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

**ON THE HOME FRONT**

Accepted as natural are our advances against the Germans and the Japanese. Headlines of the week are full of such reports in which there is an immense satisfaction, but on the home front, in the U. S. A., and clear across to England and Russia, give and take adjustments appear as the order of the day. The President's announcement that the United States will seek only one vote instead of three at the San Francisco conference is an example of a problem involving the Big Three. The defeat of the work or jail bill in Congress and the resignation of James F. Byrnes as War Mobilizer are two instances of domestic readjustments.

Add to the above a temporary compromise in the coal strike situation and a continuing bickering in both high places and low as to the meat and food supplies, and you have a fairly complete picture of our continuing home-front battles, the very existence of which must be puzzling to the boys who are doing the actual blood and guts battling. About the only answer which can be made is that domestic, political struggle is democracy at work and that it is better to bring out into the open than to conceal dissatisfactions and compromises, regardless of what our soldiers or our enemies may think of them.

**THE MISSION OF LAUGHTER IN THE WORLD**

Burke's Superintendent Bob Patton, speaking Tuesday night to Person's teachers, school officials and "politicians", had the right idea when he said that teachers, of all people, need a sense of humor if they are to get along with their work in this world. As a matter of fact, Mr. Patton went further than "humor", he said laughter, which is a good deal closer to pure fun and the capacity to see it and to enjoy it.

The Patton manner, his own exposition of humor, lies close to that of little Washington's Edmond Harding, and stems from the same sources, appreciation for rural and small-town folkways, but like any philosopher worth his salt, Patton knows, too, that laughter is close to tears, that the line between joy and sorrow is of the thickness of a hair. What Mr. Patton had to say had to be heard to be appreciated. Nevertheless, we hope that the teachers, board members and others who heard him will be able to take back to their classrooms and businesses the germ of his idea.

In war and peace, in work and in play, one can live without laughter, but it is a pretty poor living, and the darker and the more depressing the times, the harder, unless accumulated wisdom is seasoned with wit. There never has been any excuse for insane, inane laughter, or for thoughtless mirth. The Patton brand has nothing to do with such.

**THE NEED IS REAL**

United National Clothing collection head here, as announced in Monday's Courier-Times, is the Rev. W. C. Martin, who by official proclamation from Mayor S. G. Winstead represents not only the City of Roxboro but also the cooperating civic clubs in the coming drive for clothing for destitute civilians: men, women and children in war ravaged areas. Complaining as Americans do about shortages of food and clothing, it is still difficult for them to imagine living in a completely bombed out town or countryside, with no food, no shelter and little or no clothing. The job of arousing community consciousness in Roxboro as to the needs of the destitute is Mr. Martin's, and he could do no better for supporting evidence than to turn back to a letter written just before Christmas from France by one of his own overseas sons, Cpl. W. C. Martin, Jr., who helped a group of French children have a better time. We are

sure that Roxboro and Person County, too, will rally behind Mr. Martin and will help him to make the local contribution to the United National Clothing collection impressive and helpful.

The appeal connected with it is not routine and neither is the job.

**FLORENCE JEFFRESS HAMILTON**

Good servant in a public service, the Farm Security Administration, was Mrs. Florence Jeffress Hamilton, native of South Boston, Va., and resident of Roxboro, who died Sunday night and for whom rites were held on Wednesday in Greensboro and at South Boston. Living for the past two to three years in Roxboro, in an atmosphere not essentially different from that of Halifax County (Va.), Mrs. Hamilton put energy and enthusiasm into her job of FSA supervisor.

But it was an energy and an enthusiasm backed up by a knowledge of people and of folkways in her two States, and more particularly in North Carolina, which she knew from the coast to the mountains, all over and up and down. Mrs. Hamilton loved life and living in the more subtle as well as in the simpler manifestations, which explains why she could talk food values and canning techniques in an understandable language and could at the same time catch the rich humor shown unsuspectingly in parlor chit-chat by men and women ignorant of dollar economy and of vitamin contents.

And through it all Mrs. Hamilton accepted and kept to herself those purely personal discomforts and frustrations that come with living—no matter how well equipped a man or woman may be—as Mrs. Hamilton was—at the starting point. For her, however, there was the satisfaction that the years in Person, at the last, were, perhaps, the best.

**SECOND INSTANCE**

Pvt. Harold Lunsford, of Roxboro, who has been reported as missing in action in Luxembourg and who has this last week dispelled that report by sending a prisoner of war letter from Germany home to his wife, is the second Person man in recent weeks who has supplied happy information as to his safety in advance of the more formal notifications sent by the U. S. War Department. That he has been able to do this is a further confirmation of prisoner of war conditions in Germany described here last month by Red Cross Representative Mrs. Elizabeth Lott Minor, who has advised next of kin that chaotic conditions in Germany have broken down more formal methods of communication.

