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EDITORIAL

So far in this war, the only deadly gas that has been turned loose is from the propaganda agencies...

What have we accomplished toward retaining our liberties by raising food and making munitions for Britain...

BUNCOMBE'S GAIN

Buncombe county, in securing the services of Mrs. Harry Evans as Home Demonstration Agent, has gained a great asset.

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 threatened as anybody's.

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.

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.

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.

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

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...

For, the mothers of the world are its really great heroes. It is they who suffer in silence, who keep a rendezvous with Providence in the night watches, who send their sons forth with a smile to uphold to the death the principles of truth and right, that liberty

may be preserved among the sons of men.

It is they who hold fast to the spiritual 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".

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...

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 destroying them...

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.

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?

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.

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America, in this time, must learn to put more value upon our spiritual inheritance, which was prized so highly by our fathers. Therein lies at least a part of the answer to the problems of our times.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

WE HAVEN'T ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET



ONE OF THE REASONS FOR AMERICA'S STRENGTH IS VARIETY-DIVERSIFICATION. — MUCH IS DUE TO NATURE... EVEN MORE TO INITIATIVE AND BRAINS.

THE ADVENTUROUS PIONEER SPIRIT OF PROSPECTORS FOUND OUR MANY MINERALS. THE GREAT VARIETY OF OUR MANUFACTURES IS BASED ON ONE THING—INVENTIVE GENIUS IN WHICH WE LEAD THE WORLD.



FORESIGHT AND THRIFT GAVE US TWO OTHER GREAT AMERICAN DIVERSIFICATIONS—ROTATION OF CROPS, ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL FARMING... AND THE SPREADING OF THE INVESTMENTS OF OUR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

Electric Hotbeds Gaining in Favor

Electricity, now performing an increasing number of tasks about the farm, is finding favor among progressive growers in heating hotbeds...

Farmers who have used the electric hotbeds say they are better than the old stable compost bed because the plants grow faster. This means that the plants are younger when they attain a size sufficient for transplanting...

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.

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State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: How should poultry houses with dirt floors be disinfected?

ANSWER: Dirt floors, regardless of the care given them, are a distinct menace to the welfare of the poultry industry, says Roy S. Dearstyn, head of the State College Poultry Department.

QUESTION: What is the best method of feeding swine? ANSWER: The self-feeder

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.

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.

"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.

"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



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 relieving the situation and we who are in any way responsible for the welfare of young people should be quick to save the situation by providing the needful elements without falling back on stimulants.

"Music will help tremendously provided it is selected with an eye to its effect. Tea is a good stimulant. A good drink—tasty, sparkling, snappy—can be made by combining tea, fruit juices and ginger-ale. It can be lovely in color and when served in dainty glasses is quite as attractive as any cocktail.

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 reach of moths.

Miss Gordon explained that the warmth of a blanket depends upon a soft, fluffy nap. Wool fibres are soft, crimped, and scaly. When a wool blanket is placed in warm soapy water, the fibres become softened or plastic.

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 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.

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 pay as much on the investment as any other expenditure the 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 accommodate 100 pullets.

"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 annual cash income, reports P. R. Elam, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

POWER

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

VALUABLE

Sol Wright, unit demonstration farmer of the Jacks Creek community of Yancey County, says the phosphate and lime he has used during the past two years has been worth \$500 to his farm.