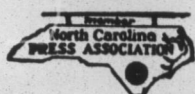


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Footnote To Duncan Affair.....

John Lewis Duncan, of Route 1, Woodsdale, a Person and Roxboro citizen whose name reverberated in two States because of his alleged violation of Virginia's "pleasure driving ban," now stands acquitted of all charges by the Person OPA hearing panel, a body into whose lap the case was dumped by the Danville, Va., OPA, after Danville authorities had made the charges and seized Duncan's A and B books.

This is the end of Duncan's case, a case that resolved itself into a "test case", crux of the issue being the right of a borderline State, or City to enforce upon citizens of banless North Carolina the rules existing in the other State, in this instance, Virginia. Roxboro decision in the matter does not deny the right of enforcement to Virginia or Danville authorities but it does suggest that said authorities should be more careful in making accusations, since the Person Board chose to believe Duncan's statement that he was in Danville on business.

Footnote to the Duncan affair as far as Roxboro is concerned, is the realization that the Person OPA and its newly formed hearing panel mean business. Duncan came clear in his hearing here, but some five or six other Person and Roxboro folks who committed violations within the bounds of Person County were not so fortunate, particularly, a man named Willie Clayton, of Route three.

Clayton, it seems, failed to answer the letter sent in summons and likewise neglected to come to Friday's hearing. Because he did not appear and offered no explanation for not appearing, his gasoline book has been revoked and no more gasoline is to be issued to him for the duration. So reads the action taken.

Second footnote is furnished by the fact that several of the citizens summoned to the hearing as gasoline ration violators got there after they had previously been cited for traffic violations. Furthermore, the minutes of the Person OPA hearing panel contain the memorandum that these citizens, if caught again in traffic violations must immediately surrender their gas ration books, possibly for the duration.

It is possible that the Person OPA hearing panel may be able to do what City and County Courts have not—put fear of the Lord into those who deliberately go around breaking traffic regulations. The Danville, Va., OPA panel, of course, has the same right, but mistakes in judgement have a way of weakening decisions rendered and the Person panel can learn that much from the Danville experience.

The Late Flowering.....

The Rev. F. B. Peele, whose last labor was so effectively performed in the Person circuit, came of a family distinguished for its contributions to the causes of education and religion, but his own service through the medium of the Methodist church was comparatively brief and was rendered in the less spectacular vineyards. At heart a modest man, he would not and did not claim any rewards.

He entered the ministry at an age when majority of men have fixed themselves into lifelong occupations. But he brought to the pulpits and to the homes he served a richness of experience greater than that usually furnished by previous servitude, and from his native heath of Scotland County and from his farm there flowed into his final work a grace and dignity and humanity worthy of the traditions of the Church he represented.

Person people and folks in Roxboro did not have to be told that the Rev. Mr. Peele came close to being one of the most human and at the same time one of the most consecrated ministers called upon to live and work with them. By the example he set, they knew it. And the knowledge extended far outside the borders of the Person circuit.

Late flowerings, sometimes are best. God does not ask for length of service, but for intensity, for kindness, for sympathy, for tolerance, qualities with which the Rev. Mr. Peele was blessed and for which he will be long remembered, not only in Roxboro, but throughout the North Carolina conference.

The Governor's Dedication Idea...

Gov. J. Melville Broughton, who in his Fourth of July proclamation is calling upon North Carolina citizens to observe a Day of Dedication by "seeing that every able-

bodied person is employed productively upon a full-time basis" touches upon a problem discussed in many communities in the State and with particular emphasis lately in Roxboro.

The Governor is right when he says, "Work is no longer a privilege, or an opportunity, it is a high patriotic duty . . . The time has come when every able-bodied person, of whatever financial, social or racial status, should be either fighting or working," but the solution of the problem, as he well knows, cannot be reached by mere issuance of a proclamation. The will to work must be fostered by the citizens — without too much expectation of labor by compulsion.

