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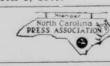
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"Missing in Action, in the Service of His Country'

As the casualty lists begin to come in, some of them directly affecting our friends and neighbors in Washington County all the agitation and furore occasioned by rationing become of little moment, and we begin to see how very little we have been called on to sacrifice.

This week a telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bateman, of Creswell, informing them that their son, Bossie Bateman, was "missing in action, in the service of his country." Besides this, the demands made on the remainder of us pale into nothingness. Mere words can be of little solace to the grieved parents in this dark hour; yet the world moves on, satisfaction in the knowledge that neither they nor their son were found shirking when their native land called on them for a real sacrifice.

We, and everyone of us, are indebted to them and extend them our cessary equipment includes an adeheartfelt sympathy. Like messages quate reserve water supply, and are coming to others of us before this war is over. Some may escape such messages, but will be called on to give up other things. Such demands should serve to bind us into a common fellowship of those who have performed their duty at whatever cost. 7

Now let us have done with bickering and division and petty argument over inconsequential matters. The task ahead is grim and demanding, on some more than on others. Whatever the call, there is but one aim: To get the job done as quickly and as cheaply as possible in human lives—the one value that really

Think Straight By RUTH TAYLOR

In our hurry, in our patriotic fervour, in our zeal to be of service at this crucial hour, we must not overlook the fact that there is a need to think as well as act. Just as we drop peace-time luxuries from our lives. just as we concentrate all our efforts on work that will help in winning this war against the posers of darkness-so must we think straight toward our goal, so must we drop fears, prejudices, petty hatreds and per-

sonal preferences from our mind. Now most of all must we learn to think straight. Elmer Davis, the director of War Information, made a statement some time ago which every one of us who fight for democracy, must well remember: "Not only does our future, and probably the world's future, depend on our ability to fight straight on through to victory, it depends as well an our ability to think straight through to the end of the war and afterwards."

This is a time of complete reorientation. We must realize that even history is speeded up these days. The changes that are taking place are rapid and we must be able to keep up with them mentally, and adjust ourselves to the idea that the way we had thought things out may not be the best way to work things through.

We must ruthlessly discard old habits of thought. We must think in broader terms. We must praise the right action-no matter who does it; and we must condemn the wrong. no matter whose it is. We must not detour for selfish motives, whether that selfishness be a selfishness of an individual or a group. We must think straight toward the high end of victory both of the war and of the peace, and we must recognize the source of all efforts to divide us and create hates and dissension.

We must not be led astray

those who are seeking their own personal gain or the fulfillment of their ambition in this war, or the satisfaction of their grudges and hates. We cannot even afford to spend time hating them. We have our job to do-and we must think traight to it.

We have a mental code to guide us. The Four Freedoms are not just a statement of national policy, but a challenge to all of us, a call to the minds of men to think straight through to these goals, and to put them into practical application-not merely at some future date when victory rests on our banners, but here and now in our daily lives.

The war will be won by those who have fought straight through to the victory of the United Nations. The peace will be won by those who have thought straight through to the victory of the Four Freedoms.

Suckers Beware

The sale to the public of a great variety of "incendiary bomb extinguishers" powders and devises such as "scoops", "grabs" and "snuffers' or handling fire bombs has reached alarming proportions. Vigorous sales campaigns, frequently based on misleading advertisements, are still being developed. In the interest of civilian protection, it is necessary that further sale of those materials be discouraged, as they are entirely without merit and may endanger the lives of persons who depend upon

With reference to a bulletin dated October 26, 1942, it will be noted that the use of sand and a spray of water for controlling fire bombs also cannot be depended upon, due to the and later will come to them abiding fragmentation effects of the new

Civilian Defense officials recommend that every possible means of promoting the use of a jet or a solid water stream be developed. The newater type equipment such as pump You say you won't have your own tanks, stirrup pumps, garden hose, and other water type extinguishers.

"This is a time when Americans hould stand together and do no vrong against each other, a time when all human destinies are dependent upon the American people,' charged Judge Felix E. Alley of the Yadkin County superior court, addressing the grand jury. It is a nice thought, but judging from the number of defendants charged with favor. various offenses appearing in court immediately afterwards it is being press my appreciation . . . and here breached quite a lot in Yadkin coun-

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Check engine; carburetor;

Check steering and wheel

Check clutch; transmission,

✓ Check and rotate tires

Check lubrication

Check brakes

alignment

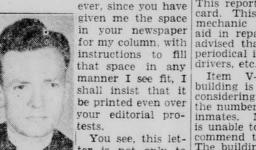


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By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

Letter To the Editor-

Mr. Jack Booker, Editor Roanoke Beacon,



newspaper tossing bouquets at you cation for church and religious news

thing in its columns which smacked nalistic integrity which insisted on upon you. presenting the truth without fear or

In particular, I would like to ex- and consistent cooperation. people in this community . . . for th space you have given in your publi-

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to properly heat this room. general we find the building poorly maintained and janitor service poor.

Item IV—County Garage: The garage is maintained from a house-keeping standpoint in a commendrect information from drivers as to or any inclination shown to improve break-downs and minor troubles. We conditions of this school. As I sit at my typewriter to compose this letter, I know that you are not going to want to print it. How-This report would be called trouble-card. This procedure would give the card. in your newspaper for my column, with instructions to fill periodical inspections of buses and

Item V—County Home: This building is maintained very good considering the size of the building your editorial pro-the number of rooms and number of inmates. Mrs. Basnight states she tests.

You see, this letter is not only to you . . it's also about you. And it's to be in the nature of a tribute to the Roanoke state to the Roanoke state to the Roanoke states she the proper help. We commend the keeper in his work. The building is baddy in need of paint both inside and out. There are a few places of broken plaster that should be repaired. We recommend the manner in which it is maintained.

