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Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Have you contributed to Navy Relief yet?

Strange, but the guy with a bee in his bonnet has no guarantee of a honeyed disposition.

Successful men will save rubber heels—because they're always on their toes.

You don't have to be a toreador to be adept at slinging the bull around.

Some rationing of this gas we'll hear twixt now and the primary might not be out of order.

Many a budding romance has been nipped in the bud because papa rose too early.

Gasoline Rationing

It is safe to say that the public acceptance of gasoline rationing has been something less than gracious, and locally, at least, this latest rationing program has caused more controversy and probably more dissatisfaction than any other wartime measure that has gone into effect.

Paradoxically enough, persons who had given up their privilege for unrestricted purchase of sugar only a week before raised Cain when any effort was made to restrict their non-essential driving.

Repeatedly, too, we have heard the criticism that the program has no "teeth" in it, that the restrictions intended to be imposed will be easily evaded; that with no check on the filling station operators the whole plan is wide open for crooked dealing.

Well, as we see it, this is a test not so much of the gasoline rationing regulations as it is of the disposition and ability of the American public to bow to one of the hardships that will attend our prosecution of this war.

But the integrity of our people and the power of public opinion are two of our most powerful weapons for good—and they are on the side of the gasoline rationing plan.

Salvage Important

Look about your premises! Scour out that old attic! Have you any old metal of any kind, any old discarded rubber articles, any old paper?

If you have, then remember! The local salvage committee wants these articles for the war effort. The drive last week received the wholehearted co-operation of the citizens of Whiteville.

The way to win the war is for everybody to do his part. This is one way in which we can help America along toward the ultimate victory.

Remember! No scrap of metal is too small for salvage. The country needs these precious materials.

"Cramming" For The Primary

Is you back sore from being slapped by so many politicians? Is your hand blistered from being shaken, most-times against your will, by some vote-seeking candidate? Are your entrails fit to turn inside out by the effervescent sweetness of your candidate friends?

We learned in high school and in college that cramming or examination will sometime get you through with a passing

mark, but that it's much safer to study your lessons each day, little by little to absorb the knowledge required for passing.

Candidates might herewith take a lesson. It would not only be considerably less nerve-wracking on the hapless voter who is wholly at the mercy of the vote-seeking candidate, but to the politician himself if he were to string out his back-slapping, his hand-shaking, and his "good will spirit" over the two year period instead of trying to "cram" it all in the one month preceding the primary.

The voters are deserving of this consideration.

Shears And Paste

DEFTAT AND THE WORKING MAN

(Christian Science Monitor) Discontented European workers who believed Hitler's promises that establishment of his "new order" would represent merely a victory over their capitalist overlords now know better.

Of course, an increase in working hours does not necessarily represent a setback for labor, in France or elsewhere. If the national economy can absorb increased production, labor can get a return for increased hours which may make them very attractive.

To this extent the French employer has been co-operating with French labor. But these advantages for the French workman do not interest the Nazis. They seem to consider he is being too well looked after.

The order is expected to result in the dismissal of large numbers of French workers, who will then be economically as well as politically at the mercy of the Herrenvolk.

One need not explain to any French worker today that this is only a refined form of forced labor. The skilled machinist, out of long enough, with hungry mouths at home, becomes an unskilled agricultural laborer.

CHESS IN WAR

The death of Capablanca, writes our London correspondent, has raised discussion whether chess is as popular in the armies as it was last century. It seems that the game is officially approved for officers in the German and Japanese armies.

Today in the British army there are more players than there are boards and chessmen.—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

WHAT WAS IT?

"No sabotage, only carelessness," reports the house committee investigating the disaster to the Normandie. What is carelessness but sabotage? The effect is the same. The damage to the Normandie is as great whether it was caused by carelessness, or neglect, which is carelessness, or was caused by a deliberate act.

Beware of a friend who starts trying to eat you up, lest he put the bite on you—for a loan.

Odd as it may seem, a man may step on the level and still climb the ladder of success.

Rationing won't bother some people till it gets to the place they start rationing words.

THE HOME FRONT

Nearly 10,000,000 motorists on the Atlantic Seaboard had their first taste of gasoline rationing last week, and many were the complications which followed.

Mr. Motorist, if you've made an honest mistake and gotten an "X" card when you should have had a "B" card, go see your local rationing board and make the proper exchange right now.

In cases where there is evidence of falsehood, the rationing board may call in a motorist for a review of his case. Or in a flagrant case, the board may refer it to the legal staff of the Office of Price Administration for investigation and possible criminal action.

Unable to get tires and restricted as to the gasoline they can buy, more and more motorists are leaving their cars at home and riding buses and trains.

That's why it may yet be necessary to ration train and bus space, to hold civilian travel to a minimum. That's why the taxicab industry has been placed on trial, as far as its continued operation is concerned.

