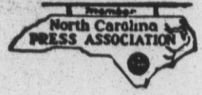


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The Light Increases

As an added note on the meat slaughtering suspensions here and the abattoir angle attached, the resolutions on the subject drawn up by the Board of City Commissioners of Roxboro have tendency to increase and add point to the similar allegations contained in a letter sent to W. M. Linker, of the State Health Department, Raleigh by Gordon C. Hunter and R. B. Griffin, chairman and vice chairman of the Person Meat committee.

Ominous phrase in the City Commissioners' resolutions is that which suggests the imminence of a "black market" situation hereabouts. We hope it does not come to that and we rather believe that OPA and the State Health Department will agree on some tempering of regulations of benefit not only to Person County and Roxboro but to other similarly placed counties and cities. That much good —of a temporary nature— can come from the protests made here.

It is not a point of pride that the protests had to be made, because, at bottom, there was too much of the reactionary attitude back of their formulation, but, as was said here Thursday, we cannot blame local officials for an increased attitude of wariness and distrust toward directives that were at the beginning vague and are now more inconclusive than ever. And, as a footnote to a footnote, we might add that it is unfortunate that the reputation of the Person unit of the Health Department should suffer just because State OPA and Health Department officials did not think twice before they began talking in different terms a matter on which they should have been in complete agreement.

The grapevine has it that the Person unit of the Health Department acted in good faith and that whatever has gone wrong went that way in Raleigh. In any case, citizens here should remember the good work, in other fields, that is being done by the Person unit. And it may be that local health officials can be glad that failing positive action, controversy has developed. That is at least one way to get the public to thinking about the cleanliness of whatever it may be lucky enough to get in the way of meat.

We suggest, in the meantime, that the Person unit of the Health Department can best protect its own interests by demanding clarification both from the OPA and the State Health Department and by giving newspapers free access to whatever clarification develops. There are times when dignity and self-righteousness and reserve hurt rather than help, and it appears that the present controversy on slaughtering and abattoirs demands an airing, not only in Roxboro and in Person County, but at Raleigh. It is illogical to think that Person's meat shortage is the only one arising in the hinterlands.

All In A Day's Work

Valuable as living history and as an illustration of the way in which war reduces events of personal magnitude to a conversely impersonal level, the story in today's Times of the crash in an African jungle of a "B-24 Liberator" piloted by Lieut. Val S. Griffiths, brother of Mrs. Sanders McWhorter, of Roxboro, contains references to a Lieut. Gentry, one of the members of the crew.

Other men in the crew, all of whom were saved, are mentioned too, but Griffiths in his letter does not say where any of them are from. That is the impersonal element

again. Gentry, for all we know, may be one of the many men of that name from around Roxboro and Person County. He may be from Kalamazoo, Mich. It really does not matter. The important thing is that when the crash came each man aboard ship had a job to do, obey orders. What happened in that particular African jungle was all in the day's work and was so accepted by the participants.

A crash that would have been the talk of the town for months if it had happened near Roxboro, becomes in a theatre of war an incident to be recalled only by the participants. In a story of this kind, highlighted by the cache of whiskey, the lost picture of a baby and the non-Lamour appeal of the girl in the sarong, is contained the essence of the all for one and one for all spirit governing this war. Any other attitude does not get over when men are in tight places.

Two Jobs, Not One

Chairman of the United War Fund drive in Person County, as announced today, is Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, known these many months as the effective wheelhorse for the War Bond and Stamp campaigns conducted here. Hunter, as chairman of these two committees, will have two jobs on his hands, for the next War Bond drive comes up in September, about two months before the opening of the War Fund drive.

Giving Hunter the two jobs to superintend looks at first like an unfair division of work, some might say an imposition, but for the sake of the two causes concerned it is not illogical that both should be headed by the same man. Hunter knows financing, certainly a factor in war bond drives, and as a man who has seen service in war, he is in a position to appreciate the value of morale building, both at home and in camp and abroad, which is what the United War fund is to be concerned with.

Hunter is in a position to call upon people for cooperation in both drives. He will have it, of course, from R. B. Griffin as vice chairman of the United War Fund drive, and he has had it generally from school people and other citizens for the Bond and Stamp program. But he will need it from all people, for both jobs.

The bond campaign must go forward and it will, but the United War Fund drive opens up distinct possibilities for humane service and for that reason it is important, both nationally and at home in Roxboro. The home aspect will give Hunter an opportunity to get some form of a recreational program for soldiers in operation in Roxboro and we rather hope that his friends in Lester Blackwell Post and elsewhere will fall in line. It is time they should.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Potatoes To Medals

Christian Science Monitor There's a new kind of star in the sky of fame today. It's not from Hollywood. It's not of the theater.

It's the War Hero. Even luminaries of screen, stage, and radio forfeit a bit of their glamour beside this new public idol. He may be the boy who used to wait on you at the chain store. But the minute he becomes a hero, things are different.

You stutter when you greet him. You're embarrassed and don't know what to say. He's suddenly sort of a superman — a kind of knight in gleaming armor, and folks just stare in speechless awe. Even the business-like reporter clears his throat before he interviews a war hero. All his questions suddenly seem silly and he hesitates to ask them.

