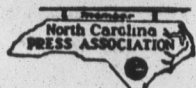


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## Twenty Women And One Man....

A score of Person and Roxboro women and one man gathered last week at a luncheon table to hear Mrs. H. B. Ritchie of Athens, Georgia, regional leader of the Woman's Field Army, discuss work of her organization in educating the public into an awareness of the real facts about cancer control.

Mrs. Ritchie, who wore a uniform not unlike that of the regular Army, has the crusading spirit, otherwise she would not be giving time and effort to spreading of knowledge about what cancer is and how it may be controlled. The fight in which the Field Army is engaged, as Mrs. Ritchie indicated, is a fight against ignorance and a battle for time. Citizens must learn that cancer can be controlled if discovered in time and they must come to realization that it should be faced and accepted as a disease problem just as tuberculosis, or any other disease is now accepted.

Time was when citizens whose loved ones were victims of tuberculosis kept the victimization to themselves. They had the idea that there was something dark and shameful about having T. B. Somewhat the same idea prevails today about cancer and it is rare that a funeral notice is honest enough to come out with it that Miss Jones or Mr. Smith had a long and lingering, slow-to-starvation death from cancer.

There is no excuse for such false dignity, and still less for that more fatal concealment of the beginning of what may be a cancerous condition. Delay is what kills in cancer and if Mrs. Ritchie's visit shall have made that much plain her efforts will have been worthwhile. The Business and Professional Women's club here cannot become engaged in a better work than that of the Woman's Field Army.

And it is appropriate that the proportion of women at the luncheon meeting was so large. The rate of incidence and mortality from cancer is larger among women and they are most frequently the ones who put off going to medical centers for examination. The men, on the average, are more realistic.

## Dollars Versus Lives .....

Person quota of \$242,900 for the Second War Loan drive that begins here tomorrow may seem large. It is large, when measured in purely Person County and Roxboro terms, but not when it is considered as one of many links in the thirteen billion dollar national quota.

Size of both quotas needs to be measured against the feeling shown the other day by a local soldier just returned from more than a year in India. Said he, without animosity but with conviction: "People here at home just don't realize yet that there is a war on".

Refutation of that feeling can come this month from Person people by the way in which they respond to the Second War Loan drive. It will be at that, a cheap and an easy refutation in comparison with the sacrifices being made by men and women who are in actual battle zones and danger spots.

Person and Roxboro people have just completed an immediate and heartening response to the call of the American Red Cross. They must now roll up their sleeves for another job.

## Above Mortality .....

When the Person School Board met last Monday the chairman, W. R. Wilkerson, and two out of five members, B. G. Crumpton and Ralph Cole, were present. Having gotten up from a sick-bed to attend the meeting, Wilkerson left immediately afterwards to go to a hospital for treatment. He knew he had to do this but he thought enough of his public service job to make the effort to be on hand for the session.

He did not know that within less than three days Crumpton and Cole, his associates on the Board, would be dead. The passing of these two men was sudden and had attached to it the drama always associated with sudden death, felt more particularly in an every-body-knows-everybody community such as Person.

Citizens here knew and appreciated Crumpton and Cole for their different and respective virtues, not the

least of which lay in a determined response to public service such as that shown by Chairman Wilkerson. Crumpton, as Person County has cause to remember, served as an aggressive Grand Jury foreman two years ago when things were really popping here, and Cole, in a quieter role, was a community and church mainstay.

It is the fashion amongst us that we speak well of men when they die, and in our opinion, while the speaking is being done, we should praise such men as Crumpton and Cole not only for actual accomplishments but for continued cooperation in community service. They had not the capacity to say "No", regardless of the number of times they were called upon.

If Cole and Crumpton have need of a memorial here, it can be found in the joy with which they placed service above self. One was an adopted Person son, coming to this county from the sandhills of Moore, the other was a native from 'way back, but both of them saw what was to be done here, and worked toward it, each one in the way in which the vision came clearest.

In times of war and stress and strain, the need for such citizens as these men were is made more plain.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### New Uses For Knowledge.....

#### Durham Morning Herald

Dr. W. Freeman Twaddell, Professor of German and Department head at the University of Wisconsin, delivered the annual Phi Beta Kappa address at Duke University last week, speaking on, "The Scholar in the Century of the Common Man."

Professor Twaddell, son of Professor William Powell Twaddell of Durham, is a Duke graduate of the class of 1926, and is one of the youngest department heads in a major American university.

Declaring the scholar will have an increasingly important role in modern life, Professor Twaddell pointed out that in the present war the professional scholar is finding plenty of application for his technical knowledge and skill.

