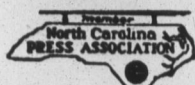


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Sacred Obligation.....

Maj. H. V. Carson, a member of the Army Air Force Training Command at Knollwood, who made the chief address at the 188th District Rotary convention, Pinehurst, last week told the Rotarians that:

"Every community adjacent to one of North Carolina's many military camps is under a sacred obligation to bolster the morale of the soldiers in every conceivable fashion.

"The American soldier", he said, "wants a religious warrant for his task. He wants spiritual assurance and comfort. He wants companionship — including mothering and sistering. He wants food and the conveniences that canteens offer. He wants a place to sleep and there is a conviction that community centers can render. He wants security for his dependents and that is one of the main things."

Thus ends the quotation, but not the application of the lesson hereabouts. Roxboro, it happens, is a "community adjacent to a military camp" and while much is being done here by citizens for entertainment of soldiers, it is rather apparent that there is no service club here and that no efforts are being put forth to obtain one.

Maj. Carson, miles away, was talking straight at us, or so it seems, although we might disagree with him over the suggestion that soldiers want much "mothering and sistering." On other points the major is right.

The Hoey Hat.....

Political dopesters are busy now, predicting political line-ups for Senator (would be) Clyde R. Hoey, who last week announced that he will oppose the incumbent junior Tar Heel senator, Robert Rice Reynolds.

Present efforts at a line-up link together Hoey and governor-seeking Gregg Cherry, Hoey's Gastonia neighbor, and on the other side, Reynolds and also governor-seeking Dr. Ralph McDonald, but fair as that tie-in may be to Hoey and Cherry, it does place a burden on McDonald, to whom, even as an unfriend, we would not wish such a strained teamship.

Other news of the week was to effect that Warlick for governor is out, probably the result of his publicised conference with Cherry. Another result of Hoey's decision is the probability that Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott, mentioned as a senatorial candidate, will definitely not be one. Few State Democrats in the anti-Reynolds clan will want or look for a stronger candidate than Hoey.

There is a church hymn with lines saying "where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile". First part of the couplet apparently applies now to the forecast for 1944 Tar Heel politics. The vilification will come later and it will seem there will not be too much of that.

It is perfectly possible that out of the fight against Reynolds will come State unity for all the factions of young-so-called, and old Democrats.

Small Holocaust.....

Roxboro's anniversary fire of last Wednesday did about \$40,000 worth of damage, with particularly heavy losses for the Roxboro Lumber company and for the State and County School boards, chiefly because such losses are difficult to replace — even where there is sufficient insurance.

Time was when some fires, wiping out disreputable fire-traps, could be considered a blessing in disguise, but that time is over, certainly until after the war. It is just too difficult to get replacements.

Significant, from the replacement angle was one loss sustained by the lumber company, that of a typewriter. The sheds and the office will be rebuilt, new stocks of lumber will be brought in, and business will go on as usual, but getting another typewriter is going to be a problem.

Also a problem, from school standpoint, is replacement of burned trucks and busses and tires, and particularly automotive repair parts. Superintendent Griffin and his State co-workers are going to have to scratch to get their supplies here back to normal level.

The fire here was a small holocaust. The City, under present circumstances, is lucky it was not bigger. Only good thing was removal of several buildings rather definitely of fire-trap tendency.

"We the People of North Carolina"...

Off the press this week is volume one, number one, of "We the People of North Carolina", new monthly publication of the North Carolina Citizens Association, incorporated, a group interested in State and inter-related Federal government, particularly tax problems.

The Association, organized last year and headed by Thomasville's R. L. Pope, did some lobbying in the 1943 legislature of effective sort. Home office is Raleigh, center of lobbying, and the editor of the Association magazine is Jule B. Warren, one-time NCEA editor and head and certainly well acquainted with getting what he wants out of State systems.

So much for introduction to a magazine that lays claim to "a non-political, non-partisan manner." President Pope rightly says that government today is big business, and, on first view, "We the People" seems destined to fill a place somewhat between "Popular Government", from Chapel Hill's Institute of Government, and the too-too popular "State" of Carl Goerch.

The new magazine is not as technical as "Popular Government" and if it can continue to avoid the evils of technicalities and the soft-soap "State" style, it can be an important contribution to Tar Heel self-analysis.

We will watch it with much interest, waiting to see if it does have a Warren axe to grind.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Have vs. Have Nots.....

News And Observer

The first blood drawn by Big Planters to prevent aid so tenant farmers and croppers can become land owners is arousing humane liberals in all walks of life. While there was demand for an end of any errors in the administration of Farm Security, there was no call to kill it in order to cure the disease.

Chairman Fulmer, of South Carolina, puts the blame for the backward act on the doorsteps of the "big fellow" who does not wish the little fellow to become a land owner. He says they wish "to use the war emergency to destroy anything that does something for the small individual farmer." Others make the charge that the legislation was lobbied through by "selfish commercial farm and plantation owners;" that they "wish to farm the farmers in their own interest so they can have an abundance of "cheap and docile labor recruited from dispossessed farm families."

It is significant that such humane organizations as the National YWCA, the Federal Council of Churches, the Catholic Rural Life Conference, the Council of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Labor, the railroad brotherhoods, the National Committee on Child Labor, the CIO and other groups are urging the Senate to fight for adequate appropriations to increase ownership of land by small croppers and tenants. The National Farmers' Union makes this serious indictment of the big fellows:

The self-righteous men who thrive upon America's economic serfdom on the commercial farms and plantations of the nation demanded that the agency be burned at the stake, lest it give a vision of real freedom and economic independence to the minds of downtrodden people.

