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Wallace Men

Two former Wallace men were elevated to positions of honor and trust on the eve of the New Year.

We join their many friends and relatives in a feeling of pride for the achievements of W. J. Carter of Greensboro, and Fitzhugh Wallace of Kinston. Each has been properly recognized for his abilities in his chosen field of endeavor.

W. J. Carter, president of Carter Fabrics Corporation, of Greensboro, was elected, President of the North Carolina Textile Foundation.

One of the aims of the Textile Foundation is to make the State College's Textile School one of the most outstanding of its kind in the country, and we know that the Foundation's aims will be handled with skill under the leadership of W. J. Carter.

Fitzhugh E. Wallace, prominent Kinston attorney, was selected as head of the State Bar Association.

President of the North Carolina Bar Association is indeed a high post of honor. Though, the State Executive Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association recognized in Mr. Wallace the strength and power needed at this time to head the State Bar Association.

Labor Praised

State Commissioner of Labor, Forest H. Shuford, in a New Year's statement praised the spirit of cooperation of North Carolina labor in helping to achieve unity and progress in the impartial enforcement of the state labor laws. This he states has contributed in no small way to North Carolina's civilian war effort.

Labor has made some interruptions of work in the State in the past year, but on a whole we can agree with Commissioner Shuford as to Labor's unswerving cooperation with the war effort. This is a great tribute to North Carolina's wartime spirit. If labor will continue to maintain the same spirit of cooperation for the duration it will carve an indelible record on the pages of history in North Carolina.

Brief Session

The present wartime session of the General Assembly may have a lot of unnecessary bills introduced in the name of "Emergency Legislation", which will only be a camouflage of the real intent of certain groups to get rallying support from the Assemblymen as well as the folks back home. It is hoped that this type of legislation will be pitched into the pigeon-hole as fast as it appears.

In all fairness to the State and its taxpayers this session of the General Assembly should be as brief, as certain must legislation will permit. There is no need for any emergency legislation for the State or local Governments at this time. All county and city governments are in good shape throughout North Carolina. Tax collections are better than they have ever been and financial obligations of local governmental bodies are being met with surpluses.

There should be no need of increasing tax levies upon the people of North Carolina.

An even balance should be maintained without trying to shake the great ship of the State of North Carolina.

We urge our Assemblymen to face their tasks with fearless patriotism during this session of the General Assembly and to keep ever in mind that our task is to win a World War.

Rationing Board

In establishing three rationing offices, strategically located in Wallace, Warsaw and Kenansville, the Duplin County Rationing Board composed of Hugh Morrison, J. O. Stokes and Ralph J. Jones, are to be commended for conscientiously striving to serve the best interest of all the people of Duplin County.

Duplin County is a large county and heretofore the people have had to make 40 and 50 mile trips to see about some rationing certificate. Now, each ration office serves the immediate surrounding section. A lot of time, gasoline and tires will be saved with this new rationing set-up established by the County Rationing Board.

It is evident that our Rationing Board is trying to preserve the resources of the people of Duplin County. The Board members serve without any pay or other remuneration.

Our Prisoners of War

Up to December 9, 1942, Germany had reported 228 U. S. prisoners of war and 1,491 interned U. S. civilians, of whom 788 were men and 703 women. Italy had reported 15 U. S. prisoners of war and 21 U. S. internees of whom 13 were men and 8 women. Japan had reported 1,442, U. S. prisoners of war, 310 Army, 728 Marine Corps and 404 Navy and 1,883 U. S. internees, 1,596 men and 287 women. Japan holds many times this number of Americans, and every available means is being used to obtain from Japan complete lists of names, the furnishing of which is required under the International Convention which that country has agreed to apply.

No Time For Hysteria

So far in this war, the doctors have quietly endeavored to comply with military as well as civilian needs. Out of a total of 155,000 medical men in the nation, over forty thousand are giving their skills to the military services. And the heroic job they are doing in far-away corners of the world is well attested to by the recent comment of Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy: "On Guadalcanal scores of doctors and hundreds of members of the medical corps operate American field hospitals under continuous fire. . . . We have suffered heavy casualties among our medical personnel in these operations." The Marines are no exception. The doctors are everywhere that battles are being fought.

As far as civilian health is concerned, one of the toughest problems is the nurse and the general labor shortage. But the doctors remaining at home are taking steps to alleviate this shortage, even as they are working out a definite program of civilian medical care. All that they need is co-operation on the part of the public. Securing this cooperation is not made easier by the activities of hysterical extremists who would arbitrarily ration doctors like bicycles, with the ultimate aim of socializing medicine.

