk-out technique is based upon an assumption of long standing that ladies and gentlemen of a professional status do not use such methods, however pressing their financial condition may be, but as a one-time fellow pupil in the public schools with Mrs. Jackson, when she was an equally determined Miss Martin in a desk across the way, we can understand how she has lost patience with more dignified methods of protest. In the years since she passed from the relationship of a pupil to that of a teacher Mrs. Jackson has sought to give to the profession of teaching all that dignity expected by tradition, but she has never gotten her feet off the ground of commonsense.

The protest which she and the Greensboro teachers have voiced may be wrong technique, but at least it will force the attention of some who would not otherwise listen, the very real struggle that teachers are up against in the job of making financial ends look at each other, much less meet.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A PROUD RECORD
News and Observer
The State School for the Blind and Deaf

on Tuesday celebrated its centennial. The record is a proud one.

One hundred years ago, government rendered far fewer services to the unfortunate and the helpless than is the case today. But, North Carolina, early in its history made provision for the education of the blind and deaf and that provision was maintained even in the dark days of war and reconstruction.

With the coming of better times, the institution was enlarged and has long been one of which the State is justly proud. With the beginning of its second century, the State looks with confidence to the School for the Blind and Deaf for even more useful service in the years ahead.

JUST WONDERING

Greensboro Daily News

Comes word from Newton, via an item in the Hickory Record, that the civil term of Catawba county Superior court lasted only a day with all cases calendared for trial being disposed of in one way or another.

We have noticed similar reports in papers flowing across the exchange desk from all parts of the state. Litigation is apparently

OPEN FORUM

January 22, 1945
Roxboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Noell:

Your address to the Rotary Club last Thursday evening was enjoyed by me very much. The five point Post-War program you so ably presented was especially interesting to me because I have already planned to myself as if it meant anything the answers to them.

This is my thought and suggestion, which lacks confirmation in the circumstances, to the above five points.

I - HOSPITAL: Not many of us like the place the present hospital is located but I have been told that before the late Mr. Jack Pass died he had quite a sizable tax debt to the county and city. To compensate the county and city they were to receive both the brick and frame houses on Academy St. at Mrs. Featherston's death to be used as a hospital. If this is true some day Roxboro and Person will have a fine beginning to the much needed hospital with room to expand and in a fine location.

II - THE HIGHWAY LOOP: I like to think of this project as a traffic relief artery to-wit; another good wide street through the city to relieve traffic and improve property rather than a By-pass Loop. I don't like that word by-pass it means leave out and we don't want Roxboro left out of anything except trouble. I don't think we will have much to worry about in this project.

The plans and location are I hope settled. The plans are no stranger to me as many times as I saw them changed, and resurveyed.

III - COMMUNITY CENTER: This suggestion is my pet dream of No. 3. This project calls for a sizable sum of money and an appropriate location. It must be in the business district. To obtain such a place, which luckily is already located and available when the time comes, we must secure an appropriate place for the grammar school. Then the Grammar School building becoming the City Hall or Municipal Building

Now, what finer location and building could you wish for? With a small amount of remodeling we can have what we want. We can have a City auditorium, there are ten big rooms that can be made into two or three offices. Mayor, City Managers, Water Supt., Police etc. office and Police Court, Water Dept. store room and City shops in the rear and basement. All of these agencies centrally located will be a great help.

IV - RECREATION CENTER: This is not a large spot but like everything else in Roxboro if it is not on the beaten path it will not be used. I refer to the grounds around the present Grammar School. We will have to secure the lot on the corner of Bradsher and Main Street to carry out the idea. With the space from Main to Lamar St. and Bradsher St. to the Chevrolet building, properly landscaped with walk, trees, shrubs, park benches, drinking fountain and floral borders all of which will help beautify the City Hall. The present City Hall can be used for a second piece of fire equipment and personnel.

V - AIRPORT: This is a suggestion from James Abbitt enlarged on by me. The idea is to combine highway traffic with air traffic in small towns and cities who do have available areas for landing strips North-South and East-West. Example: suppose we have a town with a North-South highway. The side of town having the most suitable terrain and using the present highway pavement as a center. Broaden the pavement, let's say to 500 feet, from the city limits to 1-2 mile out. Where the regular pavement joins the widened pavement, traffic keep to the right around the outer edge of the strip. Outgoing traffic will keep to the opposite side leaving the center for planes. A wind indicator be erected to show wind direction. It may be necessary to widen a section of an East-West highway the same as mentioned above to facilitate landing in case of cross-wind at the North-South strip of vice versa.

Accommodations to and from the air strips can be easily made by bus and taxi cabs. Plane schedules will be like the bus and train. Person leaving town go out in cabs or buses and person coming in can be carried right to their doors.

This has been a little bit of thinking on my part. It all seems so interesting and easy or is it? May be part of my suggestions will become a reality some day, who knows? I remain,

The Polio City

When Hickory became "Polio City" last June . . . 13,000 citizens pitched in and licked the epidemic in a way that made American medical history, according to an article in the February issue of CORONET magazine. Overnight it brought about a miracle of united community spirit and civic co-operation. On June 12 terror stalked the streets of Hickory for a little eight-year-old boy became violently ill and the diagnosis was to be: "Infantile Paralysis." Before another 24 hours passed six cases were reported in the nearby vicinity, 20 in the country and quickly the disease spread from family to family. At this moment the town of Hickory became great—for all time.

