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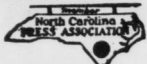
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FREIGHT BY FLIGHT

A year ago the handling of the "air cargo" was in the trial stages. Airships were increasing their loads of mail, express and freight, and the growth of the "freight by flight" was almost unbelievable. But now the figures are added and reported. The air lines increased their cargoes 108% in 1942 over 1941.

The domestic airlines carried a total of 40,101,657 lbs. of express and flew 40,096,554,805 pound miles of mail. The revenue passenger miles flown in 1942 were 1,398,042,146.

The airlines under contract with the armed forces, are engaged in transport services to the principal battle fronts of the world — men and boys from your own locality.

CONGRESS LISTENED

The new federal income tax measure is a clear demonstration that public opinion still carries a lot of weight in our democracy.

When the questions of putting taxes on a pay-as-you-go basis and forgiving taxes on 1942 incomes first came up, there was a general coolness toward such plans both in congress and the Treasury department. But the millions of taxpayers of the country, who had great difficulty saving the money to pay their income tax last March, were immediately attracted to the idea.

People all over the country began writing to their senators and congressmen saying that they wanted this plan.

When we get the feeling that it is a waste of time and postage to write to our congressmen, we can now look at the new tax measure as proof of the fact that public opinion still does count.

CONSUMER POLICE

It looks as though every consumer will have to serve as a voluntary policeman if we hope to keep food prices from getting out of hand.

The Office of Price Administration has admitted that it is having real difficulty in keeping prices under control. It can dictate ceiling prices, concoct punishment for those who violate its regulations and bring a few people into court.

But to watch price activities among millions of retailers, wholesalers and producers is a task which would require a police force the size of our army. Realizing that it cannot hope to enforce its regulations through paid enforcement agents, the only solution seems to be to put enforcement in the hands of the people.

The OPA, therefore, probably will soon make a strong plea to the people asking them not only to avoid patronizing black markets but to report all ceiling violations to local ration boards. Loss of ration coupons is tantamount to putting a store or a company out of business. If dealers in food realized that they might be cut off from supplies if they violated ceiling prices there would be few who would take the chance.

NAZIS REPORTED DESERTING ITALY

(Continued from page one) since the Axis, defeat in Africa. There has been no declaration of continued solidarity as one would have expected.

On the other hand, the withdrawal might be a part of a German plan "to allow Italy to sue for peace to arouse the sympathy of the world" in the hope that "there then might be a real chance for success of a cunning Hitler peace offensive," the Mail added.

The Daily Herald's "inside Europe" correspondent said that Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels had warned Italy that she would have to assume full responsibility for defending her mainland. It termed the article the first of a series of "It's up to Italy" statements.

MAY BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

(Continued from page one) Robert Hallman, Eugene Sigmon, Troop No. 5; Firemanship, Julian Heavner, Donald McGinnis, Darrel Peeler, William Wyckoff, Troop No. 4.

First Aid to Animals: Doyle Freeman, Troop No. 1. Laboratory. Handicraft: Robert Wise, Caleb Rhyne, Donald McGinnis, Julian Heavner, John Blackburn, Troop No. 4; Milton Cornwell, Troop No. 1.

Masonry: Herbert Willis, Lee Sistor, Jr., Ralph Hoyle, Jimmie King, Nelson Young, Troop No. 7, Rhodes-Rhyne.

Pathfinding: Bill Nicholson, Troop No. 4. Personal Health: Jack McQuinn, Dickie Burris, Troop No. 2; Frank Radisill, Troop No. 4.

Star Rank: Lewis Cobb, Star Carpenter, Charles Randall, Jimmie McGinnis, Troop No. 2.

After awards were made charters were presented to Troops No. 2 and 4, of Lincolnton, Troop No. 2 had the distinguished honor of receiving a merit pennant for subscribing to Boys Life 100%.

The next Boy Scout Court of Honor is to be held on June 10 at the First Methodist church. The meeting was brought to a close with the Scout benediction.

DALE CARNEGIE

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People"

L. B. Hopkins, president of Wabash college, Crawfordsville, Ind., sent me this true story, withholding the name of the young man for fear of embarrassing him.

This young man, a high school sophomore, decided he was "fed up" with the conditions of his father's home. His mother was dead and his father had all he could do to feed the younger children. Didn't seem to be any use hanging around there. So he went down to the railroad and hopped a freight.

He went out into the farming district where he followed the harvest, living in hobo jungles, working when he could get work, living in much the same way the Okies are pictured in the "Grapes of Wrath." But he wasn't a typical Okie, as you will see.

On the way from one farm district to another, he met, in a box car, an old tramp. They were sympathetic toward each other. Our young man poured out his troubles and voiced his despair to his more experienced friend. Suddenly as he rambled on, he sensed a lack of sympathy on the part of his listener. He paused, then plunged more fully into described hopes and ambitions that his woes and, to add to the effect, he once had been his. Still no sympathy.

