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

**A DIRECTIVE WHICH MAKES SENSE**

Person County folks, most of whom have had plenty of reason to think about Selective Service Board measures, ought to be pleased at the latest announcement from Brig. Gen. J. Van E. Metts, director, to the effect that students now in high school are not to be called up until they have graduated from high school. Suggestion from the General is that such calls will be or should be delayed until the registrants become twenty years of age.

Only rub in the proposition is that students who are dull and fail to make the grade or who drop out of school to go to work will make themselves immediately liable to the service. But maybe that will do what teachers and truant officers sometimes cannot do, make the students pass their work and stay in school.

**NO HOME TO COME TO**

Thoughts of most of the guys in the Ernie Pyle picture, "G. I. Joe", which packed 'em in with standing room only signs here the first three days of the week, were centered upon getting the job done and coming back home to the U. S. A. Many of the local men who lived through just such campaigns in Italy or in other parts of Europe or in the Philippines are back here now, and more are coming every week. Yes, they are coming back, and glad to be out, but faced with the stark reality that they have no places in which to live in the very towns for which they dreamed and fought.

It is that old problem, a scarcity of houses, we are talking about, together with what appears to be a complete lack of building supplies—at any price. Roxboro is not the only town where houses are scarce. Durham has just had a town meeting to discuss the problem, and apparently has gotten nowhere, quickly. Charlotte has issued an appeal to citizens to make room for at least a thousand more persons, and so it goes.

Some of the returning men are fortunate. Their parents or their parents-in-law had large houses when the fighters left. They still have them and thus can squeeze and double a bit and make room for a few sons and extra daughters-in-law and grandchildren. But some of the men who come home have no large houses waiting. Some have no houses at all. No apartments. And none can be had. And none can be built.

Men who have never spent Christmas with their new baby, the one they did not meet until they came home, face the prospect of having no place to call "a home of their own" even for that one day. Add to that the purely business fact that finding a job is easier than finding a house. There are some G. I.'s in Roxboro who say they will have to leave here because of the housing shortage. They have or can get jobs. They want to live here, but they can't. We don't know the answer, but we do know that Roxboro needs to keep all of its young, energetic citizens who want to stay. And anybody who has a house or an apartment which can be rented or shared will be helping some of them to stay.

All through the mud and the rain and the cold and the heat, and no home to come home to. It sounds like bombed out Europe and the devastated Philippines. It is Roxboro and half the towns and cities of the nation.

**IT WENT OFF**

Newest fire-cracker story comes from Greensboro where somebody threw a lighted cracker under a skating rink. It went off—the cracker did—and there was an eleven thousand dollar fire, totally destroying the rink. Comment made by the Greensboro Daily News is concerned with the seriousness of the loss in comparison with what the loss might have been, the hand or leg or eye or life of a child or an adult. Added thought from the News is that somehow

in the last General Assembly there was lost also a bill outlawing the sale of fireworks in Guilford county.

That does not make the situation any better in Guilford and Greensboro than it is in Danville, Va., and Pittsylvania county, ditto, but here in Person and Roxboro, where similar slips of the law exists, we have no greater room for pride or for a sense of security.

**CALL IT WISFUL THINKING**

Pronouncement from State Attorney General Harry McMullan has it that "Individual members of a school board have no authority over teachers in the schools or over the operation of the schools", as reported this week from Raleigh, where McMullan is further quoted as saying that the authority of school board members is confined to the "official acts of the board in session" and that outside of this the "individual board members have no official authority."

Interesting, likewise, in connection with school affairs is the additional declaration from McMullan that serving as a school committeeman constitutes double office holding if a committeeman happens also to be the holder of another official position. That last ruling will of itself make for the elimination of some committeemen, but the statement that really stirs is the first mentioned one relative to authority. Intentions of the law as cited by the Tar Heel Attorney General are perfect, but there can be little assurance that any board members subversive enough to stoop to meanness cannot circumvent the law when they have a mind to.

We will not say that Person County or Roxboro have at any time had mean and self-seeking school board members, but we know from experience that what passes as official business by many a board or committee interested in public causes is worked up more often than not outside of any formal session and can at times be twisted to personal desires by any one particularly energetic or mean-spirited member. And besides, it's a rare law or ruling which does not indicate prior violation of the spirit or the fact which the law aims to protect.

Formality of law unfortunately offers no full and complete protection to teachers from those occasional meddlers and self-pushers who stoop to small politics on school boards.