The miracle that followed was the result of complete civic co-operation and the by word became "How can I serve?" Two doctors, Dr. H. C. Whims of Newton and Dr. A. Gaither Hahn of Hickory, began the difficult task of turning untrained civilians into nurses, attendants and medical aides. The race against death was on and even as the architect was drawing plans for a new hospital, lumber began to move toward the building site. Men who had worked as dentists or artists, now pounded nails and hoisted timber. Mothers left their children to the men in white and turned to cooking meals, heating water, washing blankets, continues CORONET.

In just 55 hours a great building feat had become fact—a 55 bed

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Yours very truly,
C. M. Abbitt

hospital had been built and equipped, but even as the last nail was driven and the last bed moved in, the hospital was found to be not large enough. With 224 cases reported, the epidemic had kept pace with the workmen. So the architect went back to his plans and new beds were being moved in even as the roof was being nailed down. Then the outside world began to move in. Nurses left high-salaried jobs and came to the improvised Hickory hospital; the Red Cross moved in; Johns Hopkins Hospital sent experts and doctors, specialists, physical therapists, Kenny-trained nurses and iron lungs arrived, as if by magic, to combat the epidemic, relates CORONET.

How much it actually cost to set up Hickory's emergency treatment center is not yet known, but it's estimated that \$50,000 could not possibly pay for the labor and equipment involved. While due credit must be given to all co-operating agencies it was Hickory and its civilian population which really performed the miracle. From June 12 to September 27 the town was completely mobilized and there was no "normal life." Mothers were giving 10 and 12 hours a day to the fight on infantile paralysis while fathers were exhausted from overwork. For Hickory in that four month period built an eight structure hospital and cared for more than 400 cases of Polio.

The hospital stands as a monument to a people's courage and the selfless devotion of an entire city of people. The brave little city has taken a terrific financial beating and willingly took on itself the stigma of being known as "Polio City." By that very sacrifice, concludes CORONET, Hickory became great for all time.

Farmers carried out more soil-building and erosion-control practices under AAA last year than ever before.

Need For Points On Fruit Juices

RALEIGH, January 25.—Restoration of point values to canned grapefruit juice and grapefruit-orange juice combinations was necessary to provide equitable distribution of available civilian stocks, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director said.

The action was taken at the same time that the War Food Administration froze sales of these juices by canners for an indefinite period until increased military requirements are met.

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MR. T. H. CARR

"I don't see how anybody could keep going if they felt any worse rundown, nervous, and fagged out than I did, and I have only Retonga to thank for feeling so much better now," declares Mr. T. H. Carr, well known resident of 161 Blue Ridge St., Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Carr was raised near Halifax Courthouse, and is engaged in Government work. Discussing his case Mr. Carr gratefully stated:

"For years it seemed to me I scarcely ate a meal that didn't disagree with me. Many a night I sat up the whole night through. I felt so nervous that I could hardly stand the slightest noise in my home. I had to use powerful laxatives, and I felt so rundown that I sometimes thought nothing would ever get me to feeling good again.

"Retonga gave me prompt relief. Within a few days I could get a good night's rest and I soon began to eat anything on the table. My

nerves settled down and I got relief from constipation, too. I am on the job every day now feeling better than for years and I can never thank Retonga enough."

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The LONE RANGER

THE BEACON'S ONLY A NEEDY LITTLE NOW BUT I'M GOING TO BUILD UP THE CIRCULATION.

WAIT A MINUTE, HERE'S DAD HE LIKED THE EDITORIAL YOU WROTE ABOUT HIM.

HELLO TIM IF YOU KEEF ON PRAISIN' ME IN YOUR PAPER I--
IF YOU MEAN ABOUT BEING ONE OF THE STATE'S BEST SHERIFFS, I TOLD THE TRUTH

I'M JUST WONDERIN' SON, WHETHER THE EDITOR OF THE BEACON LIKES THE SHERIFF OR HIS DAUGHTER--

I FORGOT TO TELL YUH, TIM PIKE ALLEN WANTS TUH SEE YUH AT THE BANK.
THANKS, RUSTY I'LL GO UP

YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, FOLKS MR ALLEN OWNS THE BEACON HE'S MY BOSS, SO--

TIM'S A FINE BOY, KIT I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR LIKIN' HIM.
DAD!

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, MR ALLEN?
OH, YES, TIM, SIT DOWN.

YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB EDITING THE BEACON, TIM. I LIKED YOUR LAST EDITORIAL ON LAW AND ORDER.

THANKS, MR. ALLEN. WE'RE LUCKY HERE IN BENTON TO HAVE A SHERIFF LIKE CASS SIBLEY

YES, I SUPPOSE SO. WHY, WHAT'S WRONG?
AT THE WINDOW-- LOOK!

AT THE WINDOW-- LOOK!