"Well! what do you think" he asked. The tramp stretched himself, pushed the worn sole of his shoe against the side of the boxcar, and said:

"You can quit this sort of thing now, and amount to something. If you wait another year, you won't be able to."

The conversation came to a sudden stop. That night our young man didn't sleep so well as he usually did on the floor of a box car. Restless. Mind wouldn't settle.

Same thing the next night. But not the third night, for he spent that under his father's leaky roof, and the morning after, he went out and got a job of sorts. Not much of a job but it provided food. And he went back to school with his mind on what the old tramp had said.

Not much time left. Must buckle down. He did just that, with the result that a member of the faculty told him if he made a record he would try to get him a Wabash scholarship.

He made a record; the faculty member made good; he pocketed his scholarship; and one day rolled off a boxcar in Crawfordsville to begin his education—with a capital of half a dollar.

He was graduated a Phi Beta Kappa, having pocketed prizes for debates, general scholarship and Biblical literature. And that isn't all; he went to law school on a fellowship. Nowhere, you can change your ways now. Why waste your evenings? Call a halt now. If you delay a year, or more, you may not be able to. Continue school; go to night school; establish a goal and start climbing toward it.



Relatives and friends are invited to send in for publication in this column, news of interest concerning the boys who are serving in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard. Addresses of all service men are also wanted. Letters to this newspaper from service men will be published.

MORALE OF SERVICE MEN IS HIGH

Ensign Paul Rhyne, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Rhyne, of Laboratory, has written an interesting letter to the editor of this newspaper, in which he gives the service men's views on strikes, the buying of war bonds and other matters. The letter follows:

Dear Miss Maude:
Copies of The Lincoln Times have arrived from time to time during the past several months, and never over a month on the way. But the other day four copies came; the latest dated April 15th. You can be sure that I read them word for word. Other than letters from home nothing has been more enjoyable than your paper, that is, until today—

While walking along I noticed a familiar physique standing over in front of an ice-cream car, and busy eating a double-sized sundae. I wasn't so sure as he was wearing sun-glasses, so I said, "Ain't you Arnold Tarr?" It was! You can't imagine how good it is to see a friend from home. He is looking fine and is almost as bronze as a native (a bronze native), and is working hard.

Several attempts had been made to contact Joe Leonard with no results, but now Arnold is going to arrange for a home-town reunion in several days.

You may think this is enough good luck for one day, but it didn't stop here. Several hours later there was a call saying that someone was here to see me. This time, it was Master Sergeant, Tommy Yount! He has been in the Pacific area for three years, and the gals in Lincolnton might like to know that he is still single and more handsome than ever. But that's enough about the competition for the rest of us bachelors.

We hear that Clarence Parker, Zeno Hawkins, and perhaps one or two other fellows from home are out here. Am hoping to see them, too.

There are many things to say, but it is impossible at the time. However, the morale is high. Our chief worry is that of the morale back home—Don't let our families worry too much.

Most all of us have the opportunity to attend a religious service each week, and it is more evident as the days go by that the Lord is with our side.

Perhaps the sailors' viewpoint on a governmental matter will be of interest: It is no secret that the men on this ship are putting a substantial amount of their money into War Bonds. In fact, it is impossible many days out of the year for them to buy any luxury costing more than a 5c candy bar. This means more Bonds and security when the war is over.

Nevertheless, there is a general opinion among the fellows on the ship that all citizens of the U. S. A. should not accept the interest accumulated in the War Bonds, but redeem them at their original value.

The reasons are obvious. Do you think Lincolnton would follow suit? Another thought—The giving of wealth in reconstruction and construction, and the sharing of knowledge; not just between citizens of the nation, but between nations of the world. This will be necessary to achieve universal concord.

Pardon me if I don't express the thoughts clearly—These are just a few in which the men, on one of your ships, sincerely believe.

The sailors have their convictions, too, about the present coal mine strikes. But I am sorry to say that the language of these convictions make them not fit to print.

How are these strikes possible? Nothing can be said about the fighting out here. I only hope all is well in Lincolnton.

Sincerely,
Paul Rhyne, Jr.
Please give my regards to Leonard —

SOLDIERS BUY ELECTRIC IRON

Excerpts from three interesting letters received today by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkley, who is somewhere overseas, are carried below: Hello Family:

This is the first night I have spent about my quarters in some time and it is good to be able to stay in one night. Friday night we played a program for some nearby troops, then

Saturday night the show, "North Star Revue" was given again. Sunday afternoon we gave another concert at the Red Cross before a very crowded hall. Sunday night the variety show was given again. I played trumpet in the show band (our dance orchestra) and violin in a string band. Today has been a very lucky one for us as more mail arrived and I already have a bunch of letters, post cards and copies of the Lincoln Times. . . At last we have a laundry, as the quartermaster, finally received all the necessary equipment. I fixed my laundry sheet and sent my first bag of clothes this morning, which will come back in about a week and won't cost us anything. I hope they open a dry cleaners place also for the places down town have so much to do that it usually takes several weeks to get a suit cleaned and pressed. I still wash my woolen pants and shirts myself and also press them. All the boys in my quarters chipped in and bought an electric iron the other day. We gave about seven dollars for a Universal iron and it seems to be a very good one, at least it presses pants OK for it weighs about six pounds.

