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There Is A Difference

CAPTAIN Eddie Rickenbacker, after returning from his gruelling experience in the South Seas and his inspection of fighting fronts, is the only man who can tell what the American people need to hear in connection with production problems.

By the tone of his voice and his expression, you could see that he was disgusted with the Pollyanna talk about workers at home being classed as filling "battle stations."

Captain Rickenbacker emphasized that making the people in this country can do in any measure equal what the boys in the battle lines are doing.

The people agree with Captain Rickenbacker. Just because some of us wear "tin hats" at home, we don't want to become "battle stations"—we are not.

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Rationing us to three pairs of shoes a year is all right, but who's going to help us pay for the other two pairs.

Hitler Couldn't Do Better

An incident is taking place in Puerto Rico which should be brought to the attention of every American citizen.

The war is being fought to preserve and reestablish the principles of representative government and individual rights.

The people of Puerto Rico have futilely opposed the destruction of private ownership. American courts have condemned it, pointing out that the emergency powers of government were never intended for such application.

It is this a preview of "the brave new world" we may expect to see in expanded form in this country and other countries which this nation is now helping to liberate?

Scout Week

THIS is Boy Scout week, and we could not have a finer privilege than to make the announcement found elsewhere in this paper that Douglas Jones has become the first Eagle Scout in the history of Southport.

Hats off to this boy, and to his fellow members of Boy Scout Troop No. 35. They are a fine organization and are a credit to our community.

And while we are about it, this would be a fitting time to give Fred Ashburn the recognition he deserves as their leader. Much of the success of the troop may be traced to his patient and intelligent leadership.

A Friend Moves Away

IT isn't often that we have permitted personalities to enter into the subject matter for our editorials, and we wouldn't now were it not for the fact that we know that we reflect the sentiment of so many citizens of this immediate section of Brunswick county.

Last week we learned that Mr. Bennie Williams had sold his farm near Southport and was going to move back to his old home near Shallotte.

He first became well known to citizens of the Southport area when he moved here about eighteen years ago to take over the job of superintendent of the Brunswick County Home.

Then the drudgery of their task began to leave its mark upon their health, and they resigned from their work at the county home.

The nice thing about it is that his friends in the other part of the county will be just as glad to see him return, and so it is that those of us here must be cheered by the thought that our loss is their gain.

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Shears And Paste

WAR WIDOW'S TAX (Omaha Morning World-Herald) Maj. Carl Siglin, of Michigan, has been described as "the bravest man in the United States army."

Such strange situations would not arise under the Ruml pay-as-you-go income tax plan. Under this plan, taxes are paid when the money is earned.

The Siglin case is deemed news because of the circumstances of brave Maj. Siglin's death. Thousands of other widows are suffering without publicity as a result of the same defect in the present income tax system.

Quiet Possession

Deeds transferring property in Tennessee include an interesting phrase. They provide that a person be left "in quiet possession."

It is a phrase which should be noticed internationally. The little nations should be left in quiet possession of their freedom, their property, rights to happiness.

THE HOME FRONT

A check of the results of price control in 1942 has shown that ceilings on the prices of food, clothing, rents in critical war-industry areas, and other cost-of-living items saved the nation's consumers around six billion dollars, or an average of nearly \$140 per family.

There is a large "if" in our calculations, however. Pressure against the price structure is increasing in every direction, mainly because the huge gain in our national income—(expected to exceed \$125 billions this year) is out of line with the growing scarcity of civilian goods and services.

The historic meeting of Allied chiefs at Casablanca and their pledge that the United Nations will accept nothing less than unconditional surrender of the Axis again emphasized the vital importance of every effort on the Home Front—and keeping down prices, wages, and profits are among the most essential of these efforts.

Rationing of all kinds, including the point system of rationing, is a part of our war on inflation, since it assures a fair division of available supplies, instead of permitting those with more money or more time to grab the lion's share of scarce commodities and foods.

A plan for stabilizing the cost of living and at the same time encouraging farmers to produce sufficient quantities of certain foods for military and civilian needs being tried out with the four major crops—tomatoes, peas, sweet corn and snap beans.

Employers included in the listed non-essential group are frantically seeking replacement among women and youngsters.

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quality metal primer, followed by one of the new finish coats that don't contain critical coating materials. And even transparent wrappings for bottles are becoming critical.

While Congress and Treasury Department wrangled over the Ruml pay-as-you-go plan, it was revealed that methods for simplifying income tax returns were under consideration.

Government agencies are under heavy fire from Congress. The legislators contend their criticism of administrative agencies is based on constantly increasing complaints from their constituents.

One probe disclosed that the average age of "key" planners in the Treasury Department was 32 years with little experience in practical side.

Because of the short corn crop last year, a large number of Martin County farmers have ordered this observation about Treasury economic analysts and tax policy experts.

WASHINGTON LETTER WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—While anxious eyes are turned to the ups and downs of our armed forces abroad, the marked changes in manpower policies has quickened public interest in the relative standing of able-bodied men.

The rationing of civilian labor has brought an avalanche of mail to the lawmakers within the week. Another topic inspiring a heavy barrage of telegrams and letters is the pending proposal to revamp the income tax plans so that taxes due on last year's income will be "forgiven" and a higher assessment rate imposed on the citizens' 1943 revenues.

The list on non-deferable jobs released a few days ago has swamped local offices of the U. S. Employment Service.

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NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Date for the weekly wrestling shows in Wilmington has been changed from Friday of each week to Tuesday night.

After today, boys, your bird dogs are just overgrown pets. And speaking of dogs, Trixie, the wire haired Scottie owned by Miss Lillian Collins for the past 8 years, died last week.

We noticed that a lot of colored residents out in the county, particularly in the supply neighborhood, are making improvements on their homes; and some are building new dwellings.

"The Lady Has Plans," starring Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland, promises to be a swell attraction tonight and tomorrow at the Amuzu.

They say that there will be a shortage of peas and beans for seed this year. People were making too much money to mess with picking them last fall.

AWS observers got a nice bit of credit in the last issue of Life Magazine. Our friend, Sammy Kay, may be heard on Wednesday nights now on a citagette show.

People got a kick out of seeing several of the leading name bands in recent movies here. Most of them liked Glenn Miller's music, but they thought that J. Dorey's gal singer was about the most winsome.

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KEEP ON COMING

Our farmer friends have made it a habit to do their trading at our store. That's a mighty good plan to continue, because when merchandise is available for you anywhere, we are pretty likely to have our share of it.

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