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Flood Control and Soil Conservation

On Sunday, June 4, the Winston-Salem Journal carried the following editorial relative to flood control on the Yadkin.

Major General Eugene Reybold, Chief of Army Engineers, has urged Congress to go forward boldly and rapidly to extend the benefits of flood control in the post-war period as a part of a public works program.

The Army engineers recommend the addition of flood control projects to cost about \$131,000,000 to an \$810,000,000 postwar authorization approved by the House. The recommendation of the Army engineers is a wise, far-seeing one. Many sections of this country have suffered inestimable and irremediable losses in human lives, property and soil resources through the frequent recurrence of floods. When the war came upon us the Government had merely begun to scratch the surface in its efforts to effect flood control. Some important work, it is true, has been done along the lower reaches of the Mississippi, and the TVA dam system has provided flood control in large measure for the Tennessee Valley. A vast deal remains to be done, not only along the rivers and other streams of the country, but in their basin and watershed areas.

Closely related to flood control is the soil erosion prevention program, since denuded fields and forest lands contribute heavily to the rapid movement of rain and storm waters, accelerating the speed of the water in its rush to streams which soon overflow, inundating their basins, carrying precious topsoil to the sea, washing away crops, homes, industrial plants, destroying roads and doing other great damage.

If Congress heeds the wise urging of the Army engineers and speeds up plans for the resumption of flood control projects in the immediate postwar era, steps will be taken to afford a wide measure of flood control relief for the Yadkin River Valley, the need for which is acute, as graphically demonstrated by the floods of recent years in this valley.

This project is on the list submitted by the Army engineers in their recommendations for additional flood control appropriations and no project of this sort is more urgently needed.

Commenting on the editorial and its subject matter, Paul Speer, chairman of the Tri Creek Soil Conservation District, wrote to Santford Martin, Winston-Salem Journal editor, the following letter:

"Your editorial in Sunday's paper, 'Wise Recommendations', stated so clearly the complicated problem of flood control and soil conservation that our Board of Supervisors wishes to express appreciation to you for such a clear understanding of the problems involved. Although the construction of large dams on the main drainageway is apparently necessary to control floods, they cannot be wholly successful without adequate soil conservation practices on the watershed areas. On the other hand, complete soil conservation on the farm and forest lands of the watershed would probably not control flooding without the use of large dams, but certainly would reduce its severity. In fact, the basic principle of flood control is to retain or at least retard excess run-off at the place it falls by use of soil conservation practices, proper land use, and numerous small stock watering, recreational, or fish ponds on the smaller creeks and streams, so that the bulk of the run-off will not reach the main drainageway at the same time, thus causing serious flooding. Soil conservation and good land use has the added advantage of maintaining and oftentimes increasing the per acre

yields, thereby increasing the standard of living on the farms which will assist in doing away with "human erosion" which is all too prevalent today in some sections of the country.

"Our Soil Conservation District, with what little resources it has at its disposal and the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies, has made some little progress in this direction. It is at the present time co-operating with 1,630 farm owners having 163,147 acres of land. There has been prepared for these farms a complete soil and moisture conservation plan for every acre of land on the farm and most of the recommended practices have been established. It is conservatively estimated that the per acre yields on these farms has increased from 20 to 30 percent in the last six years. We realize this is just a 'drop in the bucket' as compared with the work actually needed in the Yadkin River valley, yet it is a step in the right direction."

War Bonds Made of Pulpwood

Among the many war uses of pulpwood War Bonds shouldn't be overlooked. While they don't have the direct destructive power of gun powder made of pulpwood, nor the life-saving quality of blood plasma packed in pulpwood containers, they are essential to winning the war.

Buying War Bonds and cutting pulpwood are similar in at least two respects: One, they are primarily responsibilities of civilians on the Home Front and, two, they are necessary to back the men on the fighting front.

Actually farmers and woodsmen in this area can do double duty for Uncle Sam and the man overseas this month.

They can cut a few extra cords of pulpwood and put their earnings in War Bonds. Besides helping speed the day of Victory, this is a good investment.

For a cash outlay of \$18.75 every pulpwood cutter can get a \$25 War Bond. That means a third more for his work.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

LOOKING BACK ACROSS THE YEARS

When one has lived a good life he can look back across the years with a clear conscience and a happy heart, realizing that this time has been spent for God and the good of humanity. He feels glad in his heart that he has not served the devil; glad that he has used his talents wisely, and that he has made the best of his opportunities. Men never, NEVER regret living right. To live clean morally and spiritually, with no bad and ruinous habits formed that have taken years from one's life, and that have taken one's earthly means, certainly is worth all that it takes in every respect to measure up to such a standard.

