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## Food Will Win War

If every farmer will grow his own food and feed in 1942, he will not have to buy as much, and more will be available to strengthen America's defense forces, and the armies of our friends across the seas, says a dispatch from North Carolina State College.

Food will win the war and write the peace, is an expression we are beginning to hear frequently. Ultimately, the nation or combination of nations who can secure food will triumph.

America has not experienced the ravages of war, and if the sea lanes can be kept open America can supply ample food for the democracies.

Farmers of America can produce an almost unlimited quantity of food. It has always been a land of plenty and there have always been surpluses of the staple products without any extra efforts put forth for production.

Next year there will be need for extra effort to produce certain foods which can be stored, canned or preserved to strengthen our defense and to ship to the British Isles. We believe that the farmers of this nation will respond as they never have before and will produce ample food.

In Wilkes county varieties of food too numerous to mention can be produced in quantities ample for home consumption and with surplus to sell to be used in army camps, other defense centers and for shipping.

It would be wise for every farmer to plan now a greater production of food next year.

The Triple A committeemen will assist farmers in planning production for the foods for which the demand will be great next year.

## Neutrality Act Myth

The neutrality act does not coincide with our foreign policy and should be scrapped at once.

The neutrality act gives America a two-faced appearance, something we have never tolerated.

To say we are neutral in the European war is fantastic—a statement not corroborated by actions.

Our policy, whatever it may be, should be straightforward and decisive.

It is were possible to be decisively neutral, a neutrality act such as stands on the books would be appropriate.

And the practice of sailing American owned ships under Panama flag does not look right for the greatest and most powerful nation on earth.

If it is our policy to allow our ships to carry goods which the enemy calls contraband and if it is our policy to allow them to go into dangerous waters, it should be our policy to fly them under the stars and stripes and protect them.

Whatever our policy is, it should be followed with grim determination and without hypocrisy.

It would be foolish to say that a policy cannot be changed. Our foreign policy has undergone a change during the past two years.

That change has apparently met with the approval of a big majority of the people. Our foreign policy certainly is not neutral.

So why pretend it is?

## Farmers Have Memories

"In the long run," says Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, "the worst sufferers from inflation are farmers themselves."

We are not expert upon the subject but we have some recollections as to what occurred in 1921 and it is our solemn opinion that Henry spoke a mouthful.

The plight of agriculture, in the United States, after 1921, was deplorable. Farmers of this country can still testify to the blighting scourge that bankrupted agriculture as an industry. They should be very careful before following the lure of excessive prices.

We think the farmers should concentrate their efforts upon the attainment of parity. They should resolutely oppose exorbitant price levels for other services and supplies. It is the only way to permanent prosperity on the farm.

It is comforting to hear some leaders talking about new high prices for agricultural commodities but farmers, before joining in the demand, should rely upon the sound advice of experts who have studied their problems. They should pause, just long enough to hear the voices of the past which will remind them of the hard road they travelled after 1921.

## Borrowed Comment

### CONTROL—HOW'LL YOU HAVE IT? (Reidsville Review)

Who will not control himself must be controlled.

If everybody could, or would, control himself in his relations with other people, there would not need to be a single policeman in the world.

Policemen, the world has regretfully found, are necessary. Why? Because there are a certain number of people who cannot, or will not, exercise such control over themselves and their acts as make others reasonably safe.

Why is a free country free? Because, by and large, its people have managed to exert enough self-control, self-discipline so that their affairs are run without continual control from outside, or above.

The American people now have a magnificent opportunity to show themselves worthy of freedom from strict control. The country admittedly faces certain dangers, and not the least of them is the danger of runaway prices and inflation.

There is talk of government price-fixing, government setting of wages, government limitations on profits. Why? Because if there are no limitations on those things, inflation is inevitable, a common disaster dragging all down with it. The state is bound to protect against such disasters in one way or another.

Nobody wants complete state control. Farmers don't want state-set prices. Workers don't want state-set wages, to say nothing of state-set hours and job locations. Manufacturers don't want state-set limits on profits, any further controls. How to avoid them?

Self-control seems to be the only way. The farmers must not object to release of agricultural surplus, even though that keeps prices down, and they must resist that hankering for \$2 wheat. The workers must not strike for arbitrary reasons, reasons connected only with politics and union administration; only as a last resort to protect their position in relation to a cost of living that has already risen. The manufacturers must not seek extraordinary profits, or try to corner defense business at the expense of the small producer. The ordinary consumer must not rush to buy goods produced in competition with armaments; he must reserve his spare spending power by buying Defense Bonds.

