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Plane Spotters

One night this week, just as you are about to crawl into bed after a hard day's work, hesitate for a moment and ask yourself how you'd like to stay up for another four or five hours for a lonely vigil.

Well, a lot of folks in this county are spending a lot of time these nights doing just that, and the reason is so that you and I and thousands of others like us may go to sleep, comforted with the knowledge that every possible precaution has been taken to locate and report enemy planes before they have a chance to reach their destination for destruction.

The aircraft spotters form the first line of defense against air raids, and the volunteers who man these posts are engaged in one of the most important phases of National Defense.

First Aid

There are 31 Red Cross First Aid Instructors in Southport and at Oak Island Coast Guard Station, thanks to the cooperation of the National Chapter and the Brunswick County Chapter.

The classes here and at the Coast Guard Station were taught by Mr. A. H. Huffman, who possessed the happy faculty of being thorough without being tiresome; and whose teaching methods brought out the best that was in the members of his classes.

There never was a time when there was more practical need for a general knowledge of First Aid, with the various agencies of Civilian Defense and the ever-present threat of emergencies brought on by enemy action a constant incentive.

The instructors' course here should be just the beginning of a popular movement that will see every qualified person with a working knowledge of First Aid.

Meaning Of Casualty

(News & Observer)

Some days ago Winston Churchill in an address to the members of the British Parliament gave out the very large number of casualties in the fighting in Russia. A newspaper man, handling the story changed the word "casualty" to "death," indicating that he thought "casualty" and "death" are synonymous.

In view of the frequent reports of the casualties by action or sinkings it is well to keep in mind that the word "casualty" and "death" do not mean the same thing. Newspaper articles show that idea is currently held. Most casualties in war are not serious and men wounded soon return to active service and there are very many casualties that do not result in death.

Nazi Punch Weakens

(Wilmington Star)

It is impossible to get a clear picture of what is actually taking place along the southern Russian front, but it would seem that neither the Nazis nor the Reds have gained an important advantage over the week-end.

Undoubtedly the Germans have driven wedges into the Russian lines around Kharkov. It is quite as possible that they have been closed again. Probably the Russians have done the same thing to the

defenses of Kharkov—with the same results.

If, as later Moscow dispatches indicate, the Russian forces have again assumed the offensive, after suffering a check, the fighting there has given them a hard won advantage, particularly as the Germans were reported to have at least a three-to-one edge in troops engaged. For the present it is apparent that the Russian dispatches are exaggerated and the battle is a give-and-take contest.

What is most significant in this fighting is the fact that the Nazi attack is much slower than when Hitler first sent his troops into Russia last summer. Two weeks were required for the capture of the Kerch peninsula alone.

Now Is The Time

(Lumberton Robesonian)

The Democratic campaign in Robeson county as elsewhere over the state and nation has been unusually quiet. Interest in Robeson has perked up a bit during these latter days, but it has not reached, nor is it likely to reach, the pitch of former years.

People are interested primarily in war, naturally, and the necessary changes it is bringing about in their lives. Tire and gasoline rationing is keeping folks at home; they can't get about as freely as formerly.

But citizens should go to the polls and vote, come Saturday of this week. Every qualified voter should exercise this great right of a free people. Polling places are within easy reach of most voters. Those who are determined to do so can find a way. Many can walk; those who have cars can help those who are temporarily deprived; and muleback or horseback or buggy or wagon are acceptable and fashionable modes of travel.

Look the candidates over and go to the polls and drop in a vote for those of your choice. Those who do not exercise this right should not grumble about it if the candidates they favor are defeated—nor will they have any part in it if their favorites make the grade.

Shears And Paste

A MODEL INSTANCE

(Lumberton Robesonian)

"No finer example of law enforcement and the administration of justice in criminal cases could be desired than that presented in the apprehension, trial and sentencing of the four young men involved in the recent robbery and murder of Ira L. Godwin in Columbus County.

The promptness and efficiency demonstrated by the state's law-enforcement agencies and judicial system in this case should inspire and strengthen the faith of the people in the administration of justice in North Carolina.

It was in fact a model instance. Here was a cold-blooded robbery-murder at a filling station at night. There were no witnesses. It was classed as the "most baffling mystery" in the history of Columbus county. There seemed at first to be no suggestion of a clue to work upon. But Sheriff H. D. Stanley went to work, with apparently nothing to work on except the facts that a robbery-murder had been committed and that the murderers had sped away in the night.

That was quick and efficient work and suggests that some crimes in other counties which were at the time and remain "baffling mysteries" might have been cleared up and the criminals brought to justice if the S.B.I. had been called in.

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

THE HOME FRONT

From now until the war is over, cost of all but a comparatively few articles cannot rise higher than the highest price at which they were sold in March, although it can sink lower.

