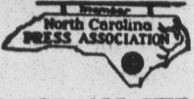


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There Need Be No Surprise

Not within the memory of this particular war generation — to say the least — has there been a greater demonstration of community cooperation than was observed here last Wednesday when Person's Third War Loan quota of \$567,000, already well on the way to being reached, was upped to some \$600,000, and still coming in, as result of a spirited Bond Auction where more than \$130,000 of the total was raised in two hours.

Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, one of the Person co-chairmen in making an informal announcement at Roxboro Rotary club of the immense success of the drive rightly expressed it when he said that the highly pleasing over-subscription of the Person and Roxboro quota has come about because all citizens worked together. The amount raised here since the beginning of the drive on September 9, represents, as he said, about one sixth of the taxable wealth of the County.

Person people have a right to be pleased that they have succeeded so well with the Third War Loan. But while they are about it they do owe a vote of thanks to the men of Company B, 311th Infantry, Camp Butler, to the 78th Division Band and to Lieut. Mildred Westbrook, first Tar Heel Gold Star Mother in this war, who by their presence here gave an impetus to an already willing community spirit.

Indeed, with all credit that is due to men and officers of Company B, it must be said that probably the greatest propulsion from bond-boosting visitors came from Lieut. Westbrook, recruiting officer of the WAC, whose son, Robert, a soldier in the United States Army and a personal friend and companion of Person's Sgt. Farris Humphries, was killed at Pearl Harbor during the December 7th attack. Lieut. Westbrook speaks from her heart and those who heard her here knew instinctively that her message had in it none of the tricks of oratory. She wears her son's ring. She carries his rosary and his picture. The Purple Heart that would have gone to him belongs to her, and because of him and because of the willing sacrifice he made, his voice still speaks through her.

Humility rather than exultation is the feeling that we have when we measure degrees of sacrifice, and as long as we have that feeling there need be no surprise that Person people do more than their share in lesser sacrifices. It is their answer to the voices and the hopes of the men and women who are not here because they have a bigger job to do.

While Lieut. Westbrook spoke, Person & Roxboro Sacrifice Day became a reality and because it was a reality thanks are due to District Chairman Gordon C. Hunter and to the Person co-chairmen, who with their assistants, planned the program for the day. It was a day to be remembered, to be remembered against the days to come, for we know full well that the full measure of sacrifice has not yet been felt and that Person people as they are called upon to respond to worthy causes will meet them as they have met the Third War Loan, with a full and generous heart.

Next Step On The Program

Next step in the way of financial campaigns connected with the war effort here will be the United War Fund drive, in which Roxboro should have a particular interest, since there is a possibility that all funds above the quota will be used here for badly needed USO services.

The Lighter Side Of Combat Duty

Intimate and interesting reflection of the lighter, and more civilized, side of combat duty comes from Ensign Charles Lee Ball, Jr., whose narrative of adventure in Sicily, as published in Thursday's Times, contains an account of his meeting with a German prisoner, formerly a student in Harvard University.

Ensign Ball, himself a graduate of the University of North Carolina, reduces the conversation he had with the Harvard prisoner to the term "bull session", but to any one-time American college student of the past two decades no clearer description of their conversation is required. A "bull session" can cover any amount of talking and it becomes rather clear that the Person Ensign got full benefit, discovering that the Harvard man was "no party man" and that he by no means subscribes to Hitlerism, although circumstances have forced him into a half-active support of Nazism.

Other side of Ball's experience is concerned with his relationships with Italians, for whom he confirms the report that they were months ago, before the Italian collapse, only half-heartedly on the side of the Axis. Further footnote to adventure, as related by Ball, concerns an evening spent at a Sicilian villa with two English officers, titled gentlemen, whose business, in a family sense, is fighting. But not all of war is devoted to the severity of combat duty. There are moments of respite, and it is significant that men with Ball's background can and do take the most advantage of them, building up ties of understanding between America and the United Nations and extending that understanding to the more educated citizens of Axis nations.

Unexpected Example Of Courtesy

E. C. Oakley, of Durham, bus driver for Virginia Trailways, who on Thursday at midnight had the misfortune to have his bus in collision with a car driven by George Russell, Person Negro citizen, near Concord church, deserves commendation for fine courtesy shown to reporters and to investigating officials. Oakley, in contrast to generality of bus-drivers, told his side of the incident with calmness, clarity and conviction.

Oakley, it appears had nothing to hide. According to his own words and the words of witnesses, Russell's car came suddenly out of a side road and started to cross the highway. Oakley, for his part, is said to have been traveling slowly, although he did not see Russell's machine until it was too late to avoid a collision. Oakley, however, did stop rather quickly and the resulting wreck was one of those minor affairs.

Standing by his smashed bus, with the wrecked Ford belonging to Russell up against it, Oakley kept his head and his tongue. Because he was both quiet and considerate the investigation passed off quickly. Such conduct is unusual with average citizens, and more so with bus drivers, although it may be said that many of the latter are circumscribed as to attitude by company policies rather than by personal choice. But, whatever short-comings others may have, there is no harm in saying that men like Oakley are worthy representatives of the lines for whom they work and merit a word of appreciation from people whose business of necessity is that of asking questions where questions are frequently not wanted.

We have no idea how Oakley's case will come out if there is a hearing and a trial, but we would stake a buck on the fact that he will exhibit manners there not unlike those shown at mid-night.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Do You Say "Mom"?

Baltimore Evening Sun What is the word most widely used by Americans in designating the female parent? Mother, Mamma, Ma, Maw, Mommy or Mom?

Lately we've been hearing and seeing Mom used, almost to the exclusion of all the others. But not by real children of adults. Rather, Mom seems to be the favored recourse of advertising and radio script writers; it is heard, almost to the exclusion of Mother or any other term to indicate that parent, in the talkies. And whenever a magazine or newspaper advertisement carries a letter purporting to be typical of the letters

written by soldiers at the front, it usually begins: "Dear Mom".

Maybe we just haven't been getting around much, but we don't hear many people using the term Mom. Of those we've questioned directly, with "What do you call your mother?" Most have replied: Mother, with Mamma in second place. It may be, though, that we're in a Mom cycle. In the civil war, to judge from old documents and letters, soldiers customarily wrote "Dear Mother," when they started their letters home. As to the Spanish war and the first world war, we aren't at all certain, but would guess that both Mother and Mamma had wider usage than Mom.

There is a certain literary (or more exactly, manufactured) quality about Mom. The great Oxford dictionary, which is very inclusive, doesn't give the word at all, although it does list Mommy as a child's variant of Mammy, and it does state that "a prevailing U. S. pronunciation (of Mamma) is represented by the spelling 'momma,' sometimes used in novels."

Certainly there is nothing literary about

Mamma, which the O. E. D. defines as "a reduplicated syllable often instinctively by young children, who in many countries are taught to use it as their word for 'Mother' (especially where the ordinary word in the language begins with m)." Mamma is commonly used in Russian and other Slavic languages, in Greek, Latin, French, Spanish. The form Mam—is this where we get Mom from?—is common to both Welsh and Irish Gaelic.

One development which seems to be making some headway is the tendency in modern homes for young children to call both parents by their first names. To old-fashioned parents it sometimes comes as a slight shock to hear a child calling its mother Ruth or Estelle or whatever the woman's name is; or calling its father Fred. This surely is a long way from Mom.

Perhaps it is true that Mom is the folksy person you see in the advertisements, spreading an advertised "spread" on the family sandwiches; while Mother, Mamma, Ma, etc., is the person who bore and raised the family.

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