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## Wars Are Necessary.

Mr. Upton Wilson, the facile Rockingham county writer, says "it is not surprising that 70 per cent. of the American people feel that this nation made a mistake when it entered the World War," and that now "one is hard put to find anything America got out of the war except grief and disappointment."

Wars are necessary and indispensable in the arrangements of providence, civilization, and destiny. They are needed to check the rapacity of tyrants, to dispose of surplus populations and to evolve the race.

A great many stupid people are pleased to blame Woodrow Wilson for "keeping us out of the war" and then putting us in it.

That great President accomplished both of these things. His masterly strategy kept us out for nearly three years, and then his wisdom and patriotism influenced congress to put us in. Was he an innocent tool of fate?

Without him, war would have come. There is too much strain of the blood of George Washington, Patrick Henry and John Paul Jones still flowing in the veins of the American people to need a Woodrow Wilson to call them to war when the time comes to fight.

Sherman said "war is hell," and the glares on Georgian skies accentuated his aphorism as homes crumpled in his march to the sea.

War is one of the monster calamities that sometimes befall a country. But there are some things even worse than the hell that Sherman described. Of these are the destruction of your liberty, the chains of human slavery and the dishonor of womanhood. War will be well chosen when the alternative is indignities more bitter than death.

The sweet liberty which you enjoy today, your peace and happiness and your property were bought by the blood of your ancestors at Valley Forge and other points north and south.

The privilege and the capacity to read your English Bible were only obtainable by virtue of the wars of the Reformation and the ashes of its martyrs. How would you like to listen to your sermons preached in Latin when your diploma was from the little red school house on the hill?

America lost more than a hundred thousand of her youth when she threw herself into the breach. But the colossal resources of American money and men was what it took to stop Germany. All statesmen know that the ultimate aim of Germany was—America—and after America, what?

Finally, suppose there had never been a war since the genus homo established itself on the earth eons ago? Would the planet's resources today support the rampant hordes? Would there be standing room left for the descendants of the eliminated populations? History and destiny are inexorable.

A war is needed today to extirpate 500 millions of Asiatics hungry for survival. The air would be sweeter over there, and there would be more room for gardening. And a live menace to western civilization would appreciably diminish for awhile.

Were Genghis Khan, Xerxes, Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Abe Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson unconscious instruments in the hands of providence to assist in solving the unemployment problems of Europe and America today?

Peace is the divinest gift which mankind is heir to, but it never has had and never will come into possession of its inheritance as long as human tigers roam the earth, and this will be until the kingdom of Heaven reigns.

Twenty farmers sold 242 fat hogs weighing 48,260 pounds and bringing \$4,569.32 in cash at the Washington market last week. Physical and medical examinations have been held for club members in the eleven 4-H clubs of Edgecombe county.

## The New Highway Set-Up.

The fact that Governor Hoey did not see fit to appoint the editor of the Danbury Reporter on the new highway commission, is not specially important.

But the fact that Stokes county will not be directly represented on the commission, IS specially important.

Mr. Hackett of Wilkes, to whom our people must take and submit their projects and grievances, is doubtless a man of high intelligence and integrity, but it will be harder to make him see the road needs of this county, to consider the disparagements under which we have labored in the past, or to view with interest and sympathy the needs of the future.

Stokes county has never enjoyed a just allocation of road funds under the Page, Jeffreys or Waynick regimes. Important roads in the county have been seriously neglected, for instance No. 89 from Buck Island bridge to Wright's store. The Pine Hall-Sandy Ridge-McHone highway has also been neglected.

These projects were calling the State highway department when it had the money in hand to complete them. When afterwards delegations protested at the delay, the reply was given that there was no money, yet new and costly operations continued to be undertaken in other counties.

It will be good business for the leaders of Stokes progress to organize and be in position to make clear and unmistakable demands for our rights when the Dunlap road administration begins to function. Funds are limited, but there are funds amply sufficient that a fair allocation will complete the two highways above mentioned this year, besides giving proper attention to our secondary roads.

## FARMERS LIKE NEW PROGRAM

SOME PREFER IT TO AAA—EVERY FARMER INVITED TO SIGN — COMMUNITY EXPLANATION MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY AGENT SEARS.

The farmers of Stokes county who co-operated with the Soil Conservation Program in 1936 have received \$114,906.13 to date with probably four or five thousand dollars more yet to be paid. Many of the farmers have stated that they like the Soil Conservation Program better than they did the AAA Program.

