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Food Stamps Do Not Expire

The OPA finally got around to using good judgment in the matter of expiration of food rationing stamps. Hereafter, food rationing stamps will not expire.

You who depend almost entirely on purchases from your grocer know that you didn't like for stamps to expire, or to be "wasted". You just felt like buying something, whether you needed it or not, rather than let the "stamps go to waste", as one consumer expressed it.

Now that stamps do not expire, there will not be a grand rush for food buying on the last valid date for any given set of stamps. You will know that the stamps remain good, whether you need them or not, and consequently you will buy less.

There is one drawback to the plan, but it does not offset the advantages heretofore mentioned. The sole objection is that those who do not have to buy much food will find their stamps accumulating and they will give or sell their surplus stamps to those who want them. Of course, that is black market operations, but there is no use to stick your head in the sand and say there is no black market. That does not change the facts.

Every person should realize that full cooperation with the rationing program, including compliance with all regulations, is one very definite way of helping to lick the axis.

Need For Cleanliness—

Many have been the complaints about the dirty condition of North Wilkesboro streets.

We appreciate the fact that the manpower shortage may have something to do with it, but we do wish to point out that the streets should be kept as clean as possible with whatever equipment and manpower is available for the job.

Shattered glass is often seen on the streets, and some of it stays there for days, just waiting to be picked up by automobile tires. Shattered glass working through the rubber and into the fabric of your precious tires will aggravate the rubber shortage crisis. It is going to stretch the endurance of our tires to last until more tires can be available without undue hazards, such as broken glass on pavements.

War and Politics

In some respects it is unfortunate that election and the critical year of the war happen to be on the same date.

Winning the war is the most important job for the American people. We never have advocated suspension of elections in war time. The right to vote is one of the big things we are fighting for, and it should be exercised by every citizen.

But we do plead for a recess from political bickering that hinders the war effort. This year as never before Americans in great numbers should vote their convictions.

But they can do that without all the bitterness, and often rottenness, which usually accompany elections.

Politicians seeking to promote their own interests usually cause the undesirable things which occur in connection with elections. The aim of the people should be to go to the polls and vote for what they consider the best interests of their country, disregarding personal excuses for voting for any certain candidate.

It is somewhat amusing to see the anxiety on the part of professional politicians whose efforts to stir up the people to a point of political bitterness have so far utterly failed.

Post War Thoughts

As often as practical we intend to call attention of the public to some needed improvements which they should plan now for post war construction.

Briefly we have stated some of these as being an airport, flood control on the Yadkin, a Y. M. C. A., several new school buildings and additions, completion of a number of unfinished roads, construction of new roads, athletic field and playgrounds for every town and community center in the county.

These are in the category of public projects. Of course, the possibilities in business and private enterprise expansion are too numerous to mention.

Borrowed Comment

A VERY PROFITABLE INVESTMENT (Twin City Sentinel)

Under lend-lease the United States has furnished Russia 7,800 planes, as part of more than 8,400,000 tons of supplies valued at \$4,243,804,000 which also included 4,700 tanks and tank destroyers, 170,000 trucks, 33,000 jeeps, and 6,000,000 pairs of boots.

Very substantial aid, that. What have we got in return for all this?

It is known that we have received some repayment in the form of Russian goods, but figures on this are not at elbow. However, the greater repayment does not lie in statistics one can put his finger on, although on the Russian front in one year the Germans have lost 4,000,000 men, 14,000 planes, 25,000 tanks and 40,000 guns. How many of these men, planes, tanks and guns would have been lost by the Nazis without our help to the Russians, of course no one knows.

The great advantages we gain through our aid to Russia cannot be determined in dollars and cents. It has to do with keeping on the forward march the mighty Red Armies which are day by day grinding to powder Adolf Hitler's dreams of world conquest and universal slavery for the human family. Russian aid to us is expressed in terms of Russian blood and sweat and tears, in the deathless defense of Stalingrad, in the surge of the Red Armies from Stalingrad, Smolensk, Kharkov and Leningrad back to the borders of Poland, Estonia, Latvia, and Rumania.

Our lend-lease aid to Russia has kept Hitler's Wehrmacht constantly occupied on the Eastern front. It has given Allied forces of the west an opportunity to organize for the knockout blows that are to fall upon Germany this year.

