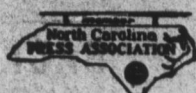


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That Gate Again

April Person Grand Jury of which J. E. Wells, of Cunningham, was foreman, has suggested the installation of a steel gate at basement door of the Court house "leading from the basement to the jailer's quarters for his protection". This, if we remember rightly, is not the first time such a request has been made by a Person Grand jury, although it seems to us that at one time the agitation was for a door or gate on the stairway between second floor and the floor on which the jailer's apartment is located.

It may be that gates or doors are needed in both places. Certainly, one is needed in the basement and it may be that one is needed on the upper floor. Point now is that more than one Grand Jury in the past five years has made such recommendations and that up to now they have not been acted upon.

Person's court house and jail, combined, is a fine, well-built structure, exceptionally so for what was once considered a "poor county", but it does have architectural deficiencies in the layout and plan for the jail quarters and the jailer's apartment. Settled last week was one aspect of the Whitten-Whitfield incident, only one recently to be blamed on architectural imperfections, but there is no guarantee that other such incidents, or worse, cannot happen.

Having steel gates in proper places can be a step forward in making the combined court house and jail a safer place for the jailer and his family and it is to be hoped that Commissioners will take action before the next Grand Jury is called.

"Nice To Come Home To"

Farris Humphries, Person native and soldier, who recently received an honorable discharge from the Army and has returned to Roxboro, had distinction of being first severely wounded Person soldier in World War II. He got his at Pearl Harbor, where he was one of two men in a bombed building who escaped with their lives. The others died.

Person County knows the rest of Humphries' story, how he spent months in hospitals being treated for wounds and for partial deafness, and how he afterwards served in the air corps at Midland, Texas, making every effort to continue in the Army in which he has served six years. Person County knows, too, that Humphries was the first soldier from this section to receive the Purple Heart decoration, a distinction reserved for those men who are seriously wounded or get killed in battle.

Continuing the string of firsts that have dogged him since Pearl Harbor, Humphries is the first wounded Person soldier to return to Roxboro in the status of a civilian, a status which he is upholding with a commendable dignity and restraint. He does not talk about the war or about his part in it, but he does sometimes wonder just how much the home folks, the people he has come back to, really know or understand about the horrors of war, or about the impelling necessities back of the horrors.

Personally, we are glad that Humphries is in Roxboro. He, and the others like him who do come back, can do a job here that no amount of stay at home patriotic preaching can accomplish. It is a big job Humphries has here now, and we are hoping that his quiet influence will show us more clearly what we have to do.

The other boys in that bombed building at Pearl Harbor died. Humphries lives, and for a purpose now being discovered.

A Continuing Obligation

Roxboro Chamber of Commerce directors decided last week that Person County's annual "Hospitality Week", a June event sponsored by the Chamber, must be abandoned this year because of tightened war-time travel restrictions. The decision was inevitable, but it should be remembered that the spirit of "Hospitality Week" still lives and that the event should be and must be revived in full force after the war.

Furthermore, official cessation of the celebration offers a continuing obligation of day in and day out prac-

tice of the principles of hospitality we have been at such pains to foster. Person people, more than ever before, are moving around, and incidentally, coming back home as often as they can, so that the duty of those of us who do stay here and in some fashion are keeping together the backbone of social structure comes out plainly.

A non-native Roxboro resident intimated the other day that the native-borners here have no conception of the attractiveness and value of the Person way of life that has for a century and a half been growing into a the pattern for granted but greatest proof that there is a pattern and that it has beauty and grace and dignity, as well as an occasional uncouthness, lies in the loyalty of the people who have lived here.

These people, when they leave, come to think of Person County as a swell place. "Hospitality Week" has fostered that tradition and it is up to those of us who still live here to realize that we are pretty fortunate folks.

Something Like Chagrin

Surprise, not to say chagrin, especially among members of the Person branch of the N. A. A. C. P., has been expressed that Cy Winstead, Jr., declined to accept conditions of the parole recently offered to him through efforts of the Association and several prominent Person white citizens, but it could be observed that the chagrin came at the wrong time and place and that what appeared as Winstead unwisdom may turn out otherwise.

He has not so many more months to serve and when he is released there will be no restrictions attached. Not in the chagrin classification was the nol pros granted last week to S. R. Whitten, Sr., in whose case the grapevine indicates there was considerable of unwarranted judicial coercion at the beginning.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Last Chance Easter

Mebane Enterprise

"Easter comes awfully late this year!" Probably you've heard that statement made dozens of times during the last few weeks. But has anyone pointed out to you what a remarkably rare thing it is for Easter to fall on April 25, or told you that this is the very last date on which it is possible for the holiday to be celebrated?

As a matter of fact, Easter may be any Sunday between March 20 and April 25. But in the 200 years between 1801 and 2000, it falls only twice on the latter date; in 1886 and 1943. And on only one other occasion in those years has it been as late as April 24. That was in 1859.

The method of determining the date of Easter is pretty complicated. In 325 A. D., the Council of Christian churches meeting at Nicea, in Asia Minor, drew up the Nicene Creed, which made Easter the first Sunday after the first Paschal full moon occurring on or after March 21.

