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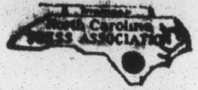
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it,
but the COURIER-TIMES says it because it is true.

THOROUGHLY COMMENDABLE

Opportunity that Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion and its auxiliary will have in cooperating with Camp Butler in visiting services to parents and families of World War II casualties, as outlined, in a message from Camp Butler's commanding officer, Col. H. M. Pool, to Ned Dillard, post commander here, cannot be measured in words. The families of killed, missing and wounded men need all of the intelligent and resourceful help they can get. The Army is doing what it can. The Red Cross is doing the same, but both organizations need assistance and members of Legion units are by previous training and experience the ones who can assist.

Commander Dillard has named his committee composed of one man and three women. Their task is not going to be an easy one. Many Person families live in comparatively inaccessible communities, off of paved highways. Many Person names are confusingly similar and few men and women can keep all of the various Claytons, Longs, Bradshers, Lunsfords, etc., straight. There is a job ahead, but we think the move taken by Army officials in calling in local assistance through the Legion is one of the best yet made. The Legion has in general wanted to do what it could to help the morale of our fighting men and their families and has done much, but this is the greatest chance of all. We hope Lester Blackwell Post will be solidly behind its new committee.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ROXBORO

A few weeks ago Field Director Skarren, of the American Red Cross, recently returned from overseas service, spoke at a Red Cross district meeting in Burlington. A brief account of what he said there was published in the Courier-Times and received additional comment in these columns, where hope was expressed that Red Cross officials here would do their best to repeat as much as possible of his message. Said officials are doing even better than that. They are having Director Skarren in Roxboro as guest speaker Thursday night at Roxboro Rotary Club, with parents of American prisoners of war and missing men as additional guests afterwards at the Court House.

Roxboro and Person County already are solidly behind the American Red Cross and have been throughout this war, but the personal appearance of Director Skarren offers a wonderful opportunity for citizens of this section to obtain first hand information about the program from a man who has an engaging personality and knows how to tell the story he has seen. We sincerely hope that all club members concerned, as well as invited parents, will make it a point to hear Skarren.

PHILIPPINE REPORT

Of unusual interest at the present moment because of renewed activity and advances being made in the Philippines is the message from Sgt. T. C. Wagstaff published today and concerned with contrasts between life in New Guinea and life in the Philippines. Hardships, as far as Sgt. Wagstaff experiences them, appear to be less in the Philippines, but the most refreshing and heart-warming aspect of Wagstaff's story deals with the helpfulness and the genuine American patriotism of the Filipinos. Other stories have come back to us recounting deprivations suffered by them, both in scarcity of food and in inflation.

Sgt. Wagstaff has written little, if anything, concerning New Guinea, but a first hand report of what he would probably have liked to have written comes from Pvt. Julius Hicks, of Longhurst, recently returned to the States and now in Roxboro after eighteen

months overseas. Pvt. Hicks is not a talkative chap, but he remembers the Chaplain who preached a sermon under fire and was afterwards decorated for bravery and he cannot forget the way men died in those jungles in combat with seen and unseen Japs. Putting together what Sgt. Wagstaff says and what Pvt. Hicks says, we have a pretty good idea of fighting and living in two of our Pacific area fighting zones.

THE MEN HAVE THEIR CLOTHING PROBLEMS, TOO

One day last week Pfc. Elbert Stanfield, veteran of the war in Italy where he was wounded, came to his home here after receiving a medical discharge. Having had several months at Camp Lee, Va., and other places in the States after his return from Italy and his first long furlough here, Pfc. Stanfield, really Mr. Stanfield now, looked forward to coming home. And for that matter, he is glad to be here, but when he got ready to shed his Army clothing and pin one of those gold-colored ex-service buttons into a civilian-suit lapel he ran smack into a shortage he had not previously thought about—just clothes, the kind all of us menfolks and the women, too, have to buy.

Shortages of garments and accessories are nothing like as critical in the United States as they are in England and in other parts of the fighting world, but even with us there are clothing items which cannot be bought, or else must be searched for from one store to another. Stiff collars, for instance, and various types of underwear, and handkerchiefs, to say nothing of good quality woolen suits. Mr. Stanfield, it happens, is doing very well with a prewar suit carefully put away and in a good state of preservation. The quality of that suit is of course better than can be bought today except at a high price.

