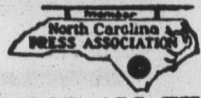


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Like The Arrow.....

Story of the week, leaving aside military matters such as the battle in Tunis, and international items such as the continued fasting ability of Gandhi, is the remarkable "Flying Dutchman" flight of a U. S. Liberator, four-motored, cargo plane that crashed on a Mexican mountain after having covered some two thousand miles without pilot or crew aboard.

Legend of the ocean-going ship, "The Flying Dutchman", that sailed the seven seas under similar conditions, is here given a new and modern twist. Landsmen, likewise, are familiar enough with riderless horses, trucks and cars without drivers, and trains that cut loose for adventures of their own, but this is the first time in the history of aviation that a sky monster has enjoyed the privilege. There have been short test flights with empty planes controlled by radio from the ground, but not this.

If the air Dutchman could have been replenished with gasoline and if the Mexican mountain had not been in the way, there is no telling where the Liberator plane would have gone. A good guess implies an illustration of perpetual motion. As it was, the pathway of the abandoned plane was across miles and miles of water and land, and the mystery of how its course was changed from an outward bound direction and back to the North American continent has not been explained.

Think, too, of the saga of adventure that can be remembered by the six survivors, men whose decision to abandon the plane was responsible for this masterpiece of real fantasy. Longfellow, the poet, said something about shooting an arrow into the air. Our poets, if there are any left, have now the subject for a thoroughly modern test of abilities.

New Pioneers.....

A few days ago the editor of the Times received a letter from a friend, a young married man who has for the past year or more been in a defense industry in a large Eastern city. A typical Roxboro and Person resident, he did not particularly want to go to this large city, but he went, and pretty soon sent for his wife and baby.

He kept in touch with Person ties by subscribing to the Times, as he still does, and went about the business of making a new life and a new home in a strange environment. The work was different, the people were different, but he took both in their stride, only later making concession to a continuing love of small-town places by moving to a suburb of the city in which he was working.

That was yesterday, after plenty of adjusting had been done in this small family. Today there is another change, an order to report to a distant Western city to take up work in a new branch plant of the aforementioned defense industry. That is what the young man's letter was about. He is going again to a place where he is not known, a long way from home, and he knows he will have to stay put for the duration, unless there is another quick-change order.

Under such circumstances this young man and his wife and baby feel, probably, that their world has no permanency, that their home is but the place where they hang their hats. There are lots of folks like them in America today, who are unconsciously and incidentally but very realistically, new pioneers.

And, although our new pioneers do not particularly like the hardships of the new day, they should some day be able to come back to their original homes with a new and a different understanding of what America means, and of what places like Roxboro and Person County mean. The parallel holds good, of course, for men and women who are in military service units, particularly those overseas, but the shake-up in customs and attitudes within service units is nothing like as big and as important and as far-reaching as is the purely domestic earthquake.

And while we do not like earthquakes, if it takes earthquakes to restore the American pioneering tradition, to give us new vision, to restore a sense of values and to enlarge our national perspective—we are all for 'em, and we have a sneaking feeling that our migra-

tory Person family, for one, will some day be proud to have had a share in the new order. Its a big order, and important.

Locking The Door.....

"Listen, Raleigh", as a paid advertisement in the Greensboro Daily News, signed by three civic and commercial organizations in Greensboro, is an intelligent appeal to the General Assembly to realize that there is a war on and is in effect a plea for curtailing rather than increasing State expenditures during the war period.

Signers of "Listen, Raleigh", claim that at the rate it is going the present General Assembly will increase expenditures by 27 percent, that citizens will be asked to bear an unfair tax burden and that other states, New York, for example, are cutting rather than increasing expenditures.

But, it strikes us that the "Listen, Raleigh" movement has gotten underway just about two months too late. Our legislators have at this moment signed away about all the cash they can get their hands on. They made promises of that kind and they have had to keep them.

The "Listen, Raleigh" movement may be commendable and all that sort of thing, but it is apparently another instance of locking the barn door after the mule is out. If any backtracking can come now it will have to come in a hurry. Person folks; in sympathy with their Greensboro neighbors, can, however, take a little chilly comfort in the fact that their own Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, along with Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill, has been these many weeks engaged in the business of trying to open Raleigh's ears.

As for ourselves, we can think of any number of good reasons to say, "Listen, Raleigh", and not all of them have to do with appropriations.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Leaving Us Our Shirts.....

Durham Sun

Aware, perhaps, of man's devotion to his shirts, Washington apparently has decided it will endeavor to see that the war, tough as it is, does not take Americans' shirts off their backs.

"Mass production economies", as David Ross Would say (no charge for the plug), and Government streamlining have made it possible to produce our shirts and pajamas at less cost. The OPA has decreed that they shall be cheaper.

Americans are grateful but a little dazed. It is so seldom in the memory of man that war prices move downward. They are pleased to have Washington enunciate the principle that "what goes up must come down."

Could we not offer the appeal that the price-powers-that-be look about for other similar opportunities?

A Horse On Adolf.....

