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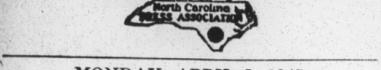
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it, but the COURIER-TIMES says it because it is true.

### NO "V" DAY OF CELEBRATION

The more we read of the dead and wounded in the Pacific area the more we are impressed with the fact that we have two very real wars going on. Which is worse is hard to tell. Both are awful.

The taking of Iwo Jima was a task that deserves praise and also deserves deep consideration. A large number of Americans lost their lives there, while others were wounded or are missing. That battle was one that can aptly be described as "war" and we in this country know what General Sherman said war is.

Each battle in the Pacific has its price and the American soldiers or sailors are paying that price—therefore why should we observe a Victory Day in Europe in any other way than in prayer and thanks. To be sure we all will be more than glad when victory comes in Europe but it looks like we should do more praying on that day than any other thing. The war in the Pacific with Japan will still be going on and that deserves our most careful prayers.

Yes, let us rejoice, close your business if you will but do not forget that Europe's V Day should be a day of reverence.

### "LOOK HOMEWARD, ANGEL"

When one writes something about home affairs and tells of the short comings of ones neighbors he is likely to run up against the same thing that happened to the late Thomas Wolfe, author of the book, "Look Homeward, Angel!" However, without making any apologies we want to call your attention to a few of the short comings of our good citizens. We believe in all candor that Roxboro and Person County have the best class of citizens that can be found anywhere. If one of our citizens, regardless of race or creed, rich or poor, is in trouble, or want, we go to his or her rescue. In every drive for the sale of War Bonds, Red Cross, tuberculosis or what not, we go over the top, but when it comes to doing something worthwhile for some City or County project we are found wanting. We have planning boards, we pass the buck to the Chamber of Commerce, we try to interest one of the civic clubs, but so far there is absolutely nothing tangible in evidence.

From all indications the war with Europe will soon be over and not a blue print have we to show that we are ready to cooperate with any Santa Claus which may be coming around. It is not because our citizens are not willing, but simply because we do not have an accepted leader. What would have happened to the recent Red Cross drive had there been no leader? We have all been depending on that old idea, "Let George do it," too long. It just will not work, for George will not do it. Let's decide on a project and then let one of the civic clubs get behind it and get busy.

### THAT LEASBURG SITUATION

Reports from Leasburg Elementary school, closed for the past several days because of stomach disorders and nausea developed by more than half the student body from food poisoning or from drinking infected water, indicate that pollution of the water may be the real cause of the trouble, probably from closeness of water and sewer lines. It is, of course, regrettable that the situation was allowed to develop, or rather that existing conditions could create such a situation that wholesale illnesses could occur, but it is wholly commendable that investigation was begun promptly.

It should be said further that in the light of present information no blame should be attached to school officials, including cafeteria operators, although somebody, probably way back at the time of the installation of water and sewerage facilities, might be blam-

ed for permitting the lines to be so close together. Please notice that the phrase is "might be blamed". Present analysis of conditions does not permit a stronger statement.

We can say, however, that leaders of Leasburg school, said to have been anxious to keep the water and food story bottled up, have—if such is their attitude—a wrong conception of the way to deal with a public school emergency. To begin with, every family served by Leasburg school had before the Thursday story was printed some version of what was happening, and probably the wrong one at that, whereas, publication of what appeared to be the situation and what was being done to meet that situation supplied the answers and relieved the public mind by showing that action was being taken to get at the bottom of the trouble.

Public schools are in their very definition public institutions and the best way to handle whatever of awkward or unpleasant situations that may arise in them is by full and frank and accurate news releases. In the meantime, a salutary effect of what has happened at Leasburg may be a more careful investigation of food and water facilities in other schools, not that any wrongs will be pulled out, but merely by way of and in the interest of prevention.

### FORWARD, RATHER THAN BACKWARD

That the changing emphasis of the State of North Carolina's Public Welfare program, like that of modern medicine, is from the thoroughly commendable art of healing social evils to the far more difficult, but equally commendable task of preventing them, might be a neat way to sum up the latter half of the report furnished here Thursday night by our State Commissioner of Public Welfare, Dr. Ellen Black Winston, who in looking to the future nevertheless kept her departmental feet on the ground by telling the assembled Person men and women no less realistically about the slow degrees of forward steps and the present abilities of the State to meet its needs in public welfare.

Involved in the change of emphasis under discussion, for example, is what appears as institutional decentralization by greater and more frequent use of small, or family unit boarding homes, both for infants and for the aged, a system of care made more practical through the enlargement of aid to dependent children grants and old age assistance programs. Also indicated is a wider conception of what must be done for sub-normal, or semi-sub-normal children of both races, while fields of psychiatry and psychology—in the public sense—have scarcely been touched.