Another phase of the transportation problem came up last week when the Office of Defense Transportation appealed to eight major railroads serving the Southwest to stagger maintenance work so they would not be competing with agriculture for labor.

Copper Quits Home Also Copper follows steel out of the home and into the arsenal. The War Production Board has added more than a hundred consumer products to those which may no longer be made out of copper and its alloys.

Plans Underway For Calf Sales

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production will be raised 30 per cent to help make up for the shortage of tin cans and other metal containers. The Consumer Division of OPA offers women a three-point guide to buying wartime clothes—"Buy practical outfits"—"Mix them up"—"Make them last."

Director Says Many Prisoners Taken In Year

Pitts Avows That More Prisoners Are Recaptured Each Year And Returned To Camp Than Escape

DURING APRIL 42 RE-CAPTURES MADE

New Fingerprinting System Is Credited With Playing Large Part In Early Recapture Of Escapees

RALEIGH.—More prisoners are recaptured each year and returned to North Carolina prison camps, than escape, according to Prison Director Oscar Pitts.

Pitts reported 40 escapes during April and 42 recaptures for the same month. So far he is two behind on his recaptures for his yearly total but if things go as usual, he expects to make up the deficit.

"Of course, it isn't always the same prisoner reported recaptured during the month that is also reported escaped," Pitts points out. "On the average, with the new fingerprinting system, prisoners don't stay out very long nowadays."

Honor grade prison camps are helping lower the number of escapes, according to Pitts. Despite the fact prisoners in these camps are on their honor and gates are left unguarded during the day, no escapes were reported from the 15 honor grade camps during March and three men left Carteret Camp during April.

Prisoners aren't alone in getting out of bounds. Long after escaped prisoners from McDowell County had been recaptured, "Bill," a sad-eyed bloodhound remained gone. He is still unreported.

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--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

We hear that the vegetable garden being cultivated by young Jimmie Sutton is another fine effort being made by the youth of this community to follow live-at-home practices even though he resides in Southport.

Southport furnished its share of the crowd at Friday night's Wrestling Royal at Thalian Hall, Wilmington. This event was so successful that another has been arranged for this week, with the season.

transportation costs at a minimum; (4) Stock needed for further feeding will not have to be sacrificed as "vealers" because of an inadequate market, which has existed in the past.

Calves, before being sold, will be graded "into uniform lots," in accordance with quality and weight. Special selections will be made in the cases where 4-H Club and Future Farmers members desire "fancy, select individual calves for livestock projects."

Milk Emphasized In War Programs

Intensive Campaign Furthering Interest Of Milk And Other Dairy Products To Be Launched In June

RALEIGH.—An intensive campaign to further promote the consumption of milk and other dairy products as a contribution to the war effort will be launched throughout the State in June under the direction of a committee of 20 well-known agricultural leaders.

The State committee members who will direct the June-Dairy Month program are:

J. A. Arey, Raleigh; V. J. Ashcraft, Charlotte; L. Y. Ballentine, Varina; R. R. Boseman, Rocky Mount; T. F. Cooley, Elkin; W. W. Fitzpatrick, Rougemont.

F. L. Holcombe, Fayetteville; Mose Kiser, Greensboro; Jack McCarty, Wilmington; James G. McClure; A. M. Massich, Winston-Salem; E. L. Moore, Conover.

L. O. Moseley, Kinston; L. I. Moore, Jr., Wilson; C. L. Neal, Salisbury; Fred Rhyne, Gastonia; Ralph Scott, Burlington; J. T. Thorne, Farmville and J. B. Webb, Greenville.

following bullies billed for the event: Combs Lutrell, Bibber McCoy, Sailor Barto Hill and Stanley Pinto. . . That black-and-white poster that was delivered Saturday to young Ed Pomeroy is one of the prettiest we have ever seen.

"I Wake Up Screaming," with Betty Grable and Victor Mature, is the feature coming Monday and Tuesday to the Amuzu. . . Scafood is scarce commodity in Southport these days.

If you ever get a chance to see the colored man of Orton Plantation, don't miss them. They're the next best thing to a visit at the height of the season.

Two friends were on a train which was held up. As the train up men came through the taking cash and valuables from the passengers, one of the men became more and more nervous.

Housewife: "Look here, man, why do you always come my house to beg?"

Tramp: "Doctor's orders, madam."

Housewife: "Doctor's orders?"

Tramp: "He told me that I found food that agreed with me, I should stick to it."

Recruit Instructor (to a squad of new boots at the naval training station): "Halt!"

But one of them marched on. Recruit Instructor: "See here, Jones, what did you do before joining the navy?"

Jones: "I was a teamster. Recruit Instructor (next to him gave the command): "Stop, halt; Jones, whoa!"

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