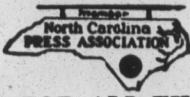


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Three Planes And A Pain.....

Unimportant from a military point of view and of interest in Roxboro mainly because citizens here do not have planes buzzing overhead every night, last week's story of the forced landing of three Danville, Va., planes in and near Roxboro does suggest that Roxboro has need of an emergency landing field.

Such a field would not have to be an elaborate affair with hangars, runways and flood lights. Any large field, free of electrical wiring and equipped with a few lights would do. Even such a field as Harvey Oakley's "cornpatch". Luck was the saving factor in preventing Cadets Markle and Wolfe from death or injury.

Pain of the incident stems, however, not from Roxboro, but from Danville, where officials of Southern Airways, including a Captain Lovelace (or Loveless), behaved in an unbecoming manner to Danville's Johnny Johnson, Associated Press representative, and did their best to keep the story bottled up, notwithstanding the fact that a creditable story, free from insinuations, had gone out from Roxboro's AP twenty-four hours earlier.

Lovelace, according to Johnson, has intimated that the unfortunate accident will damage reputation of Southern Airways and that Danville, already on verge of losing the field, will do so now. We, in Roxboro, can have no part in this quarrel, although it is of interest to residents here to see that the Danville training field, closest one to Roxboro, be kept where it is rather than removed to more distant Lynchburg.

Roxboro, in the meantime, can be thankful that motorists near the scene of Markle's landing came to his rescue with lights from their automobiles. It was a courteous turn and in a way compensated for our lack of plane reception facilities hereabouts. Other citizens, too, were cooperative, particularly County and City law enforcement officials. Apparently the only ones to miss out were the airplane spotters, but then, the coming and the landing happened so quickly that citizens were as quickly informed as were the spotters.

Not To Be Going.....

One of the smallest but most representative Person white Selective groups left here Friday for Fort Jackson, Columbia. New point in representativeness was inclusion of more men, some of them married, from two distinct age groups, the very young, just out of high school, and these slightly older, just on the verge of middle-age.

Assumption is that any of the older men who for one reason or another were deferred or rejected, would be pleased with the prospect of being able to stay at home with their wives and families and businesses, but candor forces recognition that many of the men who are being left behind are unhappy about it and are daily being confronted with the feeling that they are missing out in a big adventure.

We talked to one such man last night, one who is happily married and who has a good business connection. He was turned down last week and for a few weeks, at least, can return to his accustomed ways of life. He may be called up again later. He has no way of knowing what will happen. His lot is the hard one of suspense, of uncertainty, and he is regretful that the Army authorities did not take him at once.

That is a hard role he has. One of waiting, and of possible final rejection. It is hard for this man and for others like him, who are sincerely interested in going and doing rather than staying and waiting. And the role, as such, is frequently not improved by the civilian attitude of curiosity that most of us who are at home are blessed with. People ought to think twice before they probe too deeply with questions.

For This Memorial Day.....

Mother's Day and North Carolina's Confederate Memorial day, by the calendar are close together this year, and never more appropriately, for out of the eternal sacredness of memories of the past we are today busy with a building for the future.

Real and true progress always is painful, and of all forms of progress that produced by war is most heart-rending. Mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, those whom we honor today in the name of motherhood, know this, just as the men in the all but vanished hosts of the Confederacy have known it. And so, today, we do honor to women and to men who stand and have stood in line of battle, feeling as we think of them that this present war is reduced to its proper place.

Person wives and mothers in a small band stood near the Selective Service bus as it left here last Friday. They, as well as the men in the bus, were repeating the historical cycle. They were the immediate participants in an event that will some day have its own Memorial Day. And for them and for the rest of us who stood silently by and understood the tears that were shed and the bravado that was exhibited, comes anew a comprehension of the foundation of all memorial days and a recognition that no day in human history is worth remembering that has not in it some fruit from the wellsprings of compassion and suffering.

