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March windbags and April flowery speeches bring forth May primaries.

If haste makes waste, then a good many folks we know will never be anything but thrifty.

Then there's the young college graduate with hives who had to start from scratch.

He hasn't got lofty thoughts just because he takes them to the top of the Empire State building.

The Dutch Heroes

"When the history of War II is written, that page belonging to the indomitable Dutch should be illuminated with the blood of heroes. For a thousand years, free men should stand and uncover whenever the Battle of Java is mentioned. They never had a chance, those Dutchmen, but they freely gave their lives in the hope that others might have a chance."

These were the opening lines of a recent dispatch from Melbourne filed by "Time" correspondent Robert Sherod. What the Dutch did in Java, other United Nations troops—English, Australian, Chinese—have done in many theatres of war. They fought against impossible odds—but they never gave up fighting. They faced an enemy who possessed sickening superiority in men, guns, planes, ships—and they faced him without flinching. Even today, Dutch guerillas are harrying the Japs in Java, precisely as in the Balkans guerilla bands who have disavowed their puppet governments are harrying the legions of Hitler.

These are the kind of troops of which great victorious armies are made. These troops lost their battles simply because they did not have the incredible amount of equipment that modern war demands. There were never enough planes, never enough anti-aircraft guns, never enough ships-of-war. Courage could not do the impossible.

The terrible series of disasters in the Pacific would have dismayed peoples who were less grimly determined on eventual victory. But correspondents universally report the highest of morale in the international army which has been placed under General MacArthur's command. The dramatic appearance of MacArthur in Australia brought new hope to all the United Nations. And great cause for hope, and certainly of victory is found in American war production. The precise statistics cannot, of course, be printed. What can be told is that the instruments of war are really rolling out of the factories now—and that signal progress is being made in the production of ships to carry them to the battlefronts.

In the meantime, our strategy in the Pacific is clear. MacArthur's job is to hold Australia until—many months from now—he will have the trained troops and the planes which will make a great counter-offensive possible. Today, Australia is the seat of destiny. It must not be lost. The AEF in Australia has found it populated by a people very much like Americans. In size, it is a gigantic country, with great extremes of topography and climate. In population, it is small—7,000,000. It is bisected by a vast desert, which forms a natural defensive barrier. Its Anzac troops are among the finest in the world. Today many thousands of Australians undoubtedly feel a closer kinship with America than with England. It is a significant commentary on the Australian outlook that its government asked President Roosevelt to send MacArthur, an American General, to take supreme command.

MacArthur's first words on reaching Australia indicate the temper of his thinking. "I came through. I will return." Those who know him say he will not remain on the defensive an hour longer than is necessary. He is a brilliant advocate of offensive war. His plan is to strike hard and mercilessly at the enemy.

Those generals who placed their faith in defensive strategy have disappeared into the limbo of defeat. It took us a long time to learn what Hitler's commanders understood so well—victory belongs to the daring.

In the interim before the major counter-offensive is launched, we may be certain that the American Navy and Air Force, working with other United Nations forces, will give a good account of themselves. The submarine fleet has taken a heavy toll of Jap warships and supply ships. Some important blows have been struck by American bombers. The enemy is being bled. Whenever we have had anything approaching equality in numbers and equipment, we have won the engagements.

A short time ago, Chiang Kai Chek told a group of American officers that he would entertain them one day in Tokyo. The United Nations mean to take this war straight home to the enemy—with a vengeance.

Both Would Benefit

An interesting commentary on salaries of teachers is found in the fact that the average elementary school teacher makes more money than his high school colleague in North Carolina.

Last year, for instance, the state paid the average elementary teacher \$20 more salary than it paid the average high school teacher.

This salary differential was revealed in an analysis of state-paid salaries recently printed in "State School Facts," a monthly publication of the state department of public instruction.

The difference is explained by the fact that high school teachers do not stick to their jobs as long as elementary teachers, and therefore do not gain the salary increments that come with experience.

It would seem from this analysis of the situation, that both schools and teachers alike would benefit if high teachers delayed the final leap into the sea of matrimony for just a little longer.

LAWN-MOWER SEASON

Elimination of lawn mower manufacture as of June 30 will not particularly disturb the mower nave nots who have been accustomed to borrow from the haves. No order is expected from the WPB eliminating the borrowing of lawn mowers.—Charleston (S.C.) Evening Post.

WORLDLY INDUCEMENT

One pastor solved the problem of increasing attendance at services. "Watchmen will be stationed," he announced, "to protect your tires."—Frederick New Citizen.

My spelling teacher used to mark my words all right—with a cross mark.

Then there's the Dumb Dora who thought a trade school was a place you learned to swap horses.

