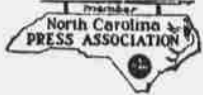


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Post Number 226

The enthusiasm and spirit displayed by the World War Veterans of Perquimans in the formation of American Legion Post Number 226 can not pass without notice.

The local Vets, after long years of waiting and planning, have formed the local Post with such pride and determination that without doubt it will eventually become Perquimans County's finest organization.

The background, the ideals, and the will to carry-on, all of which the Legion possesses makes for the Real American Community. Hertford, as well as the County, will gain by having such a fine organization within its midst.

You Might Save Your Life

Motor vehicles, home and occupational accidents all showed marked increases in fatalities in 1940, as compared with figures for 1939, according to the report of the National Safety Council.

Accidental deaths accounted for 96,500 Americans in 1940, or four per cent more than in 1939. Injuries reached the astounding total of 9,100,000 or something like 300,000 more than the year 1939.

These figures, we are satisfied, mean little or nothing to the average reader who has seen them from year to year and looks at the total with nonchalance. Few of us imagine that they have particular significance to us. They represent misfortune that befell others but we deem ourselves immune from such accidents.

Of course, many of the highway fatalities, and some of the other deaths through accidents, represent problems that the most careful citizen is unable to circumvent. They are the result of the carelessness and recklessness of others and there is little that can be done by prudent persons that will eliminate their hazard.

We should not lose sight of the fact, however, that most of the accidental deaths involve individuals who were responsible for the mishap that took their lives. Certainly, we can be on our guard against similar risks. Whether in our homes, in our work places or on the highway we can minimize danger by thinking before acting and by making this a habit.

The economic wastage of accidental injuries and deaths is stupendous. The total runs into billions of dollars. The individual who happens to be a victim needs no statistics to remind him, or her, that accidents are costly experiences. Moreover, there is the suffering that is endured by the victims and by their relatives and friends.

As an individual, you cannot altogether guarantee your own safety, because it depends at times upon the careful action of others, but you can do much to safeguard your own person by taking advantage of modern precautions, using your intelligence and training yourself, not to take chances of any kind. It will pay, even if you cannot prove that you have collected dividends.

When The War Is Over

A nation engaged in desperate war is naturally reluctant to speak of any aim beyond that of victory. Mr. Winston Churchill has just refused a request from a member of the House of Commons for a statement of peace aims. For the British Government to try at this time to outline specifically the shape of things to come would be an impractical diversion from the matter in hand.

Individuals, however, can see straws in the wind which fill them with exalted hope. The unity of purpose which is knitting English-speaking lands ever more closely together, becoming apparent in proportion as the struggle grows in intensity, betokens a secure future

THE LIGHTNING STRIKES



when victory is gained. Another hint of the greater civilization to come is the almost incredible fortitude shown by the bombed English hero-in-the-street. It proves as nothing else could that although brick and steel may crumble, free minds have greater strength than these.

Already an increased turning to Christianity is inspiring the English-speaking world. Significant are the recent efforts of educators in the United States to further religious teachings in connection with public school curriculums. There seems to be a growing realization that spiritual light is a necessary armament against the new paganism.

According to accounts from England, the majority of the British people have already risen high enough in mental altitude to have no desire for revenge after the war. When hostilities cease, it is fairly to be expected that this enlightened outlook will help bring about a set-back towards justice and self-government for all.

Many people remember too well the reaction from the first World War. The jazzy living, the reckless spending, the cynicism, the loosening of moral standards. It is possible, however, that some false states of society which were ushered in by the last war may be ushered out by this one. Yet even a British triumph will entail a further challenge to the victorious Christian world, a call for higher living and thinking. For beyond the necessity of turning back aggression and barbarity lies the task of so establishing the brotherhood of man that peace will endure.—Christian Science Monitor.

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

PRAISE, CRITICISM, CONFUSION. For sometime this corner has been regarding the local Fire Department with considerable interest. Very sympathetic interest too. The members of our fire-fighting outfit are as fine a bunch of boys as you will find in any town, anywhere; large town, small town or in between size. They are a capable bunch, too! Also, they are on the job and loyal to the job of protecting the citizens from the ever-present hazard of fire, a hazard made greater in this town because of the altogether too faulty construction work that has gone into the building of many of our homes. We have never seen our fire-fighters tackle a fire when they did not individually deserve unstinted praise for the way they tackled the job and stuck to it until the job was done.

The people of the town are, as a whole, deeply appreciative. That was shown in no uncertain manner after the recent fire at Market and Dobb Streets. We do not believe that there is a citizen who has heard to express anything but praise for the way in which that fire was put under control, extinguished and a real fire catastrophe averted. On the other hand, the members of the fire department, in all too great numbers, have criticized the lack of efficient cooperation among themselves in carrying out their work. They complain of a lack of the feeling of team play. They appear to feel that they tackle the job before them as a group of unrelated individuals rather than as a cohesive company. As one fellow put it: "We could do a much better job if only we knew what we were supposed to do and were not confused by too many people giving orders."

