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## No Time To Be Dismayed

International stir of the moment is the break between Russia and Poland, described as first rift between nations comprising the United Nations. From New Delhi, India, comes announcement from William Phillips, U. S. envoy, that he has been denied interviews with Gandhi and Nehru. In Belfast, Ireland, Hugh McAteer, IRA leader, who has a price on his head, warns that soldiers of the United States now stationed in Ireland may become involved in IRA hostilities.

At home, in the United States, Rubber Czar William Jeffers gets into an argument with Under-Secretary of War Patterson. John L. Lewis tries to take another walk, this time with the War Labor Board. Elmer Davis, OWI head finds the going rough. Congress still wrangles over pay-as-you-go taxes.

In other words, folks who are amind to look on the dark side can always find plenty. They are the people who chafe at restrictions. They are the ones without large faith, who by their weakness do much to make democracy seem less perfect than it is. They are the folks whom we can do without. They are not the ones who put across oversubscribed War Loan and Red Cross drives. They are not the people who give courage to fighting men and women, who find time to carry forward new duties and old tasks.

It is disconcerting to know that misunderstandings arise among our allies, and painful to observe that some nations engaged in a fight for freedom are themselves inconsistent in attitude. In the same fashion, it is sad that not all efforts, even among Congressmen and government leaders, are devoted to driving forward toward finishing the war and making peace.

But it is more important that the majority of us take imperfections as they come and put them in their place. This is no time for patriots to be dismayed.

## Kerr Scott As Senator

Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott last week gave an equivocal answer as to whether he might be a candidate for the U. S. Senate against Bob Reynolds. Intimation is that Commissioner Scott would like to have a try at it, provided he has sufficient backing from Tar Heel farmers. He has just about said as much, and maybe his running for the toga would meet the plea contained in an out of the State farm paper that North Carolina farmers do need representation in the Senate.

We agree that they do. It would be splendid to think that in Washington there could be a man from North Carolina who had chiefly in mind the interests of so large a part of the population, who would stand up for farm interests and would see to it that his constituency was adequately represented. But Commissioner Scott, if he hopes to be that fighter had better be a little more temperate in his demands anent farm prices, farm labor and farm wages.

Majority of the residents of Person County are farmers and majority of the subscribers to this newspaper, the Times, are farmers or citizens with farming interests. They are our friends and we think they will agree that they want and should have equality with other workers who are engaged in the war effort, but we hope they won't be taken in by Commissioner Scott's complaining attitude, revealed lately in several speeches. Farmers are a vital link in the war effort and they should merit consideration by the Government, but not any more so than other groups. Scott is busy now crying, "Lo, the poor farmer", when he could be better employed.

## Complete Reversal

Person and Roxboro high school graduates who will march across platforms next week to get their paper sheepskins can do so with confidence that the world of 1943 has a place for them. The boys, most of them, will go into one of several branches of military service, or to defense plants, or farms, while the girls, for once on a plane of equality, can and probably will do the same. It was not that easy ten years ago. Graduation then

was productive of a sense of frustration, a feeling of what's the use, since education, let alone the possession of a diploma, offered no guarantee that the possessor of either could get a job.

Today, there are uncertainties, too, but there are also absolutes. It would be nice to be able to plan a career. To go on to college and meet the right girl, to settle at once into a known pattern, but youth of today is more conditioned than was the youth of ten years ago. He knows he has a job—the war—and knows, likewise, that it's the biggest job world-youth has ever had.

In the face of the challenge, the boys and girls of today are willing to take the risk. Ten years ago many of the winners of diplomas were afraid. Those of today, thank God, have a courage to match the hour, and if and when they do come back home to the ways of peace, they will be the stronger for the experience of having been thrust into the most horrible but most fascinating adventure of the century.

## Sleeper, Awake

"Tennessee Johnson", film version of the life of Andrew Johnson, has come and gone so far as first showing in Roxboro is concerned and report has it that the picture, here for a Saturday midnight and Sunday showing, did not do so well at the box office.

Distinctly not the type of show to appeal to Roxboro variety of Sunday and midnight theater-goers, this story of the life of Johnson, was what Hollywood knows as a "sleeper", an unimportant, cheaply made picture, with a good but not outstanding cast. That is to say Hollywood thought it was a "sleeper", and then discovered with amazement that it was outstanding, probably the best historical picture to date in 1943.

