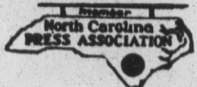


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## The Governor Repeats . . . . .

Gov. J. Melville Broughton, appearing last week at the southern regional conference of the Council of State Governments in Atlanta, again spoke out on the growing importance of States' rights in the national pattern. In repeating the message and the warning delivered a few months at another conference, in Baltimore, he again calls attention, and rightly, to those basic American principles for which we are fighting and which we are in danger of losing by reason of the very intensity of the undemocratic processes of war.

Pointing out that the question of States' rights is no longer narrow, sectional or economic in scope, the Tar Heel executive declared that "it cannot be denied that centralized government in its bureaucratic manifestations has attained proportions that are alarming."

"The war has necessitated much of this and undoubtedly has sought to use the emergency to exploit schemes that are abhorrent to our form of government—schemes that would wither in the normal light of true American principles.

"But we may take heart in the aroused consciousness of the states and of the people. We are not going to have in America either a dictatorship or a totalitarian form of government.

"But," he said, "Let the states be reminded of this: we cannot solve the problems or meet the needs of the people merely by academic discussions or assertion of rights . . .

"The states cannot be unmindful of the fact that much of their own failure to serve adequately the people—has been in the past, and, if continued, will be in the future, an unending invitation to federal encroachment.

"Also," he observed, "If states do not give the people and their children a fair chance to live under decent conditions they will not hesitate to look to the federal government for relief, and no amount of harking back to ancient creeds will deter them."

That is putting it strongly, but no more forcefully than it should be. The Times commended the Governor's first statement at Baltimore, and if and when necessity demands, will be just as ready to repeat and remind. We must win the war, yes, and at all costs, but we must be eternally on the watch to see that democratic faith is not submerged completely in the process, and from the looks of things in Washington the President himself — unless he gets out of his Hot Springs "hot spot" in a hurry — is most in need of conning the Broughton lesson.

## Queer Sense Of Humor . . . . .

Enough of drama is contained in the Morganton murder mystery of Aldie Gragg, a young girl left in the front door of a hospital with three ten dollar bills beside her, but we are certainly glad we don't know John T. Crump, the man accused of the shooting.

Crump has a right to go fishing at odd hours, and come home when he likes, but his playful habit of shooting into the house "just to frighten the occupants . . . which he often did", seems to us an approach to the limits of the theory that every man's home is his castle. The Crumps may be a rough and ready family, true Caldwell and Burke hill-folks, and so to be excused, but it would seem that fate has caught up with them now and that the psychological twist is the old one of fear of consequences. How else can be explained the rushing to the hospital of the girl and the equally speedy flight of the man who is alleged to have carried her there?

## Doing Right Well By Itself . . . . .

A forward step was taken Monday night when officials and leaders of the Person and Roxboro chapter of the American Red Cross authorized Dr. Robert Long, president, to appoint a committee charged with the duty of selecting a full-time paid secretary for the organization.

The Chapter, with a tremendously expanded program,

has during the past year been doing right well by itself in keeping up with the demands made upon it, but the time has come when the efficiency of its program demands the full time of at least one paid worker.

Suggestion was made at the meeting that the Secretary is to be a local person and that the appointment will be for the duration of the war, assuming that the Chapter, after the war will go back to its original peacetime small size. Biggest job of the Secretary will be assistance in the Home Service department, a branch which Mrs. Walter Woody is now heading.

We rather agreed with one of the officials that getting a paid secretary, who in turn has another secretary to do the work, is not always the answer to needed efficiency, but we are of the opinion that whoever gets the job here won't let it degenerate into that kind of a position. The Red Cross is by instinct a volunteer organization and as such, particularly in Roxboro, it has done its best work and there will be no let-up in the volunteer schedule now, but rather an intensification of it.

## Free From Bondage . . . . .

Our Jewish friends this week are celebrating the Passover, their traditional days of remembrance of freedom from bondage in Egypt. The Passover feast is a festival of ancient sorrows and new joys, much as the Easter of the Christians, which gains emphasis tomorrow with Good Friday, is a time of moral stocktaking in recognition of spiritual freedom made possible by sacrifice.

Uppermost in the mind of man today is the preservation of political liberty and intellectual independence. Equally significant is freedom of the soul, implicit in the Passover and Easter seasons. Difficult at all times, preservation of the spiritual attitude and its associated liberties is particularly difficult in time of war, but it is a paradox of experience that danger and the fear of death are somehow productive of new avenues of strength.