News to many people, too, is the revelation of the Public Welfare Commission's job in the supervision of orphanages and in the carrying through of processes leading to adoptions, and coming up at this moment is the post-war task of helping Selective Service and other agencies in assistance to be rendered to veterans.

These, then, are highlights of straws in the winds, signposts of coming progress in public welfare in Tarheelia, and although progress cannot be the cure-all that idealists would like to be, it is good to know that Dr. Winston appears to be fully aware of what is coming, and has, also a Tarheel appreciation and respect for local efforts put forth by County Departments.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

#### TWO FAVORITE DIVISIONS

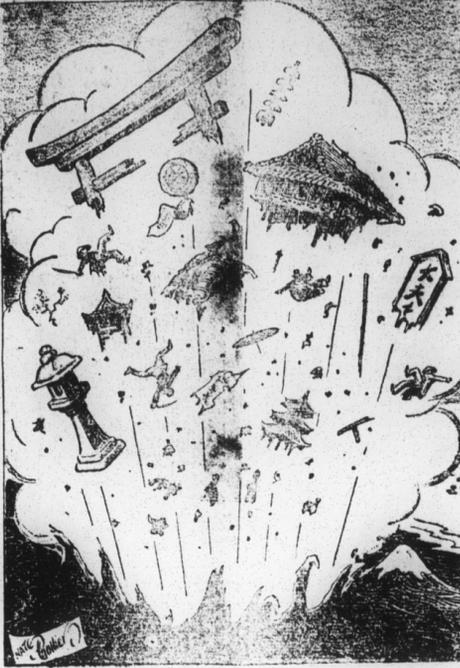
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The part which the 78th Infantry Division has had in cutting through the Siegfried Line, marching through Germany and seizing a vital junction in the superhighway beyond the Rhine, as well as in landing other well-timed blows against the enemy, has been a source of pride to this community.

The Granville County men who entered the Army with the National Guard and were trained at Fort Jackson, Camp Blanding, Camp Forest and finally at Camp Atterbury before "going over," are serving with the 30th Division. This veteran unit, in the fight for Aachen, and in cutting through the Siegfried Line, after racing through France, has accounted well for itself. Many of the Granville County men serving with the 30th have been decorated for meritorious achievement, valor and other services beyond the call of duty.

It takes many divisions like the 30th and the 78th to comprise an Army, and as the mighty armies now driving through Germany, with the help of powerful support given by the Air Force, it is easy for military units as large as a division to become "lost" in the activities of the whole military organization. But these divisions have been "up front" much of the time, and their military

### SPRING HOUSECLEANING (by the B-29's!)



### Recreation For Bulner Veterans Being Changed

#### Wednesday Dances Will Include Guests From Cities Such As Roxboro.

Camp Butner, March.—To eliminate the overlapping of entertainment in the U. S. Army General Hospital, Camp Butner, N. C., the coordination of all Red Cross, Red Cross and Special Services activities into one huge morale and entertainment program was announced at the regular Recreation Council Meeting held this week.

One of the main features of this new and active program will be the dances held bi-weekly for ambulatory soldiers at the Patients' Recreation Hall in the hospital. On Monday evening, the dance will be for the 400 patients who hold tickets for that particular evening. The guests of the patients will be all WACs on the post. "Your uniform is your invitation to attend this regular Monday night dance," Lt. Manning M. Gurian, post special services officer attached to the General Hospital, explained. "We hope that the WAC personnel from both Detachment No. 1 and No. 3 will come out to our Monday party."

In order that all patients who

want to attend the dances, may do so at least once weekly, a ticket system has been established, according to Lt. Gurian. For each party, 400 tickets are sent to different wards.

For Wednesday evening an arrangement has been made for the AWVS girls from nearby cities to be dancing guests of the soldier patients. Another group of 400 convalescents will be invited to this party.

Further emphasizing the new entertainment program, it was announced that patients would enjoy music while dining. This phase of the program was started Wednesday.

The bed patients have not been overlooked in this overall schedule. Each confined ward will have two variety shows at least twice a week. Full length Hollywood motion pictures will "invade" the wards regularly, too. Movies will be shown at the Patients' Recreation Hall twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

For the Neuro-Psychiatric patients a special musical program has been arranged. This will be held on a tri-weekly basis. The entertainment will be a Wednesday afternoon feature (L. P. M.) at the Patients' Recreation Hall and two mornings a week in the orientation room.

