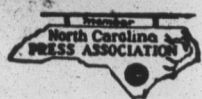


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Blond, But Determined

Col. S. Egoert Anderson, of Greensboro, the Army calls him "Samuel" and so does his wife, gives through the Associated Press a rather factual account of the success of the American Marauder air force in breaking down German resistance through persistent bombing The Colonel, now in England as Chief of the Marauder force, says just about as much as can be said under conditions of censorship.

Col. Anderson, a West Pointer, whom we grew up with and knew in the peaceful days when he was just "Egbert", says the B-26s under his command are striking at permanent installations in France and the Low Countries and are driving the enemy production units further inland into territorial Germany, which Anderson thinks will be an important step in creation of an invasion pathway across Europe. Knowing Anderson as we do, we have the comfortable feeling that he will do his part to carry out this planned program of destruction of vital military and air bases.

Some folks have the notion that people with blond hair which Anderson has, lack determination and force. He also has blue eyes, the pale kind that can steel with decision. Blondes like that, when they get going, are as hard and persistent and as vengeful as any more swathy fighter could be, and North Carolina, and Greensboro in particular, ought to feel pride in the leadership displayed by Anderson.

In the long years since 1928, when he finished at West Point, Col. Anderson used to have the uneasy feeling that World War II was coming. He was restless about it, and worried. Now he's in it, glad to get going to rid the nation of what he felt was sure to come again, the German menace, plus the Japanese one, which he knew from personal contact in the Philippines.

Straight To Shoulder

Lacking a complete report on what Miss Davis, a member of the nursing staff of the Person unit of the tri-county health department, speaker, along with R. P. Burns, at October meeting of the Longhurst Parent-Teachers' association, may have said at that meeting about juvenile delinquency, we cannot quote extensively from her remarks, but one quotation slipped in by the reporter of that session, the assertion that, "Parents can blame themselves for many cases of delinquency in (their) children", sounds like commonsense, straight to the shoulder, a sock at the source of evils talked about but too infrequently left dangling by the talkers.

We can still remember a certain Roxboro girl, we have forgotten her name, whose greatest concern over being out late was the fear that "Laddy" would spank. At the hour at which she returned home nothing else would have been satisfactory, but the degree of responsibility for parental understanding that should have been arrived at before the young lady went out was clearly on the father and we have an idea that Miss Davis, in her statement, is saving that proper understanding between parents and young people ought to be arrived at before spanking is necessary, particularly if the young people think they are above the age of switches.

Tonight's premier showing of "This Is The Army", as a benefit for the Army Emergency Relief fund is practically a sell-out, according to reports, but this does not mean that citizens should stay away from other showings.

Book IV Coming Up

Person OPA officials today are announcing preliminary plans for issuance during the week of October 24, of Ration Book Four. The public schools, effective instruments in two out of three ration book registrations, will again be asked to lend a helping hand and in Person County and Roxboro thirteen white institutions, one for Indians and three for Negroes will be places of registration, with specific hours and days to be announced later.

Significance of this fourth registration lies chiefly in its simplicity. Citizens will be required to bring with them for purposes of identification and classification Ration Book Three, but they will be asked no questions concerning inventories of food stocks or other commodities. It would seem that both officials and citizens are now getting used to the idea of ration books.

Getting Book Four into the hands of citizens will be another job for the schools but the schools are used to this and innumerable other forms of civic service by now—and all they ask is considerate cooperation from the public.

Plenty For All To Do

Announced today is the beginning of the Service Center or club project for the inception of which members of the Roxboro Business and Professional Woman's club are largely responsible, although support has been given and will continue to come from the two civic clubs for men, Rotary and Kiwanis. The Service club, as a small start, is to open as a club room or recreation center next Saturday in a building on Court street generously provided by a public-spirited Roxboro woman, a woman who is not herself associated with the Business and Professional group.

It is a splendid thing that citizens here are coming to the support of the Service club, but it becomes increasingly clear that if the Center is to fulfill its function of providing a place of recreation and entertainment for service men there will be plenty of work for all willing-spirited civilians to do. Some will be contributors of cash. Some will give furniture and equipment, including games. Others, and by far the larger number, will have a chance to contribute personal service, without which an organization such as this Center cannot be operated.

And it is to be hoped that among the contributors of personal service will be not only those here who are always ready and willing, but also those who do not by choice take a hand in public enterprises.