Shears And Paste

18 MACARTHURS IN ONE

(Charlotte Observer)

Disclosure of immense salaries and bonuses paid by an Ohio firm making airplane parts to be used by the army and navy shows that a very valuable man has been keeping his light—and salary—under a bushel. Witnesses before the House Naval committee removed the bushel.

The combined incomes of the Chief of Staff, draws more than 14 Senators. It would require General George Marshall and 24 brigadier generals to keep this Jack up for a year.

This man, president of Jack and Heintz, Inc., is so valuable that he paid himself a salary of \$100,000 and a bonus of \$45,845 in 1941, although he had earned only \$2,400 a year until August, 1940.

He has already won a war—the Jack and Heintz, Inc., war. It's all government money that he is dishing out so liberally to himself.

He is paid more than 18 times as much as General Douglas MacArthur. The latter's pay is \$8,000 yearly.

This Mr. Jack is also paid more than 18 admirals make all together. He is paid nearly twice as much as President Roosevelt.

And, finally, he makes out of the government as much as Uncle Sam pays 983 privates in the army.

One so talented as that, so valuable, should surely be made generalissimo of all the Allied sea, air and land forces, and in addition be placed in line to become President of the World when the war ends.

But it might be well to take all the world's money and lock it up under Fort Knox. This fellow is going to own everything in the world if this keeps up.

THE HOME FRONT

Often enough it is the little things which remind us that we are engaged in a total war, which must enlist every man and every woman and every material if we are to win.

We have just had such a reminder in the War Production order cutting the use of shellac in the manufacture of phonograph records.

This order means that from now on we'll have only 30 per cent as many new phonograph records as formerly, and the same situation applies to those big black platters known to radio as transcriptions. Unless, of course, the record manufacturers find an adequate substitute for shellac, or work out a method for reclaiming old records.

Why? Because every time an officer fires a signal flare into the Pacific night from his very pistol he is using up shellac.

Because our big shells, nested against the day when they will whistle into the lines of our enemies, are covered with a protective coating of shellac.

Because shellac cements the jeweled bearings in the navigational instruments which keep our swift cruisers on their course.

Because shellac binds the abrasives used on the grinding wheels of our war industry, shellac goes into the making of our military explosives and pyrotechnics, shellac coats the wooden patterns for the metal castings which become weapons, shellac—because of growing shortages in other raw materials—may be needed to preserve the hulls of dauntless torpedo craft and other war vessels.

And because the Japanese advance toward India, the Japanese position athwart Indian sea lanes, makes it unlikely that we shall be able to import shellac as in the days of peace.

Imported From India

We used to get practically all our shellac from India, and the phonograph record industry used up about one-third of our annual imports.

There's about two ounces of shellac in a ten-inch phonograph record, a 12-inch record contains an additional ounce.

That two ounces of shellac in a ten-inch recording would provide the amount necessary to manufacture of one signal flare, or very — and a lot can hang on such a flare when darkness comes down along the fighting front and the signal light hanging against the sky is a call to the guns.

Consider this, also: The shellac in 800 ten-inch records, or 533 12-inch records, would cement the Jewel bearings in an entire year's output of navigational and scientific instruments.

Jute Becomes Scarce

There's another trifle this week which we may add to our score against the — Japs — it looks as though there isn't going to be any more jute yarn available for making rugs and carpets. Jute, woven into burlap, is another product which we used to get largely from India. WPB has explained the situation to the people in the industry, so no one would begin production on rugs or carpets that might remain unfinished because of the lack of jute. The end result may be to divert more carpet wool into the manufacture of more essential things from floor coverings, such things as blankets, and clothing.

Buy Coal Now

It's only a little while since the Office of Price Administration issued its warning that you'd better buy your coal this spring because maybe by next autumn we couldn't spare cars and engines to haul it to you from the mines. And now WPB is urging everybody along the Eastern Seaboard or in the Pacific Northwest who can do so to convert his oil furnace or heater to coal.

This request, too, stems from the growing burden on American transportation. It's complicated so far as oil is concerned by the fact that many of our tankers are in war service and others have been sunk by Axis submarines.

But it emphasizes once more the growing seriousness of the problem, what with America's railroads faced with a shortage of manpower and materials and America's motor transport lines and American war workers riding on thinner and thinner tires.