Describing the scholar in the modern world, Twaddell put it this way:

"He may regret the distraction from the constructive work of his life, but he doesn't need to fear the self-reproach of being an ornament or a luxury. Even the enemies of scholarship, those thoughtless or unscrupulous people who find it convenient, to try to discredit scholarship, are lying pretty low at the moment. They have an uneasy feeling that some scholar may be saving their skins for them, and they have an even more uneasy feeling that perhaps some scholar understands some important aspect of wartime life that remains pretty obscure for themselves . . ."

"On the technical side, the American scholar is being useful in this war. And in most cases, he is being used where his special knowledge and techniques are immediately involved. In some cases, it is his habit of work and his pipeline to the past that can be used. I can see no essential problem in the relation of the American scholar to the wartime way of life of our nation . . ."

Looking to the changes that certainly will come after the war, Professor Twaddell said, "The chief civic business of the scholar, whether in the scholarly professions or out of them, is to keep his head in the times of change that we all face. I also believe it is his business to open his mouth. There is a heavy responsibility on every one who can think with his mind to be honest with his voice. Some people have the gift of being honest tactfully; others suffer from brashness. The important issue, though is not tact versus brashness, but honesty versus laziness. If the educated voters of America don't insist on civic decency, the road to decency will be longer than it should be. Whatever form it takes, Americans and all human beings face a considerable readjustment. The people who can learn from books have their part to play in guiding and helping that readjustment."

### Calm After Storm.....

#### Christian Science Monitor

The growing religious interest reported among the men of the American armed forces is far more than a grasping for assurance in the face of possible death—because it is often more in evidence after danger is over, than before.

This point is emphasized by several Navy Chaplains, in reports on recent experiences with their men under fire. They found a deeper spiritual attitude following battle than during the tense moments before.

Aboard a warship which took part in the African campaign, attendance at divine services increased as the scene of action drew near, and on the Sunday before battle, attendance was 20 per cent greater than usual.

However, the Chaplain adds, "On the first Sunday after battle, when the ship was past all immediate danger, church attendance was twice that of an average Sunday, indicating a feeling of profound gratitude in its deepest and most spiritual sense."

Another Chaplain draws religious significance from the fact that he has found morale high as his men prepare to fight. Speaking of a recent encounter, he said: "There was no evidence of jitters as time for battle approached. Of course there was a little nervousness but it was natural and healthy nervousness—about the same feeling a man has before playing a football game. "I could tell that some were having a new religious

experience as they faced the prospect of death for perhaps the first time, but they all stiffened to the challenge, and went into battle 'heads up.'"

And from another Chaplain with the fleet, this comment: "The bluejackets know that going into battle is not at all the romantic thing the novelist writes about."

"The men do not talk much about the way they feel at such a time. Yet if you know them, you know they are strengthened by confidence drawn from within. During our battles with the Japanese, not a man on board lost his head. And afterwards more than one lad came around to me and said, "Chaplain, you weren't doing the only praying around here today.'"

## Farm Magazine Has Article On North Carolina

RALEIGH, April 10. — A splendidly written story which brings North Carolina's agricultural story into more than two million homes and before a readership of some ten million persons appears in Country Gentleman, April issue. This story is a direct result of the national advertising being done by the state of North Carolina under the direction of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The managing editor of Country Gentleman, Arnold Nicholson, came to North Carolina and visited many of the officials and private citizens who have become identified with the state's quickened interest in her agricultural resources.

Editor Nicholson called his story "Agriculture - Senior Partner." In it he paints a cameo-clear picture of a state wherein industry and agriculture go forward hand-in-hand, with agriculture rather than manufacturing given the leading role. He

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points out that two-thirds of the state's citizens live on farms, although some are right now driving into nearby cities where they are working in war-goods production.

Governor Broughton's interest in leading every support to agriculture is stressed, with honorable mention to many others whose names are well-known throughout the state. State Senator L. Y. Ballentine, Dr. L. D. Bayer, Irving F. Hall, Legislator Thomas Pearsall, R. Bruce Etheridge, Paul Kelly, Josh L. Horne, Dr. A. O. Shaw, Harry B. Caldwell, Commissioner Kerr Scott. What these men are doing to increase the effectiveness of North Carolina is becoming known beyond the confines of the state, and the story which leads off for the April issue of Country Gentleman will spread the message.

of the state throughout the nation.

### A RECORD

Charlie Baynor and his son, Lester, of Beaufort County have 1,100 chicks. At four weeks of age, they had lost only 17 which is not as many as the extra chicks supplied in the shipment.



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# Mass Meeting of Roxboro Voters to Nominate Candidates For Municipal Officers

On April 15, 1943, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., will be held in the Person Court Room a mass meeting of the voters of Roxboro, at which will be nominated candidates for Mayor, and Members of the Board of Commissioners, who will be voted on at an election of municipal officers held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May following.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROXBORO**

**S. G. WINSTEAD, MAYOR**  
**G. J. CUSHWA, CLERK**  
**PERCY BLOXAM, CITY MANAGER**