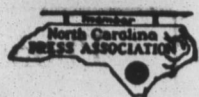


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A Bigger Job

Appointment of Gordon C. Hunter, of Roxboro, as chairman of the War Finance committee for a district comprising eight counties to be known as Group Four and including in addition to Hunter's home County of Person such larger and more populous counties as Wake and Durham, comes as a distinct recognition of his ability as director of War Loan drives, but it is no news to Person folks that he has such ability.

The local joker is that Hunter was once worried about his dual duties as Person chairman of the up and coming Third War Loan drive and the also up and coming United War Fund campaign. He gets rid of one of his worries by getting a bigger job. The doubling up continues, not only for Hunter, but for R. B. Griffin, vice chairman of the United War Fund campaign and newly appointed co-chairman of the Person Third War Loan drive.

But most people hereabouts will agree that Griffin can carry a double load, too, and they will have no doubt that Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, the other newly designated co-chairman of the Third War Loan will carry his part of the weight.

No Mr. Dingle For Her

Roxboro's Pentagon girl, Miss Margaret Pleasants, one of several young women from here who are working in Washington, has no Mr. Dingle sharing her apartment. In fact, she lives with her aunt, a condition not at all typical, which means that she enjoys a certain sheltered security not granted to hundreds of her working sisters. But in other respects she is a representative of them, and a good one.

Back at home now for a well-deserved rest, she has stood the Washington vortex for more than a year and she knows her way around in the Government's largest office building over toward Arlington way. An AGO girl, that is to say, Adjutant General's Office, her work is of a confidential nature, therefore not to be talked about. And she doesn't.

So much for background. We could say that Margaret is a success example. She is. But we make these remarks mainly to show that the fable of "The More The Merrier" has its serious side. Get Miss Pleasants started and you will find out that working conditions for women in Washington are every bit as chaotic as they were shown to be for Jean Arthur. Miss Pleasants, for example, thinks nothing about getting up at five-thirty of a morning and taking more than an hour to ride to work on a crowded bus.

She finishes her work in mid-afternoon. But if she wants to shop or get a permanent or go to a theatre, its like starting the morning's battle of the bus all over again. The battle of Washington's working girls never ends. Miss Pleasants is back home now for a bit of a rest, and no wonder. But she probably speaks the truth when she says she loves her job and wouldn't be anywhere else if she could. That's the spirit of our fighting gals

It Was A Small One

Roxboro, and particularly the members of its volunteer fire department, can be pleased that Monday morning's Main street blaze was confined to the basement of the building concerned. Trouble with this fire was that there was so much smoke. Citizens normally think of fire-fighting as a hazardous business, with emphasis on soaring flames and crashing timbers, whereas, quite often the biggest danger comes from billowing curtains of smoke coupled with an in-

accessibility as far as the blaze is concerned.

The Harris and Burns building blaze was of this latter type. But it was extinguished and with a minimum loss for all except the in the basement barber shop and beauty shop. Greatest factors were early discovery and prompt response. Citizens here missed a spectacular show. Personally, we are glad they did. It is much better to be able to write a few lines saying that firemen did good work.

State Board Cul-de-Sac

Senior Sanitarian W. Murray Linker, Jr., of Raleigh, who by direction of the State Health Officer, presumably Dr. Carl Reynolds, has replied to Gordon C. Hunter's complaints anent suspension of slaughtering of meat in Person County, is a personal friend of ours and known by us to be a fair-minded man, but his letter, dated Tuesday, August 3, but not received here until Tuesday, August 10, offers a continuation of the cul-de-sac that meat slaughtering has been in hereabouts for the past two months.

In fairness to Linker it must be said that his letter shoulders in the name of the State Health Department more of cooperative responsibility than has yet been willingly assumed by any one of the several other agencies involved and it should be observed that his letter closes on a note of continued cooperative assistance, provided that some form of compliance can be arrived at, but the final conclusion must be that the State Health Department's influence in the meat-slaughtering and abattoir controversy has been and still is made weak and ineffectual because of conflicting degrees of authority centered in Hillman Moody's Food Distribution Administration division of the Department of Agriculture (which ties in with OPA) and in the County USDA War Boards.

