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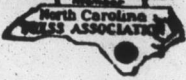
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It isn't true because the COURIER-TIMES says it,
 but the COURIER-TIMES says it because it is true.

CALLING THE TUNE

North Carolina's former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who during his stay in office established for himself a reputation as a vigorous leader in various tobacco crises, is, to all appearances continuing in that vigor and spirit as counsel for warehouse association units, as witness the following story from Danville, Va., and the Governor's opinions thereon:

"Notice was served on the leaf tobacco warehouse industry of the south that unless it regulates itself successfully during the coming auction season, it probably will not survive as a system and will in years to come be regulated by the government.

"Old belt warehousemen numbering 50 and representing more than 340 loose leaf sales houses in Virginia and North Carolina agreed unitedly to a new auction dispensation which they were assured will bring about orderly marketing of leaf within the compass of the redrying facilities. The gearing down process calls for a 3 1/2 hour sales day per set of buyers, 400 piles of leaf to be sold to the hour and the weight of each pile not to exceed 250 pounds.

J. M. Broughton, former governor of North Carolina, now counsel for the merged warehouse association units from Florida to Virginia presented the new plan and minced no words in saying that the inequities which have fallen on the producer must be brought to an end if federal intervention is to be forestalled. He said there were countless incidents of leaf selling one day at 32 cents per pound and 14 the next simply because buyers got off the market seeing the redriers overtaxed with the danger of leaf caught in the jam spoiling. The injustice, Broughton said, was that when prices were good farmers often trucked in their whole seasonal curings to find prices slashed without an economical sound reason."

That threat of further government regulation is just what warehousemen will not want. We are not thoroughly familiar with the evils so graphically described by Gov. Broughton, but we take it that the warehousemen are and that their adoption of a new plan is illustration enough that they both appreciate and understand the advice given by their lawyer. In a way, it seems a pity that other evils connected with the production and marketing of our chief cash crop cannot be solved as easily.

WITHOUT CEREMONY

Without ceremony, but not without honor to the man and the community and the State which he serves, was the installation yesterday of Gordon C. Hunter, of this City, as president of the State Banker's association. The ritual was made simple by war-time restrictions on travel which considerably reduced the attendance of banking officials at their Raleigh meeting and eliminated entirely their annual gathering, usually at Pinehurst. Stepping up of Mr. Hunter to the leadership was automatic, being based on the fact that he was previously the first vice president.

This means that the story of his installation as president of the Association has no news value, but is rather a matter of record. As for that record, people in Roxboro and Person know what kind of a banker Mr. Hunter has been and we doubt not that the State, too, will begin to discover the peculiar excellences that can be discovered in small-town banking as a field of training for leadership in larger matters.

STILL ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION

The death on Tuesday of Stephen Johnson, 23, Person Negro of Hurdle Mills, Route two, who on Sunday was allegedly shot by Aubrey Johnson, also a Negro, at Hesters Grove, a Negro church, illustrates once again how im-

portant it is that Roxboro and Person county should as soon as possible furnish hospital facilities for Negroes. Stephen Johnson, the story goes, was shot in the arm about eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Some two hours later he was removed to Lincoln hospital, Durham, where it was subsequently reported his condition was not serious.

That report, it seems, was an error of judgment, since Stephen Johnson died early Tuesday morning, his death being caused probably by loss of blood. Quick and on the spot first aid action at the scene of the shooting might have helped save him. Quick treatment in a Roxboro hospital, if one had been available, ought to have helped, too, but as it was the injured man was, perforce, taken to Lincoln at Durham. Under the circumstances there was nothing else to do, for Community hospital here, although it does at times render first aid to Negro emergency cases, is at present in no condition or position to do more than that and can scarcely give adequate protection and care to its limited number of white patients.

Under plans of the proposed War Memorial hospital adequate provisions are to be made for minority race groups, both Negro and Indian, but even under the best circumstances it will be at least two to three years before such facilities can be made available. In the meantime, Negroes in Person County who get shot will continue to run a race with death as long as they have to be taken to Durham for treatment, and those Negroes who do the shooting will likewise continue to have chances for murder charges multiplied.

We have no record of how many shooting scrape instances here have been turned to murder counts simply because the persons who were shot at died because of inadequate or slowly received medical treatment. There has been at least one other such case here in addition to the Johnson one, in less than six months, and the ratio of deaths per shootings will continue high just as long as the present low level in hospital facilities for Negroes is continued. Of that we are sure.

