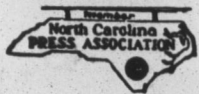


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Africa In Roxboro.....

Wes Collagher, an Associated Press representative North Africa, quotes Robert Murphy, U. S. minister, and Harold McMillan, British resident minister, as saying at a joint press conference that there are "No differences between them or their governments on political questions in North Africa", meaning that problems of pleasing both Generals Charles de Gaulle and Henri Giraud are not insuperable and that delicacy of the appointment of Vichy-ite Marcel Peyrouton as governor general of Algeria will not further upset Anglo-American collaboration with Frenchmen of various factions.

It is to be hoped that Gallagher's report of the Murphy-McMillan conference is true, because it becomes increasingly clear that effective British, American and French cooperation in North Africa must be both political and military if desired objectives are to be obtained. Likewise, it becomes clear that neither political unity nor military victory will be as easily achieved as it was at one time believed.

The invasion of Africa was announced in November. Glowing reports made the invasion take on the character of a pushover. It has not been that, and now that the truth begins to come out restless Americans will begin to be more restless. They are not willing to see military advantages sacrificed to politics, even the international kind, but it might help them if they could remember that North Africa is now controlled by leaders of three nations, with Germans and Italians horning in where they can, and all trying to sway the native Arabs, the Jews and other polygot minorities.

For a partial parallel, imagine citizens from Chapel Hill, Oxford and Hillsboro suddenly invading Roxboro, taking over City government and control of all food supplies, and telling Roxboro that it's previous policies were all wet. It would be bad enough if the folks from Chapel Hill, Oxford and Hillsboro could all agree on what we could do. It would be worse still if we, ourselves, liked one invader a little better than another, but were distrustful not only of the invaders, but also of ourselves as governing agents.

And that is what has happened in Africa, where fate of the whole campaign depends the maintenance of an agreement such as Murphy and McMillan claim for their respective governments.

The Letter.....

Private First Class Sam C. Fisher, Jr., of Halifax, Va., and Roxboro, who last week was reported by the War Department as "killed in action in conflict with the Japanese in the South Pacific area", was a soldier because he wanted to be one. He volunteered while the United States was in an uneasy state of peace, but luck, or fate, placed him in Hawaii, where the blow fell first, at Pearl Harbor.

He went through all that, and kept up the fight that for him was ended on January 13. Not yet known here is the full story. It may never be known.

But if Sam Fisher, Jr., could come again today to Roxboro he would say that the man whose name was his, who stands each day behind the counter in his store and hands out groceries, quietly, as if nothing had happened, has made the sacrifice worthwhile, and added to it by courage of example.

The letter from the War Department is a piece of paper. It will grow soiled, get torn and, perhaps, be thrown away, or at best, kept in some trunk to yellow with age, but the spirit that it called up will never know age, or change, not as long as courage can match courage.

Manner, Rather Than Amount.....

Astonishing to Person and Roxboro citizens is the story of daylight robberies allegedly committed here by Robert Hamlett, Negro youth, who in the lesser one implicated Preston Horner, a white man, and like himself an employee of Roxboro Beverage company.

The case was aired here Tuesday in Person Recorder's court, with expected consequences, but the amounts of cash taken pale into insignificance alongside of the deliberateness of the thefts, and if any moral needs to be

drawn from the predicaments in which Hamlett and Horner find themselves it is in the quantity of premeditation productive of the thefts, and the general feeling some people have that any violation of the laws of organized society is O. K., provided said violation can be gotten away with.

And that is another way of saying that society is itself at fault in not upholding more rigidly the virtues of integrity and honesty. Young people go to work in establishments where cash that is not their own is at hand. The thefts sometimes start with a nickle here, a dime there, and are by many condoned as long as amounts are small, whereas truth must show that the amounts count not at all on the honesty side.

Horner still denies any connection with the affair but, in Hamlett's case there was the simple instance of offering a twenty dollar bill for taxi fare of fifteen cents. It is always like that, some insignificant detail brings down the house of cards. As Ira Jones learned last week, the rope breaks, somewhere, everytime. It always does.

What Is Defense Work?.....

