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Along The Way With the Editor

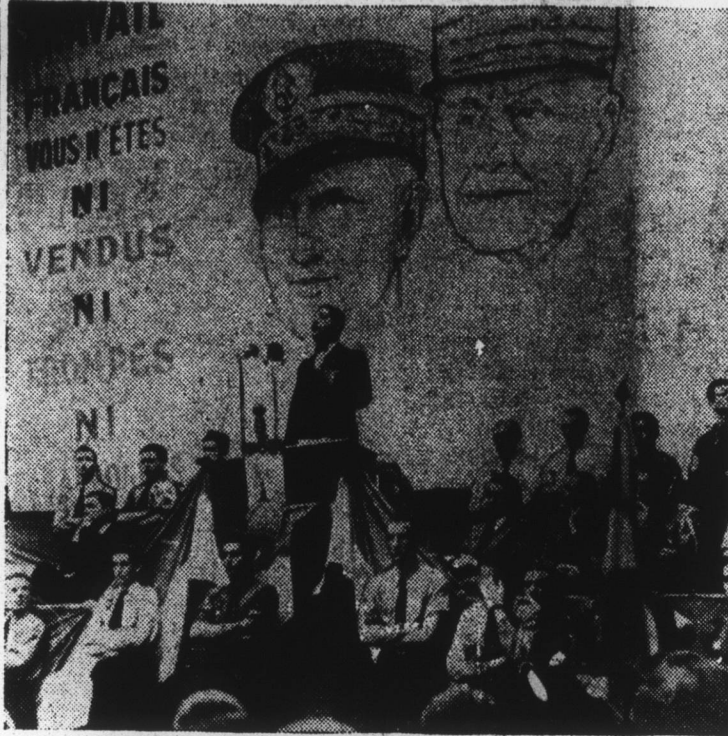
A few nights ago Oscar Long had a birthday supper. He invited quite a few fellows and in the invited crowd was P. T. Whitt, Sr. Oscar had a meal fit for a King and enough for all. At the last minute Mr. Whitt notified him that, due to business reasons, he could not be present. As a result of P. T. not being on hand to help eat, Oscar had his part left which was what he generally ate at this supper—five big slices of turkey, three birds, four helpings of eaters, one plate of beans, one pound of dressing, a bowl of gravy, six pieces of cake and a few other things.

"Fony" Allen bought a little pig about nine months ago and gave it to a fellow to raise on halves. A few days ago the pig was killed and Fony's mother says that he brought his half home in a eight pound paper bag.

This is the truth. Several mornings ago—one cold day—about 6:00 a. m. Otto Clayton called Bill Minor and asked Bill to bring him some oil at once. A few days later at 6:00 a. m. Bill called Otto and asked him to bring a case of soda pop to his home.

Collin Abbitt is one of our street superintendents. A few days ago he had a crew working in front of the hotel. His big sign to warn motorists read, Slow Men Working. That boy believes in the truth.

Youth of France Band Together



A view of the opening of the congress of the "youth of France and overseas," during the address of Roger de Salvres, member of Marshal Petain's cabinet, at Nice, France. The slogan which appears on the wall at the left reads "Frenchmen, you are not sold, nor abused, nor abandoned."

Civilian Defense Plans For Roxboro Area Now Operating

CUB SCOUTS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PACK MEETING

Event Planned For Monday Night. Other Features Of Scout Activity Carried On.

Scout activities during the week will include the Christmas Pack Meeting of Cubs to be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Roxboro Community house and the monthly district meeting of Scout leaders Tuesday night at the same hour in the office of Dr. A. F. Nichols. Also to be held will be regular troop meetings on various nights during the week.

Special guest at the Cub Pack meeting will be district president, C. A. Harris, who will make inspection. The Cubs are planning to present to parents handier gifts made by the Cubs for them. Leader of the meeting will be the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, who has said that he is anxious for all members to complete arrangements for registration and re-registration, which cannot be completed until all boys have made payments.