We have price control to make certain that the war does not bring a tragic rise in the cost of living, a rise to heights which would mean suffering for many.

Price control is our charter of security, but next time you go marketing remember that your co-operation is needed to make it work smoothly. Price control is a brand-new baby, and it may be some time before the infant feels at home and you feel at home with the infant.

Exceptions Are Numerous

First, there are a number of exceptions—seasonal foods such as fresh fruit, vegetables, fish and game do not come under the ceiling because it is virtually impossible to figure out previous maximum prices.

There are some other exceptions which do not touch the family larder, but about which you should know. The prices of newspapers, magazines, books, and admissions to amusement places do not come under the act.

Don't be surprised if you find different prices for identical articles in different stores. Each storekeeper is entitled to set his prices at the highest levels he charged in March and he may quite legitimately ask 15 cents for a can of corn while his competitor down the block asks 13 cents.

Retail service charges come under the roof, too, but will not be affected until July 1. Remember, they are controlled only if they are performed in connection with a commodity—automobile and radio repairs, dry cleaning, laundry, shoe mending and such.

Woods Joins March To War

Gasoline rationing on the east coast is ironing itself out. Applicants for supplemental rations will get them only if they can show the extra gas "absolutely essential" to life or to "the pursuit of your gainful occupation."

Wood is following the metals in march of materials to war. The War Production Board has frozen the bulk of our softwood lumber for the use of the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine over the next 60 days.

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fevered—they'll be making a bonfire under the Axis.

Watch out for a WPB order saving cloth in men's pajamas as has already been done with women's nightgowns and lingerie. It probably will restrict pajamas to three styles, cut down to the number of fabrics used, eliminate collars, lapels, cuffs and pockets, shorten trousers and coats.

While Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., of Pittsburgh, a smaller steel concern and three iron and steel scrap brokers have been restrained by a Federal Court order from buying and selling scrap at prices in excess of the legal ceilings.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, May 27.—War or no war, the "people's choice" are taking advantage of Memorial Day to take the stump on behalf of their candidacy for return to Congress.

The strong prospect of extending gasoline rationing to other than the presently affected Eastern states beginning July 1 has provoked uneasy speculation that government limitations will reach other commodities.

There are many obstacles to the Treasury's plan for a withholding tax now before the House Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislators, closer to the people than administrative officials, will probably await public reaction to these proposals before acting.

The hope that mobilization on manpower for war production would drift along aimlessly has been rudely shattered.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Here are a few dog notes: Breman Furless has a fine St. Bernard pup named Jerry, who, at the age of 12 weeks, is about the size of a grown dog.

The ferryman down at Holden's Beach says there has been a noticeable decrease in traffic down there so far this season. The best amateur weather prognosticator is Louis, the general handyman and butler at Orton Plantation.

Employment under government orders. Paul McNutt, head of the War Manpower Commission, has flatly warned "compulsion may from time to time be necessary."

about the men who make up the labor market. The problems confronting this agency are tremendous. They are determined to stamp out the labor pirating where localities bid for experienced workers to start plants hav-

Don't let anybody tell you that a day's fishing on Orton pond isn't worth the price, because it is—and more. And when better guides than Doc can be made for that particular outing, we'd like to see them.

Charles Boyer, he of the bouidoir eyes, will be starred with Margaret Sullivan in "Appointment For Love," feature attraction at the Amun today and Thursday. You can't really appreciate the number of men and boys furnished by our community to the armed services until you sit down and start counting up to see who is missing.

ing a shortage of workers. On the basis of present estimates, 10½ million additional workers will be drawn into war production by 7½ million additional workers will be needed to meet the 1942 production goal.



Bailey IS The Man!

There can be no life for America without freedom. We must have it or perish.

Our present task is not only to retain our heritage of liberty but to be worthy of it as long as time lasts.

That is why this nation is at war—to preserve to a free people their right to a free government.

But the government of a free people cannot be maintained by armed forces alone. There must be complete cooperation by every agency of government, as well as by every private citizen.

While the armies are battling on the field of honor the government must be functioning for their success. To do this best the government must be composed of men whose lives have been devoted to and whose talents have been developed in public service.

In no line of endeavor is skill and experience so essential to success.

That is why Senator Josiah W. Bailey must be re-elected. His experience is invaluable to the nation in this period of supreme testing.

It is by retaining such men as his record proves him to be, in position of trust and high responsibility, that our armed forces may definitely count on victory.

We must have men in the Senate who will make no mistakes in judgment through lack of understanding the problems of legislation.

Renominate Josiah W. Bailey in Saturday's primary election and have the satisfaction of knowing that North Carolina is doing its part for victory.

VOTE FOR

JOSIAH W. BAILEY

FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE U. S. SENATE

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