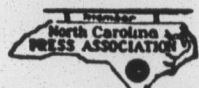


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“Total Victory”

Speaking to the Nation and to the world of which it is a part, the President of the United States on Saturday night gave unqualified reassurance that energies of the American people will be henceforth directed toward achievement of “Total Victory” over those principles of dictatorship now practiced by aggressor-nations.

In so simple a sentence as this can his message be summed up. Politically, his message may be taken as a declaration of faith in the recently passed “Lend-Lease” act, but this is no time for so narrow a construction and we are sure that he as speaker harboured no such intentions. In speaking to a world audience he had, of necessity, to over-emphasize, in effect, to make promises difficult to keep, since all of us must know that American national resources will be strained if we do but back up promises of all aid to Britain and to Greece - and in the meantime develop to the fullest extent our own defense resources.

Knowing this, the President is eminently right when he says that we will be called upon to make sacrifices of time, money and what we have been pleased to call comforts. These changes are implicit in the stand demanded, and although there may in another generation come a time of disillusionment, a time when it will be recognized that “Total Victory,” like making the world “Safe for Democracy,” had little relation to actuality, it is still up to us to make the effort in order to keep the world from being worse than it is. Out of the conflict between man's will to freedom and his desire for security of a lower order there must come a newer and braver world if civilization is to endure, and because we must still have faith in Man, if not in men, we must be willing to take that side which appears to promise most for ultimate improvement of Man's World.

Sign Of The Times

It must, we suppose, be taken as a sign of the times that the Tar Heel legislative session which ended last week was shortest on record since 1927, but full significance of differences as to causes of brevity then and now can only be measured by thoughtful recollection of events happening between 1927 and 1941. The year 1927, blessed in memory as next to the last of those happy post-war I years when the horn of plenty was more than a figure of speech, was not a year in which citizens worried much about government. Theory then was that that government was best which least interfered with private business. Saving money was no particular object, when more could be had for the asking.

When the 1941 Legislature began we had come through a full cycle, of want, of anxiety and of re-emphasis in government, with a consequent re-estimation of money values. With less money and with other insecurities undreamed of in 1927, North Carolinians in 1941 allowed legislators to work with dispatch, possibly because there was only so much cash to go around and because of a natural, if unfortunate, indifference to the back-seat role which a State government must appear to play in times of national and world emergency.

It happens, however, in choosing acquiescence rather than belligerence as an attitude that the Legislature just ended gave tacit approval to further centralization of the State's government. That this was done in an effort to clear up existing political evils in various bureaus and departments is, however, no guarantee that more fragrant “Fleurs de Mal” will not luxuriate in the new garden.

On the legislative side we are as pleased by what was not done, as by what was accomplished and we must make our manners to Lt. Gov. Harris and Speaker Odus M. Mull for abilities as presiding officers, but we shall watch with anxiety the settling down of various appointed commissioners, directors et als who will owe allegiance to Governor J. Melville Broughton.

Good Job For Good Man

Endorsement by Fourth District Bankers in their Durham meeting Saturday of Gordon C. Hunter, executive vice president of the Peoples bank, for position of third vice president of the North Carolina Bankers' association, is tribute not only to Mr. Hunter, whose abilities are well known in Roxboro and in his native Greensboro, but to the judgment of his fellow Fourth District financiers.

The third vice presidency referred to within two years leads to the presidency of the Association, and with North Carolina being what it is - a rural state with a few large cities and many smaller ones - we can think of no one better able to guide the destinies of the State Bankers' than Mr. Hunter, who has been singularly successful in an executive banking position requiring full knowledge of rural and small city financial problems. Mr. Hunter has entered into all aspects of community life and has carried friendliness with business and commonsense.

In Roxboro he is a member of the City Council and as City treasurer has handled needed refunding problems with such efficiency as to secure best rates obtainable. He is a member of the Roxboro Rotary club, of which he is now president, and in that club and everywhere else he is busy spreading the doctrine of good relationship between County and City. In the County his interest has taken form of intelligently planned farm loans and of a more than passing interest in 4-H club work, particularly the baby beef project.

The State Bankers' association meets in May at Pinehurst and if Mr. Hunter is there elected to the position for which friends have endorsed him, the choice will be more than pleasing to those Person people who have in the past decade come to regard him as a worthy, helpful and considerate banker and friend.

Nostalgia

“Nostalgia” - from the Greek, “nostros” - return home - plus “algos” - pain: pathological, home-sickness; especially, the intense longing for home or for the native land which causes acute derangement of mental and physical functions.