Held here Friday night was the Person Court of Honor at which a number of Scouts received advancements. Among them were: Rufus Shelton, Jr., tenderfoot; Jimmie Street, Richard Golby, Arthur Chambers and Baxter Mangum, Jr., second class; Charles Hughes, star; and for merit badges, C. Blanks, Richard Golby, J. Y. Saunders and Mason Hamlett, handicrafts; Gus Deering, safety; mechanical drawing and scholarship, Toufiak Ameen; and for scholarship and marksmanship, Buck Taylor.

Officials present for the Court included: Chief Executive A. P. Patterson, of the Cherokee Council, and Joe Guffy, Bill Langston, Gus Deering and Dr. J. H. Hughes. Report of the court was presented by Johnny Horton, scribe for troop 32, who reported on his troop's activities, saying that the troop plans to assist a family with a Christmas basket.

JUNIOR DINNER

Members of Longhurst Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., will have their Christmas program and dinner at Olive Hill school, Wednesday night, at 7 o'clock. Dinner will be served by women of Concord Methodist church and a full attendance is requested.

"OPPORTUNITIES"

Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, of the Person Welfare Department again today reminded citizens that the Christmas season is near and that she will be glad to have interested persons take charge of "Neediest Cases" known to her department.

OLIVE HILL P. - T. A.

Christmas program of the Olive Hill P. - T. A. will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the school, with the play, "Why the Chimes Rang", as a feature. Music will be by Mrs. Kendall Street, Miss Julia Fisher and Miss Billie Street. Program chairmen are Mrs. Numa Edwards and Miss Mary Kelly.

CONFIRMED

W. A. Lucas, chairman of the State Board of Elections this week confirmed nomination of William Harris, III, as chairman of the Person County Board of elections.

BAXTER URGES TRUCK AND BUS OWNERS TO LIST

Advice Comes As War Measure From War Department Through State Committee.

The Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department is appealing to the Department of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina to urge all truck and bus owners in Person County to immediately fill out and mail in the questionnaire cards sent to them for the National Defense truck and bus inventory. This inventory is being made for the War Department by the Public Roads Administration and the Works Projects Administration to be used in planning National Defense emergency transportation, according to W. A. Baxter, of the Roxboro division of the State Highway Patrol.

A report made Friday by L. G. Watters of the Public Roads Administration, who is Technical Advisor for this work in North Carolina, revealed that only thirty-one percent of the vehicle owners in North Carolina had sent in their reports. This shows North Carolina to be lagging far behind most of the states in the Union in the compilation of this essential National Defense data for the War Department. Mr. Watters said that Wisconsin leads the nation with returns from about ninety percent of the owners and South Carolina leads the Southeastern states with about seventy percent.

Mr. Watters further states that a large number of the questionnaires received to date are incomplete and incorrectly filled out and will have to be returned to the owners for completion or corrections, and he urges that all owners follow instructions and carefully fill out their cards.

Each card should be identified with the vehicle by the use of the motor number shown in space "A" of the questionnaire.

Another angle of the survey is most important to vehicle and bus owners in North Carolina. Priority ratings to assure future productions and replacement of parts for motor vehicle owners make it absolutely necessary that complete information of each truck and bus in the United States be available. It is not only the patriotic duty of owners to fill out and return these questionnaires promptly, but it is vital to the motor truck industry in determining the future needs in securing priority rating for replacement of units and supplies.

P. - T. A. PROGRAM

Christmas program of the Roxboro Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher association will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 16, at 3:30 at the school. Also featured will be defense talks by City Manager Bloxam and Fire Chief Henry E. O'Briant. A good attendance is requested. Various grades will participate in the entertainment planned.

DANCE PLANS

Thomas M. Bumpass, chairman of the dance committee of the Bachelors' club, announces that the holiday script dance planned by the club for the night of December 26, will be given in Kaplan hall, Main street. All members are urged to pay dues by Sunday, December 21.

Meeting Held At Court House

Additional Unit And Sub-Division Leaders Named. Mayor Advises Citizens.

Now complete are preliminary steps toward organization of Roxboro and Person civilian defense units acting in cooperation with national and state units. Previously outlined on Friday were units for police, fire and utilities divisions.

Announced yesterday was the emergency alarm, to be used in case of air raids or other alarms, it being said that the emergency signal in Roxboro will be by the fire siren in a series of short up and down blasts lasting two minutes, while the all clear signal will be a two minute continuous blast.

