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THE RIGHT TO DO TIME

A member of the WAAC absent without leave was discovered doing a hula dance in a burlesque show. She was haled back to camp, tried and dishonorably discharged. The army could not have done less but for the honor of American womanhood it should have done more.

If a man in our armed forces wanders off and joins a theatrical troupe, he does not get a discharge; he gets a sentence and having served it must serve out his time in the army or navy. But a woman who does the same thing is looked on with humorous tolerance. Apparently in the army's eyes, there is a difference between women and men so great that women cannot be held responsible for their actions. We may be at war; our men may be in combat and dying in all quarters of the globe but a woman who deserts her post is still a joke. This attitude is insulting to woman and against our experience of women in war. The British find their women as ready to take discipline as men and the fighting women of Russia neither ask nor get any special consideration. It is true that our women are the most privileged and even the worst spoiled and immature in the world. But that is because we have never, since pioneer days, made demands on them worthy of their powers.

This demand is now being made not by us but by war. It is a great opportunity to them and since they have as good stuff in them as the women of other countries they will profit by it. But men, particularly old-style army officers, will always patronize women if they can. If women in the service wish to advance in their own and our respect they might make a start by insisting on their right to be put in jail just like a man.

THE DEATH OF DARLAN

Death came to Admiral Darlan before the Great Question of his loyalty to the United Nations and their cause was decided. None now will ever know the game Darlan was playing. He had been an arch-collaborationist, even before Hitler began his lightning invasion of France. He had been a Jew-hater and killer. He had betrayed many of his own countrymen to their death after Hitler's henchmen had come into power. Up to the time he was recognized by our own General Eisenhower as the governmental and political head of French North Africa, he had given no indication that there was in him any bone or drop of blood sympathetic with the allied cause.

The allied world was split into two camps when General Eisenhower, chiefly because of military expediency, chose to recognize Admiral Darlan as representative of the French Government and to establish him as political head of French Africa. There were those who said such opportunism would result in greater harm to the allied cause than it would in saving of lives of soldiers. Others, including our own highest governmental officials, explained that the invasion of North Africa was not a political venture but a military offensive and, therefore, Darlan's past was not of consequence, only his present and his future. Now comes Darlan's assassination to prove otherwise. The murder of Darlan was not the result of a military venture. This was a political murder—and as yet we do not know for certain which side of this polygonal political world incited the murder. Maybe we never shall. But to all of us, this death of Darlan should reveal that no major, perhaps even no insignificant, move in this world today is without deep-seated political significance.

Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight—but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds. Buy your 10% every pay day.

YOUNG MAN WITH A PURPOSE!



GRAINS OF SAND

QUIET WAS THE BY-WORD on the Christmas week-end here. Of course, there was a stabbing on Christmas Eve, but that event apparently had a quieting effect. Chief Ed Newton couldn't remember when he had picked up and jailed only one drunk over the Christmas week-end but that's the number he got this year.

LOT OF FOLKS GRUMBLE about the inconvenience of liquor rationing, usually saying, "why don't they just let it get drunk up," but they know nothing about inconvenience. George Christmas, manager of the local store, was showing some of the "inconvenience" rationing was bringing to them. At the end of each day, the store must show, by actual count, one coupon for every pint sold and two coupons for every quart sold. So after the sales are checked up, a whole bag full of coupons must be counted.

SPEAKING OF LIQUOR RATION books, who was the Kiwanian at the Club's meeting the other day who was talking to a pair of preachers and, in the course of conversation, stuck his thumb into his lower vest pocket? Because, when he did this, there popped up out of his upper vest pocket into plain sight, his liquor ration book.

WITH TELEPHONE CALLS heavy as they are, the telephone company is asking to cut down on all calls, especially long distance, and even at that, they've had to put on a lot of new operators. These operators are nice, courteous and friendly, but they don't know all the establishments around here yet. We place a call the other day:

"We'd like to speak to Mrs. Fred Page at Madame et la Jeune Fille, in Pinehurst," we said in our finest French accent.