**CARE IN GIVING AID**

The civil war in China, for that is what it is, is more serious than the average back-home American thinks it is. For new evidence of the more than tacit support being given by the United States government to the established Chinese government and against the communists there, we need only to cite the story which appeared Tuesday afternoon relative to the reported calling in of American planes from Burma and India to be sent to China, and already, according to the report at the cost of American lives in crashes due to weather conditions.

More obvious to Americans is the fact that American intervention in China, rightly or wrongly, is the cause of a state of tension in our relations with Russia. Also a part of the unsettled picture in Asia is the matter of the Dutch and the Indonesians in Java and other Dutch possessions, where the British also have interests and where the Dutch and the British have not had scruples against using Japs against the revolting Indonesians. But what we in America need to see more clearly is that Japan out of all the nations in Asia is about the only one now at peace.

Irony of the situation is that peace in Japan is being maintained by American arms, but it will be far more serious if we of the United States by well intended but overt acts of assistance to China and to the Dutch and the British shall again become involved in a large scaled war. To do that before the terms of settlement of World War II are made, would be just about like an arrival at that kind of tiger clawing amongst former friends that Hitler would most have relished.

The Chinese powder keg and the one in Java by a few carelessly handled diplomatic moves be turned into bloodshed over

again for all of us. That is how serious the situation is.

**THE ADVENT**

This coming Sunday, December 2, on many church calendars marks the beginning of the Advent season heralding the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Ad-

vent, like Lent, is a time of spiritual preparation, of remembrance. Poets have sung their sweetest songs about the mystery of the coming, the grand climax of which is Christmas and which this year ought to mean so much. What it does mean, however, will depend in great measure on how the season is prepared for in the heart and soul.

**OPEN FORUM**

Roxboro, N. C.  
 November 28, 1945

Editors,  
 Courier-Times  
 Roxboro, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Have just been reading the Courier-Times, issue of November 22, in which the Gift Suggestion for Camp Butner Hospital patients was listed.

The suggestion was pretty good and I think our town and county is always ready to lend a helping hand to every worthy cause.

Our motto should always be to help build life, not tear down or give gifts that might be the means of destroying what could be built into a beautiful life.

My heart goes out to those men in the hospitals, and I feel like if there is any soul who really knows what hell is like, it is the boys who fought the battles of this war. We should and do appreciate these men.

Let us prove to them we do by sending the gifts we want given to our own son.

Don't send him a gift that will lead to a worse life. He don't need dice or gambling cards, but something that will inspire to higher nobler life in every day living. I certainly don't want my son to have a deck of gambling cards or a set of dice. They will not build souls into God's kingdom, neither do they stand for joy and happiness when used by well persons. What benefit could they be to a hospital patient?

I have not written this to offend one soul or to start an argument; but we as a nation, a people, have so much to thank God for, and prove to the whole world we are thankful, we must help each one the way that will please and glorify our Heavenly Father most.

So send our soldiers in hospitals in service over this old world, gifts that will give peace and comfort.

Something to build a worthwhile life. I have been a hospital patient seven times what I needed was God. Mrs. J. T. Yarbrough.

**CHRISTMAS SEALS**

Roxboro, N. C.  
 November 19, 1945

Editors,  
 Courier-Times,  
 Roxboro, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We Must Fight On—to rid our country of tuberculosis and the attendant hardships and suffering caused by it; to preserve the health of our Nation that the fruits of victory abroad may not be lost at home.

Your Tuberculosis Fund Committee is doing its utmost with the funds made available through your purchase of Christmas Seals each year to stamp out tuberculosis in Person County and to do its part as a unit in a nationwide program of health education generally.

The Roxboro Kiwanis Club is

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE EXECUTORSHIP**

Having been qualified as executor of the estate of R. A. Bullock, deceased, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the estate to present their claims to the undersigned executor within twelve months from the 8th day of November, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This Nov. 8th, 1945.  
 Landon C. Bradsher, Executor  
 R. P. Burns, Atty.  
 Nov. 8-15-22-29, Dec. 6, 13

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE**

Having been duly qualified as administratrix of the estate of Miss Margaret Williams, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned administratrix on or before October 27, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payments.

This October 27, 1945.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth F. Duncan,  
 Administratrix.  
 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, pd.

**NORTH CAROLINA, PERSON COUNTY.**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
 Albert Lunsford  
 vs.  
 Annie Evans Lunsford

Notice Serving Summons By Publication.

The defendant Annie Evans Lunsford, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Person County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two year separation; and

sponsoring the Christmas Seal Sale this year; won't you help in this fight by purchasing and using Christmas Seals? They are \$1.00 per sheet. We hope you will buy them both for every dollar you pay goes one hundred per cent for the fight against tuberculosis. We have no other source of income, so please be as generous as you can.