Roxboro citizens, of course, would like to know if Pvt. Lunsford has thus far escaped the German "Bataan March" described in first of the week papers. Judging from his letter, he has, but to his own people any news is better than no news.

**WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING**

**SUIT NO REMEDY**  
Greensboro Daily News

Attorney General Francis Biddle is reported in there backing the suit of Governor Arnall of Georgia against the railroads for damages resulting from discriminatory freight rates.

If Arnall should collect, we fancy several current and former governors of southern states are going to feel rather like kicking themselves for not having thought to beat him to his court action. But still it hardly makes sense to have a state sue an interstate carrier whose rates are fixed by federal authority.

The remedy for discriminatory rates has been obvious for years: Appoint to the interstate commerce commission thoroughly representative and informed members who will put an end to the discriminations.

It is just that simple. Meantime we do not believe that entrance of the department of justice into the Georgia case will contribute anything of value unless it should serve to provide occasion for more stump speeches.

**RUBBLE**  
Christian Science Monitor

In the past few days we have been getting fresh impressions of the devastation wrought by air war. Pictures of Cologne Cathedral standing starkly amid the rubble that was once a city bear out the report that of its 3,320 acres of built-up area 2,010 acres have been razed. And the stories of incendiary bombs turning Japan's cities into infernos the size of Manhattan Island give us a picture of destruction never approached in the history of war.

The first reaction is one of encouragement at this evidence of Allied power. From examination of German cities already overrun Al-

lied experts gain the assurance that many others are so wrecked as not only to have ceased producing supplies but to have become millstones dragging down the German military machine. It is as if cities like Pittsburgh, Sheffield, Detroit, or Birmingham had had the whole center knocked out of them.

The great fire in Chicago or the San Francisco earthquake were small compared with the conflagrations in Tokyo and Nagoya. The Germans and the Japanese are now receiving payment with interest for the bombing of London and Pearl Harbor. The devastation wrought by bombing promises an earlier end of the war.

From that standpoint Allied peoples must welcome the grim evidences of their air power at work. But there can be few men and women with imagination who do not try to draw a shade against the full picture of horror and misery wreaked by their defenders.

**Save The Fire Loss**

This is the spring forest fire season. In all too many instances the beautiful woodlands are turned into scorched and blackened wastes when instead they should be filled with tender green shoots, leaves and flowers. Already too often is seen the smoke of forest fires hanging in the skies and the landscape blemished by the ugliness of large tracts of land ravished by fire.

But it is not beauty alone that is lost when fires get loose in the woods. There is a severe cash loss to the landowner, a loss as positive and as certain as if a building in a town is burned. It is from these trees and seedlings in our woodlands today that the houses of tomorrow must be built.

This waste of wealth from fires in our woodlands should be stopped. It is a problem that deserves greater public concern than has as yet been given to it. Production of our woods in the rural districts, which produce the material from which the houses in our towns are built, is as essential and of much concern as fire protection for the buildings in the towns. Police and citizens would be aroused to concerted effort to apprehend any person who intentionally or with wanton carelessness set fire to a building. Towns purchase and maintain expensive apparatus for fighting fires within their limits. But in rural areas it is still permitted and permissible for fires to be carelessly, and sometimes willfully and maliciously, set in the woodlands. The fact that thousands of dollars worth of valuable property is consumed, causes very little concern. It should not be so. The smoke of a forest fire rising in the sky should cause as much excitement as a fire rising from the roof of a dwelling. The loss is the same and as real in either case.

Let us all concerned to prevent this loss. Let us be as concerned to save our homes of the future from forest fires as we are to save our own and our neighbors' houses and barns when we see them aflame.—Hertford County Herald.

Producers' ceiling prices have been advanced about 1-4 cents a pound to encourage farmers to produce more young chickens this summer. The increase will be effective from July 1 through December.

The fact that the enemy first bombed civilians and that British-American bombing aims for military objectives does not wholly free us from a feeling of sharing in a horrible business.

We cannot allow ourselves to be appalled or put off by the rubble and the ruin. The home front like the soldier must stand up to the grim necessity to carry through and break the enemy's power completely. But it may be just as well for the home front to realize that it is in effect giving the orders which make rubble of cities—inhabited cities—even as it gives the orders which send its own sons into battle.

For the more fully civilians share this sense of responsibility, the more they will share the soldier's hatred of what he has to do. The more fully, too, they may share his determination to prevent the necessity arising again. The more the civilian learns of war the more he will support peace.