But a Paschal full moon isn't the real or astronomical full moon. Instead, it's the 14th day of a lunar month determined by an ancient religious system of reckoning. And the reason the Church Council decided that the Sunday following this full moon should be the day for celebrating Easter, was because the religious pilgrims needed moonlight to travel to the great Easter festivals of that period.

Why The South Leads

News And Observer

Before Pearl Harbor every survey showed that the South was more alert to the danger of Axis domination than any other section of the country, and that a larger percentage of its sons had volunteered in the fighting forces. After Pearl Harbor the proportion south of the Potomac continued to be larger than in any other part of the republic. In explanation, various opinions have been advanced. Carter Glass thinks it is because the South was better informed, had "superior character and exceptional understanding of the problems involved." Jonathan Daniels said, among other things, "they were more inclined to belligerency."

John Temple Graves attributes it to the preponderance of "Anglo-Saxon blood, tradition of the South, the surviving psychologies of the Confederate war, the memory of England's sympathy in that war, the Southern climate and what it does to temper and imagination, the Woodrow Wilson influence, Southern loyalty to the Democratic party and the New Deal, the business of selling cotton to Britain, British money invested in some parts of the South after 1865."

Those are Southern opinions. Now for a Northern point of view: T. H. White, a New Englander, writing in Life about Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault's famed Flying Tigers, gives his appraisal thus:

As a people these CATF people are curious. The top command is almost entirely Southern. The Southern mentality, I find, is essentially a combat mentality and a glorious one. I never knew much of the South back home, but the American consul here, Ludder, who comes from Massachusetts like myself, says: "I don't see how the hell we ever licked them."

Men from the South and the Far West seem to do best in individual combat action. But the thing that

bothers me most is the absence of the old Yankee type in this combat theatre. I don't know what's become of them, and it bothers me greatly because the shrewd, cold Yankee mentality is one of our greatest military assets. I hope that our New England boys are doing well in England and Africa—they must be somewhere."

Southern men are running true to form and winning new glory. The reports from the battlefronts show that like courage is displayed by men from the Pacific coast and all other parts of the republic. There is glory enough to go around.

Grand Jury Report April Superior Court

REPORT OF GRAND JURY FOR THE PERSON COUNTY APRIL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT, 1943

We the Grand Jurors of the Person County April Term Superior Court beg to submit to his Honor C. E. Thompson, Judge presiding a report of what we have done, we have acted upon all bills sent us, and made presentations in all cases that we thought needed such action.

1. A committee from our number visited the County Home and found the inmates there well cared for, and everything kept in a very sanitary condition. We do wish to recommend that the inmates of said institution be furnished with some fruits, especially for the older people there. We also recommend that there be furnished some new chairs and bed clothing there as it is very badly needed. We also wish to recommend that Mr. Clayton, Superintendent, be furnished with some help as it is more work there to be done than Mr. Clayton can well take care of.

2. A committee from our number visited the County Prison Camp, and found there everything kept in a very sanitary condition.

3. We visited the County Jail

and found same well kept and in excellent sanitary condition. We do wish to recommend that there be installed at the basement door a steel gate leading from the basement to the jailer's quarters for his protection.

4. We made inspection of the courthouse building and found the building as a whole in excellent sanitary condition, and we wish to commend Mr. and Mrs. W. L. King for the splendid way in which they are keeping the courthouse building.

5. We visited the various county offices and found them in as far as we could ascertain all records well and properly kept and in a neat and orderly manner.

6. We found in the Clerk's office all of the Justice of the Peace reports made, and the majority of the Guardians, Administrators and Executors duly filed, what few that wasn't filed were being prepared, but if such reports are not made by the next term of the Person County Superior Court we recommend that same be investigated by the next Grand Jury.

7. A committee from our number visited the office of County Superintendent R. B. Griffin, and from information received and ascertained from him all school houses of the county were in good order and repair, and that all the school buses of the county were in better mechanical condition than they have been in some time.

Having reported this work of ours we feel that we have dis-

charged the duties of our office as best we could, and ask that we be discharged.

Respectfully Submitted,
This April 19th, 1943
J. E. Wells, Foreman
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Tour of Army depot shows American is the best-fed soldier.

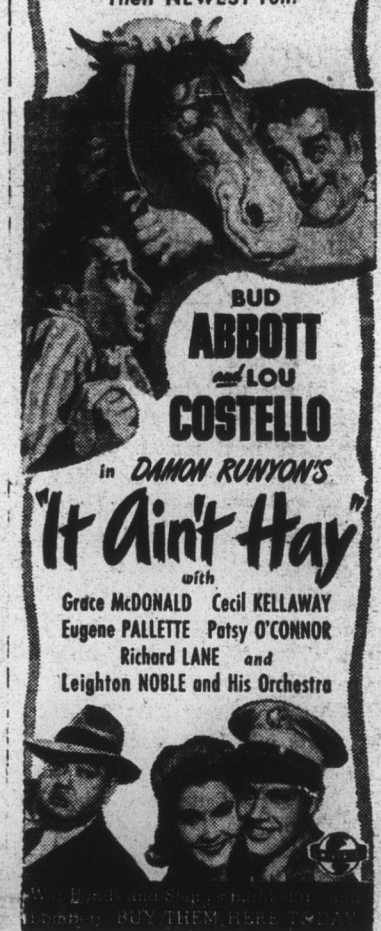
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