"What is that, please?"

"Mrs. Page — at Madame et la Jeune Fille," we repeated, rolling the final pair of "T's."

"I'm sorry that's French and I don't understand it," she said. How she knew it was French is beyond us. No Frenchman has ever recognized our accent.

BUT THE LITTLE OPERATOR needn't fret. Mrs. Page told us that recently her telephone rang and a man from the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst spoke.

"Is that Madame et la Jeune Fille?" he asked.

"Yes, it is," replied Mrs. Page. Whereupon the receiver flowed over with fluid French speech of the man at the other end of the wire.

"I'm sorry," explained Mrs. Page. "This is a French shop, but I don't speak French."

"But I spik nozzing but ze French," said the man.

"Well," Mrs. Page decided. "You come down to the shop and we'll get along with sign language. It'll be much easier."

THE YOUNGSTERS OF CIVILIAN employees and officers at Knollwood Field had a real thrill Christmas eve when Santa Claus arrived in an airplane, taxied up to the Pine Needles and got out. The effect was well staged. Santa Claus actually rolled up the drive in a plane. And just before he arrived, another plane overhead did a power dive, right over the hotel. The children ran out to see Santa's plane taxiing up the drive, and Santa got out with his

bag full of presents.

BRIGHT EYED, EAGER-FACED children, often accompanied by the "grown-ups" came in numbers to view one of the most realistic Christmas decorations in Southern Pines this season. Santa Claus, himself—big as life—seated in his sled, drawn by his faithful reindeer, had descended to the roof of Mrs. A. E. C. Hutt's home on South May street and mad a happy landing close to the chimney without so much as spilling an orange from the sleigh, overflowing with toys, fruit and other gifts. The reindeer were nibbling a bunch of reindeer moss near the chimney while Santa was climbing down the chimney to distribute presents.

Burt's "War Songs" Given High Praise

Reviewer Calls "Best Collection of War Poems" in Christian Science Monitor

From Pearl Strachan's column, "The World of Poetry" in the December 19, 1942, issue of The Christian Science Monitor, comes this review of Struthers Burt's new book, "War Songs."

"The best collection of war poems this reviewer has read is the recently published volume, 'War Songs,' by Struthers Burt (New York: Scribners, \$1.25). It is genuine poetry, in clear and well-cut Anglo-Saxon speech; it is vigorous and American in feeling, charged with the powerful idealism of the New World.

"All the poems in the book are good, and it is difficult to select any for emphasis. 'Free Men,' for one, rings a sharp challenge to the enemies of freedom, the 'fools who try to plough it under.' A particularly fine piece of work is 'Prayer for Silence.'

MRS. NORRIS RESIGNS LOCAL TEACHING JOB

Miss Thelma Daniels Will Take Place; One Vacancy

Mrs. Fred B. Norris, high school teacher in history, English and Spanish, has resigned her duties here so that she can join her husband, Captain Norris, now stationed at Atlantic City, and P. J. Weaver, superintendent of schools, announced the selection of Miss Thelma Daniels, of Columbia, S. C., to replace Mrs. Norris.

Miss Daniels who taught at Wadesboro and Roxboro, will teach history and English and Miss Aline Todd will assume the Spanish instruction. Mr. Weaver said that no one had yet been secured to replace David W. Gamble, whose resignation was announced last week.

COUNTY HOME FOLKS ENJOY DINNER, GIFTS

Christmas was a happy day for the 14 inmates of the County Home. Thanks to the kind-heartedness of the late J. McN. Johnson of Aberdeen, who established a trust fund for the purpose, there was a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the trimmings, plenty of fruit, candy and nuts.

Individual gifts for each of the nine white and five colored inmates added to the joyousness of the occasion. Gifts were provided by the Carthage Presbyterian Church, the West End Baptist Church and the Community Church at Pinehurst.

The Passing Years

BY CHARLES MACAULEY

Last Week of December 1941

Town is thanked by General Drum for help in maneuvers.