**Following Men In Service Around the World**

This column is devoted to new men serving their country. Such news is solicited from parents and friends of these men. When writing, be sure to sign your name.



**Sgt. Thomas L. Hamlett Writes Parents.**

Dear Mother and Dad:  
I will answer your letter that I got the other day and sure was glad to hear from you and to know that you were well and hope that this will find you still well. This gives me feeling as good as you could expect, I guess.

"Dad, I guess you have been wondering why I have not written before now, and here is the reason, both of my arms were hurt, and I have just gotten so I can use my right one a little, but I hope it won't be long before I can use both of them again.

"In the meantime, just take care of yourselves and don't worry about

me, for I will be alright. Dad, you can tell Catherine and Christine my address and that I will write as soon as I can.

"So I will close with saying, be good and may God bless you until we meet again."

The above was letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper M. Hamlett, of Roxboro, Route 3, Sgt. Hamlett has been overseas 26 months.

A 2 cent premium will be paid for wool tied with paper twine this year. On the other hand, there will be a deduction of 10 cents per pound where sisal or binder twine is used.

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**Vegetables - Meats - Flour - Seed - Feed - Etc.**  
**We Are Always Glad To See You And Do Our Best To Please You**  
**We Are Open Every WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
**MOORE'S CASH MARKET**  
Reams Avenue

**Many People Flock To Morehead City**

Morehead City.—The prospect of an oil boom in this area of Eastern Carolina, brought nearer by a speeding of plans for actual drilling by a prospecting company in the near future, has brought a great influx of people to Morehead City.

Also drawing newcomers is a one million dollar building program, and the advent of beach weather in this section.

Hotels, rooming houses, private homes and trailers camps are overflowing, and the construction program involving the erection of from 240 to 300 new homes is being rushed to completion to assist in making available accommodations for

the many newcomers.  
On Crab Point across Calico Creek from Morehead City, preparations went forward rapidly for drilling the first oil well in this area. Workmen who arrived the first of the week were erecting machinery for drilling operations for the Coastal Plains Oil Company.

The bunny is up to date on his vitamins. The carrot is a good source of vitamin A and the cabbage furnishes vitamin C.

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**Preference for Chilean Nitrate is Just as Natural as the Product Itself**



Doubly Lucky...Pop brings home a soldier son on furlough, and natural nitrate to side dress the crops.

Good farmers—for over a hundred years—have hauled natural nitrate for their crops. Since 1830, when the first nitrate cargo arrived from Chile, millions of tons have been used on American farms . . . 3,300,000 tons since the outbreak of the war. This year's supply of Chilean Nitrate depends largely on ships available to bring it in. If everyone takes his share promptly when offered, at least 850,000 tons can be supplied for this year's crops.

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Chilean Nitrate is quick-acting inorganic nitrogen. It is immediately soluble in normal soil moisture. It is all available to the crop. But beyond all this, Chilean Nitrate is natural . . . the only natural nitrate in the world. Because of its natural origin, Chilean Nitrate of Soda contains, in addition to large proportions of nitrogen and sodium, small amounts of boron, iodine, manganese, copper—34 different elements in all—many of which are known to be essential to healthy plant growth.

Good farmers the world over have learned by experience to prefer Natural Chilean Nitrate of Soda. In experiments, test plots and in the field, it has demonstrated its worth. It is the safe, sure nitrate for your crops.

Easy to Handle . . . Easy to Use  
Natural Chilean Nitrate comes in two forms—Champion brand and Old Style. It reaches you in fine mechanical condition, in even-weight bags, for easy storage and handling.

**Natural CHILEAN NITRATE of SODA**

**The LONE RANGER**

STOP! YOU'RE RIDING INTO A TRAP!

NO! MASKED OUTLAWS CAN'T MAKE ME!!

JUMP, TONTO, I'LL TAKE THE LEAD HORSE!

WHOA! WHOA, THERE!

SAY, WHAT'S THE IDEA OF--?

YOU STOPPED JUST IN TIME!

YOU PICKED THE WRONG STAGE FOR A HOLD-UP! I'M NOT CARRYING ANYTHING! LOOK!

ANOTHER FIFTY FEET AND YOU'D HAVE PILED UP!

YOU PUT IT THERE TO WRECK ME!

THAT ROPE HAS A WIRE CENTER! WE COULDN'T CUT IT, SO HAD TO STOP YOU!

I CAN'T FIGURE THIS OUT! YOU'RE MASKED--

----- OUTLAWS WOULDN'T TRY TO STOP A WRECK!

IF YOU DIDN'T PUT THAT ROPE ACROSS THE TRAIL--WHO DID?

THE DRIVER OF ANOTHER STAGE!

THAT MEANS PINCH FULTON--THE MURDERIN' SKUNK!