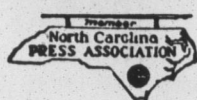


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Near Casualty.....

Not yet officially announced as solved is the hit-and-run accident in which Laymond Watson, Roxboro carrier for the Greensboro Daily News and son of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Watson, was injured last Sunday night when his bicycle was struck by a car on South Main street. Officers are working on the case and have their own good reasons for keeping their information to themselves until full investigation is completed.

Point of this comment, however, is not the raising of a howl over hit-and-run accidents, although they are deplorable enough and in the Watson incident only less deplorable because he was not seriously hurt. The lesson of the moment concerns importance of having bicycle riders observe all rules of the road.

Laymond Watson, according to his own testimony, was on his side of the street, when the accident, which happened about dark, occurred. His wheel had a rear reflector and presumably a front light, but the reflector did not show as clearly as it would have at night. State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins, in commenting on the Watson case, attaches no blame to the boy, who according to information was obeying all rules, but Hudgins is anxious to impress upon bicycle riders the fact that State law requires them to observe all traffic regulations imposed upon motor vehicles.

Bicycle riders must have front lights. They must have a rear light or a reflector and they must drive on their side of the highway. They must not weave in and out in pedestrian fashion. They must be alert. Failure to be alert is an invitation to disaster. School is out and there will be more bicycles and boys on streets and highways than usual. Unless they are careful, they may not be as fortunate as Laymond was.

Slaughter Houses and Beer Bans....

Roxboro's recently re-elected and more recently reinstated City Commissioners, Messrs. Hunter, Cushwa, Brooks, Hall and Thomas, had last week to consider, and will apparently have to ponder further, the matter of establishment here of a slaughter house to serve the Person and Roxboro area. Also, it is highly probable that they will be expected to take pro or con action on the Person Ministerial Association's request for a Sunday beer and wine ban here.

Both the slaughter house project and the banning business are of interest to the County of Person as well as the City of Roxboro and both problems have been or will be presented also to County Commissioners Whitfield, Berry and Gentry. Possibility, as far as the slaughter house is concerned, is a joint meeting of both Boards and it would seem wise if same joint technique could be used in handling the proposed wine and beer ban.

To all appearances, there is no getting around the fact that the City and County will have to work together in establishment of a slaughter house. Farm leaders, slaughterers and others interested in seeing that Person County and Roxboro have an adequate local supply of meat say that OPA regulations pertaining to slaughtering all but make mandatory the erection of such an establishment. They add that if a slaughter house is not built that slaughterers, other than farmers who kill for their own use, will have to take their animals to slaughter houses in Hillsboro, Durham or Oxford and that meat prepared there will nine times out of ten be sold there. In other words, failure to take action here will result in a more definite meat shortage here than has yet been felt.

Not quite as simple or as concrete is the problem raised by the Ministerial Association request for banning Sunday sale of wine and beer. It is no shock that the request has come. It had to come. There is again in the air that sentiment which believes in moral control through prohibition — and blindtigers. In the same State papers that carried the Person Ministerial appeal were reports from Graham, from Johnston County and from Wilson of acceptances of a week-end curfew.

It may seem a pity that citizens, whether civilians or soldiers, cannot control themselves and that some wine and beer outlets are themselves parties to lack of con-

trol. Personally, we are much more in favor of self-control than of control by edict and we do agree with an official here who is personally, if not officially opposed to the setting up of Sunday bans. If enough citizens of that mind will get together in defense of self-control, and will plead its case before both County and City commissioners, self-control will have a chance. Otherwise, it is doomed.

Incidentally, however, we might remind the curfew proponents that more wine and beer are sold here on Saturday nights before mid-night than are consumed on Sunday altogether, a situation much like that of Sunday newspapers which are printed on Saturday, although there have been citizens who disapproved of Sunday newspapers, but who were glad enough to have a Sunday published Monday paper. Sunday consumption of beer and wine is really moderate in comparison with Saturday's turnover.

Solution of the slaughter house problem affects physical health of citizens here. Solution of the wine and beer problem here, and it is a problem, affects their moral health, and Person ministers are to be commended for bringing it to public attention, although there may be disagreements as to how the moral problem may best be solved.

A Deserving Suggestion.....

Discussed here last week was possibility of establishment of a Negro branch of the Person County Public library, a branch designed to serve an increasingly large number of Negro readers.

The plan, as understood at the present time, involves use of part of the basement facilities of the present Public Library here and the securing of the services of the teacher-librarian of the Person County Training school, on several days during the school season and for longer periods during the Summer. It is understood that books for a nucleus collection will be available from a WPA assignment and that funds for running the branch library will be obtained from the Negroes of Person and Roxboro and possibly from the Julius Rosenwald fund.