That is why it's so reassuring to know about Sergt. Maynard H. Smith of Caro, Michigan, gunner on a bomber that ranges over Europe. He has just been awarded the highest military decoration of the United States — the Congressional Medal of Honor, a decoration which even generals will have to salute.

But Sergeant Smith, we are glad to say, is still of this world. He had to get leave from K. P. duty to accept his decoration. It seems that "our hero" had been peeling potatoes for a week due to a little habit of returning late to his bomber station after a pass.

We can picture him taking off his apron and laying aside his paring knife. It gives sort of an earthly touch to this hero business that puts us more at ease.

AMERICAN HEROES image with text: Maj. John L. Smith of the U. S. Marines has 19 Jap planes to his credit—Have you as many War Bonds? Show all our American boys that you're doing your part on the home front to win the war. You've done your bit; now do your best—Buy more War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Dept.

THE COMMONWEAL SAYS ROME HAS NO SPECIAL RIGHTS

Catholic Publication Deplores Idea That Rome Should Be Spared Above Other Cities.

NEW YORK, July 24. — The weekly Catholic publication, "The Commonwealth", will say editorially in its next issue that a Catholic "to precisely the extent his faith is strong and informed will make no distinction between the bombing of Rome and that of the most miserable Calabrian village, that of the industrial city in the Ruhr, that of the English town."

The editorial says, "There is something disturbing in the fact that the announcement which have accompanied the bombing of Rome have so distinguished Rome from all other cities."

"The announcement, and the President's message to the pope," the editorial continues, "have a look of saying we are going to be careful this time, we are going to take tremendous technical precautions about Rome because we realize what Catholics think about Rome."

"The announcements embarrass Catholics because they make it look as if Catholics would accept anything so long as certain buildings in a certain city were respected. They make it look as if Catholics could be counted on to be silent when civilians accidentally die as a result of bombing when these civilians are Germans, Japanese, Frenchmen in occupied France, Italians in Naples, in Genoa, but could not be counted on to be silent when these civilians were Italians in Rome."

"They make it look as if Catholics thought there must be one justice for Rome and another justice for all other cities in the world. They make it look as if Catholics were serious about the war, convinced as to the need of winning the war, but that for them there was a zone where the war could not be fought."

"For Catholics there is indeed such a zone into which no hatred, no violence, no destruction

Live News from Camp BUTNER image with a man sitting at a desk

CAMP BUTNER, July 24. — When Marie Louise Lynch and Ward Slawson of Nutley, N. J., said goodbye over two years ago, neither dreamed that their next meeting would be in an army camp with both of them wearing the service uniform of their Country. Nor did they dream that this meeting would lead to their marriage. That is what happened at Camp Butner recently when Auxiliary Marie Louise Lynch of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and Lt. Ward Slawson, 2nd Medical Bat-

can intrude; it is the zone of their faith, but that zone is not marked out, not bounded by any walls. That zone is not the city of Rome."

The editorial recalled that for "century after century" Catholics have built churches and then the churches with the cities "have fallen into ruin."

"They have seen them fall," it continued, "they are used to seeing them fall; Catholics have seen Rome deserted, in ruins. They could see Rome in ruins once more, a desert once again, and their faith unbroken, the inviolable zone of their faith untouched."

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tion, met in the station hospital. Coming from families who have been friends for a number of years, Marie Louise first met Ward through his sister with whom she went to school. "Ward was older than I and in high school at the time", explained the attractive auxiliary, "so at first it was a kind of school girl crush on my part. I was only in grammar school, and he scarcely knew I was around." The two saw a lot of each other in the years that followed, and their association continued during the time Ward spent in medical school. After his induction into the army, however, the two were gradually separated.

An underwriter clerk for an insurance company at the time of her entrance into the WAAC in March, 1943, Aux. Lynch received her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. From there she went to Administration school in Richmond, Ky., and was stationed at Camp Polk, La., before coming to Camp Butner.

Hearing that there was an "Aux. M. L. Lynch" among the newly arrived WACs at the Camp, Lt. Slawson proceeded to look her up. Confined by a minor illness to the station hospital, the auxiliary was amazed one evening to find her former friend among her visitors.

Their marriage, which will take place in August, proves once again that love will find a way in spite of separations and differences in rank. If things work out as planned, the couple will be married in a certain little Episcopal church back in Nutley, N. J. — the one where they

at seeing the peril threatening the city which links our world to the past.

"Civilization can afford to throw away just so much and no more. Of this anxiety the announcements of the bombing of Rome had little, most regrettable, to say."

WASHINGTON, July 24. — No comment was available at the White House on Pope Pius' letter lamenting the bombing of Rome.

Asked for comment at a press conference, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early responded: "I have nothing to say."

PALACE THEATRE Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday, July 26-27-28th. M-G-M's BUNDLE OF JOY! Judy GARLAND VAN HEFLIN Presenting LILY WARS with FAY BAINTER - RICHARD CARLSON Spring BYINGTON - MARY EGGERTH Comed GILCHRIST - LOUEN KINSKEY and TOMMY DORSEY AND HIS ORCHESTRA BOB CROSBY AND HIS ORCHESTRA

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went to Sunday School together and were confirmed. "I still can't believe it", said Aux. Lynch. "It was the army that separated us, and now it's the army that has brought us together again."

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