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So far in this war, the only deadly gas that has been turnd loose is from the propaganda agencies, in the United States Senate, and from the platform and radio by such men as Senators Bennett Clark and as they reach the heights of greatness through humil-Burton K. Wheeler, and ex-colonel lindbergh.

What have we accomplished toward retaining our liberties by raising food and making munitions for Britain, and then standing idly by and seeing them sunk into the Atlantic?

BUNCOMBE'S GAIN

Buncombe county, in securing the services of Mrs. Harry Evans as Home Demonstration Agent, has gained a great asset. There is not a better qualified woman in the State in her line of work, and her pleasing personality will make friends for herself and her

Jackson, being among that group of counties that is not as populous as some others, has been unusually fortunate in keeping her valuable services for fourteen years.

PLAINLY SPEAKING

Let us not deceive ourselves nor be deceived. We have been at war with Germany and Japan for many months. Our liberties and our institutions, our way of life and our form of government are as much threaten ed as anybody's. Our security is in grave jeopardy. All this our government has realized. Hence, we are and have been at war—we just haven't had occasion to do any shooting. We have not, and may not send an expeditionary force to Europe or Asia; and then we may have to do this. It is true that we have not made a formal declaration of war; but that went out of fashion with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, and was popularized by Mussolini in Ethiop.a and Albania, and by Hitler in Holland and at least a half dozen other countries, upon which he launched unprovoked, unnecessary and aggressive warfare.

The time has come for us, if we value our liberties, to reverse our minds and begin thinking, not of what the government can do for us, but of what can I do for my government. This applies as much to the wealthy, who get contracts that run into millions from the government, as much as to the families who depend upon the surplus commodities for subsistence, to every person who has been recipient, directly or in-

directly, of governmental favors.

The federal government has been building up a national defense in the minds of the people, for several years, by letting them know that their government is mindful of them and their humblest needs. Democracy has been made to work in this country for the benefit of the people, all of us. Now the time has come when the people, all of us must put our minds, hearts, and hands to working for Democracy.

If Germany should win this war, investments of the rich would be of little value. In that event, the advances labor has made would be lost and labor would be reduced to the status of that in Germany and the occupied countries, slave labor working for merciless and avaricious masters; and the plight of the really poor would be pitiable. In fact, we would all be poverty stricken, our material wealth gone, and we bereft of our rich spiritual and political heritage.

We must all work, all produce, all save, all serve. Provide the munitions and the foods that are neded in our own country and in Britain, and then see to it that those that are intended for Britain get there.. Therein

lies our political salvation.

MOTHER'S DAY, 1941

One of the things for which we would find it hard to forgive Hitler and the German nation is all the grief and heartaches that they have brought to the mothers of the world, by ushering in this reign of horror; and terdam after it had capitulated, killing and mutilating thousands of Dutch mothers, to give the world an be accepted.

For, the mothers of the world are its really great ual riches and strength. heroes. It is they who suffer in silence, who keep a rendeath the principles of truth and right, that liberty the answer to the problems of our times.

may be preserved among the sons of men.

It is they who hold fast to the spirtual values, and who trust and love us when all the storms of hell beat about us.

On Sunday, America pauses to pay tribute to Mother.

In the Old Testament there appears a character, the only woman that the Bible calls "great". We do not know her name; but the writer of Holy Writ says "a great woman". She was a humble woman, living in a small town, keeping busy about the homely and holy tasks of making a home for her husband, rearing her son in the fear of God, and keeping hospitably ready a room for the Man of God, when he chanced to pass that way. She was humble, she was faithful, and, therefore, she was a great woman.

Thus it is that the names of the truly great of this world remain unknown; and many thousands of these humble, faithful, great people are and have been mothers, who cherish in their hearts and exemplify in their lives the great virtues of faith hope and love,

THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

A few days ago, in dedicating the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson, at Staunton, as a national shrine, President Roosevelt called attention to the fact that the spiritual values far exceed all physical value, and that it was in this realm that Woodrow Wilson made his greatest contribution to American life.

Our heritage as Americans has been great. The physical heritage, the wealth of our country was dissipated to large degree. We were prodigal with it, in depleting our forests and our lands, and in destroywork, wherever she goes. She is a real leader among ing them, in the belief that the store was inexhaustible. We now have come to the place in our national life that we are thinking, planning, and working to conserve the remnant of that once apparently boundless supply of national resources that was the inheritance of America.