AN EARLY PRACTITIONER

On Monday, on the same day that Dr. Henry McGilbert Wagstaff, of Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina, died and brought to an end nearly forty years of cultural service to his State, Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, speaking to the 1945 graduating class at State college, said to the students, "We need you and we want you". Something of the same tenor was voiced by Dr. Frank Graham, the only difference being that Dr. Graham extended the "we need you, we want you" thesis so that it covered the whole South rather than just the State of North Carolina.

The Cherry and Graham gospel of staying in the South is, indeed no new doctrine. It has been expounded these many years and was observable as a tenet in the year of 1907, when Dr. Wagstaff, moving across the few miles from Person to Orange, began putting the doctrine into practice for himself. Dr. Wagstaff, however, was an early practitioner. He got his Ph. D., at Johns Hopkins but he came back home to devote his life to teaching and in the carrying forward of his career established for himself a tradition of culture that was as individual, if not as startling as that set up by the late Horace Williams.

There was in the Wagstaff make-up a union of down to earth Person ways and of a rarefied intellectualism. The two elements met and lived together and were at home in one man, a man who could teach English history through the years to countless generations of students and who could through all those years keep an interest in the land and the people of his own county. He lived for long in a university atmosphere, but he never really forgot those earlier and simpler days and ways in the Concord section of Person and thus, in keeping a balance between books and men he achieved somewhat more solid, if less sensational aspects of culture than does the average college teacher.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

VICTORY PLEDGE OF AN AMERICAN FARMER

Office Of War Information.

I am an American farmer. My thinking . . . my money . . . my time . . . will stay in this war until the finish. I and my sons have a big stake in complete victory. We operate one of America's five million free farms. We tend our flocks and till our fields on a billion acres of the finest land in the world. American liberty and freedom have meant much to us.

While my sons are fighting for freedom, I will work hard here at home that food and fiber in abundance will ever fight on the side of America. With careful planning and the help of the Almighty God who has brought

favorable seasons, I, as one of America's five million farmers, have been able to increase the production of my fields and pastures each year since the war started. In spite of difficulties ahead I will again endeavor to increase the produce from my land and flocks.

But I realize that wars are not won with food alone. I will do my part to keep our

country financially sound and economically strong. All income from the harvests I hope to gather, above that's needed for necessary expenses, will be invested in War Bonds to buy the equipment that my sons, and the sons of other Americans, will use to speed the final victory, and to prepare for the day when my sons come home.



Mrs. L. M. Saunders Receives Letter From Son's Buddy Robert Chambers

Dear Mrs. Chambers:
 I thought I would write you a few lines to see if I could find out where Hester is. I always wrote letters for Hester when we were together, but I had forgotten your address. I hope this is the right address. I don't know whether it is or not.

When you write Hester give him my address and tell him to write to me. Because I will hear from him sooner if he does. I sure wish we could have stayed together. I know he will be glad to hear from me wherever he is. Hester was my best buddy. We had a lot of fun together. He was always telling me about his little brothers.

I hope you are well and happy. All I'm waiting for is the good old days to come back. Well tell sister Hella. I don't believe I remember her name. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Cpl. Johnnie Tillman Writes To Mother From Austria

May 8, V-E Day

Dearest Mama:
 Today is the day I've been waiting for for a long, long time. I'm all c. k. Not a scratch have I received in the E. T. O. and in perfect health so far as I know, and as happy as I can be, excusing of course, if I were home, I'd be happier. One of these days I'll be coming home.

One thing I can say for sure and that is I'm awfully glad it's all over with in one part of the world. Some of the going has been plenty tough at times, but we've been getting some good breaks for the past four or five weeks. I doubt whether I've been in fifty miles of the front in nearly a month. I spent one week in a town in Germany not long ago where the third army headquarters were. The Luftwaffe came over every night, but not in strength, neither were any eggs dropped.

I guess you are happy over the armistice. I know too you are waiting to get a letter from me dated on or after V-E Day. Will attend a movie this p. m. Give my love to all. To remind you mother, I have been overseas thirty months. I was in North Africa, and other places but the going on D-Day and since has been much tougher than ever there, but it is all over now and I am hoping to see you soon."

In the 15 years after World War I, only 30 war tanks were built in the United States.

