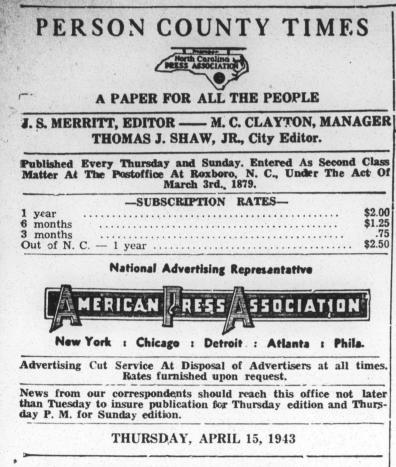
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## As American As Lou Gehrig.....

Person and Roxboro folks during this week turned out in large number to view the Gary Cooper picture. "Pride of the Yankees" and in the story of Lou Gehrig depicted there they saw for themselves a typically American story, tenderness and love, the glamor of sports and the democratic principle, all packed into a chronicle of service and of heartbreak.

Person folks have grown up with baseball. They know it and like it, and for that reason alone they take to their hearts the tragedy of Lou Gehrig. In Durham, on Monday night, at Duke University, there was a different show, but as essentially American, when Carl Sandburg, a great poet and a greater American, read from his own poems and sang, with a guitar accompaniment, a few of the simple ballads that we must call our own. Students gave Sandburg an ovation. They even sat through what went before, a discussion of Walt Whitman as a poetic prophet for this age.

Central feature of the program was presentation to the University of the Trent collection of Whitman books, manuscripts and letters, appropriately given by Dr. and Mrs. Josiah Trent, of Durham, in honor of their three small daughters. Current throughout the meeting, an assembly of Friends of the Duke Library, was a new and deep American feeling. It was patriotism, not jingoism.

And in the atmosphere there generated it is possible to see connecting links between the spirit of Jefferson, born two hundred years ago this week, and the spirit of Lou Gehrig, who died about two years ago. Voice from the past who speaks of this unity is Whitman; voice of the present, who continues it, is Carl Sandburg, set free of the eary restrictions of the "Chicago" tradition and become a truly great American poet.

Controversy of the moment is being stirred by the New York Times' tirade on the inadequate teaching of American history. North Carolinians, who know for themselves something of the shallowness that can be attached to history teaching, caught for a brief moment in Durham on Monday night, the living force of an unteachable history, just as Roxboro folks caught the lesson from Lou Gehrig's life story.

This, to our mind, is a clear statement of working aspects connected with signing the pledge and the general tone of the statement is much more dignified than several made along the old "plaint line" about the poor farmer by another Scott, W. Kerr, the Commissioner, in an address at Greensboro's Kiwanis club last week.

# Person's Newbold.....

Reprinted in today's issue of the Times in an Associated Press report from Atlanta, somewhat lengthy and full, is a statement on race relations, signed by representative white citizens, leaders throughout the South in fields of social service, education and theology.

The statement offers a logical and courteous followup to the now well-remembered Durham Conference statement of last year issued by Negro leaders, who sought at that time some definition of legitimate hopes Negroes in America may have now for educational and economic progress. It was not to be expected that all citizens, of either race, could be in agreement with the Durham statement of 1942, any more than it can be expected that all citizens concerned will see eye to eye with the Southern whites who this week framed a reply containing for the most part a reasonable acceptance, or at least a realization of the problems brought to the surface by the Durham manifesto. But even those who do not like to have issues of this character brought out into the Southern sun cannot fail to see that the Atlanta statement issued this week represents agreements reached by Southern white leaders of various shades of opinion. There are Methodist and Episcopal bishops, liberal and far-thinking editors, conservative Catholics, plain baptists and Presbyterians, and even a few from labor circles and the left wing.

From Person County angle, the interesting and the comfortable thing is the fact that one of the several North Carolina signers is N. C. Newbold, of Raleigh, whose wife was one of the Person Bradshers. People here in Roxboro know Newbold. They know of his work among Negroes. They know he is no fool. They have respect for his opinions and it is to be expected that this report will, for home reasons, be carried over for the document which he has signed. Personally, we are glad that Newbold has signed, and before his unthinking friends begin to be too critical, we would suggest to them a careful and considerate reading of the document. It will be read, we are sure of that, but it is more important that understanding be joined with reading.

What could happen to upset peaceful relationships and progress can be stamped out by force, as has very nearly hapened here more than once. Newbold, for one, has put his signature to a better way, a way that should be appreciated here.