Certain parts of Army "issue" can be worn. In fact the Army does not object to an ex-service man's wearing of any and all portions of his uniform provided the complete ensemble is not worn at one time, but many men like Mr. Stanfield do not want to wear Army clothing once they are out and they rather disapprove of the part-wearing policy anyhow, and so do we, since many of the wearers permit their khaki to become soiled, unpressed and thoroughly unmilitary looking, especially when joined up with patches of civilian gray, blue, brown, and what have you.

This business of clothing is just one of the problems that an increasing number of returned service men and women will be running into at home.

UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT UNFORTUNATE

Postponement of the Ed Thorpe murder case in Superior Court last week was perfectly understandable under the circumstances because attorneys involved could not be long in court at that time, but both from a County standpoint and from the personal standpoint of Ed Thorpe, continuance of the case can be considered unfortunate.

Ed Thorpe, in other words, is probably going to have to stay in jail until April, when there may be another court term. There is a possibility that the April term may be cancelled. If that happens, the next term comes in August. Thorpe may have many months in jail waiting for trial, and aside from purely humanitarian aspects of that waiting, there is the matter of County expense in keeping Thorpe in prison. The postponement, as it happens, was unavoidable, but nobody can afford to feel very happy about it.

Only possible joy could be that Thorpe has that much longer to rest and to avoid what may be a pretty stiff sentence. To us, it sounds like languishing in jail under pretty uncertain conditions.

FOUR AND NOT THREE

Person Farm Agent H. K. Sanders is expecting a big meeting of farmers and their wives this coming Wednesday at Person Court House, where tobacco methods, pasture problems and other matters connected with good farming will be discussed. Knowing that his three speakers are important and well-trained experts in their respective fields, Mr. Sanders a day or two ago went to considerable trouble to see that information concerning the meeting reached the Courier-Times office for publication in today's paper.

That information was received and put into type and ready as it now appears, with one significant addition, the appearance here of State Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott. Mr. Scott's name was added to the list of speakers at the last moment. What was to be an outstanding meeting, however, becomes more so because the Commissioner is coming. Mr. Scott and the three original speakers are busy men and their coming should be appreciated by our farm folks, people, who in their own ways are just as busy as any batch of speakers, first-rate, or other-wise could possibly be.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

DUKE'S EXPERIMENT

News and Observer

Judging by radio ballyhoo vitamins will cure all weaknesses and make all men strong and healthy There were skeptics at Duke University and it was decided to test the claim. For 30 days 200 students were fed vitamins. What was the result? They showed no marked improvement except in deficiency diseases. The makers of vitamins protested that the test cannot be accepted as final because the time was too short and only healthy students were subjected to the experiment. They say this was not a representative cross section of the public.

OVER FIFTY PERCENT UNFIT

Hertford County Herald

If there are any who are in doubt about the need of an expanded program of public health and medical care in North Carolina, such as

OPEN FORUM

2 February 1945

Courier-Times
Roxboro
North Carolina
Gentlemen:

We shall appreciate publication of the enclosed letter in the next edition of your paper.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
R. B. GRIFFIN
Superintendent of Schools.

Enclosure

2 February 1945

Mr. F. E. Wells, Foreman
Grand Jury
Semora, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Wells:

Your Grand Jury Report, plus the front page story and editorial in the Courier-Times may lead many thinking people to believe that it is unsafe for their children to ride on the school buses of Person County. We do not feel that this situation is true, and we challenge you or any other fair minded group with the assistance of capable mechanics to prove otherwise in regard to the school buses in operation daily in this County. While the school buses of North Carolina have been operated under difficulties for the past three years, every effort has been made to see that they were safe at all times.

Taking them in order as listed in your Grand Jury Report, we find as follows:

1. Thirty-four buses without lights. This is true; however, prior to daylight saving time, the State Board of Education discouraged the maintenance of lights on school buses, and since daylight savings, conditions have been such that we have been unable to secure lights or repair parts.

2. One bad tire. This tire has been replaced.

3. Twelve buses without brakes. It would have helped if these buses had been listed according to number; however, since this was not done, we have checked every bus in the County and have not found a single bus whose brakes were inadequate to stop same within a reasonable distance, i. e., to meet the requirements of the law.