In connection with the alarm system Mayor S. G. Winstead, head of the local governing control for civilian defense said that citizens hearing the warning signal should: not crowd the streets, but go to their homes, close all windows and doors and remain there quietly, avoiding use of the telephone except in cases of genuine necessity; that they should remove their automobiles from the streets, should obey all instructions from wardens, policemen and others in authority; that they should think twice before taking action and should at all times keep a calm, level-headed attitude.

Active head of the Red Cross sub-division, as previously announced will be the Rev. J. M. Walker; head of the medical unit, chosen last night, is Dr. A. F. Nichols and continuing as air raid warden is R. H. Shelton. Heading the city's protection committee is Police Commissioner Phillip L. Thomas.

Telephone control, available twenty-four hours per day will be set up and all emergency calls should be made to 2931 or to 2222, the latter being the fire station number.

Head of the disaster unit is Gordon C. Hunter.

With S. G. Winstead, Mayor of the City of Roxboro, presiding, twenty or more civic leaders of Person County and this City, on Friday morning gathered here at the Court House to formulate plans for a three point defense program in line with the State and National program.

Bearing in mind the statement of Mayor Winstead: "If we are not war-minded now, we ought to be", the group approved a plan for police, fire and utilities protection, including Red Cross work, disaster units, bomb squadrons, air raid alarms and industrial supervision, with Mayor Winstead as head of the governing body work—under State Coordinator Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, who is in turn affiliated with the United States defense unit.

Also to get underway here is the emergency Red Cross drive, with a Person-Roxboro goal of \$3,000. Director of the campaign is to be the Rev. J. M. Walker, of the Presbyterian church, who recently concluded a successful Roll Call drive.

According to Gordon C. Hunter, chairman of the Person committee for the sale of Defense Bonds, Person citizens are investing heavily in the bonds and in tax anticipation notes, totals at the Peoples Bank alone reaching a high figure.

Active assistant in the Civilian Defense Program is City Manager (Continued On Back Page)

Views Of The News

WARSHIP PUT OUT OF CONTROL; PHILIPPINES HEAVILY ATTACKED

MANILA, Dec. 13.—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, revealed that a Japanese battle fleet fled to a avoided battle when American warships approached.

Official communiques reported that American warplanes have taken a heavy toll of Japanese planes and ships.

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS GRAHAM TELLS UNC MENACED

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 13.—President Frank P. Graham at a special convocation in Memorial Hall at the University of North Carolina told the student body that this 150-year-old institution's three most precious possessions are at stake in this war.

"The things for which this university stands—freedom, self government and honor—are on Hitler's black list. See this war through and take your stand now and later against inequality and injustice. Struggle to maintain freedom to struggle for freedom," he advised.

'BLACKOUT' OF PATROL CARS PROPOSED IN STATE

DURHAM, Dec. 13.—The State Highway Patrol cars in Roxboro and elsewhere in the State may lose their aluminum color under "blackout" plans under consideration by State Highway Patrol officials in Raleigh. However, it was learned today that considerable difficulty has been experienced for the last few months in obtaining black paint, the color desired if the cars are to be changed.

The change would occur in connection with a proposed increase in patrolmen's duties as suggested by Governor J. M. Broughton. Under plans yesterday, the Governor of the last means of getting home, other than by British ships.

GIRL WANTED: MUST MAKE OTHERS JEALOUS

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—The local office of the State Employment Service has received some unusual requests but that of last week tops them all.

A young man asked the office to hire for him "a young lady between the ages of 18 and 25, preferably a business girl, pretty and tall, to attend the policeman's ball with him."

Asked the reason for the order, he said, "I just want to make my girl friend jealous."

LA GUARDIA EMBARRASSED

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Am I embarrassed? Am I humiliated?" fumed Mayor Fiorello La Guardia.

The national director of civilian defense flourished a clipping of an Associated Press wirephoto showing New York City crowds clustered on the street during air raid alarms.

"Won't somebody catch hell about this when I get home?"

"Here I go around the country telling people they must stay inside during air raid alarms. And right in my own city this happens—this!!!"