That the cul-de-sac continues is no fault of Linker's and he is quite right in saying that "the sanitary handling and slaughtering of meat is a permanent program". The Times, for one, has never disagreed with this truth, but it sees a basis for continued wariness in the fact that so many disclaimers had to be issued.

Linker's letter, in effect, throws the problem back to the Person Meat Board, to the Person USDA War Board, to County and City Commissioners and to private citizens, but without any better assurance that either the respective Boards or the private citizens will know for certain that the contending State and Federal and County agencies that have been involved in the promotional aspects of the controversy are willing to draw a line between bureaucracy and commonsense.

All we do know for certain is that the spectacle of seeing a slaughtered animal being brought to town in an old broken-down wagon and covered with newspapers is repulsive. That has happened here and it — definitely — meets nobody's sanitary requirements.

meaning in this instance the loquacious Mr. McNutt, after an almost unbelievable lull in the issuance of conflicting statements and directives, got back into form by announcing that reclassification of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers would start at once and that large-scale induction into the nation's armed services would begin in October. One gathered from the dispatches that orders to that effect had already gone to state selective service headquarters.

But hardly had the echo of this statement died away or the ink dried on its publication when national selective service headquarters, falling back upon one of those unidentified "selective service spokesmen," announced that a new plan had been decided upon, that a nationwide pool of other draft eligibles will be created and that this pool will be exhausted before fathers are called. There has been no nullification of instructions relating to post-October induction, but the effect of the new plan is to postpone

such induction as long as possible. Official declaration is made that "the time when fathers will be forwarded for induction by any state or local board cannot be accurately predicted."

Then why in heaven's name aren't selective service officials content to rest on that uncertainty and let fathers, their mental state and their home and civic life alone until they can speak definitely and positively? Cumulative evidence bears out that too little thinking has gone into draft policies and directives and that improvisation has held sway. There is no reason in the world why last week's directive should have been issued before sufficient thought had been given to the problem to bring forth the nationwide pool idea which burgeoned only a few hours later.

American fathers are willing to answer whatever call their country makes upon them but they do resent the idea of being kept on edge by an endless round of conflicting statements.

or to your cottage cheese, you'll have to add it in the form of onion juice, chopped chives, olives or parsley, celery or cucumbers, pimentos or green peppers.

As a sandwich filling, try cottage cheese with peanut butter, with bits of cooked bacon or ham, or chopped dried fruits. We can send you our cottage recipes if you would like to have them.

EGGS

The most practical method of increasing egg production per hen is through the use of superior cockerels, reports Dr. C. H. Bostian of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.



The Devil chuckles when he sees a home left unprotected by fire insurance. See us and forget him!

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U.S. Marines - by Kret



State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current N. C. State College

It's a good idea to preserve some of your grapes for winter use. You can make them into flavorful grape juice, tart grape jelly, spicy grape butter, or rich grape jam. If you want directions for making any of these good things with grapes, write Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister, State

College, Raleigh. Grape juice and grape jelly

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Good Soldier

Durham Sun Diogenes would not have needed his lantern at Camp Butner.

Private First Class Alvin Weill would have satisfied the ancient in the latter's search for an honest man.

Private Weill, who is a member of Battery B, 308th Field Artillery, was cutting a few rugs last Tuesday night when he looked down to see a roll of bills on the dance floor. He picked it up and counted \$110.

He "smiled", says Lightning, 78th Division publication, when the senior hostess of the service club praised his honesty; but really beamed when he learned that the money had been lost by the young wife of a soldier seriously ill at the station hospital and that it was all the cash she had in the world.

We just thought Lightning's story, printed for the service men, would buck up the Durham folk, too. It fits in with our idea of what the real American soldier is like. Private Weill must be what old timers used to call "a good soldier."

More Of The Same

Greensboro Daily News Once again American fathers who happen to be under 38 years of age and thus eligible for the draft find themselves in a needless whirl of statements and counter-statements such as have disturbed their peace of mind and made planning with any degree of permanence practically impossible almost since the start of the war.

Early last week official Washington,

Have a Coca-Cola = Wacko, Digger! (OKAY, CHUM)



...or how to make a bit in Australia

When friendliness takes over, you find the spirit of cooperation, of "Let's work together for the common good". That's the way it works between Australians and Americans. Have a "Coke", says the Yank, and the Aussie knows he has a comrade. From Adelaide to Altona Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—has become the gesture of the friendly.

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