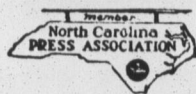


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What Two Farm Boys Can Learn . . .

Two 78th Division Camp Butner Rangers, Staff Sgt. Louis M. Britt and red-headed Bond, one from Alabama, the other from Missouri, have no illusions about their work. They have learned to be quick on the trigger, quicker in their thinking and in their handling of knives. They know muscles and joints, and how to twist bones and break necks. All of this knowledge came out Thursday night in a few square feet of space on the floor of Hotel Roxboro's dining room, with timid, nervous and staring Kiwanians and Rotarians on the sidelines.

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Bond and Britt looked very rough indeed, not the kind of fellows to meet in a fox-hole. Off stage, over a cafe table, they turned out to be just two boys from Alabama and Missouri, much like the boys of Person. There is every evidence that Britt and Bond have absorbed the technical skills of war so well described by their Lieutenant. They have the knowledge, but it has not brutalized them, it has not killed their souls, and so the mothers and fathers who send boys like these into battle need have no fears of what will happen to their characters. In addition, it should give said parents comfort to know their boys know how to protect themselves.

That was the real lesson demonstrated here, and it should be appreciated as such.

Kicking The Door Out . . .

One of several Roxboro merchants caught with beaming store fronts and night lights during last week's surprise blackout could not find the key to his door, but the emergency did not faze him: he kicked the door out.

With a note of commendation, this incident goes into the record prepared by two Fort Bragg officers who were in the City as official observers, and who in general had praise for speed, dispatch and cooperation by citizens here.

This is well and good, and we are sure that Landon C. Bradsher, Person's Civilian Defense chairman, and other officials are pleased that Roxboro has in its environs men who can and will kick out their own doors, but it must now be plain that merchants who leave store lights on should make some arrangement whereby their lights can be extinguished from the outside. Doors and locks and windows cost money, but in a real raid greater costs in human life would be at stake.

Also, it appears that some improvements in siren signalling must be worked out for Roxboro. Brooksdale residents, so they reported, could not hear the fire station siren. The same was reported by some far-end residents of Lamar street. Suggestion has been made that audibility of the fire station siren could be improved if the siren could be placed in a tower some several feet higher than the one now in use. Can anything be done about it, or rather, does Roxboro want to do anything about it?

If a real raid should come there would be no question, and no time to make up an answer.

Little Job In April . . .

City Attorney F. O. Carver has called attention to the up and coming April 15 mass meeting of Roxboro citizens at Person Court House, where nominations of candidates for election as Mayor and as members of the Board of City Commissioners will be in order.

Time left before April 15, a little more than two weeks, is not too much time for Roxboro citizens to do some serious thinking. Custom here in municipal poli-

tical matters tends to apathy rather than agitation, but we hope intelligent appreciation of officials now in office, who may wish to stay there, will be joined with a thorough consideration of the need for new faces, if any.

City government, important in peace-time, is doubly so during the stress and strain of war.

Slaughter And Kyser . . .

Kay Kyser (one-time Kike Kyser) nationally known Tar Heel orchestra leader, who went to town in New York and Hollywood and who has been a big Army Camp and radio attraction, is to be commended for his patriotic attitude toward the go ahead signal given to his Selective Service Board at Rocky Mount.

Roxboro's Board, for that matter, knows something of the predicament in which the Rocky Mount Board until lately was placed. Roxboro case, just about this time last year, was that of Enos Slaughter, Cardinal right fielder, now in the Air Corps, and about whom a story as Air Corps trainee is published in today's Times. Point to consider is that in cases of Slaughter and Kyser different agencies brought to bear great pressure asking deferments, but that the home town Boards bucked the pressure and in the end caused the two celebrated young men to exchange bats and batons for guns and bayonets.

It is difficult to imagine that either Slaughter or Kyser can make greater contributions to morale as soldiers than they were contributing as entertainers, but a line has to be drawn somewhere. The story of Slaughter as soldier in the making is a good one, and will, we think, be read with appreciation by his Person home folks and the wider international circle of baseball fans. Knowing Kyser as we do, we are as sure that if and when he goes in, his record will be as readable.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

The Little Farmer . . .

Greensboro Daily News

We make no claim of understanding the farm problem; on the contrary, we have an unhealthy respect for its newfangled complexity. A cotton boll in the field, like the flower in the crannied wall, is not altogether simple, but by the time a cotton bale gets into a bonded warehouse it has accumulated a good deal of additional mystery as is hinted in the government's hieroglyphics on its covering; and we are convinced that if Solomon was living today he would add to those things he did not understand the way of an agricultural committee with a tobacco crop allotment.

Nevertheless we have a hunch that Congress ought not to hamper the work of the farm security administration, as distinguished from the AAA. Under the governmental set-up for restricting production of crops, for which the AAA is overseer, the big and medium-sized farmers got the big and medium-sized allotments for cotton, tobacco, et cetera. Perhaps, human nature and other things being what they are, it was inevitable that matters worked out as they did. The little farmer, who had no friends or credit and who had never raised much of anything anyway, got little or nothing from the great privilege of quota. He was called "marginal" and was shoved over the margin. As the government had taken from him his livelihood — which never was very lively — he went to work in town or went on relief — droves of him.