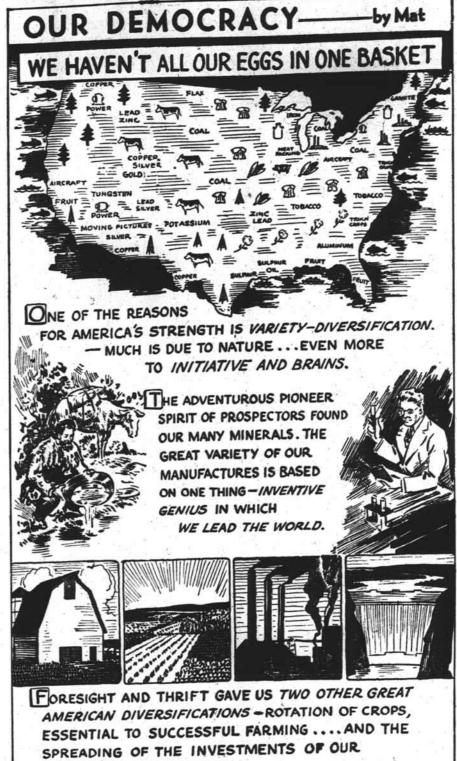
Sometimes we wonder if the same thing hasn't happened to the spiritual heritage. No people anywhere ever had a nobler spiritual inheritance than the native American. Our fathers came to this country seeking God and Liberty under the law. They placed their faith in the spirtual verities and prized them above all possessions. That inheritance from our fathers has made us a noble nation and has carried us far. But, have we conserved those spiritual resources and added to them, have we increased our spiritual inheritance, or have we seen it diminish as ter than the old stable compost the years have come and gone? They remain today bed because the plants grow as our chief bulwark against the tide of paganism and slavery that is sweeping over the world but are plants are younger when they they as strong as they were in other days?

Have we allowed the propagandists to shake our faith in ourselves, our country and its institutions, to fear war more than slavery, to place self above patriotism, to believe that we are self-sufficient, and that what happens to the rest of mankind is no concern of ours? Haven't we, until recently, been taking the impudent attitude of the murderer Cain, and asking the Lord to His face if we are our brother's keeper? Have we, to some extent neglected to look upon our liberties and think of them as priceless possessions? Have we failed to put the proper evaluation

upon the things of the spirit?

The spirit of a man needs nourishments just as his body does. Time was when most Americans knew their Bibles, that Book from which came not only our religious faith, but also our liberties. Time was when the right or wrong of a matter was settled by reference to that Book, and "thus saith the Lord" ended all dispute. That was the last word, and few pepole dared to question it. Time was when Sunday was a sacred day in America, when usual avocations, play, and secular pursuits were laid aside, and the people turned their minds to the things of the spirit. Here we have undoubtedly lost much. It is appalling how little most people either know or care what the Book says. Once it was a topic of general and more or less intelligent discussion. The great flood of immigration from continental Europe, brought here to secure cheap labor for our growing industrialists, and imposed upon us with the fallacious doctrine that a super race would come out of the "melting pot" of races, brought ideals and ideas foreign to our fathers to the American shores. More and more the continental idea of Sunday as a holiday instead of a holy day has laid hold upon America. This was one day dedicated to the necessary cultivation of the spiritual. When we edged further and further from that ideal and that purpose, we inevitably lost a great deal, for spiritual values were bound to suffer from neglect. "The Sabbath was made for man", said the Master, and he knew full well that man's good, the spiritual good of for machine-gunning peasant mothers in Poland, as a nation could best be served by such observance of they fell in their fields, or crowded the roads, fleeing as one day out of seven as would tend to the spiritual from the wrath to come; for bombing the city of Rot-strengthening of the people. If we fail to feed our bodies properly, they become weak. If we misuse our material riches they flee from us. If we neglect the example of how far German frigthfulness will go, in day upon which our spirits are to be fed, and negimpressing the world that the will of Germany must lect to carry the Word in our hearts, then as individuals and as a nation, we suffer the loss of spirit-

America, in this time, must learn to put more valdezvous with Providence in the night watches, who ue upon our spirtual inheritance, which was prized so send their sons forth with a smile to uphold to the highly by our fathers. Therein lies at least a part of



THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

Electric Hotbeds Gaining In Favor

Electricity, now performing an ncreasing number of tasks about the farm, is finding favor among progressive growers in heating hotbeds, according to D. E. Jones, rural electrification specialist of N. C. State College.

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faster. This means that the planting, a desirable factor in truck farming.

Another advantage of the electric hotbed, Jones said, is that the installation may be made permanent and that the temperature may be maintained and regulated automatically to the needs of the particular plants being grown.

This feature permits the forced growth and early maturity of spring vegetables suited to hotbed planting. An electric hotbed will provide the family table with early spring vegetables and aid the truck gardener in meeting out-of-season competition in the market.

As the electric hotbed is permanent, considerable labor is saved every year, and the installation and operating cost compares favorably with other sources of heat.

During the past season, many growers with electrically-heated beds reported securing several times more plants than with the old manure bed. The fact that a great many more plants can be grown in a yard of the elecbed makes it possible for the farmer to reduce the size of his plant bed. This means a saving in seed, labor, and fertilizer. The cost of operating an electric hotbed will vary with power rates, the severity of the weather, the temperature of the soil, and the contruction of the plant bed.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

disinfected?

less of the care given them, are a distinct menace to the welen to some place where chickens awful sight, especially when that community of Yancey County, do not range.

method of feeding swine? ANSWER: The self-feeder memories."

method is the best way to feed fattening hogs. It saves labor and feed, is an ideal way to utilize dry feed, helps keep feed clean, and enables each pig to select his own ration. Where nursing sows are self-fed, the pigs will learn to eat from the feeder before weaning time. When the sows are taken away at weaning time, the pigs may electric hotbeds say they are bet- be continued on the self-feeder pay as much on the investment without interruption.

