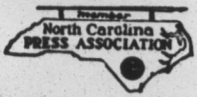


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## Forlorn, Maybe, But Not Lost.....

I  
Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, whose plea for a more deliberate consideration of how and why as well as when with the nine months school term for the State of North Carolina has precipitated a stir in educational, legislative and journalistic circles, is a Person native—and those natives and adopted sons of Person who know him will discover in his stand a characteristic exhibition of Person logic that was at one time more in evidence in the whole of Tarheelia.

Immediate impulse is to say that any leading citizen and State figure who pits himself out in any form as being opposed to a nine month term of school for the State is guilty of betrayal of the best interests and traditions of more and better public school education, but those who know Lieut. Gov. Harris cannot and should not accuse him of being unfriendly to the cause of public education. His plea is no betrayal.

II  
He happens to believe, if we read aright his message to the joint Education Committee, that the proposed nine months term will now cost more than the State can afford to pay. He happens to believe that a good teaching job cannot and is not being done under present war conditions with an eight month term and that better part of wisdom would be an improvement of what we have through method and concentration rather than through immediate expansion to a nine month term.

Lieut. Gov. Harris, as we see it, is not opposed to a nine months term, per se, but he does think it will defeat its own merits if put into practice now, in wartime, and should be planned for as a measure to be put into effect in July 1945. And he is probably right when he suggests that the present, proposed optional adoption features work against rather than for the best intentions of the present bill. He also may be right when he intimates that farm people will be hard put to comply with the nine months term under present scarcity of labor, war conditions, but we would say that those who are fundamentally opposed to a nine months term, as Harris is not, will always be ready to grasp any opportunity to be opposed to it, or to any form of educational expansion.

III  
The Harris message does give these people, the opposers, an opportunity to talk, and as far as the Lieutenant Governor is concerned that is the personally unfortunate angle. His remarks can be and are being misunderstood, but he is strong enough to take the misunderstanding and walk away with it. What the said misunderstanding will do for him as a possible candidate for nomination as Governor is something else again, but he knows where he is going, as well as when and why, and when he gets ready he will be able to stand on his own two feet, just as he did last Tuesday.

As an exponent for temporary continuation of the eight months term Lieut. Gov. Harris may be leading a forlorn cause, but the fact that he has spoken out will keep it from being a lost one, and come what may, his protests may be the means of that more complete and deliberate re-examination of public school whys and wherefores that is in order.

It is about time that the State of North Carolina should pause to consider quality of teaching as well as length of days, and if the Harris plea can bring more attention to quality, we are all for it.

## Men Who Are Too Bright.....

It happened before, it has happened now and some folks hereabouts are skeptical enough to think that it will happen again. We refer, of course, to the leaving of Arthur I. Park, assistant Person farm agent. Before him, it was J. B. Snipes, and the significant facts are these: both men did such good work here that their talents were recognized elsewhere; both men were in Person County just long enough to begin programs of rare excellence; both men were called away at the moment when the work they started was really ready to go forward.

We took it and stood it with good grace when Snipes

was called to Wilkes county. There seems to be nothing else to do now in the instance of Arthur Park, but we do seriously question the wisdom of officials in charge of Extension work who deliberately go around yanking men like Park out of counties where they are most needed, just at the moment when they are becoming most useful to the citizens of the counties in which they serve.

We understand that Park has a promotion in Wake and that he will get more money, and because these things are true we can understand why he is willing to go. We also understand, and we hope it is true, that Person County commissioners were willing to increase Person share of his salary if he would remain.

Snipes and Park, and men like them, are in difficult business of serving more than one master where pocket-book is concerned and this means that they are inclined to take orders from the Extension Division from whence comes larger part of the program planning and the money, but we can and do say that the Division's work could and would be improved if it would allow its good men to remain longer in one locality than seems to be the custom.

The work is so important in Person County that a successor to Park must be found at once if effectiveness of the program is to be continued. Until he is found there will be the sagging and the lagging known of old.

We are of opinion, likewise, that Person County, whose wealth lies chiefly in farming, should be willing to contribute a little more than \$600 to salary of the next good assistant farm agent it gets. Payment of a larger salary might be a form of persuasion. It certainly could be justified as return on an investment in farm education, for the land, and ultimately for the pocket and for character.

Greatest wealth of any farm community consists of fertile fields tilled by citizens who know what they are about. And that happens to be the direction of the work done by Park and by Snipes.

## The Girls Go, And Get.....

Person and Roxboro Boy Scouts, who for years have contributed cheerfully to community enterprises, have rivals now in the Girl Scouts, who will go out this Sunday afternoon to collect books to be sent to libraries for men and women now in military service.

Cooperating agencies with the Girl Scouts are the Person chapter of the American Red Cross and the Person County Public Library, but actual work of collecting the books falls upon the Girl Scouts, and judging by their recent success with their Infantile Paralysis Tag day, the girls will not take "No," for an answer.

About the only stipulation is, the books they get had better be good ones. Our soldiers and sailors and marines and nurses do not want to read trash.

The war, at long last, has come home to us now in Person County and no mother or father who has sent away a beloved son or daughter can afford to forget that the military service ranks are made up of hundreds and thousands of beloved sons and daughters, not to speak of husbands and wives, and that they, who are counterparts of the Person and Roxboro men and women in fighting and serving units, do need to be provided with what can be given of the comforts of home.