Just how much justification there is for this sort of feeling among the members of the Department we do not know. That the feeling does

exist we do know. We know further that so long as it goes exist the efficiency of the fire-fighters is endangered. It is a weak spot. However, it is a weakness that can be readily overcome. This sore spot has, as a matter of fact, been evident for some time but we thought that steps had already been taken to remedy it. The steps necessary are a closer knit organization of the Fire Department and a scheme of regular drill and instruction. When the new fire-fighting apparatus was purchased last summer, we were assured that the holding of regular fire drills would be instituted. It now appears that nothing of the sort has been done. It is evident, however, that until some such practice is pursued we cannot have a fire company which even approaches the realization of its potential efficiency. You cannot run ten men to a fire when the whistle blows and in effect say: "There it is, boys, go to it," and expect the efficient action that you would get from the same group properly instructed and drilled.

Now and again when this subject is brought up it is said that under local conditions nothing can be done about it. Drills would cost money! The boys would not drill! You cannot expect men to do much for a dollar a fire! And so on ad nauseum. We do not consider any one of these objections as worth the ink it takes to put it down in black and white. But if "under these local conditions nothing can be done about it," then change "local conditions" whatever "local conditions" may be. "Drills would cost money" is a very sorry and futile excuse for doing nothing. Get the money. "The boys would not drill!" Rot. Knowing the men of the fire company, knowing their character, knowing their loyalty to the community, knowing their attitude toward things as they are, we also know that the assertion that they "would not drill" is pure silliness! The final assertion makes this writer see a bit red, namely—"You can't expect men to do much for a dollar a fire!" The fact is that the men are doing all they can, and are willing to do more "for a dollar a fire!" We will admit, however, that no community can feel much respect for itself when it asks its fire-fighters to do the work they do and take the risks they do for so paltry a compensation!

There seems to be some confusion as to where the responsibility lies for the undesirable conditions now existing. There need be no confusion. THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH THE VOTING CITIZENS OF HERTFORD. We have self-government. We elect our officers. If we wish things changed in any particular, then it is up to us to elect men who will change them. If the talk we hear on the corner, in the stores and homes, means anything it means that the people of Hertford want to see the fire department get a better deal. Mr. Mayor and Honorable Town Fathers, you are the elected officers of this town. It is up to you. What are you going to do about it? R. S. V. P.

CENTER HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch and daughter, Louise, of Mt. Gilead, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Belch.

Miss Nellie Blanche Stanford, who teaches at Swan Quarter, and Miss Camille Clarke, Hyde County home demonstration agent, spent the past week-end with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Stanford.

Mrs. Richard Copeland and sons, Carroll and Harold, of Edenton, spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. J. b. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ward, of Roduco, were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hobbs, Sunday.

children, Robert and Peggy, were dinner guests of Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum, on Sunday.

Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son spent the week-end in Fayetteville with Mr. Smithson.

William Lane, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Lane.

Mrs. J. G. White visited Mrs. Z. W. Evans Sunday.

Miss Mamie Byrum went to Duke Hospital, Durham, Monday for treatment. She was accompanied by Mrs. N. Bunch.

Mrs. Linda Hollowell, of Hobbsville, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Boyce, and Mr. Boyce.

Mrs. Emmett Parker and children, Jymy and Earl, have returned to their home near Sunbury, after spending last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, Mrs. J. P. Byrum, Miss Gladys Parks and Alma Byrum went to Suffolk, Va., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis, Herbert Ellis and Miss Thelma Ellis, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. T. E. Chappell and Miss Melba Chappell were dinner guests of Mrs. Ida Ellis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nearest Jordan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyce and son, E. E., Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Carter and son, Olan, of Richmond, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mrs. Cameron Boyce visited Mrs. Ray Carter Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and children, Robert and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lane, Mrs. Theodore Boyce and Mrs. Linda Hollowell called to see Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Turner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Gresham and Miss Ila Mae Dail, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dail.

Mrs. Rosser Bunch visited Mrs. Wilford Turner Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pettit and son, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. Pettit's sister Mrs. J. I. Boyce, and Mr. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Turner dined with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Turner, Sunday.

Hanford and Carey McNider, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNider.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boyce and

Mrs. Linda Hollowell spent Sunday in Edenton with Mr. and Mrs. Willie

Mrs. Lester Griffin was carried to Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Monday.



NO LET-UP in 1941!

MOVEMENTS for the public good are frequently launched with great enthusiasm, but sometimes die out because sustained effort is lacking.

This is not true of the North Carolina beer industry's program to improve conditions in retail outlets.

Prosecuted with diligent effort since its launching in May, 1939, our Committee's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina has won the praise and support of law enforcement officers, the press and public. During the past 21 months the state's beer industry has proved its sincerity of purpose by a consistent record of direct action and results.

The record: 1,537 retail beer outlets investigated; 203 warned to improve conditions. We reported 176 to the authorities for action; as a result 121 licenses were revoked, 10 placed on probation, 2 surrendered their licenses, and 25 license renewals were refused.

We promise there will be no let-up in our efforts during 1941!

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