Until the Bells Ring

Methods of combating fires set by incendiary bombing have undergone drastic change. This is because incendiary bombs are war weapons and war weapons are constantly changing. Present fire bombs usually contain delayed explosives which detonate long after impact. Former practices in handling these missiles are exceedingly dangerous because they require a close approach by the fire fighter.

Director James M. Landis of the Office of Civilian Defense, observes that: "Use of a jet of water enables the operator to work at a much greater distance than the 'short range' methods employing sand, other smothering agents, or a spray of water. Sand in the form of bags or mats cannot be depended upon, because these bombs, upon explosion, have a greater fragmentation effect than the explosive incendiary bombs formerly used. The public should be warned against the use of all such smothering agents as 'bomb extinguishing' powders, also against such devices as scoops, grabs, and snuffers. They are entirely without merit and may endanger the lives of persons who depend upon them. The use of spray and sand is no longer recommended because the possibility of fragmentation makes it too dangerous to approach the bomb sufficiently close to apply them."

A direct stream of water is now recommended as the best means of controlling an incendiary bomb. An ordinary garden hose is suitable, but stay as far away as possible and assume a crouching or prone position behind the best available cover.

Enemy raids are a constant possibility. Vigilance can not be permitted to fluctuate with the war news. Remember a raid may come when it is least expected. Until the bells of armistice begin to ring, the public, as well as auxiliary firemen and wardens, must remain grimly alert.

Letters From Our Boys In the Services

Headquarters Co., E.R.T.C. Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 31 December '42

To the Editor, The Wallace Enterprise, Wallace, North Carolina, Dear Sir:

I am enclosing \$1.00 for which please send me the Wallace Enterprise for a few months. I have been receiving the paper from my home at Rose Hill for quite a while now, and I must admit that I look forward to receiving it very much, or should I say it "takes up" where the letter from home "leaves off." I don't stop reading when I've glimpsed at the headlines, why, I even read the news from all the surrounding communities, and I can say I am really learning more about Duplin County than I ever knew before.

I will appreciate it very much if you will send the paper to the above address, and with every good wish for a very happy NEW YEAR, I am Yours very truly, Pvt. W. GRAHAM BLAND.

Weekly—
CHURCH COLUMN
Conducted By
REV. M. J. MURRAY
Pastors are invited to take advantage of this column for sermons, church notices, etc. Mail sermons and contributions to Church Column Editor, care of this newspaper.

Thousands of churches across the United States observed New Year's Day as a day of prayer in keeping with President Roosevelt's proclamation of last month: "And I request that both Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942, and New Year's Day, January 1, 1943, be observed in prayer, publicly and privately." The Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly and leaders of other denominations have asked their ministers to hold special services on this day.

Governor Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, has been elected president of the International Council of Religious Education, with headquarters in Chicago. He succeeds the late Russell Colgate, businessman and philanthropist.

The Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church Ardmore, Okla., is sponsoring a service men's center. About one hundred men and women have been appointed hosts and hostesses; one couple serves for a period each month. When a soldier, sailor, or marine signs the register of the club and gives his home address, the Rev. Horace C. Casey, pastor writes the service man's family that he has visited this church. The idea is spreading to other parishes.

Reports from Europe indicate that the Quisling authorities in Norway have recently forbidden paper supplies to the Norwegian Bible Society; its circulation of scriptures last year was exceptionally large. There has been a new printing and wide distribution of the Bible in Hungary. The War Emergency Fund of the American Bible Society is making possible the printing and distribution of Bibles, Testaments and gospel portions in Czechoslovakia. There has also been recent calls for the printing of new Bibles in Italian, in Spanish, and in Polish, and funds for these will probably be supplied through the American Bible Society.

Miss Elizabeth C. Clarke, missionary pioneer of kindergarten and children's classes in Bulgaria and elsewhere in the Balkans, died recently in Sofia, at the age of 75. For thirty-three years, until her retirement in 1932, she was a missionary of the Congregational Christian Church. A member of an old New England family, she was born of missionary parents in Philippopolis, Bulgaria, and educated at Wellesley and Mt. Holyoke. Miss Clarke's kindergarten became the model upon which the University of Bulgaria based its training courses for teachers. Among her friends she numbered the late Queen Eleanor's mother of King Boris. Bulgarians were said to marvel at her skill in "taking street urchins and transforming them into polite boys who doffed their hats and bowed respectfully to their elders."