Officers of the law can do and will do much to see that the loafers castigated here by Joe Ellis in his Kiwanis club address get to work, but the officers themselves are helpless unless citizens really want the work or fight proclamation put into effect.

And citizens, by suggestion, by example, and by perhaps a sense of shame for idleness, as well as by perhaps a sense of shame for idleness, as well as by an appeal to patriotism, can bring about a change in attitude that will be far more influential than any number of vagrancy laws. Nevertheless, it is significant that the Roxboro protests about vagrancy may have been instrumental in bringing to a head the Governor's declaration.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

There Is No Alibi.....

News and Observer

Some—not many—Army and Navy officers, unwilling to admit that the destruction of a large part of the American Navy, and the destruction of many Army airplanes at Pearl Harbor was due solely to the fact that the general and the admiral in command "were not on the alert" (to quote Secretary Knox) are seeking at this day to find an alibi or excuse for the fact that those responsible officers were "asleep at the switch."

Recently the papers carried the absurd statement that Pearl Harbor actually was "a lucky thing for us and a major catastrophe for the Japanese." The attempted reasoning is that "the Japs spilled out accumulated venom that was going to be spilled out in some fashion sooner or later, whatever one might do," and "our job now is to bring the war in the Pacific to a conclusion." The American people know, on the statements of Cabinet officials, that the tragedy at Pearl Harbor occurred because the general and the admiral "were not on the alert"—that is, they neglected the high duty developing upon them in those critical days to be so alert and ready that no such surprise attack could be successful. If they had been as alert as Private Joseph L. Lockhard, who vainly warned his superior officers of the approach of the Japanese airplanes, the destruction of Army planes and ships could have been averted.

It was the greatest tragedy in American history, cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, delayed effective action in the Pacific, and so heartened the Japanese that they took the Philippines and strengthened themselves so well that ousting them will be a long and costly job. It was no "lucky break." It was a tragedy beyond expression and was without excuse or palliation.

However, the not being "on the alert" by the two responsible officers did not reflect upon the courage or ability to fight and win of the American armed forces. They have shown that against the greatest odds they are measuring up to the highest traditions of their country, and have won victories over odds that would have daunted any but the bravest. And they will demonstrate these qualities up to victory.

But let us have done with alibis for a tragedy that was costly and humiliating.

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday, June 28 - 29 - 30th

-PALACE-

THEATRE

Advertisement for 'THE MORE THE MERRIER' has a DINGLE! featuring Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea, Charles Coburn, and George Stevens.

Special Morning Show Monday 10:30; Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 10-30c; Evenings Daily 7:30-9:15; Adm. 15-35c.

70 YEARS COLLECTING

MANSVILLE, N. Y., —Oldest stamp collector in America is the distinction claimed for George Staplin, 80-year-old resident of Jefferson county in upstate New York. Staplin has been collecting

stamps of United States issue for 70 years and has a 240-page album. Rarest is a five-cent stamp of 1847 issue, first ever circulated by the United States government.

Sylvia Nicks. Of Roxboro, Honored At Waycross, Ga.

Miss Sylvia Nicks, daughter of Mrs. Freeman Nicks, of Roxboro, who is spending some time at Waycross, Ga., with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, was recently honored there with a theatre party.

The young people, who went to see a showing of the "Meanest Man In Town", afterwards enjoyed refreshments at a Waycross drug store. In the party, in addition to Miss Nicks, the honoree, were Jerry Faughman and James Kennedy and Misses Jean Thornton, Mary Handley, Diane Elliston, Sylvia Lawhorne and Martha Porter.

Commissioner's Son Advances At Fort Knox

Corp. Hassell Long Whitfield, of Roxboro, a son of Person County Commissioner Frank T. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield, is taking a special course in the gunnery department of the Armored Force school, Fort Knox, Ky., according to announcement received from Maj. Gen. Alvin C. Gillon, Jr.