Last night we gave a concert for the boys at the airfield and it was about 11 o'clock when we got in. . . Since we missed the picture show last night they are showing it again tonight for us. We really appreciate this because we seldom get to see it when it is shown for the other boys here. . . I don't know if I have mentioned this before or not, but some time ago I was given a National Defense service ribbon. This is for being in service before Pearl Harbor and is a gold colored ribbon about an inch and a half long. There are red, white and blue stripes across the ribbon near each end. . . We gave another band concert at the Red Cross this afternoon to a very crowded hall. It seems that as many civilians were present as there were service men and all standing room was taken.

Good night,
With love,
Franklin.

PLEDGES TO AVENGE DEATH OF L. C. NIXON, JR.

Det. Med. Station Hospital, Camp Maxey, Texas, May 21, 1943.

Dear Miss Maude:
Just wanted to give you my new address as it is above, for I surely don't want to miss the paper a single time. I receive the paper twice a week and I have found that there is no paper like the Lincoln Times. Through it I have learned of the death of one of my very close friends, L. C. Nixon, Jr., who was killed in the Tunisian battle in line of duty.

Miss Maude, if you see Mrs. L. C. Nixon, his mother, I wish you would tell her for me that she has all my sympathy and my deepest regret over her loss. It takes boys like L. C. to make our great country, the U. S. A., safe to live in. Tell her the

boys from the town of Lincolnton and Lincolnton county will do their best to carry on and that we will avenge his death.

Yours very truly,
Paul A. Barkley.

Lt. Robert H. Lineberger, who has been with the 4th Ferrying Group, stationed at the Municipal Air Port in Memphis, Tenn., has been transferred to the 60th Ferrying Group, Romulus Army Air Base, Romulus, Michigan. Lt. Lineberger left yesterday for his new base after spending a short leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Lineberger.

The address of Pvt. Samuel P. Gordon is Co. C. 28th Eng. Bn. Bks. No. 26, M. P. R. T. C., Fort Custer, Michigan.

Pvt. Howard Helms has been transferred from Camp Adair, Oregon, to Ft. Lewis, Washington. His new address is Co. A. 382nd Inf., APO 96, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Pvt. Burgess K. Baker, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., is spending a few days here on furlough.

The address of W. M. Glenn, Jr., is Pvt. Willis M. Glenn, Jr., Co. M. 1st. Q. M., Trg. Regt., Bks. 283, U. S. A. A. F., Fort Francis, E. Warren, Wyoming.

Capt. J. J. Prause, who has been stationed at Robins Field, in Macon, Ga., has been transferred and his new address is Capt. J. J. Prause, O-483-033, 1130 M. P. Co., (Avn), APO 3631, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Floyd A. Russell, Jr. Appointed N. A. C.

Floyd A. Russell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Russell, of Lincolnton, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training.

During the middle of December, he was sent to the Naval Air Station in Olathe, Kansas, where he successfully completed the elimination training course April 25.

Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air" Russell will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of Naval Aviator, and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

A Good Reason

"My Ma says she could have soled her shoes with this steak I brought back," a small Oswego lad told the butcher.

"Why didn't she?" inquired the merchant sarcastically.

"Because she didn't have any priority to buy nails."

ROUNDUP OF WAR

Saturday, May 15
An American offensive in the North Pacific pointed toward Tokyo along one of Japan's shortest flanks, was under way last night in the chill fogs of the Aleutians and Secretary of Navy Knox declared it was "going very satisfactory."

European enemies were sweating under Allied air attack of such scope that the Germans called it "armed reconnaissance over the whole territory of the Reich," an indication that they feared it was preliminary to Allied invasion.

At the southern end of the Axis front, the British navy and the great African Allied air force now released from the responsibilities of the Tunisian campaign, were pouring it on Italy.

The Russian front during the day again was one of minor action save for the Novorossisk area of the western Caucasus, where the Soviets reported another slow advance against the German bridgehead.

The news was bad again from the India theater, the British command reporting another British-Indian withdrawal in western Burma from Mahngnaw near the Indian frontier.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Question: What is the best soil type for sweet potatoes?

Answer: Sweet potatoes should be grown on sandy, or sandy loams, because these soils produce potatoes of the finest quality. Heavy soils, dark soils, and rich garden soils produce potatoes of poor market quality. When the crop is grown on sandy soils, it is less affected by diseases in storage, especially surface rot. In the new list of fertilizer grades, 3-9-9 at about 1,000 pounds per acre is recommended.

Question: How can I keep up egg production from my flock in hot weather?

Answer: Open up the laying house windows and ventilators on front and back as well as on the ends and keep the house cool. Feed a moist mash at noon, regularly, as soon as weather gets hot. Cull every week, removing all the birds that are out of production and those that go broody more than once.

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