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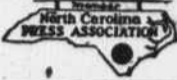
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Macon County Speaks In No Uncertain Terms

THAT Macon county has already exceeded its quota of \$145,000 is not surprising, in view of past performances in meeting all quotas assigned. The first and second war loan drives were oversubscribed. Now, when the war is coming closer to all, and as more of our men are facing the dangers of actual conflict, the citizens of this county have one supreme and united purpose—to support the fighting men to the limit and get the war over with as soon as possible.

Yes, this war has become the personal concern of all who are fighting on the home front. We want the boys overseas to know we are backing them to the limit. We want to swell the whole sweep of the nation's over-subscription of 15 billion so that we may speak in no uncertain terms to the Nazis and Japs.

Yes, the people of Macon county and the rest of the United States are going to keep right on buying bonds with every dollar they can earn and spare to expedite and shorten the whole terrible business.

The President's Message

IN a somewhat blunt manner, President Roosevelt, in his review of the war delivered to Congress yesterday, disillusioned that large circle of optimists who had reached the point of believing the war was all over but the shouting. The President emphasized that "we are still a long, long way from ultimate victory" in any major theatre of the war.

But, nevertheless, Mr. Roosevelt's message breathes far more optimism than gloom. He, like Mr. Churchill feels confident that, however long the time and dark the way, final victory for the Allied arms never can be in doubt. More encouraging, perhaps, than anything else was the fact that the Chief Executive presented statistics that cited the marvelous, well-nigh miraculous production of armament in the United States in little more than three years between May, 1940, and September 1, 1943.

It must be borne in mind that we did not enter upon large scale production of airplanes and engines until after Pearl Harbor, less than two years ago, yet up to the first of this month in the period named we had produced 123,000 airplanes and 349,000 airplane engines. Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that more than half of the total production of armament was recorded during the first eight months of 1943!

In limited space a protracted review of a 5,000 word paper is not feasible, but the highlights of the message, which can give no comfort to Germany or Japan, are the announced plans for the invasion of Germany itself by Russia; advancement of the Allied bomber line in Italy to bases from which Southern and Eastern Germany can be laid waste; an Allied offensive on Burma, and operations in the Indian ocean and the Bay of Bengal, these being in the nature of heavy blows against the Japanese.

Taken as a whole, Mr. Roosevelt's message is most inspiring. It should put the soft pedal on the tupenny-hapenny critics who have been sneering at the Administration's foreign policies and consistently finding fault with its conduct of the war. Also, it should put a quietus on the parlor car generals who would run the war to suit themselves, and in whose eyes nothing has been accomplished.

—The Asheville Times.



RULES FOR MAILING CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

TIME OF MAILING—Gift packages may be mailed to American soldiers overseas without presentation of a request from the soldier during the period from September 15 to October 15.

SIZE AND WEIGHT—Packages must not exceed five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

LIMITATIONS—Only one such package will be accepted for mailing by or on behalf of the same person or concern to the same addressee during any one week. It should be indorsed "Christmas Gift Parcel". Perishable matter will not be accepted.

ADDRESSING—Write legibly and give full name, Army serial number, service organization and unit, APO number of addressee and the post office through which parcels are to be routed.

PREPARATION—It is absolutely necessary that articles be packed in substantial boxes or containers and that various gifts in a combination be securely fitted. Pointed or sharp-edged instruments should be protected. Candies in thin pasteboard boxes should be enclosed in wood, metal or corrugated pasteboard.

POSTAGE—The rate on parcels of fourth class matter (exceeding eight ounces) is the zone rate applicable from post offices where mailed to the post office in care of which parcel is addressed. The third class rate of one and one-half cents for each two ounces applies to package not exceeding eight ounces. Parcels containing only books are acceptable at the special rate of three cents a pound. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas" or "Don't Open Until Christmas" may be placed on the covering but should not interfere with the address.



