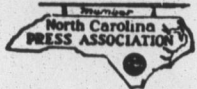


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Person's Commissioners Talk

On Monday Person's County Commissioners gathered in regular session to discuss many things; left-over items in connection with the budget, Miss Beam's tenancy in quarters vacated by the board of education, reappointment of Alvis Clayton as superintendent of the county home, allocation of part of the welfare department's hospitalization funds to a health department maternity project, etc., etc., but unless we miss our guess, major concern at the meeting was taking of an attitude on the proposed Army Camp.

Our understanding is that one of the Commissioners has lands coming directly within the proposed camp area; the other Commissioners are not so directly concerned, but we can imagine, without being told particulars, that tremendous pressure has in the past few days been put upon all of them and that the decision reached has not been an easy one.

In a county of the intimate size and character which is Person's. County Commissioners are still important people definitely elected to be the voice of the people. They are elected by people who have confidence in them as men of authority, men capable of looking after the best interest of the county of which they are the titular heads, particularly in matters pertaining to social and economic welfare. But we do not now need to remind voters that the powers of County Commissioners in North Carolina and in other States have been each year gradually reduced in scale.

Time was when County Commissioners had in their hands power to control almost in entirety county fiscal and educational affairs. The picture is different today. County monies must be matched with Federal and State funds, else the county does not share in ramified benefits pouring from the larger coffers. This goes far enough, but in educational concerns, particularly in North Carolina, County Commissioners have virtually no control, since nearly all powers except budget-making have been delegated to the State and even that is subjected to State standards and specifications.

We have here mentioned the plight of County Commissioners in general, and our own, in order to prepare citizens for a possible negative decision from higher authorities with regard to the implicit attitude of the Person Commissioners concerning the proposed military camp in our borders.

All current signs indicate that the Camp is coming and that any show of independence either by individuals or by officials will amount to what we have just called it, "show". That this should happen is in this day no occasion for surprise. Only yesterday we talked with a man who has a mind of his own, a man who is in daily contact with other men who are supposed to have minds of similar capacities, but we were told by that man that even those persons now in authority in specialized fields are as ignorant as the next ones as to how to plan for the future.

This confession is not posed as a confession calculated to disturb our people, but rather to recall to them that living in a Democracy which is at war with dictatorship is not an easy task. Here is not the time to remind our readers of possible benefits to be derived from the proposed camp. Those possibilities have been stressed enough and will, we hope, reconcile us to the fact that, barring unforeseen circumstances, the Camp is coming as fast as swiftly moving events can bring it.

For the sake of those sincere people who do not want the camp to come, who do not desire to be shaken out of the easy way of life, we wish we could offer some hope. Frankly we cannot. Realism should prepare them and the rest of us, and under circumstances it would seem rank stupidity not to make the most of a different, if not an altogether pleasant bargain. Person people are proud people, accustomed for generations with having their own way, but in a time of upheaval such as the present how can they expect to enjoy more privileges than those other thousands of Americans who live near Army camps?

Any other than a reasonable attitude seems today to be ungracious, and somewhat unduly critical as to the characters of the young men who must perforce live in the camps, some of whom may by chance be sons of people just as proud as are we ourselves.

These facts remain, no matter how much our Commissioners talk or how accurately they reflect the sentiments of citizens by whom they were elected.

The American Way

Little less than a year ago L. W. (better known as "Dub") Hobgood, Jr., fresh from the wilderness of the Nashville, Tenn., school in which he learned his trade, came to the Person County Times as linotype operator. A native of Henderson, "Dub" was at first a bit lonely in Roxboro, but at night, after he finished a day's battle between the theoretical and the practical, he was almost too weary to care that he was lonely.

That he did not remain lonely, that he reached an efficiency commensurate with his engaging personality, are facts known not only to those who worked with him but to those who knew him day or night about the town, many of whom will regret his decision to return to Henderson, although the Daily Dispatch offer was attractive to him and will offer opportunities to renew hometown ties.

We think we have it down right when we say that "Dub's" story, successful adaptation to new environment, with a reaching out for what appears to be better, is still the typical American story of the beginning of a career, and it seems to us, as long as the pattern can be repeated, as it has been since that earliest printer, Ben Franklin trudged the streets of Philadelphia, that there is no need for us to fear for the American way.

Even the grotesque humor of "Dub's Last Proof", a galley-sheet with a few more errors than should be, pasted on the composing room wall the last night he was with the Times in official capacity, is characteristic of that freedom in humor which can still be enjoyed here, and so we wish him well, not only for himself but for all the boys and girls like him, youngsters who carry forward whatever we have that is worth preserving.



The Hopkins Flight

(Springfield Republican)

Not so long ago there were many conservative Americans who wanted Harry Hopkins to go to Moscow and never come back. He was a red anyhow. Moscow was where he belonged.

How they feel, with Mr. Hopkins now in Moscow conferring with Mr. Stalin, is best revealed perhaps by the editorial interpretations of the Hopkins Moscow hop that one may read in a number of our soundest and steadiest "rightist" newspapers.

The feigning may be described as one of concealed shock covered by a bold acceptance of the fortunes and hazards of war. The incident was unexpected, but Mr. Hopkins is in Moscow, as the personal representative of the President, to discuss feasible measures of aid against the common enemy.