Outside entertainment also plays an important part in the huge morale program. "Name" bands, such as the Louis Jordan orchestra that played Tuesday afternoon in the Recreation Hall, along with the

proress is a source of pride to the home-folks.

Reactivation of the 78th (Lightning) Division occurred at Camp Butner. Soldiers in the unit were frequent visitors to Oxford, and many of them made their homes here with their families so long as they could. Some of the men of the 78th, like those of the

30th, left fast anchorages in this community. Some of them have already been back and others will when the opportunity is offered.

If this community has two favorite divisions in the European war, they are probably the two mentioned above. Every unit, every soldier in every unit—they are every one our heroes.

### Pharmacists Of State Have Penicillin Now

Penicillin is now available throughout North Carolina for civilian use in sufficient quantity to meet present needs, it was reported today by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

The War Production Board released the drug for civilian use on March 15th and a "spot check" made by the Association today of wholesale drug houses, drug stores and hospitals revealed that the quantity allocated by manufacturers to North Carolina appeared to be ample.

The drug is being released in vials containing 100,000 units of Sodium Penicillin for human parenteral medication. Distributors have been authorized to sell 1,280,000 vials from March 15 to March 31 and an additional quantity of approximately 1,500,000 vials during April.

Hospitals may now receive their needs direct from the various distributors of the drug. It will no longer be necessary for them to place orders through the Chicago penicillin distribution unit.

### U. S. Plans Land Grant Rate Appeal

NORFOLK, Va., Mar.—The Government today planned an appeal from a Federal district court decision which, if upheld, would mean that the United States must pay millions of dollars to "land grant" railroads in settlement of disputed rate charges.

Federal District Judge Sterling Hutcheson ruled here yesterday that Lend-Lease shipments of civilian goods are not subject to special "land grant" railroad rates which are accorded military-naval shipments made by the Government.

The suit has its basis in the beginning of railroads in this country when the Government made land grants to many companies to encourage construction of new lines, and in return won from the companies an all-time rate reduction

USO shows, and stage productions from various universities will lend variety to the schedule.

Another added feature, which should meet with much enthusiasm, is the patient participation in stage productions. Under the direction and expert aid of the special services technicians, the interested patients will put on a full length variety show from the stage of the Patients' Recreation Hall. Soldier shows by the enlisted personnel and special services men will also be staged in the auditorium.

Major Frank J. Anneberg, special services branch head said that a similar program has been planned for the Convalescent Hospital.

of 50 per cent for military-naval cargoes hauled over these lines.

The Seaboard Railway balked in 1941, however, when the Government deducted 50 per cent from the bill for a shipment of phosphate rock consigned to the British Ministry of Transport. The railway argued that the phosphate was intended for civilian use in England and was not subject to the land grant deduction and took the case into the District Court. The Government contended that Lend-Lease shipments are as much a part of the war effort as military materials.

### FRENCH GENDARMES USED AS FORCE OF OCCUPATION

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Paris, March 29—French Gendarmes have been thrown into the Saarland as part of the force of occupation.

The step was taken, it was announced, out of operational necessity because of the speed at which Allied Armies are moving and the extent of the newly conquered territory.

### TOBACCO RESOLUTION

Douglas, Ga., March 29.—Tobacco growers from 16 South Georgia and Florida counties today adopted resolutions demanding a ceiling price of 47 1-2 cents a pound for unflue cured bright leaf tobacco, and a floor price of not less than 46 1-2 cents for the 1946 crop.

### NOTE TO TOURISTS

London, March 29.—Note to tourists who might be expecting to visit Germany soon: German hotels now require their guests to bring their own bed linens, towels, matches and candles, the Nazi DNB Agency said today. The new list of regulations forbids "complete baths."

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THAT'S THE IDEA!

I'LL UNTIE IT!

NO, LET TONTO USE HIS KNIFE... IT'S QUICKER!

UGH!

KEMO SABAY--LOOK! KNIFE NOT CUT-UM--- ROPE GOT WIRE INSIDE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, TONTO! THERE'S IRON WIRE IN THE INSIDE OF IT!

GEE--IF IT ISN'T BROKEN, ME HEAR HORSES COMING NOW!

WE'LL HAVE TO STOP IT! COME ON, SILVER!

GITTUM UP, SCOUT!

TY-YYY-PPIE!

I'LL GRAB THE LEAD HORSES, TONTO... YOU TAKE THE OTHER SIDE

PULL UP! STOP!! DANGER AHEAD!!

MASKED! OUTLAWS! GIDDAP THERE!!