I was recently talking to Mr. S. W. Hines of Hiddenite, who told me that he had never used tobacco in any form; that he had never tasted beer nor liquor; that he never used coffee; that he never drank a coca-cola; and that he had never cursed an oath. He is now 70 years of age, well and healthy. I took him by the hand and congratulated him. Very few people have made such a record. You can well guess that Mr. Hines does not regret having lived thus morally and uprightly before his family, his neighbors and his country. He is a Methodist. Naturally he can look back across the years with no regrets that he has abstained from the bad things that are wrecking and destroying multitudes of people physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

I made this statement the other day to a man of God, that I do not remember a single case of cancer in a lifetime but that the patient used tobacco. The brother to whom I was talking said the same thing, and he is several years my senior. I have known cases of cancer almost all my life up and down the land, and I have preached and lived in quite a number of counties, but every man and woman that I remember who had cancer and died, either were addicted to the tobacco habit, or had used it some time in life. It is a known fact that our young people today are slaves to tobacco, many of whom drink beer and liquor, and have other bad habits that are destroying their souls. Naturally they will look back across the years as they draw toward the close of life with deep, deep remorse of conscience and soul and say, "Alas, I should have lived differently! O how I regret the bad habits I formed and the way I have wasted my life in sin and wickedness!"

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

SHICKLEGRUBER, YOUR GOOSE IS COOKED

Your "stars" failed you this time, Adolf... and your swastika isn't going to help you any more now than it did when your army came face to face with the Russians on the Eastern front.

We're on your Western front now and we mean business! We're going to run you and your foul gang out of Germany but not so you can set up your little business of trying to run the world from another city. When we're finished with this invasion, you'll be through forever!

The bombing of Berlin, Bremen, Frankfurt and Hanover don't add up to half the price you will pay for the lives you have taken and the suffering you have caused. Did you think we were going to let you get away with ruthless murder? You should have known, Adolf, that we would catch up with you. You thought you were smarter than Mussolini... maybe you were. But you were not as wise as the United Nations. We don't expect you to take your punishment "like a man", because if you were a man you never would have started this outright slaughter.

Over many long months of blood, sweat and tears, we have painstakingly laid plans for this invasion. You, yourself, have said there can be only one victor... so back up against the wall, Mr. Shicklegruber, we're about to deliver the knockout blow!—Advt. in Charlotte Observer.

IDLE CHATTER

The high school boy told his father the girl he was taking out was not wild. Anyone could pet her, he said... The ATU agent sent a sample of some brew from one illicit joint to the laboratory for analysis, and the report was that the horse died of t. b. . . . Mary gathered in a second lieutenant the other day. The first one got away. . . . The man with 11 children must have gone stork mad. . . .

A SHORT STORY

Advertisement for lady typist, 50c.
 Chocolates, 25c.
 Typist's salary, \$10.00.
 Flowers, \$1.00.
 Flowers for wife, 25c.
 Flowers, \$2.00.
 Typist's salary, \$16.00.
 Sweets for wife, 50c.
 Winnie's salary, \$20.00.
 Dinner and theatre tickets for Winnie and self, \$30.00.
 Chocolates for wife, 10c.
 Fur coat for wife, \$800.
 Advertisement for male typist, 50c.

THE PAY-OFF

Employees at the Bureau of Internal Revenue are getting a big kick out of the story about the little boy who wanted \$100 very badly and decided to pray for it. He prayed for several weeks, with no results; so he wrote a letter to God. The post office finally decided to forward the letter to the White House and it was shown to President Roosevelt, who chuckled and ordered \$5 sent to the boy. The lad was delighted that his earnest prayers had been answered, in part at least, so he wrote a thank-you to God, but added this P. S.: "I noticed you routed your letter through Washington, and as usual those bureaucrats deducted 95 percent!"—Jerry Klutz in Washington Post.

Victory Gardeners please note: The civilian supply of canned tomatoes during the coming year will be about 20 per cent smaller than last year, the WFA estimates.

To stop hot grease from splattering, sift a quarter teaspoon of flour into the grease.

WANTED HICKORY LOGS

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ODT Urges You To Buy Coal Now

The Winston-Salem district office of Federal transportation yesterday warned householders throughout the nation to fill their coal bins during the summer months if they wish to be certain of having a supply when winter comes.

The shortage of motor trucks and drivers available for coal distribution is expected to reach a critical stage by the beginning of the cold season, Mr. T. W. Hancock, ODT district manager at Winston-Salem declared, and orders for coal should be placed with dealers now to enable them to make deliveries during the summer.

The ODT official explained that many trucks engaged in coal delivery are over age, or in need of replacement parts or complete rehabilitation. If householders wait until cold weather sets in before obtaining their winter coal supply, they may find it impossible to obtain prompt delivery at that time.

Mr. Hancock explained that although the stocks of many dealers might be low at the moment, all of them are expecting large supplies during the coming weeks. By placing their orders now, householders will enable coal dealers to plan for an even delivery flow throughout the summer.

The Chemical Bureau of the WBU has a tentative goal of about 9 1/2 million tons of superphosphate for the 1944-45 season. Present plants will be asked to increase production about 28 per cent.

Use Woodside Dairy Grade A RAW MILK

Service For Men In Service Every Wednesday Night

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. T. Stovane Guy, Jr., the mid-week service of the First Baptist church will serve, for the next three months, as a Servicemen's Service. Each week approximately eight of the more than 80 members of the church now in service will be especially remembered in prayer. The members of their families here will be notified in advance so that they may make special efforts to be present.

In addition, a goal has been set to have at least three members of the church in the Servicemen's Service for each man now in the armed forces. The men themselves will be informed of this activity of the church and of the number of their friends who were present for the service.

The hour of the Servicemen's Service is 7:30 each Wednesday evening. The public is cordially

invited to participate in the service.

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