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## Praise For Ninety-One

Monday is Flag Day, traditionally set aside throughout the nation as a day on which the meaning in and the history behind the national flag is stressed. There is, we take it, no need to emphasize either history or meaning this year, but if Roxboro is looking around for a demonstration of patriotism implicit in appreciation for the flag, it might pause to consider the 91 hours of surgical dressing unit service rendered to the American Red Cross chapter here during May by Mrs. David S. Brooks.

Mrs. Brooks, it happens, is a war mother and she has every right to want to do all that she can to assist an organization designed to be of help to her son and to all sons who are in the service. It also happens that she leads in that assistance here. What is said here in praise of her record does not mean that records of other workers in the local Surgical Dressing Unit should be passed up, but it is clear that 91 hours in one hot month from one woman do have a way of speaking.

Officials of the Surgical Dressing Unit in Roxboro are proud of Mrs. Brooks and what she has done, but their pride is somewhat tempered by the long list of workers who have given but one hour, or two, during the same length of time and by the blank sheets of paper on which other names do not appear at all. We just hope the community reaction to those 91 hours spent by Mrs. Brooks will be one of "come and do likewise" and we are sure that this is the type of appreciation Mrs. Brooks wants most of all.

## With A Two-Edged Sword

Citizens of Person County and Roxboro during the past week enjoyed the spectacle of watching their respective Boards of Commissioners handle with variable dexterity and skill doubled-edged problems pertaining to morals and money. Money, as the Commissioners of both units of government long ago found out, is an ever present evil, while the corresponding element in morals bobs up and down like a cork on the ocean waves.

Interesting, chiefly because of what has not yet been publicly reported concerning it, is the cafe wine and beer license snarl involving the Royal Cafe, Roxboro, an investigation which apparently has the approval of Col. Edgar H. Bain, State representative of the brewing industry. More interesting, by comparison, as a social reflection of the times, is the speed with which Person's County Commissioners banned the Sunday sale of portables similar to those dispensed at the Royal in the City.

On file for City Commissioners to consider at their next meeting is a similar ban for the City and it is expected that they will also be asked to consider vagrancy and the imposition of a curfew designed to protect young women. A cross between a social and a money issue is that of the abattoir, settled in the negative by the County and left suspended by the City. At the bottom of the pile of duties lie the County and City budgets, looked at but not yet digested by either of the two governing bodies.

It doubtlessly comes as a shock to the members of both bodies to discover that the war is increasing the size of the roles assigned to them as arbiters of community morals. Money problems they are accustomed to, but the mantle of social regulation and legislation fits loosely, showing bones and bay windows as well as angel wings. This is another way of saying that moral truth is difficult to define and much more difficult to handle than is cash.

Being a County or City official today is more of a full time job than it ever was and the wonder is that part-time service, the only kind busy citizens can be expected to render, comes as close to truth as it does.

## Henry Clement Satterfield

In Durham, where he lived for forty years, Henry Clement Satterfield, known to Person home-folks as "Clem", put to good usage virtues of character and leadership. Because of them he became in Durham and in the State a man of influence. That he did succeed so well was no surprise to those who knew the stock from whence he came.

Recaptulation will show that Durham's roll of leadership contains the names of many sons and daughters of Person and the chances are that few of them will

be longer remembered or with greater honor than Clem Satterfield, who gave freely of his abilities in his new home, but chose not to forget the Person heritage, much less the friends he had in his old home.

## From The Miner's Point Of View

Worthy and decidedly of value because of the as yet unsettled John L. Lewis dictatorship in the coal mine controversy, were the two civic club talks made here within the week by one-time coal-miner Leon Couch, now Roxboro district school superintendent, who dared to say that Lewis has "been true to the miners", a fact largely lost sight of by citizens engaged in the veneration of Lewis.

Woven into the Couch talks was a recital of past as well as present evils in the coal industry. Couch holds no brief for Lewis, but he does know that miners, through their unions have had to fight every step of the way for such advantages as they have up to now enjoyed. It is refreshing to be told that the miners do have rights, particularly at a time when they are suffering as a class because their leader, as Couch puts it, happens to be a person "drunk with power and arrogance."

Not Couch, nor Lewis nor any other man can say what the outcome of the coal strike will be, although it is to be hoped that postwar conditions in coal mines will be as utopian as Couch would like. Salt in the wounded public mind right now is not that miners are in unions but that they are as men being wrongly lead. a fact not denied by Couch.