On checking the Clerk's office we find that there are backs that the same that ture of a tribute to the Roanoke mend that the county commissioners beacon and to you as its editor, be instructed to have this work done

. oh, yes, you will. You edit the and indeed, to any kind of news that rest of your newspaper, I'll handle would work for the general welfare of Plymouth and Washington Coun-I just wanted to say publicly that ty. The Churches, the Boy Scouts, in my opinion, Washington County the Cubs, the Lions' Club, the Ameriis indeed fortunate to have a news- | can Legion, our schools and welfare paper such yours dedicated to the organizations have often times dehighest standards of journalism. I pended upon you and your newspaper have watched the Beacon for nearly in carrying out their functions for three years, and have yet to see any- the betterment of our community. You have always been willing and of sensationalism or unwarranted eager to lend your valuable assistance prejudice. I have admired its jour- to those groups which have called

present needs. The principal's of-fice is poorly heated. We recom-mend a larger radiator be installed

We are grateful to you and to your newspaper for this whole-hearted

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WM. B. DANIELS, JR.

found in all parts of the building taken to correct these conditions it. The commissioners should see that will soon be necessary to replace all proper janitor service is given or re-place the present encumbent. The luctant to charge incompetency or

o clean behind radiators or furni-Window panes are never wash-

Item VII — Roper High School (White): The plumbing fixtures are broken causing leaks and water to flow over the floor, seeping through the ceiling, resulting in plaster falling in the auditorium and class rooms causing a constant hazard. Electrical outlets with exposed live vires that are easy accessible to pupils constitute a menace to their safety. These defects should be corrected at once. The commodes are broken, escaping water causing nauseating odor and very unsanitary conditions. Mr. Arnold, the principal, is making an effort to keep the building and premises clean.

Item VIII—J. J. Clemons High School (Colored) Roper: With the

exception of one heater pipe and a few window panes out this school is well kept with ample lunchroom fa-cilities and sanitary conditions satis-

Item IX—Creswell High School White): Although this is practically new building it is readily deteriorting from a leaking roof. Some the building is rotten from the and in general this school can be maintained in a better manner. Item X-Creswell Colored School committee found 40

able manner. The mechanic reports same condition for the past 10 years there is some trouble in getting cor- and no action has ever been taken

Item XI—We found all other colored schools are in need of general epairs and additional furniture to eat the pupils. In every building there are windows out, poor heating and flues a constant fire hazard. sanitary conditions are very

Item XII-From inspections of all chools that maintain lunchrooms i the manner in which these depart-ment are maintained and operated. It is probably because the lunch-rooms come under the supervision of the State Health Department. They not been posted for the last three years. There are documents and

ther papers that should be record-The grand jury recommends hat the county comissioners should provide competent help to have this ork brought up to date. As it now stands it is a reflection on this of-fice which is not the fault of the present encumbent. We also found that the justices of the peace throughout the county are not makmonthly reports as required by
Only two are making regular
orts, J. T. McNair, Plymouth, and reports, J. T. McNair, Plymouth, and M. F. Davenport, Creswell. Those that are not making reports are W. A. Everett, Mackeys; E. L. McNair, Plymouth; T. F. Davenport, Creswell; W. W. White, Roper; and W.

ings the jurymen were unanimous in their decision that the county pro-There is an accumulation of perty is rapidly deteriorating, and cobwebs, and rubbish to be unless measures are immediately lack of interest in their duties to any of our officials, but the condition of

these matters on the part of those charged with them that is inexcus-

at an early date to avoid excess cost and future deterioration of the building.

Item VI—Courthouse and County

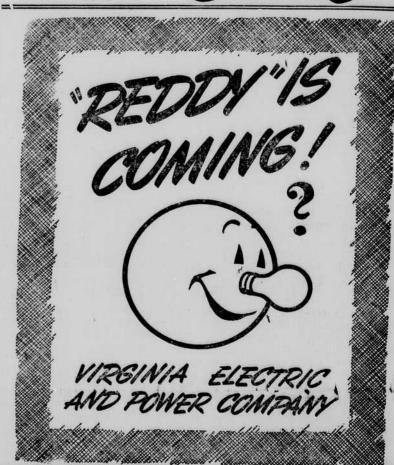
H. Peele, Plymouth. With those not is financial, but we believe the people realize the importance of preserving their property, and are willing to and future deterior.

Item VI—Courthouse and County Agent's Office: These buildings are in fair condition only all offices and corridors should be painted. The county auditor or the clerk of the court.

XIII—After a tour of inspection buildings. That could not exist except for indifference on the part of the implication. the officials, and an unwillingness to work on the part of the janitors. It should not be permitted to continu jury reports are read, orders are given by the presiding judge to the county commissioners, reports filed and forgotten. We ask if failure on the part of the county commissioners the court's orders does not constitute of our officials, but the condition of the county property and the definite lack of attention to its preservation speaks for itself.

There is at best an indifference to ance be dealt with according to their





ATTENTION, Farmers! ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO PLANT Cucumbers

during the 1943 season are urged to see us at the C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., plant on Brinkley Avenue, Plymouth, and arrange for a contract.

The cucumbers will be machine graded, and prices will be higher than they were in 1942. Prices for the coming season will be as follows:

GRADE	(1½ to 3 in.)	2 100 LBS.
MO. 1	(12 IO 5 In.)	92.50
No. 2-A	(3 to $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.)	1.80
No. 2-B	$(4\frac{1}{4} \text{ to } 5\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.})$	1.00
	(Crooks, 1½ to 4 in.)	
	(Oversize—Not over 6 in. long)	

C. W. Dinkins and Harry McNair are in charge of the local office, which will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on week-days and from 8 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

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