New Bus Displayed

Here again we must count upon our collective readiness to sacrifice for victory and upon our native ingenuity to see us through. One attack on the problem of transporting the war worker to and from his job was the big bus which rambled into Washington the other day from Indiana for inspection by Office of Defense Transportation. It will hold 141 passengers, this bus, it's three times as large as the average city bus and almost twice the size of the largest street car. And what's more, except for its frame, there's scarcely an ounce of military material in it, just plywood and masonite . . . WPB, for obvious reasons, has forbidden production of blowout shoes and has cut the output of the reliners. . . . A while ago Far Eastern develop-

ments forced a cut in the amount of tea which may be put in to an individual package and now all receivers and packers of tea have been ordered to file a complete report on the amount of tea they have on hand . . . The drive to save iron and steel has caught up with the game of golf after May 31 iron or steel may not be used to make golf clubs . . . Golfers will feel the effect of this next year — this year's production is almost completed . . . Lots of things are going to be different next year . . . And must be, if we are to win this war . . . More machines and more skilled labor are being released for war work out of the industrialized Mid-West . . . They are the men and machines which have been busy turning out our final quota of trucks . . . WPB issued an order which will end all production soon . . . WPB will permit a modest amount of remodelling in war production areas, so that war workers may find living quarters.

Ration Forms Distributed

Twenty-four distilleries are sending part of their output of beverage alcohol to industrial alcohol plants, where it's stepped up into the sort of alcohol used in making smokeless powder for our guns . . . Sugar registration forms have been distributed for the registration, April 23 and 29, more than 1,600,000 retailers and wholesalers . . . A Booneville, Ind., man has pleaded guilty to violating OPA tire rationing regulations . . . WPE's Bureau of Industrial Conservation announces that the drive to salvage old paper has been so successful that paper mills now are able to meet most current orders . . . Proving that when the Home Front knows what is expected of it, the Home Front gets busy . . . The rubber shortage hit the fire houses when WPB prohibited use of rubber tires on auxiliary trailers for fire apparatus delivered after April 14 . . . A Chicago amusement machine maker has been put under a suspension violating WPB priorities . . . OPA is going to conduct a survey of the scrap material situation in New England . . . OPA has refused to allow linoleum manufacturers to raise prices . . . "We must recognize price stability as the most important sector of the war on the Home Front," said David Ginsburg, OPA's General Counsel, recently . . . That's because unstable prices are one aspect of inflation and inflation fights on the side of the Axis.

Shallotte Village

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Register of Wilmington were week-end visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Register. Mrs. Crean Parker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Chadwick for a few days. Mrs. Clyde Platt and children, of Green Sea, S. C., were visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phelps during the sickness and death of her brother's child. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worthington, of Wilmington, were visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hawes were visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Zandy spent Monday in Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. John Nance and children left Thursday for their home in Swanboro after spending a few days with relatives.

Winnabow

S. P. Smith, who is stationed on U. S. S., Wyoming, spent part of the week here with his sister, Mrs. C. H. Wallace and family. Mrs. George Melvaine spent the week in New York with her

WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED . . .

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--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

There are four vegetable gardens within fifty yards of the courthouse in Southport, about the best one being the Victory effort of Mrs. Maxine Fulcher in the vacant lot next to the Episcopal rectory . . . Most unusual vegetable production in this town, though, is the bed of asparagus that grows beneath the eaves of the Episcopal church. The wrestling fans had a chance to see the champ Friday night when they went to Wilmington to see Jim Londos take on Barto Hill. This week's bill features Ray Vilmer vs Bibber McCoy. On Monday night Promoter Bert Causey is staging another boxing program at Thalian Hall . . . Although local attendance at the Cape Fear Horse Show was off this year, those who saw Saturday night's performance thought it was plenty good. Missing, however, was a single attraction that held the customers appeal that was furnished last year by Miss Helen James and her five-

gaited stallion, Guiding Light. Lady Be Good", a light and airy comedy, is the feature attraction at the Wednesday and Thursday of next week. A lot of folks who remember the dance of last year will be sorry to learn that dance is not included in plans for the Woman's Club Flower Show. Those who like to see this added ought to speak while there's time to make arrangements. There's been some talk of parking tennis courts back of the city hall, but absence of anything being done about it for doing a little work to get them to play on them as is? . . . From all we are able to learn, there are a lot of sailboats that are destined to spend this summer on the beach.

husband who was in port there for the week.

Mrs. V. T. Sullivan and two small sons, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with her father, G. C. Earp and brother, Earl Earp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vines and E. C. Dobson, of Wilmington, were visitors here with the Henrys Saturday afternoon. Dr. E. L. Gooding and family, of Kenansville, were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Dan Walker and children, Miss Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith visited Mrs. A. P. Henry Sunday afternoon.

SPRING TONIC

That's what a good greasing job will do for your car.

W. RUSS STATION SHALLOTTE, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nance and two daughters, Katherine and Sue, of Cerro Gordo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wallace.

FOR SURGERY Ennie Robinson, of ville Beach, is a surgeon at Doshier Memorial having entered that Tuesday.

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