Youngsters Need No Stimulants!

A born idiot has dignity, but one artificially created by alcohol has none, Angelo Patri wrote recently in a column for young people.

Writing for the Bell Syndicate, he

"The reforming of grown people never interests me. If we teach children what is good for them and do our best to protect them from evil we will not have too many adults to reform. That is why the cocktail hour that offers stimulating drinks to young people in their late 'teens and early 20's seems so dangerous

"Young people are stimulated by the wine of youth. There is no drink as heady as that with which nature has stimulated them. It takes all



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they have to keep an even balance without taking on additional stimulation in the form of a cocktail.

"The afternoon gathering and the need for relaxation and gaiety are set in the day's routine by nature. Cocktails are not nature's way of re-QUESTION: How should poul- lieving the situation and we who ry houses with dirt floors be are in any way responsible for the nual cash income, reports P. R. welfare of young people should be Elam, farm agent of the N.C. ANSWER: Dirt floors, regard- quick to save the situation by pro- State College Extension Service. viding the needful elements without

fare of the poultry industry, says provided it is selected with an eye Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the to its effect. Tea is a good stimu-State College Poultry Depart-lant A good drink-tasty, sparkling. ment. If conditions actually snappy—can be made by combining County, according to G. H. necessitate houses with such tea, fruit juices and ginger-ale. It floors, these should be scraped can be lovely in color and when once each month Four to six served in dainty glasses is quite as once each month. Four to six attractive as any cocktail. It will inches of dirt should be removed smell better and taste as good and and replaced with sand or soil it will do its work without robbing from unpolluted sources. The youth of its charm and its brains. material removed should be tak- "A body without its mind is an

Housewives Begin Blanket Storage

The arrival of warm weather means putting away those blankets which will not be needed again until next fall, says Miss Pauline Gordon, extension home management and house furnishing specialist of N. C. State College.

A warm spring day when the sun is shining and a light wind blowing is an excellent time to wash out the soil of winter and store blankets out of the read of moths.

Miss Gordon explained the the warmth of a blanket depends upon a soft. fluffy nap. Wool fibres are soft, crimpy, and scaly, When a wool blanket is placed in warm soapy water, the fibers become softened or plastic. If the blanket is subjected to hard rubbing or wringing, the fibres tend not only to creep up on each other, but to stick together.

Because of the danger of this shrinkage and matting of the wool when it is washed, every homemaker should understand the rules of washing blankets properly. Since wool cannot stand too much cold or too much heat, only lukewarm water should be used for washing and rinsing. The temperature of the water should never be above 90 degrees F.

The second thing to remember, Miss Gordon said, is to use soft water and mild neutral soap. never a strong laundry soap. Two tablespoonsful of borax to each tub of water should be added if the water needs softening. If a sediment forms, the water should be strained.

Water should be squeezed, not twisted, out of a blanket. If a wringer is used, the blanket should be folded flat and the tension on the rolls released to avoid crushing the nap.

Summer Shelters Prove Profitable

Summer range shelters will poultryman can make, according to T. T. Brown, extension poultryman of N. C. State College.

Where more than 100 birds are kept, the shelter results in feed economy and healthier, more thrifty pullets. This assures the producer of a more economical egg production and a lower pullet mortality.

"In order to face competition more successfully," Brown stated, "the poultry raiser should be interested in any piece of equipment or practice that really gives results such as the summer range shelter does."

When the shelter is placed on clean land where ample tender green feed and shade are available, it will cost much less to feed pullets than if the birds were confined to a small yard or bare lot. Where the pullets range on a

green crop such as lespedeza or soybeans, they will get something that the feed manufacturer has not been able to put in the feed bag. The shelter that Extension

Service poultrymen have found to be the most economical and most satisfactory is A-shaped with the eaves about two feet from the ground and the peak of the roof about five feet, ten inches. The shelter is 9 by 10 feet in size and will accomodate "The use of the summer range

shelter helps to eliminate disease and intestinal parasites. puts vigor into the pullets, and makes for better egg size and production by properly developing the birds", Brown said.

DIVERSIFY

Madison County farmers are taking advantage of diversified agriculture to increase their an-

POWER

Contracts will be let soon for twenty-two miles of power lines in nine communities of Clay Wheeler, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Serv

VALUABLE

Sol Wright, unit demonstration farmer of the Jacks Creek body is usually occupied by an in-QUESTION: What is the best telligent, able mind. . . . It's an awful sight and one no young person would wish to imprint on friends' years has been worth \$500 to his