Perhaps we shall never know just what measure of the Russian victories belongs to U. S. lend-lease. But it is not difficult to comprehend the truth that this aid to Russia has been and will continue to be one of the most profitable investments this country has ever made.

It begins to look as though Germany will have a world monopoly on scrap iron when this war is over.—Winston-Salem Journal

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

I'M A PILGRIM IN THE VALLEY

I'm a pilgrim in the valley
With God's Spirit as my guide,
And I'm trusting Him to lead me
Safely to the other side,
Where I'll dwell in peace forever
In a mansion fair and grand,
There to sing and shout His praises
With the happy angel band.

I'm a pilgrim in the valley
As I travel here below,
Looking up to Heaven's portals
Where the saintly people go,
Walking in the steps of Jesus
On life's straight and narrow way,
Praying, hoping, as I journey,
For the homeland some sweet day.

I'm a pilgrim in the valley
Where so many souls are lost,
Groping on a downward journey,
Thinking not to count the cost;
So I'm pointing them to Calvary
For redemption full and free,
Through the precious blood of Jesus
That was shed for you and me.

I'm a pilgrim in the valley
Where the sick and suffering stay,
And I'm telling them of Jesus
Who will heal them if they pray,
And will lead them as a shepherd
By the waters bright and still,
And along the narrow pathway
Where they'll land on Zion's hill.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
et al

APRIL FIRST—

Somewhere in Wilkes, April 1st.—This is written from a remote corner of the county to which we have come on a wild goose chase.

As you perhaps notice, the date line is April 1st, and that accounts for us being here. We should have known that April first means, it being the one day in the year especially made for us. But we fell for the gag and here we are.

We're not going to tell how far we are from town, because the OPA would surely raise the dickens about so much driving. Anyway, here we are supposedly reporting a juicy double murder.

And when we got here there was no murder, there's not even a dead person. In fact, things are so healthful around here that they have to shoot people in order to start a graveyard, and they haven't started any graveyards since Hector was a pup. People here live to a ripe old age and then start all over again in a second childhood, if you get what we mean.

And since we haven't got a double killing to write about, we'll write about April fool jokes, of which this column is perhaps the worst.

One of the incidents has to do with a honeymoon. A couple married on April 1, started on their honeymoon. Some of the groom's prankster friends slipped out his pajamas and tied them in several knots. He spent all night trying to get the knots untied.

A few years ago the Winston-Salem Sentinel carried an April fool story by some writer with a bright idea which backfired. This writer wrote a big yarn about an ocean liner coming up the Yadkin and anchoring at the bridge 15 miles west of Winston-Salem on highway 421.

Of course, the writer didn't think anyone would take the story seriously, but he didn't know his public. To substantiate the story, the picture of a big ocean liner was merged with a picture of the river and the bridge. They even had the ship chained to the bridge.

The telephone began ringing by the time the paper hit the street, and one after another who called had something to ask about the story and picture. Some had said they passed the bridge that afternoon and didn't see the big ship. When did it arrive? Could they go out and see it? The calls were so numerous that the managing editor finally placed the bridge-idea writer at the telephone and let him do all the answering.

We saw an April fool story in a paper today which we didn't appreciate a little bit, because it looked like sarcasm aimed at our fighting forces. A headline said "Russians Take Cassino". True, our forces there suffered a temporary setback while Russians were making non-stop records on the eastern front. We expect the Allies in Italy to take Cassino several days before the Russians get there, although at the last report we heard the Russians were headed that way over in Rumania, Rumania, Yugoslavia, the Adriatic and half-way across Italy and all that lie between the Russians and Cassino now.

In school one time we pulled an April fool joke which backfired in a big way. Every student in the entire room stayed out when the bell rang which means come in at the close of play. We all stayed out 15 minutes extra and then went in. The teacher sat there like nothing had happened and didn't say a word. School was supposed to get out at 3:30. When 3:30 came she just sat there until 3:45, without saying a word, before ringing the bell which meant dismissal for the day. We were the sheepiest bunch of students you ever saw. Nobody said a word.

Another April first we placed a short tack neatly in the seat to

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occupied by a student in school and forgot all about it. He didn't sit down on the bank when he came in, but about two hours later when he had forgotten all about it we went to his desk to sit with him awhile and sat down very exactly on the bank we placed there ourselves.