"Is there a job for one of these Americans in your town?" is the question being asked of clergymen throughout eastern and central United States by the Japanese American Relocation Committee which works

in cooperation with the Federal Government's War Relocation Authority and is sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, the Home Missions Council of North America, and other inter-denominational agencies. The government has asked the churches to help resettle into American civilian life some 70,000 American-born Japanese - descended United States citizens removed from the west coast by military authorities and now in relocation camps temporarily. George E. Bandoquist, secretary of the church group assisting the government, says, "It is a challenge to the churches to take the lead in this service. Participation of the churches is their opportunity to make 'Christian duty' and 'democracy' have real meaning." The headquarters of the Committee is 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

"The present crisis may be for us all God's leading toward the right," says Dean Luther A. Weigel of Yale Divinity School. "If we have the mind, and heart, and will for it, this twentieth century will witness a new birth of freedom, a tremendous widening of the emancipation of mankind from fear and hate and wrong. The supreme issue is whether men and nations will yield to God that obedience without which there is no fully effective lasting freedom."

"No matter how well paid you may be, if there are no amusements or no opportunity for relaxation and pleasant social activities, you can't buy them," said the Hon. Charles P. Taft, assistant director, Defense Health and Welfare Services, in speaking to church leaders in Cleveland, O., recently. "Without them, you get bad morale for the boys in service who have to live in discomfort and freedom, and you get industrial turnover and less war production. Maybe they should pay no attention and keep going, but they don't and they are patriotic, too. That situation created the need for our Recreation Section. The nation on the whole has met the need for soldier recreation through the USO and the remarkably fine job hundreds of communities have done in open-handed hospitality. Off the content we haven't done too well. These constructive activities help reduce the menaces to health and moral fibre which every war produces."

The United Council of Church Women, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America are urging upon the American government the extension of the experiment of feeding the starving Greek people to include also the feeding of the millions of hungry and near-starving in Belgium, Norway, Poland, Holland, and other democratic countries. They urge their constituencies to write to Director Herbert Lehman and other officials urging the sending from America of supplies under international and neutral control so that they will reach the needy. The International Red Cross, the Friends Service Committee, and the Swiss and Swedish governments all had a share in supervising the feeding of the Greek people; and the testimony of the American State Department is that this service "proved a success and did not impede the war effort." Individuals are urged to write urging immediate relief to these countries.

"A People cannot survive and endure in its soul the hell of race hatred and discrimination," Dr. Guy E. Shipley, Protestant Episcopal leader, told an assembly of Negro and white churchmen recently in New York. "The whole trend of today is with the men of goodwill. . . . What has been preached through the churches in all ages has seemed idealistic, but the world is coming to see that it is really practical and is all we have for survival. What has happened on the world canvass we see as being on the one hand a standard of Christian ethics and on the other the Nazi gangster standards. We are turning to what formerly looked as being only idealistic, as being the outstanding realism of the world. . . . Hitler's basic error is race hatred. He has the contempt of more of the world's millions by this error than by all his brutality."

"God never intended that the sanctuary for his worship should be drab, ugly, or depressing, or he would never have created the glory of the sunset, the color of the sky, the land, the sea, even the desert," says Dr. Albert T. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture, New York City, in urging that more attention be given to the use of color in the decoration of churches. "Color can do marvelous things. It can make a room appear larger or smaller, cooler or warmer. It can lower ceilings or push them up, make a wall to seem to recede or advance. It can make a room restful, studios, shy, frivolous, glamorous, breath-taking. It can give us the effectiveness we desire in any room to be used for divine worship, teaching or fellowship in the house of God." Dr. Conover urges churches to give attention to the use of color in their sanctuaries and rooms, and urges that it be done now as a contribution to sustaining civilian morale.

Home Canning Best Answer Food

"If North Carolinians can't eat in 1943," says Dean Schaub, director of the College Extension Service, "it is imperative for farm families who have the space to grow a garden and home canning next year. . . . It is estimated that approximately 100,000 bushels of canned vegetables, fruits and juices has been reserved for the Government."

A recent War Production Board order specifies that all of the commercially canned peaches, blueberries, figs, and orange and grapefruit must be reserved for the armed forces and lend-lease shipments. In addition, said Schaub, the Government will need 84 per cent of all the beets, 71 per cent of the tomato puree and fruit cocktail, 70 per cent of the cherries and pineapple, 63 per cent of the peaches and apples, 61 per cent of the tomato catsup, 58 per cent of the snap beans, 56 per cent of the lima beans, 49 per cent of the tomatoes, 48 per cent of the spinach and peas, and 42 per cent of the sweet corn canned by commercial packers.

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