Following Men In Service Around the World

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

Let's Not Ration Recreation

A few hours alone with one's family away from the chores and responsibilities of the home and the farm, will give a renewed interest in our job of tomorrow and a greater appreciation of life in the country, says L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader for the State College Extension Service.

"For the home group let's plan a family picnic," he explains. "Select a good location and enjoy a meal out in the open with the songbirds to furnish the music and the great Mother Nature to furnish the picture—Sunset—probably the greatest of them all. The plans for such a picnic or meal need not be elaborate.

"Good, wholesome food that can be prepared and served outdoors is the important thing, and there are many dishes that become more appetizing when prepared and served in the open. The actual preparation and cooking of the meal will be as much fun and recreation as any other part of the evening and should be participated in by every member of the family. Hard boiled eggs, when cooked over an open fire, become a delicacy as does bacon broiled over the open coals; and for dessert—who ever heard of a better one than homemade ice cream! But, don't let the meal scare you or work a hardship. Remember, it's all for fun. Use what you have to the best advantage. You will have lots of fun planning the meal.

"When the meal is finished and all dishes and equipment packed and the grounds cleaned up, let's turn our attention to other things. While our little campfire is still burning and as the sun sets and radiates its golden glow and paints an indescribable picture, we have a perfect setting for a story-telling scene—one by father, one by mother, one by Peggy, and one by Jack.

"This is going to be lots of fun! If you don't believe it, just try it and see! The best picnic in the world is the family picnic."

HEARING FOR QUISSLING

Oslo.—Norwegian Attorney General Sven Arntzen said today that Vidkun Quisling, Norway's No. 1 traitor, will be given a police court preliminary hearing this week.

However, Arntzen would not say at a press conference what the eventual charge against Quisling will be, or when his trial will be held.

Ships Fitted As Large Hospitals

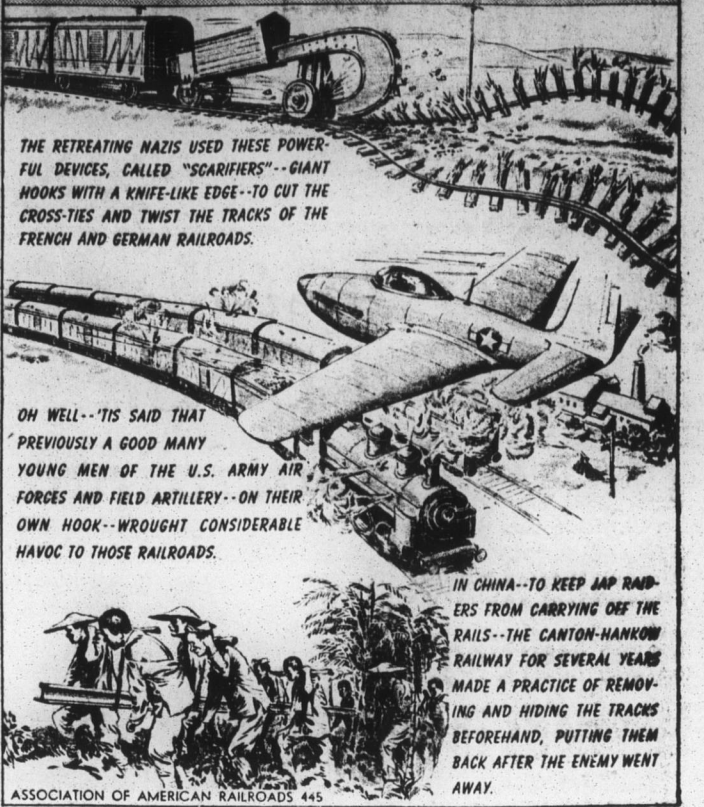
Washington, May 30.—American servicemen wounded in the European theatre will be returning home at the fastest possible rate within the next three months, with Army hospital ships transporting a large percentage of them, the Office of War Information said in a report on the Army and Navy programs for bringing the wounded home by sea.

