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Is There No Justice In This World?

The Union Republican says:

"The top ranking stars in the Democratic political machine, whose headquarters is in Raleigh, are already beginning to soft-pedal or even whitewash the Davidson county election frauds, news coming from that source saying belief is general down in the capital city that there will be no convictions for violations of election laws in the primary and general elections of 1944."

This is indeed a disconsolate note sounded by our contemporary of Forsyth, which is the suzerain of Republican politics not only in Davidson but in Stokes, too, and which is doubtless saddened because it can't have all vote-stealers hanged (that is, if they are Democratic thieves).

But our esteemed contemporary does not appear to be concerned with the more heinous crimes, such as assassinations, bombings, etc.

As soon as it saw the fiasco of Ferree and Ingle at the capital of Stokes shrink to a fizzle, it shut up on Stokes like a clam, although it had given the incident big broadsides of space before.

Where Is Stalin?

The record of Russia in this war has been epic—no American can complain that the Soviets have not stopped millions of Huns who might have killed American boys—

In World War No. I also the Russians fought nobly for three years, after having signed a solemn compact with England, France, Italy: "We will make no separate peace without the consent of all signatories"—

Then in the first of 1918 lay down and concluded a separate peace with Germany, leaving America to close the breach.

Why have the Russian legions—claimed to be 300 divisions, or about 4 million men—stopped at Warsaw, the nearest route to Berlin, and at East Prussia on the German border?

Will a dog that bites you once, bite you again?

How To End the War

A Stokes county woman indignantly says:

"If the people would stop buying these old war bonds the war would be over."

This lady is right. It would soon be over if our men didn't get food, guns, tanks and airplanes a plenty which are bought from war bond money.

And the Stokes county lady's career and that of her daughters would also be over—to their eternal shame.

Back In Action

The Chinese General Hungchow is said to be back in action. He recently took Salhepatica.

Don't Let That Boy Down

Do you have a boy in the service—somewhere in Italy, France or Germany, or fighting the Japs in the Pacific?

Or do you have a sweetheart, brother, grandson or friend over there—his life's ambitions shattered—waiting for whatever portion fate has in store for him?

If so, are you backing him or will you let him down?

When other boys receive news from home that their home folks are going over the top for them—do you want your boy to hang his head in shame and confess that you are not backing him, and that you are not willing to spend some of the money that his sacrifice is making it possible for you to earn, so that he may have plenty of good food, ammunition, planes, tanks and guns with which to earn an early victory, so that he may sooner come home?

Some of us are making more money than we ever owned before.

Are we too craving, too parsimonious, too little-souled to spend some of it for the bonds that are helping the armies win the war?

Buy bonds till it hurts—buy more, and more and more.

The Reporter Comes On

In spite of the difficulties of higher and scarcer paper and generally increased costs of operating a newspaper, the Reporter will continue to come on to bona fide subscribers.

Only to those who pay in advance the regular price of \$2.00 a year or \$1.00 for 6 months can the paper be sent.

And all subscriptions will cease when the time paid for expires.

You may have the Reporter sent to your boy overseas at the same price, as many are doing.

The State's Worst Auto Wreck

Ten people out of 14, in two cars, killed instantly, and the rest in the hospital, some expected to die, marks the worst auto wreck in the history of the State.

The tragedy happened on the highway near Morganton late one night last week. The cars ran together on a hill. Each driver was going at a high speed. The result was sickening.

War is not the only devastating thing. The careless driver may be counted on always to do his part toward destruction.

Christmas Near

The glad season—saddened in so many homes, by the absence of the boys who made Christmas merry in the days gone by—is almost here again. Only two weeks more after this. Let it be celebrated in quiet soberness, somberness and sense.

Sixth War Loan

The Reporter announces with much gratification that the Sixth War Loan in Stokes is progressing.

Big Creek township is over the top—indeed has gone more than 250 per cent. of its quota.

In Walnut Cove last Saturday the bond sale was a great success. More than \$30,000 of government securities were placed in the hands of the buyers.

Chairman Harvey Johnson has not yet announced the sales in other townships.

But it is certain that Stokes county will be far in front of its quota, and this will be greeted by everybody with pride and satisfaction.

Celebrating Pearl Harbor

The anniversary of Pearl Harbor today Dec. 7, was celebrated by the Americans quite appropriately. A 13-vessel convoy coming in to reinforce the Japs on Leyte was sunk. Four thousand of the rats went down.

There is one thing that may be said to the credit of the Japs: They are the most accommodating soldiers in the world. They arrive regularly in huge convoys, making fine targets for our planes. Just as regularly these targets are riddled.

If any of the rats manage to escape our bombers, they very accommodatingly kill themselves.

The Farmers' Buying Power

The 1944 crop of tobacco is probably more than 80 per cent. sold.

Never before in the history of Stokes county have the farmers received such handsome returns on their investments and labor.

Never before has the farmer's buying power been in a stronger position.

When the war is over and normal production of consumer's goods comes back again there will be a vast market for automobiles, trucks, furniture, household implements, and everything in that category of needs whose supply means prosperity for all.

Keeping History

The Reporter is trying to keep a record of the Stokes county boys who have made the great sacrifice. If you know of the death, injury or the missing in action of any of our young men in the service, which has not been published, we will appreciate it if you will let us have the full particulars immediately. After the great war is over it will be interesting and valuable to present and future generations that we have a complete record.