Certainly, it is a must picture for all North Carolinians and Tennesseans, and ought to be for the whole nation. Not yet have we seen statecraft handled with such regard for truth and nowhere else has Hollywood told so sincerely a tale of the eternal values of democracy. It is to be hoped that owner-and-manager Teague Kirby, of the Palace, will bring "Tennessee Johnson" back and that he will play it at a time during the week when most patrons can see it.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### A Suburb Discovers Slums

Christian Science Monitor

For many Americans, Japan's killing of prisoners has been almost as much of an awakening as Japan's peace-time assault on Pearl Harbor.

Before December 11, 1941, they had been like complacent residents of a model suburb, only mildly concerned about slum conditions in the adjacent metropolis until gang warfare brings a murder to their own doorstep. Even then they did not quite sense the ramifications of evil that produced that outrage; few Americans at first understood why Pearl Harbor was attacked.

The killing of prisoners helps to explain.

These murders tear another gaping hole in the veil of isolationism and let "suburbanites" peer into the sewers of the world community's mental slums. It gives them a shocking view of the kind of thinking that produced the present upheaval. Berlin's approval of Japan's brutality reminds Americans that it is all of a piece; their aviators have been tortured now as much as the Jews of Europe have been tortured for ten years. The murder of prisoners is not new to Mussolini or to Hitler.

Americans now have come a little closer to the frightfulness that the Chinese, the Czechs, the Poles, the Norwegians, Dutch, French, Spaniards, Yugoslavs, Belgians and Greeks have known only too well. To speak of "paying back" these enormities is worse than idle. The evil cannot be undone. But every military success of the Allies restricts its present field of operations and frees oppressed peoples.

America's new awareness of aggressive barbarism has already spurred the buying of war bonds. It should lift the whole tempo of the war effort. It should help Americans to recognize, as they did not recognize even after Pearl Harbor, that their own quiet "suburb" is not safe so long as gangsters roam the "streets" of Europe and Asia, so long as crime festers in the back alleys of world thought.

In 1937 many of his fellow citizens scoffed at President Roosevelt's idea of "quarantining" the 10 per cent of lawbreakers. They could hardly do that today. Even the thoughtless can see how much more difficult and costly it has now become even to check international crime. The thoughtful are convinced that they must, if only for their own protection, be their brother's keepers, never "neutral" for an instant when oppression and aggression raise their heads. The Tokyo murders should confirm that conviction.

They should also clarify the task that lies beyond victory. Even complete triumph will not now wipe out the kind of thinking which has produced a welter of such crime. It will chain the criminals, but that is only the beginning. The larger task will be to keep them chained and to provide an opportunity for the suburbs to help clean up the slums—the tribal myths, the racial hates, and economic injustices—which would produce still more crime.

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## LIBRARY CORNER

Library Hours: 12:00-5:00

Have you "eighteen and nineteen years olds" decided which division of the armed forces you would like to enter? Perhaps the following books in the Person County Library will help you decide.

Felsen, Henry, He's in submarines now: How does America train her submarine sailors? Form the day the recruit arrives at one of Uncle Sam's submarine schools until the day he proudly wears the Dolphin insignia of the submarine sailor, his course of training is an adventure in itself—an adventure which is shared by the readers of this book as they follow the trainees through such courses as submarine design and construction pressure studies and tests the theory of submarine operation, the use of the Mosen Lung and other kindred and highly colorful subjects.

Graham, Frederick P and Kulick, Harold W, He's in the air corps: At Randolph and Kelly Fields in Texas at Chanute Field in Illinois, at March Field in California and at Chicopee Field they are in the air corps. In Tuthill, John T. He's in the Navy Now: What is the training for duty in the Navy? He's in the Navy Now, is a graphic and engrossing story told in both text and pictures—not only of the recruits training, but of actual service on the various ship of our fighting fleet. At sea and ashore, under fire and ashore, under fire and leave. The manifold duties and responsibilities of the Navys "finest" are realistically portrayed.