## "They, Too, Are Human".....

#### **Christian Science Monitor**

Are there no Germans with whom the rest of us, after this war is won, can co-operate toward a peaceful world? The question is raised again and again, as prospects for re-education of the German people are discussed. It is said the younger generation is thoroughly Nazified and that, as for the older generation, all Germanism is a form of Naziism. People who argue thus conclude that the German problem is all but insoluble. But a recent issue of The Nation carries this interesting translation which it states is from the Allemanne a Wurttemberg paper: Who does not know the presumptuous prattlers who. in this difficult time, undisturbed by the actual facts, express their "objective" views? Who does not know those impudent fellows who, whenever a word is uttered against our enemy, reply, "But they too are human beings"? They even try to justify on military grounds the criminal English air attacks on German women and children — for one must be "objective." They are the people who regret that the German newspapers and radio do not regale them with the so-called English, American, and Russian army communiques, so that they might form an "objective" picture of the situation. They would like to have the German press sacrifice its precious space and set before them for breakfast Churchill's and Roosevelt's lying propaganda speeches. For people outside Germany it may be hard to believe that anyone is left inside Germany who shares a faith in universal values. But from the Alemanne's outburst one gathers that editors of Nazi-controlled papers know of such persons, and that an ordinary German citizen could point out a few among his neighbors. Then, too, one might look in the concentration camps. If re-education is an answer to the problem of Germany, evidently there are Germans who will be ready to help with the task.

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# North Carolina Leads In AAA Participation

North Carolina is leading all farmers who have indicated they that date. will participate in the 1943 AAA

program, according to a report received from regional headquar- Maximum Prices ters by H. A. Patten, state 'AAA executive assistant.

The report showed that 211,-905 or 98.6 percent of the 214,- By State Office 949 farmers which had been interviewed by county and com-

munity committeemen of the ate maximum wholesale and re-AAA had signed 1943 Farm tail prices for factory "seconds" Practice Plans indicating they new rubber tires and tubes for will take part in the program both passenger automobiles and this year. Second place in the re- trucks have been established, efgional rankings went to Tennes- fective immediately, the state ofsee where 180,555 or 98 percent fice of price administration and of the 184,172 farmers interview- ( nounced.

ed indicated they will participate. Other states in the East Central Division are Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware.

Since the regional report was issued, Patten said, more North 🖡 Carolina farmers have been contacted on 1943 farm plans, and the total number interviewed new has passed 217,327. Of this number more than 214,220 have indicated they will participate in the program.

"When a farmer signs a Farm Practice Plan, he menely states whether or not he intends to take part in the AAA Program," Patten said. "Signing is entirely voluntary on the part of the farmer, and the plan is not a binding contract. After a farmer signs, his committeeman or some other representative of

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We have no fear that the American spirit is being reborn. The present war is seeing to that, and with the rebirth is coming a new nobility and a new respect for the multitude of voices that are our own.

## More Than Signing.....

G. T. Scott, chairman of the State USDA War Board, on Monday issued a report saying that farmers in 96 of North Carolina's 100 counties have enthusiastically signed 1943 Farm Plans for Maximum War Production. Scott bases his report on figures turned in after a farm canvass which started shortly after the January 12, "Mobilization Day" and is still in progress.

Individual county reports, including the one from Person, according to Scott, show that there is this year going to be a tremendous increase in essential foods produced on Tar Heel farms, particularly in vegetable oils from peanuts and soy beans, and in livestock and poultry, including eggs, but Scott is right when he says:

"While the over-all picture looks encouraging, it is not going to be an easy job to produce the things we have said we would produce.

"Stating our intentions to produce was only the first step; our most important job lies ahead of us. No pledge to produce will do any American fighting man or war worker any good unless the commodity is delivered to him in its final form.

"Our job now is to see that these crops are planted, cultivated, and harvested this fall. This won't be easy because of shortages of labor, materials and machinery. The action of Selective Service officials in deferring, farm workers should go far toward solving many labor problems, and the machinery picture is some brighter. While we haven't as many new machines as we possibly would like to have, we have more repair parts than we had before the war started. And we may have to make part of our job to be to get along with a patched-up machine instead of a new one."

BGGS ing hens and took out only 75 Egg production in Northbirds. "Periodic culling pays"; says Charlie C. Clark, Jr., as hampton county has soared above all previous records. One sistant farm agent. trucker hauled out 4,500 dozen eggs in one week, reports C. C. Pratt, assistant farm agent. CULLING Yates Norsis of Route 1, Clayculled his flock of 809 la