LACK OF FUNDS DELAYS CALLING OUT GUARD

RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—Governor Broughton estimates that it will cost North Carolina "three or four million dollars" to do the guard duty the army originally requested—unless arrangements can be made for the army to foot the bill.

Moreover, the only way the money could be used for the payment and maintenance of the State Guard, would be for the Legislature to be called into special session and authorize an appropriation.

The arithmetical obstacle in all probability will mean that the State Guard will not be called out for active duty anywhere near as early as the Governor expected several days ago.

DENIES VISAS TO AMERICANS, BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Portugal has suspended granting visas to United States and British citizens, the United States embassy said today.

The action at least temporarily denied to Americans in Britain and on the European continent rights to travel from Portugal.

TOBACCO FIRMS, OFFICIALS FINED \$15,000 EACH

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 13.—The nation's "Big Three" tobacco companies—Reynolds, Liggett and Myers, and American—and 13 officials, were denied a new trial on price fixing and monopoly convictions in United States District Court and fines of \$15,000 each were assessed.

Federal Judge H. Church Ford, in announcing his decision after several days of arguments for a new trial, said he assumed there would be immediate appeal.

Christmas Spirit Vies With War As Major Interest

Churches Plan Christmas Eve Service, Carol And Cantata Programs Scheduled For Today. Court House Decorated.

Second annual jointly observed Christmas eve service will be held Wednesday night, December 24, at 8 o'clock by members of Roxboro Presbyterian and St. Mark's Episcopal churches at St. Mark's church, with the Rev. J. M. Walker, of the Presbyterian church as speaker.

The service will be in charge of the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, rector of St. Mark's, and special music will be rendered by the combined choirs and Christmas decorations will be used throughout the church.

Ministers of both churches have said they are expecting a large attendance, as the service is especially appropriate to the season and is in accordance with a spirit of unity being shown by the two denominations.

Other Christmas services and programs are to be given in Roxboro this Sunday (December 14) and during the Christmas week. Among outstanding events planned is tonight's cantata, "Christmas Dawn" to be presented at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock by the combined choirs of the church and the South Boston Choral club, under direction of Mrs. J. D. K. Richmond, with Mrs. William Holt, organist. The same program will be repeated on Sunday afternoon, December 21, in South Boston.

Another musical event of this afternoon (the 14) will be the Roxboro high school glee club's carol service at 4:30 o'clock at the high school.

Wesleys Observe Golden Rites At Home In City

Today at their residence on Barnette street, Roxboro, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Wesley, who were married on Dec. 15, 1891, in Halifax county, Virginia, by the Rev. Mr. Shipman, will celebrate their wedding anniversary with a family dinner. Present for the occasion will be their ten children, including the in-laws and grandchildren.

Land Sales Next Saturday Say Those In Charge

Postponed until Saturday, December 20, are the land sales in connection with settlement of the D. W. Bradsher estate, it being pointed out by those in charge of the sales that bad weather yesterday made it impossible to conduct the sales as planned. Hours on this coming Saturday will be the same as originally scheduled, and the prize offer will also be made.

Rotarians Hear Thad Eure And Give Ladies Gifts

Saying that "American people are now unified as never before in their history", Secretary of State Thad Eure, of Raleigh, in an address at the annual "Ladies' Night" program of the Roxboro Rotary club, Thursday night, mentioned the roles that civic clubs can play in the war program that is at hand.

Presented by Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, toastmaster, the Secretary of State began his talk in humorous vein but soon turned to the war topic, which he illustrated by the story of workers in an airplane factory, who had pride in the smallest detailed job and who stopped their work for a moment in order to watch a completed plane take its test flight, although they, as workers, could not know the exact location in the plane of the various small parts they had had a part in making.

Presiding over the affair, given at Hotel Roxboro, was the club president Claude T. Hall, of Wooddale. Toast to the guests of honor was by Dr. B. E. Love, with response by Mrs. Glenn Stovall. Favors were gifts from the forty-eight states of the union gathered by the club secretary, W. Reade Jones, with cooperation from the Governors of the States. Those present were 118.

With the speaker was his wife, Mrs. Eure, and additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Craven, Jr., of Roxboro, Mr. Craven being president of the Kiwanis club.