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EDITORIALS

## Parade Of Events

### DANBURY REPORTER TO ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE DEC. 1.

Owing to the high price and scarcity of news print paper, shortage of labor and heavy increase in the cost of production, thousands of newspapers in the United States have either suspended publication or been compelled to advance the prices of subscriptions and advertising.

The Danbury Reporter is a country county seat weekly newspaper which has been published every week for more than 71 years. It does not want to quit the game, so the publishers have decided to stay in the fight.

But in order that we may continue publication we are compelled to raise our subscription price to \$2.00 a year. This price will take effect with every subscription after December 1, 1943, except those that are either paid in advance now or which may be paid in advance before Dec. 1.

Many weekly newspapers throughout the nation have advanced to \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

After Dec. 1, 1943, all subscriptions on our books that are not paid in advance will be stopped.

The postoffice department will not allow second class mailing privileges except to bona fide subscribers, and the postoffice department says a paper sent on credit is not a bona fide subscriber.

We hope our readers will understand and cooperate with us in our effort to put the paper on a business basis. Everything has become higher under war conditions—paper, ink, postage, fuel, labor, machinery, farm tools, groceries, hardware, tobacco, clothing, shoes, etc.

Notice is given now to all whose subscriptions may be behind to renew at once and pay in advance if they want the Reporter to continue to their address. Otherwise after Dec. 1, 1943, their names will be dropped from our lists.

Considerable improvements to the paper are contemplated. We hope to give you a better paper, and that you will continue with us.

Until December 1, 1943, subscribers, either new or renewals, may be paid up as much as 3 years ahead at \$1.00 a year, the present price.

### HEROES OF THE AIR, WATER AND LAND

Surry and Stokes, sister counties, loving commonwealth pals, are each distinguished for their heroes of the air.

Surry has her brilliant and intrepid Major Hanes, the son of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Hanes of Mount Airy. Stokes has its gallant and brave young Captain Joe Helsabeck, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck of Walnut Cove.

Major Hanes has recently been on a visit to his old home town and county. Enmasse the folks welcome and idolize him.

This week Stokes county is at the feet of Capt. Helsabeck. We are all delighted and proud.

We are all nevertheless full of admiration and honor for others of the air, now coming on with their training, and for the many gallant and val-

### MR. WILLKIE

In beginning his second campaign for President, Mr. Wendell Willkie announces that he has dedicated himself to ousting Roosevelt from the White House in 1944.

We do not know whether or not Mr. Roosevelt will choose to remain in the White House for another term after this. Nobody knows. The President isn't doing much talking.

If he runs again it would be a terrible national calamity—at least those who want his seat say so.

But we are betting that if he should decide to remain for another term, it will be quite a sizable job to oust him.

Before Mr. Willkie can become eligible for such a monumental task he must first obtain the consent of the Republican party in due and regular form.

And that may present some formidable obstacles, one of which is that many Republicans believe Mr. Willkie is really a Democrat at heart.

Regular Republicans do not relish the idea of voting for a Democrat or one who tries to smell like one.

Another handicap Wendell must overcome is the idea in the minds of many people that he is the prince of political flatterers. A great politician should refrain from flattery.

Somebody has written that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery in the world. This being so, Wendell must plead guilty, as his platform is (in the last analysis) a copy of what Roosevelt has been standing for.

Thus how shall he escape the odium of sincere flattery.

Of course Mr. Willkie's outstanding bid is his pronounced anti-isolationism. But this plank is a counterpart of Roosevelt's. And is in contradiction to the ideas and sentiments of the party whose favor he must win and which he courts so assiduously.

The record of Johnson, Taft, Nye, Vandenburg, Lodge, Martin and practically all leaders of the Republican party is one of national aloofness—a stay-at-home policy—let the world go by, go hang—we will manage our own affairs. Let us beware of these furreign entanglements which might get us into war.

They beat President Wilson with it. They elected Harding with it. They sank a great navy with it. They almost fatally hamstrung our national preparedness with it.

Watch out, Mr. Willkie!

orous boys of Stokes in the navy and army in all parts of the earth.

Blest be the fire that burns in our hearts for these noble & splendid young men who are offering themselves, their future, their lives, that our grand and beautiful country may live on in the way it has lived—in sweet peace and liberty.

And should not these considerations lead us to buy bonds and yet more bonds, which is our duty as well as pleasure and privilege?

### MOSCOW CONFAB

A burnt child dreads the fire.

A friend whom we once trusted, once fallen down, may be taken back to our bosom—but ever we can't suppress the feeling of doubt and suspicion.

In the first World War, before engaging in the cataclysmic melee, the partners England, France and Russia agreed in solemn compact to fight Germany, each signatory promising to make no separate peace with the foe except with the consent of all.

Later Russia violated her sacred agreement, lay down and left England and France in the lurch.

It was only that America could come in to fill the gap, that the Kaiser was defeated.

Two million U. S. doughboys, together with our masterful resources of food and production, turned the scale and saved humanity. Otherwise today the free peoples of the world would be in slavery. Germany's designs then were Germany's designs today. She can thank the U. S. divisions under Pershing for her discomfiture.

Now there is a confab at Moscow—one of the most momentous of history. The United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull, England's War Minister Anthony Eden and high Russian authorities are in close conference, but this is only the precursor of the greater meeting soon to come between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Dictator Joseph Stalin.

One wonders what the pith of these profound conversations is?

Probably in weeks the German will be driven from Russia. Will Stalin then quit and arrange a peace with the Fuehrer? Will Russia continue the fight, invading Germany, and join the march to Berlin? Will Russia grant us air bases to blast the Japs? Will the Soviet then declare war on Japan, its old-time enemy, and help America and England to smash the brutal war lords of Nippon? Will Russia demand the legemony of the Balkans, and will she hold the half of Poland gained in the division of that unhappy country when she and Germany established their "understanding" of early 1941?

Heavy and grave problems must be solved soon between the allies.

### TOBACCO DOWN

Tobacco prices have taken a tumble during the last few days. Prices off several dollars in the hundred, principally on common grades. Averages down on the whole to say 38. Farmers who have already sold more than two thirds of the crop, are complaining, and holding back the balance. Tobacco warehousemen talking about a holiday to give demand its breath.

But the government report of all the markets of the old belt shows an average of 40 plus.