OVERSEAS XMAS PACKAGES SEPT. 15 to OCT. 15



LETTERS From SERVICE MEN

TAYLOR CROCKETT TELLS ABOUT NORTH AFRICA

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Crockett will be interested in excerpts from a letter written June 25th by their son, Pvt. Howe Taylor Crockett, which was published in the Waynesville Mountaineer. Pvt. Crockett, who has been awarded the Purple Heart and has been wounded three times, was with the famous First Division during the pursuit of Rommel's retreating army. He says:

North Africa, June 25th.

Got your letter today that was mailed on the 11th. Censorship has been relaxed somewhat. We are allowed to tell the places and battles we were in and the organization we belonged to. As perhaps you have guessed, I am in the First Division and landed near Arzew, November 8th. I was hit the last day of battle. We were moved from place to place around the front, moving by night and fighting by day, sometimes moving by day, too. Most of the fighting was in rough mountains, some in the desert, and some in, perhaps you have guessed, I am in Tunis.

The Tunisian Campaign covered a good deal of territory; something like from North Georgia, through the Nantahala and Great Smokies and down through the Cumberland to Chattanooga. As you know the Atlas mountains rise to cover 13,000 feet; and the scenery varies from the cork oak forest covering the slopes nearer the Mediterranean and the high rolling plateaus which the Arabs plant almost exclusively in grain. Here for miles all you can see is almost unbroken grain fields planted clear to the top of the big dome shaped hills with the exception of some pasture land and the spurs and ridges which are too rocky and steep to cultivate.

I wondered how so much land was turned until I saw forty big oxen plowing in one field. Five yolk to the plow. I also noticed McCormick binders and a few combines and tractors. In this well watered country I also saw the best cattle and finest horses. A picturesque sight was to see a group of Arabs silhouetted on the skyline riding single file through a green grain field; all astride white stallions saddled with big crimson saddle blankets and high-backed saddles, all wearing white robes. The Arabs here were more prosperous looking than any others I saw.

On the Sahara side there are sparse pine forests blending into purple sage, and then cactus as the mountains and the desert meet. Here the scene changes to a huge jumbled mass of barren cliffs and jagged, grotesquely towering spires and slabs of rock; with the level barren valley floors lying be-

Clippings

The following letter appeared in the Asheville Citizen-Times of September 5. Written by a young college student of Franklin, it will be of interest to many of our readers.

THE "NEW DEAL"

Open letter to John Temple Graves, II:

I have loyally been reading your column as it appears in The Asheville Citizen during the last few years. For the most part your opinions on domestic and foreign policies have closely paralleled mine. However, we have now come to a parting of ways.

For the past few days your column has summed up in a closing sentence with some sort of quip such as, "The New Deal has been dealt." I have read your reasons for the statement and to me they seem very unsatisfactory. What the new deal means to you, I have but a vague idea; but to me and thousands of the American youth like myself the term holds a great deal of meaning and promise. It stands for the militant fight for the further extension of American democracy; it stands for the fight to make Washington the nation's capital instead of a "way-station" of Wall Street; it stands for a government not-bound by the traditions which would thwart the utilization of our democratic precepts as set forth in the constitution; it stands for the intervention of government in the workings of our economic structure when that structure shall cease to provide for the needs of the majority of our citizens; it stands for an end to official condolence of narrow-minded prejudices which are apt to divide our republic; it stands for TVA which is helping our South rid itself of the leech-like hold of utility companies over local governments; it stands for NYA which enabled worthy students to enter schools, and colleges with scholastic ability as a measure instead of financial ability alone; it stands for the encour-

agement of progressive trade unionism and an end to the utter domination of worker by employer; it stands . . . But need we go further? Mr. Graves, you say the new deal is delit. It would suppose that your alternative to the progression of the new deal is a policy of "status quo-ism." I grant that a respite to consolidate the social gains (of the new deal) made during the last decade might be advantageous but do you think that those selfish interests not benefitted by the gains of the new deal would sit idly by while liberals took a respite? No, Mr. Graves. The only course for new deal-ism is that one which it pursued in the '30's—a militant drive to attain its ideals.