Then the FSA came along and really gave him some help. It loaned him money at reasonable rates, which seemed like a miracle to him; it gave him a chance to buy a mule or at least rent a steer; its agents taught him more about farming than he had known before and they kept after him. He did pretty well, too; he paid his debts and raised some things, not enough to hurt the market on the money crops — the law saw to that — but enough to feed himself and his family and have some left over to sell. Last year he increased his production of food crops very considerably; he is in a better position to expand his production than the big farmer is. If we will let him keep it up, under the lend-lease and prodding of the FSA, he will be a big help to us in our future dealings with the grocery stores.

Navy Officials Recommend Use Of V-Mail

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 27. — Naval postal authorities daily handling thousands of pounds of mail addressed to the fighting men of Uncle Sam's fleet, are confronted with an ever growing problem in the handling of letters not properly addressed, and make the point that the constant use of V-Mail by the public would obviate many of the causes of delay in the handling of the men's personal correspondence.

V-Mail, one of the amazing creations of World War II, is considered by naval authorities to be almost as important as ammunition to the fighting men at

the front, who each day, look forward to morale-boosting letters from home — and who may be missing such mail because it has not been sent as V-Mail.

No type of mail, they point out, regardless of the method by which it is sent, is as sure of reaching the sailor, marines, or soldier in distant parts of the world — and no other reaches the fighting men as quickly as V-Mail.

In the few short months since came into being, more than ten million such letters have been delivered to American fighting forces on foreign stations or battle areas.

Most letters written and sent by V-Mail are photographed on micro-film, but should it go to a locality where it cannot be microfilmed it is still more practical because it is lighter by 40 per cent, than an equivalent amount of air mail. It is empha-

ENLISTMENTS FOR WAVES SOUGHT IN THIS STATE

Times Is Co-operating With State Recruiting Station.

RALEIGH, March 27. — With the help of the Person County Times the Navy Recruiting Service has undertaken one of the most important jobs of its career — that of enlisting 3,000 North Carolina women for duty with the WAVES.

For her training, a WAVE is sent to a college or university for four months. Immediately upon her arrival, she is issued a full uniform — and then her training begins.

There are many women today who are separated from their husbands because of the war. They need — and want — something constructive to do to pass away the time. Those women should investigate the WAVES. Every married woman is eligible for enlistment, as well as single women, except the mothers of children under 18 and the wives of Navy men. Age limits for enlisted WAVES are 20 and 36. Education requirements are light — women need only have two years' high school training to qualify.

sized that V-Mail, irrespective of whether or not it is micro-filmed, has the highest priority of all personal mail.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

:45 A. M. — Bible School. 11:00 A. M. — Preaching by the pastor — "A Reason For Our Hope".

6:30 P. M. — Training Union. 7:30 P. M. — Worship Service. Guest speaker, Major Thomas H. Reagan, Chaplain.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

W. F. West, pastor.

With the cooperation of the Times, a drive is being made to contact as many interested women as possible. A coupon is being printed below which needs only to be filled in and mailed to the Navy Recruiting Station, Raleigh. Full details will be sent by return mail — but nobody is placed under any obligation whatsoever.

I WANT INFORMATION ON The WAVES

U. S. Navy Recruiting Station Post Office Building Raleigh, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me complete information on enlisting in the WAVES.

(Name) (Street) (City)

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V-Mail letters are addressed just like other mail, and are handled automatically by the Navy, whether there is a V-Mail station at the destination or not.

"A" Coupons Cut In Half

The Office of Price Administration last week lifted the pleasure driving ban in the Eastern States, effective March 22, and at the same time cut the basic "A" gasoline ration in half.

No reduction was made in the "A" ration for the rest of the nation, and apparently none is contemplated.

AUSTRIAN PEAS

A crop of Austrian Winter peas, planted in September by J. G. Holland of Duplin County, has made two and a half times as much growth as another crop planted in late October in the same field.

V-mail is considered almost as important as ammunition; ammunition is number 1 priority; V-mail is number 1 priority over all other types of personal mail.

Advertisement for Hale America Bowling Center. Text: 'Hale America Bowl for health and keep healthy and bowl. We especially invite the ladies and children down to bowl. If you do not know how, we have a special instructor to teach you free of charge.' Includes an illustration of a woman bowling.

Large advertisement for Creedmoor Supply Co. featuring a mule illustration. Text: 'We Are Not Proud to Say "We Sold The Mule To J. W. Green, Osby Gentry, Arthur Rimmer and Dewey Young" - BUT WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF FINE MULES that we will be proud to show you if you will drop around to our stables. FULL STOCK OF MULES AT ALL TIMES. A guarantee with every sale that we make. SELL OR TRADE — CASH OR TIME. Creedmoor Supply Co. E. B. BRAGG Under Winstead Warehouse'