Due to a better understanding of the program many of the farmers who did not sign up last year are coming in and signing up this year. Approximately 100 have signed new work sheets and they continue to come in every day. We hope that every farmer in Stokes county who can benefit by the program will sign. The earlier they sign their work sheets, the earlier we will be able to let them know just how much soil conserving crops they will be expected to have on their farms in 1937. For those who signed last year, it is not necessary that they sign a work sheet this year. Within the next week or so, we plan to send a letter to all who signed last year stating their tobacco base, the maximum acreage that they can divert from tobacco to soil conserving crops and receive pay for, and the minimum amount of soil conserving crops that they will be expected to have to qualify for full payments under the program. It is our plan now to follow up these letters with a series of community meetings at which we will discuss soil conserving crops and answer any questions that the farmers may wish to ask in regard to how they may qualify for their full payment under the 1937 program.

During 1936 a large number of farmers reduced their tobacco acreage, but for some reason they failed to plant the minimum soil conserving acreage left out; consequently they will not receive any payment. We do not want this to happen again this year.

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Waynick Is Silent On Future Activity

Raleigh, April 25.—Capus M. Waynick, retiring chairman of the state highway and public works commission, said today he had no comment to make at present on plans for the future.

Waynick, whose successor, Frank L. Dunlap, now assistant director of the budget, was announced yesterday, said: "I have enjoyed the work of the past two years. It (the highway department) is a very fine organization. As to the question of other employment by the state, I won't have any statement until I talk with the governor."

Governor Hoey, in announcing the appointment of Waynick's successor and 10 new members of the highway commission, said the retiring chairman had been tendered the position of director of the division of purchase and contract at \$6,000 a year, the same salary he now receives.

Dunlap, the governor said, will get \$7,500 a year. He and the new commissioners will take office May 1.

## HOEY APPOINTS NEW COMMISSION

HIGHWAY CHAIRMAN IS FRANK DUNLAP—HACKETT OF WILKES COUNTY IS COMMISSIONER FOR THIS DISTRICT — WAYNICK OFFERED NEW JOB AT SAME PAY.

Raleigh, April 24.—Governor Hoey made a clean sweep in the highway and public works commission today as he named Frank Lemuel Dunlap of Wadesboro, Anson county, now assistant director of the budget, as chairman to serve with ten new members:

Dunlap was appointed for a six-year term and the Governor had said the salary would be \$7,500 a year under the reorganization instead of the \$6,000 yearly now paid Chairman Capus M. Waynick.

Waynick, the Governor announced, has been tendered the position of director of the division of purchase and contract at the same salary he now gets.

Robert G. Deyton, for ten years a member of the staff of the budget bureau, was appointed assistant director of the budget to succeed Dunlap. The job carries a salary of \$6,000 yearly and a raise of \$600 effective July 1.

As commissioners of the ten highway districts to be set up by the commission, the Governor appointed: First, D. Collin Barnes of Hertford county, for six years; second, Earnest V. Webb of Lenoir county, for four years; third, Robert Grady Johnson of Pender, for two years; fourth, T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, for two years; fifth, Samuel W. Bason of Caswell, for four years; sixth, D. B. McCrary of Randolph, for six years; seventh, Thomas R. Wolfe of Stanley, for two years; eighth, J. Gordon Hackett of Wilkes, for four years; ninth, T. Max Watson of Rutherford, for six years; and tenth, E. L. McKee of Jackson for 2 years.

Increase Commission. Commissioners receive pay only for days worked.

The 1937 legislature rewrote the highway and public works law to increase the commission from seven to eleven members and directed the members to divide the State into districts, with one from each. The changes all become effective May 1.

The retiring commissioners are: Julian Wood of Craven county, W. C. Woodard of Nash, J. A. Hardison of Anson, Ross Sigmon of Rowan, E. F. Allen of Catawba and Frank W. Miller of Haywood.

"The naming of a chairman and members of the commission has been a most difficult task," said Governor Hoey. "So many good men were offered from every section that it was no easy matter to make a selection, and I regret the necessity of disappointing many worthy aspirants."

"I bespeak for the new commission patient consideration by the people of the state. The road problem is a great one. We have around 47,000 miles of county roads, and my chief concern is for the improvement of these secondary roads. Progress with this work will necessarily be slow. Most of the surplus in the

road fund has already been contracted and new work will be limited to current revenues."

He urged the public not to make road demands "until the commission can organize and take an inventory of the road situation and ascertain just what can be done."

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