Certain industrial establishments in the Roxboro area are and have been engaged in the production of textiles for government orders. It is the belief of officials of these companies that workers on the payrolls of such establishments, actively engaged in production of government orders, will not be subject to any proposed drafting of labor and that they will, within limits previously observed, be exempt from military service.

Such reasoning, in light of what is now known, appears to be sound. Persons now employed in industrial plants engaged in production for war effort can best serve themselves, their employers and their country by staying where they are and working to best of their abilities. It so happens that there has been already more than enough of social dislocation caused by government mandates and by individual desires to seek greener pastures.

Steady nerves and a grasp on reality are required today from all citizens, and not less so from those who are left to carry on in essential industries. America seems now to be coming to that realization and even the men and women in service camps are beginning to see that people back home must work and labor, where they are — if the social pattern is to be preserved.

It is patriotic to work, but work, to be efficient and effective, must be guided by commonsense. People here and elsewhere must make adjustments, but they must learn to stand when they would rather walk, and to walk when they would rather run.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Belated Salute To Devil Anse.....

New York Herald-Tribune

The fourteenth member of the Hatfield clan has joined the marines to get in a few licks at the enemy. —From an Associated Press dispatch from Charleston, W. Va.

Only 14 so far? We may be sure there will be more, for the hills are full of Hatfields. But what we are thinking today is how it is too bad that the daddy of them all, Anderson Hatfield, he who was known, and with reason, as "Devil Anse", could not be alive to take pride in the record of his descendants. These men, we'll wager, have "squirrel shooters' eyes," just as old "Devil Anse" had, and they will give a good account of themselves. And so, it is certain, will their ancient enemies, the McCoys.

It would be a stirring thing to see how "Devil Anse" would take all this. They called him "six feet of devil, 180 pounds of hell," and they said he had "a face like a panther." Before he got religion, back in the feud times, he chewed tobacco, cussed too much and made moonshine; in his old age, when he was tired of sin, he puffed his pipe on his cabin porch and hummed "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." A great sinner, he became a great penitent.

He had helped stain the Logan county hills with blood, in a trouble that started over an ornery razor-back sow. But he was game. Long before, he had been breveted a captain on a battlefield while fighting with the gray troops in the war between the states. When they heard the zing of his bullets along the Little Tug river they knew that serious business was afoot.

Wherever they go in this big trouble it is a safe bet that the sharp-eyed kinsmen of "Devil Anse" will let the enemy know that a fight is on. They come of a tribe that "ain't afeard." And "Devil Anse" would be a proud man today—as he might say, "proud fit to bust a gallus." A salute to the grand old hellion.

Add: Reasons For Dislike.....

Greensboro Daily News

Here's another reason we don't like bureaucrats and their non-sensical ways: When the issuance of new rationing books begins late this month, one of the questions which the overburdened school teachers will be required to take time out to ask and ration book applications to try to answer is, as we get it from the Bati-more Evening Sun, "How much coffee did you have on hand November 28?"

Why not simply ask "Where were you at 10:15 o'clock on the night of September 13, 1941?" That question could be just as easily answered, would scare just as many applicants to death, cause the rationing queues to move just as slowly and afford equally as much questionnaire research work for the indwellers of bureaucratic Alice in Blunderland.

CREDIT

In meeting their 1942 war production goals, farmers and ranchers used \$60,000,000 more credit from production credit associations than during the previous years.

The steel wares of Solingen, in the Ruhr, have been famous since the Middle Ages.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA,
PERSON COUNTY

NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of Roxboro,

- vs. -

Aubrey Barnett and wife, Emma Barnett.

The defendants, Aubrey Barnett, will take notice that an ac-

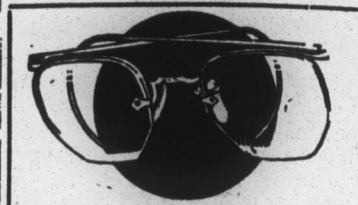
tion entitled as above has been commenced against them in the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, and that the purpose of said action is to enforce the tax lien against the real property listed in the name of Aubrey Barnett upon the tax books of the City of Roxboro.

And the defendants, Aubrey Barnett and Emma Barnett, will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the com-

plaint in said action within twenty days after the last publication of his notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This February 1, 1943.
SUE C. BRADSHAW,
Clerk Superior Court.
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