Supervision of the branch service, which will have its own separate collection of books, will be under the tri-county librarian, Miss Ernestine Grafton. The project, if accepted, will mean another step forward in Person's already thriving public library service and will bring Person County and Roxboro in line with larger counties and cities such as Guilford and Greensboro, where operation of a Negro branch service has for long been a regular and an accepted part of the library program.

Success of the Person project will, of course, depend upon the degree of financial cooperation offered by Negro citizens, but we are confident that they will in this matter, if given an opportunity, be as wide awake as they have been in creation of the new Negro division of the Person Scout district.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

A Voice From Carthage.....

Greensboro Daily News

In the fourth volume of his learned and brilliant "Study of History", Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, professor of international history at Oxford university, quotes Saint Cyprian, a teacher in Carthage about 250 A. D., on the danger of the breakdown of Roman civilization:

You complain of the aggression of foreign enemies; yet, if the foreign enemy were to cease from troubling, would Roman really be able to live at peace with Roman? If the external danger of invasion by armed barbarians were to be stamped out, should we not be exposed to a fiercer and a heavier civil bombardment, on the home front, in the shape of calumnies and injuries inflicted by the powerful upon their weaker fellow citizens? You complain of crop failures and famine; yet the greatest famines are made not by drought but by rapacity, and the most flagrant distress springs from profiteering and price-raising in the corn-tide. You complain that the clouds do not disgorge their rain in the sky, and you ignore the barns that fail to disgorge their grain on terra firma. You complain of the fall in production, and ignore the failure to distribute what is actually produced to those who are in need of it.

As our soldiers occupy what was Carthage, our people would do well to heed the old Carthaginian teacher's words. Our civilization has within itself the seeds of its destruction. They are a lack of discipline, an un-

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mitigated will to grab which is not infrequently found in workers, farmers, labor leaders and businessmen, a lack of vision for the nation, a forgetfulness of the truth that "almost any controversy can be settled by good manners." Civilizations are not destroyed from without but "by what is false within."

The American And His Mission....

Durham Sun

"In action," we are told by the New York Times, "the Americans attacked silently, not singing as did the British or shouting as did the French."

We like that graphic picture of deadly purpose presented by those few words. Singing on the march is an excellent and inspiring practice. It bespeaks the vigorous American spirit and the fine morale of the free man who goes forth to war for a cause worth the sacrifice; but fighting, fighting to the death, fighting against savage and ruthless enemies, is not a singing business.

The fighting American, stalking his quarry as early Americans stalked the wild quarry of the American woods and the stealthy Indian on the warpath, menacingly, grimly, silently, implacably hunting down the foe, must be a figure to strike terror to the hearts of the stoutest slaves of Hitler's impersonal state, a growing spectre which is destined to shake the resolution of all the world's organized forces of evil.

Washington Plans Longer Furloughs For Married Men

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The

nation's fathers were caught in a tug-of-war between the executive and legislative branches of the Government today, with the former apparently seeking to pull them into military service soon and the latter starting a move to hold them out—at least until next year.

With impending new Allied offensives hinting that a call for thousands of more fighting men might soon be in order, the Army extended the furlough period given new inductees from seven to 14 days and directed that it be increased to three weeks by Sept. 1. The two weeks extension is to be put into effect as soon as possible, and in no case later than July 1.

Although no reason was given for the move, other than that one week caused hardships "in some cases," it was understood that the War Department felt fathers would need more time than single or childless married men to settle their personal and business affairs when inducted. Thus, the announcement was interpreted as heralding the drafting of fathers on a large scale in the near future.

FARMERS' UNION URGED

ATLANTA, Ga., May 15.—Former Governor Eugene Talmadge proposed today that farmers of the country form a union.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE SALE OF LAND Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a certain deed of trust executed by A. C. Fair and wife, Ruth Fair, on the 19th day of March, 1942, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Person County, North Carolina, in Book 9, page 568, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, I will on Saturday, May 29, 1943, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door, in

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And the defendants, Pamela Johnson, Irvin Barnett, Fonzie Barnett, Preston Barnett, George Cameron, Bunsey Cameron, Herdian Cameron, Robert Johnson, Willie Johnson, Annie Bell Johnson, Earl Johnson, Jr., George Johnson, Wiley Johnson, Hattie Julian Cameron and Minnie Johnson Willis, will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action within twenty days after the last publication of this notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 3rd day of May, 1943.
Sue C. Bradsher,
Clerk Superior Court
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