And on still another April first in school we were playing a "match game" of baseball with a neighboring school. As always, we were going the opposite for our team and we took advantage of a ball in the game to hang a old black rope on the rear of the overalls the boy at the plate was wearing. In case he hit the ball and ran, it would look like a black tail streamlined behind. On the very next pitch a pop fly from his bat split our first and second finger on our right hand. The blood poured and we had to tie the two fingers together with twine in order to finish the game.

But the banner April fool joke we ever heard was told us by a friend. He said the stork sure played a boner joke on his wife's grandmother as well as on him at the same time for it was on April first that his mother-in-law was born.

Such is life. Or, is it?

More bonds for victory.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as executrix of the estate of E. D. Barnette, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Route 2, Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 18th day of March, 1944, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 18th day of March, A. D., 1944.

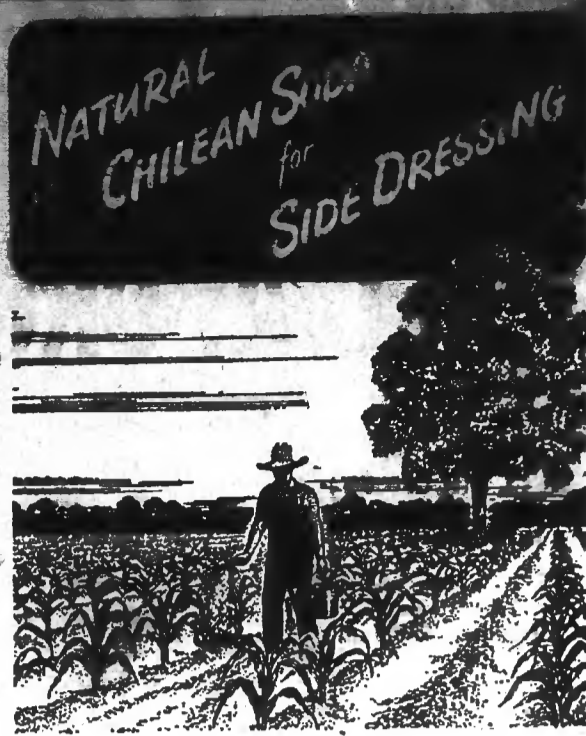
MRS. E. D. BARNETTE,
Executrix of the Estate of E. D. Barnette, dec'd. 4-24-8tM
J. Allie Hayes, Attorney.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court Grover C. Ellis vs. Ennis Ellis The defendant above-named will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, to get a divorce proceeding; and that said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the first Monday in May, 1944, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or this plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of March, 1944.

C. C. HAYES,
Clerk of Superior Court
J. F. Jordan, Atty. 4-10-4tM



Natural nitrate of soda shipments from Chile are arriving on satisfactory schedule. Close to half a million tons are already here, delivered or ready for delivery. Another 200,000 tons are expected and every effort is being made to get it here in time for this season's crops.

If shipping estimates hold, there will be about as much Chilean nitrate for top and side dressing as last year. But because all of it is being distributed under the government's allocation program, it may be impossible to supply all sections in the same proportions as last year.

If you cannot get Chilean nitrate when you want it remember the inconvenience is only temporary—one of many dislocations due to war.

Chilean nitrate is here in substantial quantity, but, like every good soldier, it goes where it is told and when it is told by the government.



At Auction

I, R. C. MILLER, Will Sell the Following Personal Property Located On the Old Major Foote Plantation Near Roaring River, N. C. Tuesday, April 11

BEGINNING AT 10 A. M.

And Will Continue Until Property Sold—If Need Be to the Following Day

- 1-1941 Model Ford Tractor with plow, harrow
- 1-Allis Chalmers Combine, No. 40
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- 21-Head of Yearlings, Beef Type
- 1-Team of Mares, coming 8 years old Weight About 2800 Lbs.
- 1-Team of Mules, coming 12 years old Weight About 2100 Lbs.
- 1-Hammer Mill and Corn Mill

(WITH BUICK MASTER 6 MOTOR POWER) Quantity of Corn and Hay; also some Soy Beans suitable for Seed; and Also a Small Amount of Lumber THE TERMS WILL BE CASH AT TIME OF SALE

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