WHEAT MARKETING QUOTAS SUSPENDED

Claude T. Hall, Chairman of Person County Agricultural Adjustment Administration states that on February 23, 1943, Wheat Marketing Quotas were suspended for the remainder of the 1942-43 marketing years and the 1943-44 marketing years. Therefore, no permit cards will be necessary for marketing wheat produced in 1943 or having wheat converted in to flour.

This action was taken principally because of increase demands for the use of wheat as feed in meeting goals for livestock and poultry and our war needs.

Advertisement for CAPUDINE: If Hitler wins, the issue for you will be living itself and not just the cost of living. Think that over and figure it out for yourself how much beyond 10 percent of your family income you should put into War Bonds every payday.

PALACE THEATRE

MOVING PICTURES ARE YOUR BEST ENTERTAINMENT

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'THE MORE THE MERRIER' A New kind of romantic comedy that's guaranteed to give you a Dingle! It's gay and glorious romance as tender as old lace and lavender . . . and funnier than Mussolini on a balcony!! POPULAR SCIENCE (In Color) RKO Pathe News — "NEWS OF THE NATION" Special Morning Show Monday 10:30; Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 10-30c; Evenings Daily 7:30-9:15; Adm. 15-35c.

Advertisement for CAPUDINE: WORRY, WORRY, WORRY then HEADACHE! It's bad enough to worry, without suffering from headache, too. Take Capudine to relieve the pain and soothe nerves upset by the pain. Capudine is liquid — no waiting for it to dissolve, before or after taking. Use only as directed. 10c, 30c, 60c.

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Duncan Elected Fire Chiefs' Head Of Association

ROANOKE, Va., June 26. — Fire Chief James M. Duncan, of Alexandria, Va., was elected president of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, for the coming year at the final business sessions of the organiza-

DOLLY MADISON MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR BEST ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, June 27th Lupe Velez, Michael Duane, Douglas Levitt, Lewis Wilson, in "REDHEAD FROM MANHATTAN"

Tropical Tornado Rocks Broadway! City Safe . . . But Men Fail! Lupe's singing . . . swinging . . . mancing . . . knocks New York on its ear . . . to bring you to your feet . . . with a cheer!!

Victory Feature—"ARSENAL OF MIGHT"

Afternoon box office opens 2:30; Picture 2:45; Adm. 10-30c; One Performance Only; Evening box office opens 8:45; Picture 9:00; Adm. 15-35c; One Performance Only.

Monday-Tuesday, June 28 - 29th Joe E. Brown, Judy Canova, Rosemary Lane, John Hubbard, in

"CHATTERBOX"

It's a Daisy! . . . Meet the toughest Hombre this side of "Ambush Canyon" . . . and say Howdy to his Two-fisted six gun totin' gal Calamity Judy!!

Sports Parade — "WITH ROD AND REEL ON ANTICOSTI ISLAND"

Hearst Metrotone News—NEWS WHILE IT IS STILL NEWS

No Morning Shows; Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45; Adm. 10-30c; Evenings Daily 7:30-9:15; Adm. 15-30c.

Wednesday, June 30th

"BARGAIN DAY"

Tom Conway, Harriet Hilliard, Jane Randolph, Edgar Kennedy, Cliff Edwards, in

"THE FALCON STRIKES BACK"

Luxury Hotel Shrouded in Terror . . . by a killer so crafty he pins murder on The Falcon, himself! Leon Erroll, in "GEM-JAMS" Special Morning Show 10:30; Afternoons 3:15-3:45; Evening 7:30-9:15; Adm. 10-20c.

tion's 16th annual convention held at Hotel Roanoke Tuesday.

Other officers elected besides Duncan were: First vice president, Henry R. Chase, fire chief of Miami, Fla.; second vice president, William M. Mullins, Roanoke, Va., fire chief; secretary-treasurer, Walter Stevens, fire chief of Anniston, Ala. Stevens was re-elected to his office, having served for the past five terms.

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Advertisement for \$25 REWARD For any watch or clock that we fall to repair. GREEN'S "The Square Deal Jeweler"

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