4. Two buses without horns. Again

no numbers were given, but these will be replaced as soon as we can find where they are.

5. Bus No. 19 at Bethel Hill which is listed as unsafe. The Highway Patrolman has examined this bus carefully and can not find anything wrong in the mechanics of the bus necessary for safe operation.

For several years, prior to the war, the State Board of Education sent six new buses to replace those most nearly worn out each year. For three years this has not been done, which means that we now have 18 buses now in operation that would not have been in operation had the State Board of Education been able to continue to carry out its policy of replacement.

Re Board of Education Policy: It is not often that the steering and the brakes of a bus give out suddenly. Our Service Man visits every school in the County within a two-day period, at which time, he received reports from the drivers and the principals of any repair needs of the buses. There are looked after promptly. If, however, at any time, a driver or principal finds the brakes or the steering not entirely satisfactory, he is authorized to stop operation of same, whenever this condition is found.

I am sure that you are interested in knowing that the forty-one buses in operation in Person County are rated by Mr. C. C. Brown, Head Transportation Division of the State Board of Education as among the better fleets in the State.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
R. B. GRIFFIN
Superintendent of Schools.

RBG:hjs
CC: Judge W. C. Harris,
Raleigh,
North Carolina.

Training In Nursing

Wilson, Feb.—Wilson's Junior chamber of commerce is planning to sponsor something brand new in this area—a training course for male home nursing. The Jaycees will provide the trainees while the Red Cross will provide the instructor for the course.

What They Are

Washington, Feb.—Representative Karl Mundt (R) of South Dakota asked for—and is receiving—definitions of what constitutes "Un-American activities."

And the consensus of the first replies from the "100 prominent Americans" who were asked to give their views, contained this as their idea:

Any action that would tend to harm or overthrow the Constitution. Mr. Mundt served on the old Dies Committee and was named to the new, permanent House Committee on Un-American Activities.

John W. Davis, New York attorney and 1924 Democratic candidate for President said in his reply: "There are three recognized documentary sources by which un-

LEGAL NOTICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lizzie Moss Martin, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned administrator on or before December 28, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payments.

This December 28, 1944.
W. C. Martin, Administrator.
Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA PERSON COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Bertha T. Harris, deceased, late of Person County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of January 1945.
D. L. Whitfield, Administrator
Lunsford and Burke, Attorneys.
Jan. 15-22-29, Feb. 5-12-19.

The LONE RANGER

TIM, I HEARD GUN SHOTS. WHAT'S WRONG?

BANK HOLDUP. DON'T GO DOWN THERE, KIT.

DAD! - HE'S NOT - ?

NO, THE SHERIFF'S ALL RIGHT, BUT I WISH I HADN'T SEEN WHAT HAPPENED!

I'M GLAD DAD WASN'T HURT.

HE'S ALL RIGHT! THE OUTLAW KILLED DUSTY FLETCHER.

OH-H-H, THAT'S TERRIBLE! I HOPE THE LAW CATCHES THE MAN WHO DID IT - NO MATTER WHO IT IS!

DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT, KIT?

TIM, DO YOU KNOW THE OUTLAW WHO KILLED DUSTY?

NO, BUT I KNOW THE MAN WHO HELPED HIM GET AWAY.

WHO IS IT?

I DON'T WANT TO SAY NOW, BUT I'M GOING TO PRINT IT IN THE BEACON.

GOOD! I'M GLAD YOU CAN HELP THE LAW.

I'M NOT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I HATE TO TELL THE TRUTH!

PREVENT IT! PROTECT IT!

YOU CAN

The best protection is caution. The next best is insurance! Don't risk losing property and other valuables.

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Walker Ins. Agency

J. S. WALKER BILL WALKER

NOTICE!

A good many people have the wrong impression of the recent order of the War Production Board restricting the sale and use of lumber, known as Order L-335, and if you need lumber for a necessary building or repairs we would suggest that you come to see us and let us explain this order and you may be eligible to get the necessary lumber for your work. It is NOT a FREEZE, but it might be called a ration order. It is especially favorable for the farmers and a limited quantity of lumber is allowed for others to make necessary repairs, etc. This order does not apply to building materials other than lumber.

We would be glad to explain this order

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