There is no use in raking up old political charges to the effect that Mr. Hopkins is a dangerous radical. The situation speaks for itself. As Mr. Hopkins told Mr. Stalin, in behalf of the President, "Our country considers Hitler an enemy, and whoever fights Hitler anywhere is on the right side of this conflict."

In this rapprochement there is no acceptance of Communism by the United States government. But the President is doing what he can to encourage the Russians to hold out all Summer against the German invaders. And what more convincing gesture could he have made to the great Rus-

Must Have Music

(Greensboro Daily News)

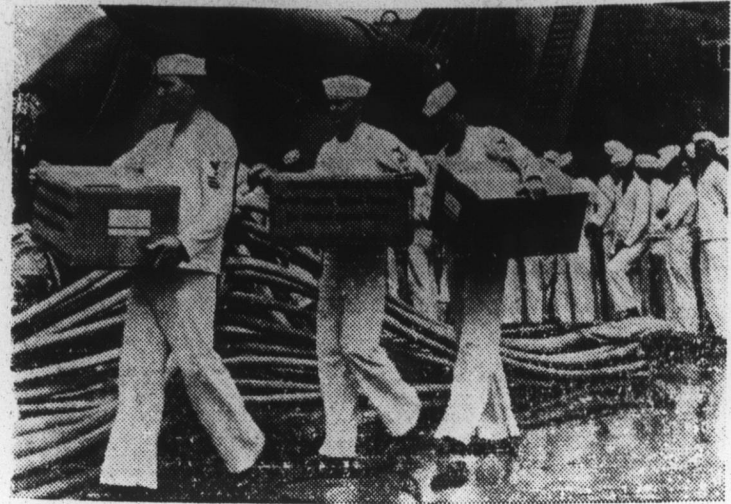
When they talked about raising the tax rate in the city of Henderson there wasn't so much said; when the weatherman plumed his feathers a few weeks ago the folks in Vance County patiently bore it and made little complaint but the other day when some slickers came over from another city with their money-bags for the High School band, W. T. Hearne, the community showed more action than at any time since the Indians were run off.

Civic clubs armed themselves cap-a-pie with committees, sent out their sergeant of the treasury with the net result when the reports were in, the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club each had \$300 in hand and the Lions Club \$200, all earmarked—that's a great word in this financial dispensation—for supplementing the popular band director's salary, lest he be tolled off. We don't know how the man who said he would rather be right than be President would have felt had he been tempted with an offer of bandmaster in a town which appreciates them so, a town which must have its music when it must have it.

It is a pity that a young American people than to send his own bosom friend to Moscow by plane?

The morale of the Nazis at home may be shaken a trifle if they are permitted to know about the Hopkins hop—for at least it is more successful than that of Mr. Hess.

New Blood for U. S. Navy



Thousands of Americans who have never set foot on a warship have their blood for the U. S. navy. A shipment of that blood, dried and processed, is shown being taken aboard a man-o-war at Philadelphia navy yard. The blood was collected by the American Red Cross. It keeps indefinitely under proper conditions.

a red tag." Previously the Board permitted the sale of lespedeza containing 5,000 dodder per pound and allowed sales of lespedeza to be made containing as many as 1,000 dodder per pound without being labeled with a red tag. Thus the new regulations reduce tolerances by 50 per cent.

"North Carolina has an excellent opportunity to build a national reputation for quality lespedeza seed and the reduction of dodder tolerances allowed will enable farmers to continue a good reputation and build a better one," Coltrane asserted.

"Some farmers have been selling their neighbors and others uncleaned or poorly cleaned seed containing a high content of dodder and weed seed. It has reached the point, in many instances where seed were not satisfactory for seeding purposes and ample regulations had to be adopted that were agronomically and economically sound."

Virginia Band Will Play For Annual Festival

Aug. 7—(Special to the Times)

South Boston, Va.—"The Lads of Rhythm", an all-Virginia orchestra with one of the fastest-growing names in the state, will furnish the music for the Harvest Ball, the world's largest annual square dance, at the National Tobacco Festival in South Boston on September 4. Announcement of the selection of the popular Southside ensemble was made this week by Frank M. Sizemore, chairman of the Harvest Ball Committee of the festival.

"The Lads of Rhythm" were organized only a year and a half ago and since that time have furnished music for many outstanding dances all over the Old Dominion and North Carolina. Hugh Vaughan, South Boston pianist, is leader. The band will have fifteen pieces for the festival.

The Harvest Ball is held annually on the first night of the festival in the huge Independent Warehouse where 75,000 square

LESPEDA SEED MUST BE GROWN

Lespedeza Growers Urged to Watch out for "Dodder"

Raleigh, August 7—D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, today issued a warning to North Carolina lespedeza growers urging that they "take immediate steps" to rid their fields of dodder, "a noxious weed", in order to obtain maximum value for their 1941 seed crop.

"Every possible measure should be taken to eradicate this costly weed in the lespedeza fields of North Carolina," he emphasized, explaining that new "regulations" approved by the State Board of Agriculture prohibit sale of lespedeza seed containing more than 2,500 dodder per pound and further provide that seed sold containing more than 500 dodder per pound must be labeled with

feet of floor space accommodates 10,000 couples. Each year the Queen of the Festival and a high-ranking personage leads the figure.

SEW AND SAVE With The Singer Machine See D.D. Long at Long's Haberdashery

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