Christian Science Monitor

Heinrich Himmler, with typical unconscious Nazi humor, has prohibited "the use of unsuitable names for police horses," according to a Swedish newspaper quoted by the B. B. C. One of the unsuitable names covered by this order—obviously the most unsuitable name of all—is Adolf.

We had never thought of ourselves as likely to agree with the head of the Gestapo on the smallest point, let alone such a serious matter as using the Fuhrer's name in addressing a horse. But we admit that Himmler's order strikes us as appropriate and civilized.

Can it be that a pseudo-philosophy like Nazism, which has not stressed kindness to human beings as a desirable practice, has nevertheless produced a Gestapo leader with a tender regard for animals? Or is it that the top Nazis already see their names written on the wall, and that Herr Himmler, hoping to be "in good" with some influential society after the war, has set his hopes on the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?

Interception Men Wanted As Air Raid Assistants

Civilian Radio Intercept Officers to work with the Army Air Forces in effecting radio silence during air alarms are sought by the United States Civil

Service Commission, C. C. Garrett, local secretary announced today.

Positions in the Federal Communications Commission are located throughout the United States. Duties are to monitor radio stations during periods of radio silence, conduct tests to maintain a continuous watch and check efficiency of control, distress channels, and perform other Federal monitoring assign-



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ments, Garrett explained.

Two to four years of appropriate college training in engineering, or in physics; or 1 to 4 years of appropriate radio technical experience are needed to qualify, Garrett said. Provision is made for acceptance of appropriate amateur experience, or a course in a recognized radio institute for part of the required experience or education.

Applicants must be able to transmit and receive in International Morse Code at the rate of 16 to 20 words a minute.

There is no written test and no maximum age limit.

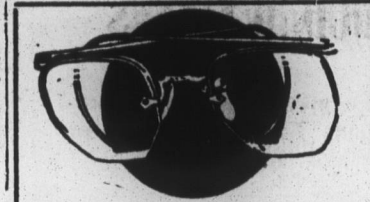
Complete information and forms for applying may be obtained from Garrett, at Roxboro,

or from first or second-class post offices. Applications will be accepted until the needs of the service have been met and must be filed with the Commission's Washington office.

Applications are not desired from persons engaged on war work unless they may use higher skills in the positions sought.

Packers are required to reserve 50 percent of their weekly production of lard for purchase by the Food Distribution Administration. Civilian supplies of lard will be slightly larger than last year.

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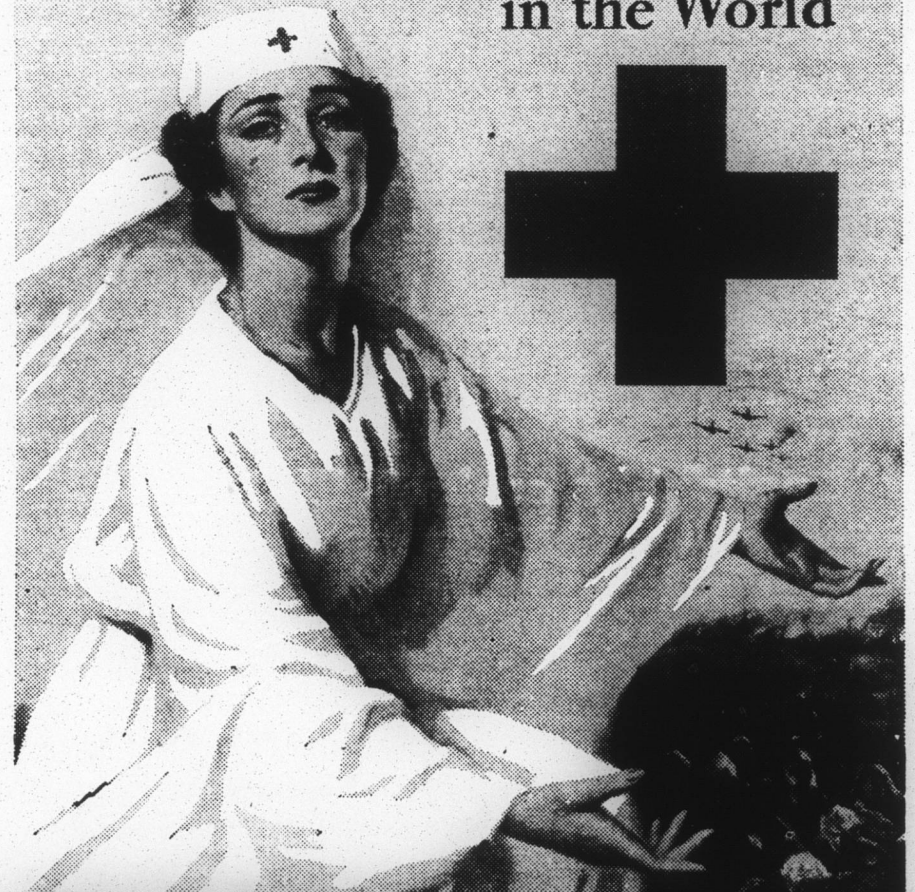
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