## WITH OTHER EDITORS

### Food Production Is The Need

Christian Science Monitor

In all the talk about food, domestic and foreign, it will be well to think less of controlling and apportioning what is available, and consider to greater extent how to produce more. That is the end question, production. Happily, Herbert Hoover, in his latest approach to the problem, swings more to that line.

He is correct in his view that American cities will have even less food supply in coming months, and next winter, than they have had in recent days. He is right in declaring that even so Americans will not starve. The reduced diets in American cities are still on a lush and luxurious plane by present international standards.

When he says that if the war in Europe should come to an end within the next 12 months "we should have no consequential food supplies with which to meet three or four hundred millions of starving people" he accurately assesses one of the potential tragedies of these times.

All this underlines the necessity for extraordinary, even colossal, food production in the United States. Mr. Hoover barely suggests the need when he asks for the planting of from 40 to 50 million additional acres next year. What are other needs? We suggest a few: a price structure that will give incentive for the right sorts of crops, better organization and financing of small farmers, more reliable guarantees of harvest hands, provision of adequate machinery and fertilizer, improved use of dairy products, and, above all, definite, intelligent planning for the immediate needs of free peoples, needs that include—so they may help themselves—barnyard animals and farming implements as well as sustaining rations.

## "Aye, Aye — Old Palsie"

Tyrone Power gave the sailors at the New London submarine base a big moment when he first came aboard a sub to do scenes for 20th Century-Fox's Technicolor film, "Crash Dive", which opens Monday at the Palace Theatre.

Ablaze with the gold braid of a senior lieutenant, he posed arm-in-arm with over a dozen sailors for snap shots. "It's not me—it's the uniform", Power joked Director Archie Mayo. "Every one of these pictures is going back to the girl friend or mother to show how chummy the lad is with his lieutenant."

Dana Andrews and Anne Baxter head an outstanding featured

cast in the picture, which tells this war's first story of our fighting men who man our undersea craft. Much of the film was made on location at the Navy's great submarine base.

## Beer Joke In Charlotte Has Negro Worried

CHARLOTTE, June 12. — The manager of a Negro beer parlor in North Charlotte answered the telephone and heard a voice say: "This is the OPA talking. From now on, don't sell any beer for over 10 cents a bottle. That's the law."

The manager started to argue that some brands actually cost him 12 cents, but the voice boom-

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- Thursday, June 17**
- Chambers Store, Helena 9:00
  - D. M. Cash, Moriah 10:00
  - H. O. Eakes, Mt. Tirzah 11:00
  - Morris Service Station, Morristown 11:30
  - R. A. Gentry, Allensville 12:10
  - W. H. Gentry, Allensville 1:00
  - Longhurst Mills 2:45
- Monday, June 21**
- East Roxboro 9:45
  - Mrs. C. P. Gravitte, Providence 10:45
  - Dixon Store 11:30
  - High Plains 12:30
  - Bethel Hill Baptist 1:30
  - Mrs. Leslie Hall, Woodsdale 2:00
  - Ca-Vel 2:45
- Tuesday, June 22**
- Mrs. Arthur Burch, Dolly Madison 9:00
  - Mrs. Dixie Long, Hurdle Mills 9:30
  - Whitfield Store, Bushy Fork 10:15
  - Mr. W. C. Warren, Highway 49, Bushy Fork 10:45
  - Mr. Walter Bowes Store, Bushy Fork 11:15
- Wednesday, June 23**
- Prison Camp 9:00
  - Guy Clayton's Store, Olive Hill 9:30
  - Mrs. M. J. Daniel, Olive Hill 10:00
  - Mrs. Ruth Davis, Chub Lake 10:30
  - Mrs. C. G. Long Store, Rural Route, Cunningham 11:15

ed sternly, "That's the law," and hung up.

Soon afterward a party of several men walked in and started ordering. Round followed round, until finally the manager announced to the thirsty customers that his beer stock had been exhausted.

The visitors paid—at the rate of a dime a bottle.

The next morning, bright and early, the manager went to the OPA office to find out the wherefores of the new rule—and was told there was no such re-

gulation. A little sleuthing by OPA investigators soon tracked down the imposter, who confessed and agreed to reimburse the beer parlor for its loss. The OPA let him off without bringing charges.

### READ OWN METERS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 12.—Diogenes, in search of an honest man, would only have to take the first San Diego citizen he might happen to meet, according to the San Diego Gas and Electric Co. Owing to a war shortage of meter readers, the company authorized its patrons to read their own meters and

bill themselves accordingly. The plan has worked so successfully that the company is extending the system to additional zones.

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