There are thousands of us southern Democrats (as distinguished from Southern Democrats) who believe that the new deal is still an active movement behind which all those Americans who see in the United States not an ideal democracy, but a government whose destiny lies in that direction to rally behind. Yes, Mr. Graves, there are many "tricks" for us new dealers to take ere you and those who believe as you do doom this republic to another era of Harding-Coolidge-Hoover mediocrity!

Yours sincerely,
A RESOLUTE NEW DEALER,
Franklin, N. C.

tween the ranges. Such was the country we fought over. I missed out on the fighting around Hills 523 and 609 because I went to the hospital with an infected arm as soon as the Battle of El Guettar was over. When I got out of the hospital I was sent almost at once to the front. I rolled up in my blanket out in the middle of a wheat field about a mile and a half in front of a battery of our big 55 rifles. Every time they would fire it seemed that the ground would shake and the flash lit the surrounding scene up like day. As far around the horizons as you could see, the sky was lit up by similar flashes; every minute all night long. This was part of the great barrage laid down before the final drive by the Allied forces.

Kyle

By MRS. FRED H. VINSON

Cpl. Warren G. Eller has returned to camp after spending several days with his mother, of Aquone. He is stationed at Camp Vandorn, Miss.

Henry Ford Duvall has returned to Great Lakes, Ill., after spending ten days with home folks. He is stationed in the Navy there.

We are glad to report that Clifford Nix, who lost a toe in an accident, has recovered and returned to his work.

Pvt. Vester Pendergrass has returned to Camp Livingston, La., after spending several days with home folks.

We are sorry to report that Charlie Solesbee is still very ill. A large crowd attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Calvin Caldwell, who has been employed in Detroit, Mich., has returned home.

Iotla

By Mrs. R. L. Poindexter

The farmers of this community were glad to see the nice rain.

Mr. Orian Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham, has been discharged from the army.

James Poindexter is home from Charlotte where he has been employed for the past year. He will enter the Navy soon.

The Iotla school is progressing nicely with Miss Nora Moody, Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey,

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Press Comment

TARHEEL EDITOR IRKED (New York Herald Tribune)

Mr. Louis Graves, the usually calm editor of "The Chapel Hill Weekly," of Chapel Hill, N. C., complains in a well documented philippic that too many people, for some obscure reason, don't seem to be able to tell the difference between North Carolina and South Carolina. He refers to a book which had the Wright brothers making their flight at "Kitty Hawk, South Carolina." He chides this newspaper for saying that the late T. Gilbert Pearson wrote a book called "Birds of South Carolina," when actually the book was about North Carolina birds. Mr. Graves has a theory that when people in the North think of the two states they think of their being in the South and therefore instinctively place the word "South" before Carolina.

Maybe so. But the main count in Mr. Graves' complaint—one with a reverse twist—is poignant and touching. Why, he asks, does no one ever make the mistake of saying that United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds comes from South Carolina? No, they always get it right—"Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina." He's the man who said before Pearl Harbor: "The dictators are doing what is best for their people; Hitler and Mussolini have a date with destiny; it's foolish to oppose them, so why not play ball with them?" Mr. Graves has a point there. But can't the voters of his state do something about it?

West's Mill

The Cowee school is progressing nicely under the new principal, Mr. Ed Carpenter.

Mrs. Ralph Bryson and daughter, Nora Lee, have returned to Detroit, Mich., after a two week's visit with Mrs. Bryson's mother, Mrs. J. M. Morgan and other relatives.

The Leatherman reunion met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman, Sunday, September 19. Many relatives and friends were present.

The Cowee P.T.A. will meet at the school house Friday, September 24, at 2:30, for the purpose of installing new officers for the coming year. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Frank Gibson and daughter, Luanne, have returned home after a two week's visit with Frank Gibson in Detroit, who is employed there.

We are sorry to report Carl Dalton is still on the sick list.

Gaston Clark, the son of D. L. Clark, is to leave for the army, Sept. 30.

Mrs. Claude Roper and Mrs. Truman Moody as teachers.

The Baptist women of Iotla had their fall study Thursday with sixteen members present. The day was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Poindexter Jr., of Matthews, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Frances Anne, August 27, 1943.

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