Baumer, William H, He's In The Army Now:

The reader sees the various corps at the many camps—ranging from the Replacement Training Center at Fort Dix, New Jersey, to the Anti-Aircraft Firing Center at Camp Stewart, Ga., and experiences every phase of the rigorous training which results in a highly developed and completely coordinated fighting force. Here also, is pictured the other side of Army life—the games and sports, the entertainments and dances and the contagious horse-play which have contributed so much to making the "Yank" the best all-around soldier in the field.

In Massachusetts a steady stream of young men is arriving to begin their training in mili-

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Person County will meet in the Commissioners Room in the courthouse on Monday, April 26th, at 10 o'clock A. M., to consider complaints relating to inequalities in the valuation of real estate for tax purposes. Landowners desiring to register complaints may appear in person on that date or may file such complaints with the Clerk to the Board before that date. This April 8th, 1943.

W. T. Kirby,  
Clerk to the Board  
April 8-15-22

### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having been duly qualified as administratrix and administrator of the estate of H. W. Winstead, deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned administratrix and administrator on or before the 1st day of April, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of said deceased will please make immediate payment.

This the 1st day of April, 1943.

Mrs. Etta W. Winstead,  
Administratrix  
H. W. Winstead, Jr.,  
Administrator  
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tary aviation. At the Naval Training Stations in Pensacola and Jacksonville, Florida, at Corpus Christi, Texas and at the Floyd Bennett Field, in New York, successful applicants for naval aviation commissions are swelling the ranks of the men already engaged in winning the coveted "wings" of the Fleet Arm.

He's In The Air Corps Now; is the exciting record of nine months of training of a pilot.

Rathbone, A. D., He's In The Paratroops now:

The paratroops are chosen troops of our Army and Marine Corps. No one will be inducted into these services; they are all volunteers, handpicked men. Not even the British Commandos or American Rangers are more carefully selected. Paratroopers must be perfect physically, with nerves of steel and the speed and agility of tigers. Their weapons are pistols, rifles, tommy guns, mortars, machine guns and TNT; their duties are manifold and hazardous. They must demolish and sabotage enemy planes, aviation bases, fortifications and lines of communication.

Here is your chance to meet these paratroopers of ours.

The Pay Duplicate Collection offers the following new additions to the Person County Public Library:

Des Passos, John: NUMBER ONE.

The last Dos Passos' 'Adventures of a Young Man' began the story of a contemporary American family, the Spotswoods. Glenn Spotswood ended the bewilderment of the thirties on a Spanish battlefield. In Number One, Tyler, his older brother learns the importance of giving himself to our common civilization, but of first having a self to give.

Corle, Edwin: COARSE GOLD. This can be called the story of many things—of 1892 and 1942; of a gold rush and a tungsten

rush; of an old ghost town and a brand new streamlined community; of an oldtime prospector and a brilliant young scientist of a society based on rugged individualism and a society based on government planning; of the love of money and the love of life; of the new West which is no longer the raw frontier but a scientific laboratory—and all of these descriptions are accurate.

You may be interested in the others: Keyes, Frances Parkinson: CRESCENT CARNIVAL.

McDonald, William Colt: THE RIDDLE OF RAMROD RIDGE.

Gardner: THE CASE OF THE SMOKING CHIMNEY.

Ford, Leslie: MURDER IN THE OPM.

ERNESTINE, GRAFTON,  
Tri-County Librarian

### COUNCIL SPONSORS "DAY OF COMPASSION"

DURHAM — The North Carolina Council of Churches is asking Christian churches of the state to mark May 2 as a "Day of Compassion" for the Jews. Gov. J. Melville Broughton has issued a special statement in which he urges the observance by all churches and religious groups. "In view of the incredible cruelties and the mounting horror of the extermination of the Jews under Hitler's orders," the Governor asks that intercession be offered unitedly "on behalf of the victims of racial and religious persecution everywhere." Special sermons will be preached in many churches and special prayers offered.

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I wish to extend my best wishes and sincere congratulations to the following communities and their graduating classes:

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- ALLENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- HURDLE MILLS HIGH SCHOOL
- BETHEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL
- MT. TIRZAH HIGH SCHOOL
- ROXBORO HIGH SCHOOL
- PERSON CO. TRAINING SCHOOL

**M. T. Clayton**  
Sheriff Person County