Yours for better health,  
 Jack Strum, Chairman  
 Tuberculosis Fund Com.  
 Make checks payable to Miss Dorothy Taylor.

**ELLEN GLASGOW**

Her life was a "sheltered" one but her work, most of which dealt with the South, did not shirk reality. It was not strident but neither was it inundated with sweetness and the light that never was on sea or land after the literary fashion in which she grew up. She dealt realistically and critically with the problems of her time and place, but above all she hewed to the line of the true novelist and depicted people with irony, clarity, sympathy and comprehension. Her work would fall somewhere between the Thomas Nelson Page never-never-land-of-the-South school and the Faulkner-Caldwell hectic hall of horrors.

No less significant in American literature is the sustained quality of her work over a long period. Her first novel was written approximately 50 years ago; her last books were her best. This is in sharp contrast with the work of most of our novelists which generally starts off in a blaze of glory and winds up in a quagmire of triviality. Why this is so we do not know, but if the cause and cure for it could be found, it would be of inestimable benefit to American letters and life. At any rate Ellen Glasgow showed that literary deterioration is not imposed by fate or necessity on the artist in the United States but that it is quite possible for him to grow in compre-

that the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of said county in the courthouse in Roxboro, N. C., within twenty days after the 29th day of November, 1945, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1945.

A. M. BURNS, JR.,  
 Clerk of the Superior Court.  
 Nov. 8-15-22-29.

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE**

Having been duly qualified as executrix of the estate of Monroe Cash, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all holders of claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned executrix on or before November 29, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate payments.

This the 29th day of Neovember, 1945.

Mrs. Lou A. Cash  
 Executrix  
 Lunsford & Burke, Attys.  
 Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3

**NORTH CAROLINA, PERSON COUNTY.**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
 Lillian Green Jackson  
 vs.  
 George Jackson

Notice Serving Summons by Publication.

The defendant George Jackson will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Person County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two year separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of said county in the courthouse in Roxboro, N. C., within twenty days after the 29th day of November, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Date this the 6th day of November, 1945.

A. M. BURNS, JR.,  
 Clerk of the Superior Court.  
 Nov. 8-15-22-29.

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE**

Having been duly qualified as executrix of the estate of Sam C. Blackwell, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all holders of claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned executrix on or before November 21, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of November, 1945.

MARY BLACKWELL, Executrix.  
 F. O. Carver, Attorney.  
 Nov. 22-29, Dec. 6-13-20-27.

hension with the years. It may be worth our while to consider how she accomplished this feat, for it is one which should be normal rather than rare in any sound society.—Greensboro Daily News.

**Fireworks Set Rink Ablaze**

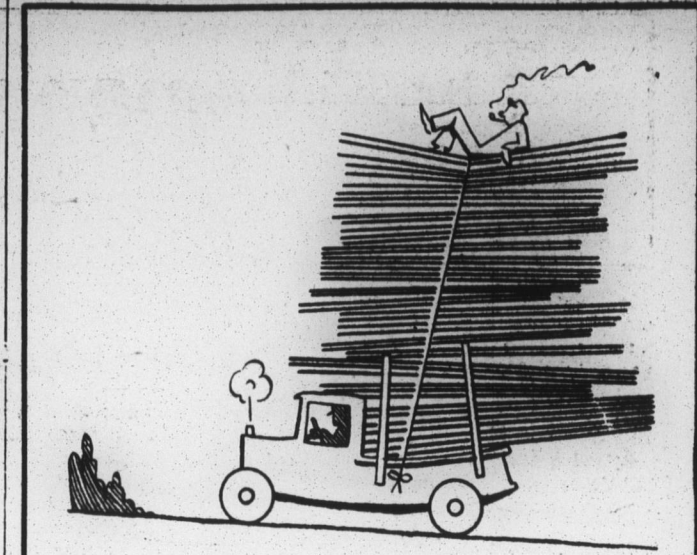
Greensboro.—City Manager Henry A. Yancey yesterday called attention to the city's ordinance against discharging fireworks following reports that the approaching holiday season had already been heralded by the discharge of explosives in many sections of the city.

Yancey said the fireworks hazard had been underscored over the week-end with the destruction by fire of a skating rink near the city which was reportedly ignited when someone tossed a lighted firecracker beneath the rink. Police will make arrests inside the city for the offense, he promised, although he said it would be virtually impossible to eliminate the practice entirely because firecrackers may be sold outside the city limits.

City police arrested six youths over the week-end on charges of shooting off fireworks.

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