The boys and girls who wear red roses today will know as their elders do that motherhood and the flag of a cause come close to being two of our most fundamental symbols.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

A Fast Thinker.....

Greensboro Daily News

On or about December 8, 1941, Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, was asked what he thought about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He did not commit himself, according to reports, but was willing to go to the extent of saying that he would have to think about it.

After that, judging from his public utterances, there seemed to be a good deal of honest doubt in his mind as to just how the blame should be apportioned between the militarists over there and the lend-leasers and interventionists over here.

But his mind must have been working at its maximum speed on the problem, despite all distractions, because, on the 13th day of April, 1943, he issued a statement in which he "recalled in chronological order some of the outstanding war events and concluded that this modern history constitutes a terrible indictment of Hitler and Mussolini." Presumably this goes for Tojo, too.

We recognize Our Bob's ability to cajole a constituent and corral a voter. He seems to be a sound thinker from his final conclusions. But it apparently took him one year, four months and about five days to do the same amount of thinking and come to the same conclusion that it took the average man in North Carolina about half a minute to do. Our notion is that we need somebody in Washington who can think a little faster.

Democracy On A Bus.....

Atlanta Constitution

Gov. Ellis Arnall recently went to Florida traveling by bus. He stood up the last 100 miles of the trip, having got up to give his seat to a lady.

The governor was fresh from a fight against the freight rates in the south as imposed by the inter-state commerce commission.

A lady standing by the governor asked, "Aren't you Ellis Arnall?"

"Yes, I am," said the governor of Georgia.

"Why, I knew your mother at Union Springs, Ala.," she said. "And when you used to come visiting your mother's relatives over there, you and I used to play together."

"Who are you?" asked the governor, smiling and pleased.

"I am Mrs. J. H. Allredge," she said. "My husband is on the inter-state commerce commission."

Thus did democracy on a bus and the long arm of coincidence bring about a reunion of old friends. And who knows but that Mrs. Allredge may become an ardent supporter of the plea for fair freight rates in the south. The governor may take this as a suggestion if he wishes.



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Person Farm Agency Notes

STEAM PRESSURE COOKERS:

Recently, the Department of Agriculture was instrumental in obtaining the allocation of materials for the production of 150,000 pressure cookers. These cookers insure against the spoilage of home-canned vegetables and reduce the hazards involved in improper food processing.

Since the supply of pressure cookers will not meet the demand, it has been determined that they will be rationed. Both rural and urban residents will be eligible to apply for purchase certificates.

The objective in securing authorized production of pressure cookers is to attain the greatest possible pack of home-canned foods. Applicants may be either (1) individual families, (2) neighborhood pools, consisting of an applicant who has obtained the agreement of several neighbors to share the use of a pressure cooker, or (3) organizations, such as garden clubs, womens church organizations, etc., each applying as an organization, members of which have agreed to share the use of a pressure cooker. In the instance of joint applications (as in (2) and (3)), each applicant is required to sign the application form in the space provided. Hence, only bona fide users will be represented as applicants.

Most of the new pressure cookers will be of a war model—enam-

meled steel bottoms and tin-plated steel tops. Nearly all made will be the 7-quart size holding 7 glass quart jars or 14 No. 2 tin cans.)

Pressure cookers are particularly needed in canning non-acid vegetables and meats. Tomatoes are acid and should not count toward eligibility for a pressure cooker.

These cookers are not available at present. Each county will be notified some time in the future of the number of cookers assigned as the county quota.

Those who wish to secure application forms may write, telephone or call at the County Agent's office, the Farm Security Office, or the AAA office. The Farm Machinery Rationing Committee will give consideration to all applications after they have received notice of the quota of

cookers for Person County and the methods of procedure to be followed in connection with applications.

Lost and found columns of Tokio newspapers are crowded these days. Every time an American buys a War Bond, the Japs lose face. Buy your 10% every pay day.

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