The discovery of these new avenues will, we think, come close to many of us during this Passover and Easter season. We shall discover the old truth that holy days can be most holy when there is a shadow over the sun, and we shall come that much nearer to being free from bondages of the flesh and from small, self-created fears.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### Just Pardon . . . . .

Greensboro Daily News

Governor Broughton is to be commended for his act of justice in unconditionally freeing William Mason Wellman, negro, who was indicted and convicted in Iredell county for committing rape "under most brutal circumstances upon the person of an elderly white woman of excellent character and standing." She and a negro woman identified Wellman as the perpetrator of the crime; they testified in good faith, but they were mistaken.

Evidence brought to light after the trial conclusively proved that on the day of the crime Wellman was working at Fort Belvoir, Va., 350 miles away, and could not have committed the crime with which he was charged. He had been condemned to execution, but Governor Broughton when he became convinced of his innocence gave him an unconditional pardon.

This simple act of justice, which secures to the most humble citizen his "unalienable rights," is in sharpest contrast with the capricious executions by the gangster gauleiters of the axis new order. The attributes of justice exemplified by the Governor are "what men come out to fight for, and to defend . . . They do not end with arranging your conflicting rights, and mine . . . they turn the animal courage of this people into moral and religious courage, and present to the lowest of mankind plain reasons and strong motives why they should resist aggression from without, and bind themselves a living rampart round the land of their birth."

## Neglect Shortens The Life Of Spray Equipment

Neglect in cleaning, lubricating, adjusting and storing sprayers shortens the life of a machine more than the actual work done, says H. R. Garriss, Extension plant pathologist of N. C. State College. He urges every grower to take such good care of his sprayer that it will last for the duration of that war.

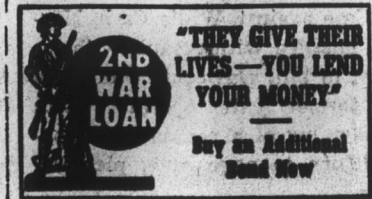
He pointed out that sprayers are attacked by corrosive materials in the spray when they are idle and, for this reason, they should be thoroughly cleaned after using. Since this corrosion goes on each hour the machine stands neglected, Garriss suggested that during the active season growers wash out the sprayers each night with clear water.

When not in actual use, the sprayer should be kept under a

good shelter. If stored for any length of time, it should have those parts subject to rust covered with a coat of ordinary motor oil.

Garriss said that if simple adjustments are made as soon as the need develops, many breakdowns can be avoided. Growers already handicapped by a lack of help, cannot afford to have sprayers stand idle with so much work to be done. Although the implement dealers and manufacturers are doing every thing possible to keep all machines in operation, repair parts will be hard to get when breakdowns occur.

Thirteen billion dollars—the sum the Treasury must raise in the Second War Loan drive, is only one sixth of the estimated cost of the war for the fiscal year of 1943.



## Easter Services Being Planned By Churches

A preaching service will be conducted in three of the churches of the Brooksdale Methodist charge Easter Sunday, April 25. Morning service will be conducted in Brooksdale church at 11:00 o'clock.

Afternoon service will be conducted in Trinity church at 3:30 o'clock following the Sunday school to be conducted at 2:30 o'clock.

The evening service will be held at Brookland church at 8 o'clock and will be a continua-

## RITE HELD FOR MARY T. BLALOCK NEAR ANTIOCH

Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. H. G. Blalock Dies At Home.

Funeral for Mary Thomas Blalock, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Blalock, of Antioch, was held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home. Death occurred Sunday morning from an attack of membranous croup. Interment was in the Mooney family cemetery near Surl.

Ministers were the Rev. L. J. Rainey, assisted by Elder N. D. Teasley, of Durham. Surviving, in addition to the parents are two brothers and three sisters. Brothers are Bert Blalock, of Newport News, Va., and Hugh, of the home, while sisters are

tion, and perhaps the conclusion of the special series of services that began last Sunday to continue through Easter. The services are all to be appropriate to the Easter season and the public is cordially invited to attend them. The pastor, E. C. Maness, will be in charge of each of the services.

Misses Elna, Raymell and Bobbie Ann, all of the home.

Workers in a Michigan refinery fixed up a very low, false door leading to the pay office. On it is inscribed, "You will learn to duck lower if you don't Buy a Bond."

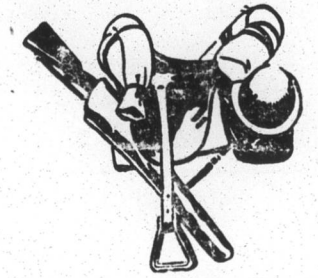
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