Books are such comforts for many citizens, and we are sure that they will be appreciated.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### No Color Blackout.....

Christian Science Monitor  
There's no rationing on colors. Not yet. True, the polychrome flashes of the neon signs have disappeared. Their Sisyphean task is ended for a while. The merchandising appetizers of the window dressers' art are concealed behind curtains when afternoon shadows lengthen. The pleasant, leisure-time activity of evening window-shopping has gone for the duration.

However, in the colorful, attractive daytime displays on ten thousand Main Streets one can read the history of progress. There is material for a book on the thesis that gay color has marked our trail from the handicraft to the industrial eras.

And is color blacked out? Not while boys and girls can buy the checkered pattern lumberman's jackets which flop so casually in the winter wind. Not while mackinaws are still available in their emphatic combinations of reds, blacks, blues and purples. Not while women's and girls' slacks come in startling shades of reds and greens.

We may come to ersatz textiles. It is not impossible that the magic of chemistry will give us many everyday materials of plastics of which we hardly dream at present. Come what may in this era of swift transformations, it is reasonably safe to predict that Americans will favor gay colors.

About 15 million shearing collect books for the men in service, a goal of 10,000 books was set, but in spite of unseasonable weather, 18,300 books were collected, an average of two books for every five residents.

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## ECONOMY AUTO SUPPLY

## BUSHY FORK AND HELENA ADVANCE MOBILIZATION.

Two Schools Go Ahead With Their Programs

Not being content to wait for the period set aside for 4-H Mobilization Week — February 6th-14th — Bushy Fork and Helena Schools forged ahead last week by holding their mobilization meetings ahead of schedule.

Each of the principals and teachers in these two schools are enthusiastic about the work and are seeing that each and every child between the ages of 10 and 20 years enter into some project on the farm that will aid the war effort.

C. H. Mason, Principal of the Bushy Fork School, is interested not only in getting the students between 10 and 20 years of age enlisted, but he is anxious that those below 10 years do something, if it is nothing more than raising 15 chickens with a hen kept in a coop.

These two schools are to be congratulated upon the effort they are putting forth to see that each and every one of their eligible pupils are enrolled in 4-H work that will aid the war effort.

The other schools are expecting to mobilize as soon as the Farm Agents can get around.

## Mrs. R. E. Whitten Of Mullins, S. C., Visits In City

Mrs. Robert Estes Whitten, of Mullins, S. C., who was here for a visit with her husband before he left for Fort Bragg, has returned to her home after spending several days with Mr. Whitten's brother, Sam R. Whitten, Jr., and Mrs. Whitten.

Mrs. Whitten, Jr., to honor her sister-in-law, entertained at bridge Thursday night at Hotel Roxboro.

## Men Eighteen Register Here During Month

With a total of 124 men reported registered for selective service in December after having become 18 years of age since the June 30, 1942 registration. Mrs. James Brooks, Selective Service Clerk, last week released a list of 31 eighteen-year-olds registered during the month of January.

The white men composing the group are Louis McNeal Watson, Garland Waitcel Hilderbrand, Thomas Hill Clayton, Reginald Long Carver, Gardner Lee Whitfield, Thomas Reade Tillet, Isaac James Gregory, John Dallas Hall, Ephraim Bruce Yarbrough, Marion Jackson Sullivan, William Ira Wheeler, Robert Sidney Ashby, Bennie George Wagoner, Walter Wallace Young, John Calvin Wilborne and Ernest Jackson Powell.

Negro men are Clinton Thomas, Jr., Tyree O'Neal Perkins, Clyde Mangum, Percel Thomas, Samuel E. Blackwell, Ale Junior Barnette, Thea Otis Hatchett,

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## Hunter Reports Good Sale For War Bonds Here

Sale of \$95,962.48 worth of War Bonds, series E, and stamps in Person County and Roxboro during month of January was reported yesterday morning by Gordon C. Hunter, chairman, who said that heavy sales can be credited to large buying by Roxboro Building and Loan. Total amount would have been larger if series F and G bonds could have been counted. Only County reports not yet in is to come from Hurdle Mills.

## Rev. T. A. Sikes Former Roxboro Minister Dies

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 5. — Funeral services for the Rev. Timothy A. Sikes of Monroe, who died Thursday at Wrightsville Beach, will be held at 2 P. M. Sunday at the First Methodist church, Charlotte.

The Rev. Mr. Sikes was well-known in Roxboro, where he was, about twelve years ago, pastor of Edgar Long Memorial church.

Dossie Lee Rogers, McClency Halley, Junius George Chambers, Oscar Clay, John Marshall Brooks, James Harper, Jr., N. H. Humphrey and John Thomas Winstead.

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## George Long Gets Promotion In U. S. Army

It's now PFC George C. Long for the soldier son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Long, formerly of Roxboro and now of Creedmoor. Private Long received the promotion at the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va., where he is now stationed.

### FROM SPENCER

The Rev. and Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok of Spencer, are visiting here for a few days with the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. West. Mr. West, pastor of the Roxboro First Baptist church, is expected to fill his pulpit Sunday morning for the first time following an illness of several weeks.

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