There are some large landowners who are glad to see tenants and croppers helped to become owners of the land they till, and some have helped those they esteemed. They are wise and patriotic. Those who would put stumbling blocks in the way of the too long underprivileged deserve the severe condemnation of the Farmers' Union and all others.

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TERRACES

There is increasing interest in terracing in Warren County. Recently about 20,000 feet was built with a tractor unit on the farms of W. J., J. K. and Thomas Pinnell, reports R. S. Smith, asst. county agent.

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MISS PEPPER QUEEN OF MAY AT GREENSBORO

Woman's College Held Annual Revels Saturday.

GREENSBORO, May 1. — Southern festivities were keyed at the annual May Day celebration at the Woman's College Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock when Miss Julia Pepper, of Walnut Cove was crowned queen.

The event took form of a lawn party of pre-Civil War days and was held in the lovely natural setting of the college amphitheatre beside the lake. To the music of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," sung by Miss Jean Booth of Durham, who masqueraded as a Negro mammy, preparations were made for the party by Miss Ann Webster, of Savannah, Ga., as the butler, and a score of dancing pickaninnies. Miss Octavia Muller, of Dillon, S. C., was hostess at the party which was in honor of a visiting cousin from Kentucky, Miss Pepper. Guests for the occasion were members of the senior class, costumed as Southern belles and their escorts.

Miss Pepper, queenly brunette, was escorted by King William Dunn, of Leaksville. Her attendants included Misses Dorothy Furr, of Newton and Sara Mundy Hamrick, of Shelby, maids of honor; Betty Hopkins, Greensboro, Gladys Sessoms, Fayetteville, Josephine Doss, Fremont, Carolyn Jordan, Elizabethtown, Betty Johnson Clifton Forge, Va., Georgia Mack Keeter, Morganton, Dorothy Odum, New Bern, Ann Spivey, Rich Square, Dorothy Severance, Gastonia, Mrs. Elsie Rouse Wilson, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Ann Hardison McGoogan, Wadesboro, members of the May court.

Music for the occasion was by the College Theatre orchestra, directed by George Dickison. Dancers were members of the dance group with Miss Margaret Ann Bittick, president, Hingham Mass., arranging the choreography. Miss Anne Pitoniak, Westfield, Mass., reader for the program.

CHANGES JOB

Robert Stephens, for several years connected with Henry's store here, has accepted a position with Wharton Winstead and will assist in the management of the Winstead farms.

-PALACE- THEATRE

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday, May 3 - 4 - 5th.

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Roosevelt Message

A group of public-spirited Person and Roxboro citizens Saturday morning sent a telegram to President Roosevelt in which they assured him of continued support, but condemned in strong terms actions of some government figures who are behaving as saboteurs. Obvious reference was to John L. Lewis, although his name was not mentioned in the telegram.

COMER SAYS MEN LIVE IN WOMAN'S WORLD TODAY

Finals Held Friday at Helena. Awards Made.

Harry F. Comer, University of North Carolina Y. M. C. A. Secretary, at Chapel Hill, Friday night spoke to twenty-nine graduates at Helena high school, Person County, telling them that war is "making this a woman's world" and that any consideration of future planning must take this change in social emphasis into account.

Valedictorian was Miss Josephine Day, while winner of citizenship award was Miss Lucille Chambers. Winners of \$5 each in safety driving of school busses were Warren Roberson and Floyd Hicks, Jr., while creative reading prizes were won by Misses Rachel Hudgins and Ada Lee Rogers.

Principal J. L. Hester, who presided, said that approximately 40 percent of this year's graduating class is expected to return to Helena next year for post-graduate work.

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POTATOES

Yancey County is planting about 15 percent more Irish potatoes than last year, reports County Agent V. J. Goodman. Growers are anxious to help meet food production goals.

EGGS

The Coble Dairy Products Company of North Wilkesboro is buying between five and six thousand cases of eggs daily. They are dehydrating about 650 cases and the remainder are being stored for later drying.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 A. M. — Bible School. 11:00 A. M. — Preaching by the pastor — "The Eternal King And His Kingdom."

7:00 P. M. — Training Union. 8:00 P. M. — Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr. J. Allen Easley at the high school.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

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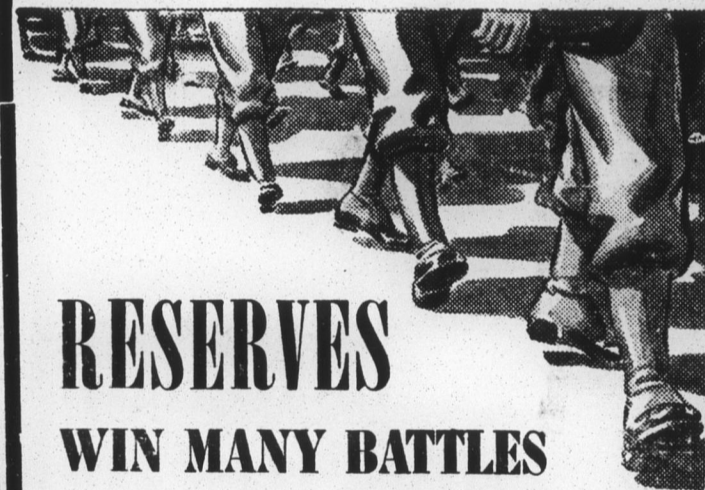
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