Jimmy Spring home for two weeks from duty on Navy destroyer.

Deaths during the week include Frank W. McCarter, Jr.; Mrs. Annie L. Gardner; M. F. Utley and George S. Nevens.

Blackout Friday night.

1937

Mr. and Mrs. George London have returned from Elizabeth City where they spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble have returned from King's Mountain where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Farrel Block in Aberdeen burns. Southern Pines firemen respond to call for assistance.

F. L. Baker dies.

Mrs. Annie E. White dies.

1932

State Highway Commissioner James McNair abandons plan to build proposed road.

Miss Frances Schwartz gave a guest luncheon on Wednesday at Lovejoy's.

Miss Florence Campbell entertained at four tables of bridge Wednesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Lewis van Tassel of Newark, N. Y.

1927

Pine Needles to open January 20th. The Misses Mary and Jean Ross of Bath, N. H., are spending the holiday season with their sister, Mrs. Maxwell Grey.

Miss Ethel Haight, of Baltimore is visiting her sisters, Mrs. McDaniels and Miss Hutchinson.

Rev. Abraham H. Mance, a resident of Southern Pines since 1904, dies.

1922

Sugg's "Merry Christmas" on a milk bottle cap is something new.

Miss Mary C. Hays, a winter resident of Southern Pines for a number of years, died suddenly Thursday morning.

Frank M. Goodwin of Stratford, Ct., is building a house on his property on May street.

1912

The weekly golf tournament played on Wednesday brought out two new winners. Class A-18 holes, A. I. Embury. Class B, 9 holes, N. J. Mills. Class C, 9 holes H. W. Goodman.

Christmas Sunday brought good weather, although there were signs of unsettled weather in the air and sky.

Mrs. N. W. Crain, for whom flowers seem to enjoy growing, had roses, "mums" and violets for Christmas.

(No less than eight Christmas advertisements were noted in the issue of December 27th. Ed.)

1907

Merry Christmas in Southern Pines. Perfect weather, suspension of business, healthful out-of-door sports under particularly favorable conditions marked the day.

The Cuban Museum car enroute from Jamestown Fair, will exhibit in

Welfare Department Spreads Xmas Cheer

Children in Institutions Remembered with Practical Gifts; Thanks Received

Acting as a helper to Santa Claus, the Moore County Welfare Department, of which Miss Pauline Covington is head, was instrumental in spreading Christmas cheer to many hearts this holiday season.

All of the Moore County children who are in orphanages, boarding homes, training schools and like institutions were remembered with practical gifts such as sweaters, gloves, caps, socks or handkerchiefs. By the first of the week a letter of appreciation from two small children in the orphanage at Thomasville had been received by the department.

Clothing and food donated by the Carthage high school was given out through the welfare department to around 12 families in the Carthage section, and Miss Covington wishes to publicly thank the students who contributed.

Southern Pines January 2 and 3. Mrs. Jane Ray Blue dies.

1902

Christmas doings. The Southern Pines Hotel, ably assisted by Mrs. H. Hendrickson of Albany, N. Y., arranged a beautiful tree in the center of the dining room, and gave everybody in the house, family and employees included, a handsome present. The Piney Woods Inn gave a very pretty tree in their sun parlor for their guests. Wednesday eve the people of Emmanuel church gave a beautiful tree to the school and friends. Christmas night the Congregational church had two trees filled with presents for every child in attendance.

LIEUT. KINDER NOW STATIONED IN UTAH

Former Sandhills Photographer in Army Air Forces Center

Kearns, Utah.—First Lieut. Charles Arthur Kinder, of Southern Pines, North Carolina is now stationed at this Army Air Forces Basic Training Center, it was announced by Col. Converse R. Lewis, post commander.

Lt. Kinder who has previously spent four years in the United States Navy received his commission in the Army Air Corps, August 1, 1942.

Lieut. Kinder spent several seasons in the Sandhills as a photographer, and his pictures appeared in both THE PILOT and the Sandhills Daily News.

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