Twenty Army hospital ships are now operating in the Atlantic, and 18 of these will be busy in plying back and forth between the home base at the Charleston, S. C. Port of Embarkation, and several European ports. The size of the ships ranges from that of the Milne, which can carry nearly 1,000 patients per trip, and the Clem and the Hinds, each of which has a capacity of less than 300 patients. In addition to these 20 ships, there are 13 others transporting the wounded in various parts of the world. These included two Army hospital ships operating out of Los Angeles; three Navy hospital ships operated for the Army in the Pacific, and eight Navy hospital ships, all busy in the Pacific theatres. Several Army ships now operating in the Atlantic will soon be transferred to the Pacific. Four more Army hospital ships are to be commissioned before mid summer, and three more Navy hospital ships are to be put into operation in the next few weeks. It is anticipated that all will be assigned to service in the Pacific.

The new Navy hospital ships, including three which were recently commissioned, are air-conditioned throughout. Medical officials state that the air-conditioning not only provides greater comfort for servicemen, but that the incidence of fungi infections, prickly heat and other ills typical of the tropics will be minimized. The ships are provided with the latest medical equipment such as is found in standard shore hospitals. The nurse and doctor staffs are supplemented by a large group of enlisted medical personnel. The mechanical operation of the Army ships is in the hands of merchant seamen, but enlisted Navy personnel is used on the Navy vessels. The medical complements on the Navy ships operated for the Army is furnished by the Army Medical Corps to the Army Transportation Corps.

Patients returning home are classed as litter, ambulant and mental cases. The ships have special facilities for the mental patients, most of whom are suffering from what is known as "combat fatigue" and will be restored to health following sufficient rest in the States. The programs of entertainment on board the hospital ships are varied and full. Orchestras and choral groups are organized on most voyages home; motion pictures are shown, usually daily, and games of many types are arranged. Each army ship

Rail oddities



THE RETREATING NAZIS USED THESE POWERFUL DEVICES, CALLED "SCARIFIERS"—GIANT HOOKS WITH A KNIFE-LIKE EDGE—TO CUT THE CROSS-TIES AND TWIST THE TRACKS OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN RAILROADS.

OH WELL—'TIS SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY A GOOD MANY YOUNG MEN OF THE U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES AND FIELD ARTILLERY—ON THEIR OWN HOOK—WROUGHT CONSIDERABLE HAVOC TO THOSE RAILROADS.

IN CHINA—TO KEEP JAP BANDERS FROM CARRYING OFF THE RAILS—THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY FOR SEVERAL YEARS MADE A PRACTICE OF REMOVING AND HIDING THE TRACKS BEFOREHAND, PUTTING THEM BACK AFTER THE ENEMY WENT AWAY.

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WMC Seeks Order Reversal

Raleigh, May 31.—Reversing the usual order, the War Manpower Commission in North Carolina recently appeared as a suppliant before the Manpower Priorities Committee asking for an increase in its ceiling permission to increase the number of employees by 82, from 486 to 568.

Actually, the increase was requested by the Civil Service Commission, which has the responsibility of manning the Manpower Commission and the U. S. Employment Service, as well as all other Federal agencies. The increase was recommended by Dr. J. S. Dorton, who is both State director of the War Manpower Commission and chairman of the Manpower Priorities Committee. After arguing against it facetiously, the committee finally allowed the request.

More employers were sought to meet the needs in the 45 regular USES offices and to man the 27 branch offices which have been opened to bring the service closer to the returning war veterans and returning war workers and other workers and employees in as many communities of the State as possible.

North Carolina stepped out ahead of the Nation in opening the extra branch offices by using personnel of the regular local offices to get started. Higher officials then approved the stop, allowed two and three employee branch offices, and recommended this plan to other states.

This State now has 105 points of contact with workers and employers, including the State office, six area offices, 45 local offices, 10 divisional

offices for Negro workers exclusively, 37 branch offices, and six offices at Army, Navy and Marine Corps discharge centers.

Incidentally, Dr. Dorton became more of a suppliant before the Manpower Priorities Committee, when he asked for a ceiling to replace the roof of blown off of the grand stand of the Cleveland County Fair at Shelby, in order to protect the property. He applied to the manager of the Shelby USES office, got approval of the WMC area director, and then sought approval of his Priorities Committee. It was granted. Local labor, largely semi-skilled, is replacing the roof.

Three In Germany

Pfc. Joe B. Sparks, of Broad street, Pvt. Percy J. Carver, of Route 2, Roxboro, and Cpl. Thomas A. Horton, of Route 1, Roxboro, are with the Sixth Army, Germany, in the 143rd Infantry regiment, which is now observing its second overseas anniversary, according to a report received here today from the War Department.



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