There is in the Center a great opportunity now for a genuine enlargement of community cooperation, and ultimately, because of it, a prospect for some assistance from Federal sources. But Federal assistance will not come until people here through work in the club and through response to the United War Fund appeal that is coming up, show that they are ready and willing to go ahead with a larger project such as a whole building or a house.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

To Be Watched

Greensboro Daily News

There is an element of great danger in the procedure outlined by the Governor's office in a form letter to county labor mobilization committee chairmen for enforcement of war powers' proclamation IV, better known as the work or go to jail proclamation, throughout the state.

As summarized by Lynn Nesbit, Raleigh correspondent for afternoon newspapers, the various county committees are to move as follows:

The first step is for the committee to ascertain the names of able bodied persons who are thought to be not gainfully employed. These names can be secured from any source whatever. Next step is for the chairman to write each person and advise him that his name is in the box, and give him an opportunity to appear and show that he is at work.

If he can show gainful occupation his name is stricken from the list and he is released, if he can't prove that he is working the name goes to the federal employment service, to the sheriff or some other law enforcement officer with instructions to issue a warrant for the culprit.

Surely the looseness of that procedure, aside from what may well be disregard of an individual's duly established and guaranteed prerogatives, is obvious. The committees are to "ascertain" from any source

whatever" names of persons "who are thought to be not gainfully employed." The opportunity for snooping, for talebearing, for revenge, for spite or for duress is patent; somebody simply has to turn somebody in. Whereupon he may be notified to appear and prove that he is gainfully employed. Notice how the procedure is shifted; the burden of proof, as in the case of too many encroaching quasi-judicial agencies, is transferred to the defendant. He has to establish his innocence in conflict with the heretofore guaranteed assumption of an individual's innocence until the state itself proves otherwise. True, the committee before whom he appears merely passes his case on to a law enforcement agency for prosecution. But it indulges in a form of prosecution itself and we doubt its legal

right to set itself up as a sort of grand jury to pass upon what seems to be equivalent to a bill of indictment.

The Daily News proposes to keep close watch on the way these committees function. To be sure we believe that every able-bodied citizen should be at work; but, without, we do not believe in any abridgement or violation of fundamental civil rights which are the very basis of the system which we are working and fighting to preserve. Personnel of the Guilford committee convinces us that it will use due caution and have a proper regard for and perspective of the relative responsibilities and protections which are involved. There is no place for discrimination, fright, intimidation or the slightest taint of peonage in what purports to be even an offshoot of justice.

Person Farm Agency Notes

The seriousness of the drought in some North Carolina Counties has been realized by the Government, and the Commodity Credit Corporation which is an agency of the Federal Government, is going to subsidize the price of hay for dairy cattle in the drought stricken counties in order to encourage the dairymen to carry on operations and furnish hay for their cattle at prices considerably less than hay could be bought otherwise.

The contract for handing this "government" hay has been made by the Commodity Credit Corporation with Southern States Cooperative of Richmond to take care of the drought area in this state. The Southern States Cooperative has asked the Farmers Cooperative Exchange of P. J. to handle the hay for all drought counties in North Carolina. The Farmers Mutual Exchange at Durham Oxford, Roxboro and Hillsboro has agreed to handle the hay for drought counties in our operating territory. Farmers, County Agents, Agricultural Teachers and other folks working to help secure this hay for farmers in Durham, Granville, Orange and Person, who should make application to the local Farmers Mutual Ex-

change in their county for securing this hay.

Steps necessary in ordering this hay: It will be necessary for dairymen to sign an eligibility sheet with the Farmers Mutual Exchange for permanent record before they would be entitled to receive the hay. This certificate reads as follows: "The undersigned hereby certifies to Commodity Credit Corporation that he is a keeper of dairy cattle on a farm located in a Drought Area; that this hay will be used at food for such dairy cattle, and that he requires this hay, in addition to other hay available to him, for such use prior to May 15, 1944."

The Farmers Mutual Exchange is required to furnish a regular Hay Purchase and Distribution Agreement Form approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation on orders for all cars of hay placed with the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and Southern States Cooperative. No dairyman can purchase hay direct through the Farmers Cooperative Exchange of Southern States Cooperative. It must be handled through the Farmers Mutual Exchange in these four counties or a certified and designated farm supply dealer who makes a contract to handle the hay with Southern States and Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

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