Those are hard words, but true words. If self-restraint of this kind is not exercised, control must come from some other source, and nobody, not the farmers, not the workers, not the employers, will like it.

There is only one way to avoid centralized control in times like these—that is by exercise of rigorous self-control.

### "SHOOT AT SIGHT" (New York Times)

Three weeks ago the President gave his orders to the navy to shoot at sight on German submarines and raiders. According to a Gallup survey, the results of which are published in The Times this morning, "this measure is one of the most widely approved of all administration steps yet taken to cope with the foreign crisis." The survey indicates that 69 per cent of those with an opinion on the question approve the President's action. Only 31 per cent oppose. "Shoot at sight" has a majority in every section of the country—Middle West included. It has a majority among Republicans as well as Democrats.

Here is some more relevant evidence on the accuracy of the American First Committee's charge that the President's policies lack popular support.

Most budgets look good on paper but that is the only place they exist.

Everybody is for price control if it does not interfere with apparent profits.

## Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

### NEWS FROM MANEUVERS

From the First Army public relations office at Camden, S. C., comes some interesting news about the army maneuvers.

Members of the 117th infantry were advancing toward a cotton field cabin in the moonshine and were a bit astounded to see a big white flag prominently displayed.

A scout, sent forward to investigate the possibility of occupation of the house by neutral umpires, knocked on the door.

The door opened slowly and nervously and a negro mammy aged and visibly frightened, peeked out.

After some time she said that she had put up the flag to show that she was not "scraping" and she "warn't mad at nobody." She was going to remain strictly neutral, she said, and that she had been praying most of the night that she wouldn't be shot.

The flag was still there next day in spite of the explanation by the soldiers that there was to be no real shooting in the maneuvers.

### HITLER AND THEM FIGHT

A company was placing motorized equipment into position in a pasture and a five-year-old boy who lived nearby watched intently. But when the big tractors began to make much noise he ran into the house and hid behind the stove.

"Hitler and them is down there in the pasture fightin'," he told his mother.

### FLOATING AWAY

A negro woman saw a balloon barrage and went running to her husband, telling him that the town water tank was floating off.

During the past two decades, service in the United States Navy has been regarded as a career in itself. More and more men each year are making it a lifetime vocation probably due to the fact that, after retiring, an ex-Serviceman gets his retirement pay regardless of any wages or income he may acquire in private life after he leaves the Navy.

## Rhodes-Day Co. Featuring Heaters

Rhodes-Day Furniture Company is featuring this fall the new Cameron automatic wood-burning heater which they are displaying in several styles and sizes. The firm also carries a complete line of oil and wood burning stoves, circulators and heatrolas, a size to suit the needs of every home and prices to fit any pocketbook.

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## Defendant Accused Of Turning Snake Loose In Court

Statesville—There was some commotion in Recorder's court this morning when a small snake was discovered in the court room. Lawrence Wilcox, a defendant in court, was accused of turning the snake loose for the purpose of creating a sensation, but he denied the charge.

Wilcox, however, admitted that he had a snake in his pocket when he came to town this morning, but persisted in his denial that he released the reptile in the court room. The court resumed its normal course when Judge Winberry directed an officer to take the snake from the room.

### Sheep

Swain County sheep owners are attempting to increase wool and lamb production by using better rams on their grade ewes, says H. R. Clay, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

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## 33 Beer Dealers In Wilkes Licensed

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—There are 33 establishments in Wilkes county licensed by the State Department of Revenue to sell beer at retail. Figures, compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, show that the state has issued retail licenses to 4,318 dealers in 98 North Carolina counties as of October 1. The tax year for beer licenses begins May 1.

Mecklenburg county's 304 easily tops Gullford's 233. Forsyth county is third with 182, and Wake fourth with 175. Others in order are New Hanover 162, Buncombe 149, Durham 144 and Cumberland 132.

These licenses have been issued by the state revenue department since the tax year (for beer) began last May 1, and it is anticipated that the number will exceed 5,000 before the tax year ends April 30.

These retail outlets and the 111 wholesale establishments licensed by the state provide employment for 13,420 persons with an annual payroll of \$11,928,500.

The North Carolina beer industry pays more than \$3,500,000 annually in taxes to the federal state and local governments, and it is possible the total will be closer to \$4,000,000 for the 1941-42 fiscal year, officials said.

The ships in Uncle Sam's Navy are completely outfitted with libraries which are supplied with books by the Bureau of Navigation. About 40 books are allotted quarterly to battleships, 30 to cruisers and lesser numbers to the smaller vessels.

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