Such is the dictionary definition of a word which describes most fully the basic appeal of such recent motion pictures as “The Strawberry Blonde”, “Kitty Foyle” and “Our Town.” The popularity of the pictures mentioned helps along that process of national re-examination which we have taken upon ourselves since World War II caused decline of the cult of internationalism, and with what might be called a “healthy nostalgia” we have no complaint. The simplicities of thirty-forty years gone by must have been pleasant, but we should do well to remember that in those days some men were cads enough to let “back-street” arrangements take place of divorces and, with slightly more discretion, “Saturday night and Sunday sin” was as rampant as now.

Granting that the Gibson girls and the Arrow collar boys knew their curves and torsos and the excitements produced by having the same well covered, we don't think we would want to go back except in memory to the days when venereal diseases were not mentioned in polite society and bar rooms had the best corner in town. A nostalgia for such good old days must indeed be a perversion, but a nostalgia capable of arousing humility as well as pride, both pains of a sort, has its place, although we must say that to our way of thinking there are as yet too many communities in America in which preconceived notions of the minor proprieties of living cramp the manners and customs of the inhabitants.

When we can look at the past with sympathy and with understanding, all is well: when we long too much to be back in it we are admitting to ourselves an inability to fit our lives to that age into which we were placed by an act of nature, or to which, if we think that way, God has called us.



Secondary Roads

Oxford Public Ledger The State Legislature has passed an act providing for the designation of \$2,000,000 from highway funds for construction of secondary roads in the state.

Representative John Umstead of Durham, introduced the bill, sponsored by the North Carolina Grange. Under the act, an advisory committee on secondary roads would be set up to determine which roads shall benefit from the annual expenditure of \$2,000,000.

The Federal Government, through the United States Bureau of Roads, gives no financial support toward construction of secondary roads and for that reason, improvement of secondary roads in this state has been slow. Principal highways criss-crossing the state have been constructed, maintained and improved while a beginning has been underway on the secondary road system.

Secondary roads do not serve as much traffic as the principal highways of the state, but they are essential links in a complete highway system. They are the roads that enable the farmer to bring his products to market and they are the roads that are essential to a continuation of the economic, agricultural, educational and educational and social progress of the state.

While the appropriation that has been made is far from adequate, it does represent a start toward system of secondary roads and from this start, better things should come.

Pines

Will Nicholson of Cowarts, a unit demonstration farmer of Jackson County, has set 15,500 trees on his place in the past six years, reports Jesse F. Giles, assistant farm agent.

Terracing

Edgecombe County farmers have come to realize the importance of checking soil erosion by the use of proper terracing, says P. H. Jameson, assistant farm agent of the Extension Service.

Beer Dealers Campaign Goes Forward in State

Raleigh, March 20—The beer industry's “clean up or close up” campaign in North Carolina has resulted in disciplinary action against 396 retail dealers in 69 counties.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, said that the committee has cooperated with law enforcement officers in the elimination of 153 undesirable outlets, 125 by revocation, 26 by refusal of local authorities to relicense on information furnished by the committee, and two by surrender.

In addition, the committee has warned 238 dealers to “clean up” or face more drastic action. Revocation petitions are pending against three dealers in Ashe, Onslow, and Graham counties. A public hearing has been scheduled by the Onslow county board of commissioners for April 7 on the committee's revocation petition against a dealer in the Holly Ridge section.

The committee's record, Bain explained, has been compiled since the “clean up or close up” campaign was begun in this state 22 months ago. In recent weeks, the committee's field investigators have concentrated their efforts in the areas adjoining national defense projects.

The committee has checked 1,646 retail outlets in 94 counties during this 22-month period, Colonel Bain said. In addition, 73 outlets have been re-checked.

First

For the first time, Brazil last year bought more goods from the United States than she sold to her northern neighbor, it has been revealed by the Brazilian Ministry of Finance.

Legal Notice

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of G. M. Gregory, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 4th, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 4th day of March, 1941.

Willie H. Allen, Admr. of G. M. Gregory. Merritt & Long, Attys. Mar. 6-13-16-20-22-41

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Myrtle Montague, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of Feb., 1942, or his notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This February 26, 1941.

T. J. Montague Admr. of Mrs. Myrtle Montague. Merritt & Long, Attys. Feb 27, Mar. 6-13-20-27, Apr 3

ALMOST WORTH WEIGHT IN SILVER

New Bern, March 19—A Jennings Flowers, Jr., automobile sales manager, said today he thought his “backache” would disappear within a couple of days. He wasn't sure about his headache.

Flowers said a purchaser traded an old automobile for a new model and paid the difference with 13,000 nickels, 2,000 dimes and 400 quarters. The backache came from carrying the money, he said, the headache from counting it.

Turkeys

Turkey producers intend to hatch and buy about three percent fewer poults this year than last, according to February 1 reports to the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service from key farmers.

Cotton

Cotton growers of the United States will plant a total of 24,289,000 acres to the crop this spring, according to the second Journal of Commerce acreage of the season.

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