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THE SERVICE OF MR. STUTZ

The election in Southern Pines marks the termination of some two decades of faithful and efficient service to the town by Dorsey G. Stutz. Mr. Stutz served continuously as Mayor for twelve years, was previously on the Board of Commissioners for some ten years.

This is a record of which the retiring executive may well be proud. It is a record of which the townspeople should boast, for during those years Southern Pines has been efficiently governed, economically managed in comparison with most villages of its size, and has witnessed its greatest growth. When Mr. Stutz first entered upon his civic duties as a commissioner, we were just another small village in North Carolina. We are now nationally known as one of America's leading Winter resorts—as one of the South's most beautiful communities—as one of the finest places to live anywhere.

Congratulations to the incoming Mayor, W. Duncan Matthews, should be sung to the accompaniment of a rousing pean of praise, of appreciation and of thanks to Dorsey Stutz.

"BLESSSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"

By Elizabeth Rudel McCluer

(A Contributed Editorial)

Man is a thinking animal, and that power was never so vital to the future of every being, living and unborn, as it is in this year of 1941. By which I mean that it is the duty of every citizen, both sexes, to take his and her collective mind off the daily headlines of War, and project it into that day which will inevitably come, of Peace. What are we, the United States, going to do about it? What sort of peace do we want? Or better, what sort of peace will permanently prevent the recurrence to succeeding generations of Death, Violence, Disease, Starvation, and the host of frightful disasters which War, by its nature, brings to all people engaged in it, and which hang like a poised axe over those who look on from the fringe. It disrupts their personal lives, deprives them of any real security, and fills their hearts with the swelling poison of fear. Fear that they may be blasted out of their beds, driven into foreign countries to die like a cage of herded animals in the cruel trap of a concentration camp, separated forever from children, husbands and parents whose fate remains like a bloody question-mark in the minds of those who love them. How many Czechs, Poles, Belgians, Dutch and French would gladly hear that someone they cherished had been shot? Death is not the supreme terror of war, but cringing, hopeless, unending existence in which the lifespark will not perish. And such is the fate of millions at this moment, who, 18 months ago, were proud of late-Summer roses growing in the garden, were making happy preparations for a new baby, or planning the home which would shelter the glowing fruition of two people's hopes and endeavor.

We have seen the wall of our national security crumble around us. Yet in that summer of breathless waiting, 1939, we felt safe between the biggest oceans in the world, and protected by legislation against the weakness of money-lending which we felt urged us into the last war. When War broke upon Europe we called our people home, threw an imaginary line about North and South America and withdrew our ships from dan-

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gerous waters. Now we are examining these paper defenses, and can only conclude them woefully inadequate. We must admit, too, that our faith in "non-intervention" was only a palatable sedative eagerly swallowed by most of our people, possibly washed down with water from the well of Nazi propaganda, for it was certainly to their interest that we believe it possible. Most of us will admit that our participation is now merely a matter of degree.

Therefore, viewing the impact of Europe's war on American life, we must realize that the effect of any peace settlement will be equally great. Consider the last one. Certainly we cannot help but attribute a large part of the blame for this war on that miserably indecisive, un-conclusive Treaty of Versailles, which we spurned in 1919, and to its toothless, sickly, helpless progeny, the League of Nations. We, as a nation fearing that "meddling" in the affairs of Europe after the last war would lead to involvement in the next, and being heartily sick of the intrigue and sinister back-scratching which seems an inseparable part of European diplomacy, brought the A. E. F. and President Wilson home, and vowed, "Never again."

It seemed a good idea at the time, but we can see now that it was not and we were wrong, and it has become our individual duty as heirs apparent to what will be left of western civilization after this war is done, to begin to think, NOW, of something better. Of some way to revise the relationship of one nation with another so that we may leave a heritage to the next generation of a workable policy of cooperation among peoples of democratic conviction that will be strong enough and united enough to halt at inception such tidal waves of tyranny and destruction as have twice engulfed us in so short a time. We believe that democracy is the political structure within which men can attain his fullest development, and we are prepared to defend it from such predatory monsters as Hitler and those who may follow him, by such cooperation with other nations having the same democratic faith as ourselves, specifically England and the Empire, they being the only ones having a free choice of action at this time.

But we must realize that concerted action which is born of desperate necessity is not a safeguard but an emergency measure, and if we allow the mutual trust and confidence which now exists between the United States and the other countries which based their political framework on the unwritten constitution of England, to die when this war is over, then we shall have wasted the only thing of lasting good which can come of our efforts to preserve man's freedom. And if our efforts should grow no greater than they are now, we will be in a position to assert a loud voice in the peace settlement. Twice we have financed the side of democracy, and now, as before, we are the nation which will be expected to foot the bill in the long pull of reconstruction. Therefore it is our right as a great nation, as well as our duty as the most impartial, having no personal axe to grind in the matter of boundaries and the distribution of peoples, to

make up our minds as to the wisest possible post-war arrangement, and to see that that decision of a people very definitely in control of its own government, is carried out.

There are many groups, small and large, who are discussing and weighing this problem. They are talking and thinking all over this country and throughout the British Empire. Let each of us, as intelligent citizens, make it our business to find out what they are saying.

There are several different plans proposed, and of these the most concrete seems to be the plan for a federal union of all the democracies, based on a federation like that of our 48 states. Clarence Streit, parent of the plan, has written two books about "Union Now," and has received enough publicity to make information about it easily available to everybody through local libraries and bookstores. The membership of this group has grown to several millions in this country, and a proportionate number in the other countries concerned. Churchill, Lord Halifax, Lord Beaverbrook, President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie have all made provocative remarks about closer ties, post-war cooperation of democracies, and unity of English-speaking peoples, uttering them perhaps as trial balloons to test public sentiment. And what is public sentiment but the result of people like you demonstrating and spreading your ideas? This is no time for emotional indulgence of

nostalgic dreams that our world, yours and mine, will be the same when this world upheaval is over as it was two years ago. Therefore we must realistically face a new international order, having acknowledged the worthlessness of the old. What sort of an order it will be depends on you.

None of us wants to see this war won by our aid, then lost again because of misunderstanding and prejudice. The time to listen, and think, and read, and learn, is NOW. We

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