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### The Voice Of America Speaks

The political barker along the main highways has been proclaiming Mr. Wendell L. Wilkie's strength and pointing to the support pledged by a disgruntled group of worn-out and hypocritical politicians and by a press apparently subsidized by wealth in one way or another. There has been much said about the Democratic Convention out in Chicago. President Roosevelt has been accused of drafting himself by a third term. All these mushy accusations and claims come from those who, in many cases, have a bone to pick or who consider themselves better able to run the country than Mr. Roosevelt and his aides.

Go back to the little country cross roads store, and push on back to the humble home that holds the foundation of this country together even though the weather-worn boards and the rustic appearances are never seen by the smart-aleck who bellows forth his opinions that are gained from a melting pot of humanity from nearly every nation on earth.

Those who would dare say that Mr. Roosevelt drafted himself for a third term would do well to get off the main highways and go back into the rural areas and learn what the true-American has to say. Last spring before the opposition had an opportunity to talk about third-term drafts, an old citizen of this county who had followed Republicanism that had been handed down to him from generations before, expressed his wish to register, not to vote in the primary that was held last May, but to be eligible to vote for Mr. Roosevelt should he accept a third-term nomination.

Developments followed in due course of time. The little group that had dictated the politics of North Carolina for years upon years failed to stop the common people in their drive for Roosevelt. The people's demand for Roosevelt for a third term had to be heeded at Chicago. It was one time that the politicians had little or nothing to say about who was to be nominated. The delegates had their instructions, and they could not, did not favor any hand-picked candidate.

It is true that there was some dissention in the convention, but that is the way of true Democracy. A machined program well planned and oiled by a political group would have eliminated dissention and smothered the opposition, but Democracy spoke its sentiments, and the people came away victorious not by accident or luck but because the people wanted it that way.

The facts clarify the third-term issue, and now comes a Republican well advanced in years, to give expression to the voice of America by saying he wanted to vote for Roosevelt again. It is apparent that the old Republican Party is waging a life and death fight and that all attacks, founded or unfounded, must be advanced to weaken the opposition.

### Industry Strikes

Those who are firmly convinced by their own peculiar way of thinking that the United States is safe, that this nation can defend itself, and that no trouble similar to that causing the downfall of France is to be encountered here should start putting two and two together and realize just how weak we are as a nation.

During recent months there has been a great deal said about a defense program. The only spur to the movement has been the billion dollar appropriations talked about and advanced by Congress. There has been very little cooperation advanced in behalf of the program by the Congress itself, the industrialists, labor and others.

One can go back to the last war, dig up the facts and quickly realize what a precarious position we are in today. A quarter of a century ago labor was branded as unpatriotic and treasonous when a strike was mentioned. But industry struck, also. A glaring example is recalled in connection with an urgent call for powder during a critical period of the war. A governmental committee, investigating the case, said:

"The government offered to pay 'every dollar of expense,' to advance \$1,000,000 on account of profit, and to pay additional profit as determined by arbitration. This was rejected by the

company's board of directors upon the recommendation of Pierre du Pont. He wrote that '... we cannot assent to allowing our own patriotism to interfere with our duties as trustees for the stockholders.' At the time, he was one of the ten largest holders of the company's common stock."

That was in the last war. And while we are ready to harp without letup about labor strikes, let's look at the recent records as they were recorded by industry.

One large automobile manufacturer, after boasting he could make so many thousand planes each day, decided he would not make any at all if the terms of the contract provided for the sale of some of the planes to Britain. Another car manufacturer after being offered 7 per cent profits, faltered and wanted to know what constituted profits.

With possibly some few exceptions, industry is apparently now on a general strike, refusing to embark on the nation defense orders until three conditions are met:

"1. That they be permitted to 'write off' plant expansion in five years rather than at the now legal rate of 15 years. Thus, revenue otherwise taxable as 'profits' can avoid taxation and be written off as 'depreciation.' This results in higher prices on government orders as overhead costs are written up."

"2. That present law (Vinson-Trammell Act) limiting profits on aviation and naval contracts to 8 per cent be repealed.

"3. That the Presidential program 'of a steeply graduated profits tax, to be applied to all individuals and all corporate organizations' be withdrawn."

If a common, ordinary laborer refuses to work for such a price, he is branded a coward and traitor during war times. He is scorned even though the wages he is offered are not sufficient to purchase the necessities of life for himself and his family.

And now there is the conscription bill. Voluntary action on the part of liberty-loving folks will not meet the emergency. We are not willing to accept the sacrifices. We are lining up with industry and balking.

In the light of these facts and the indifferent attitude and even the strong opposition voiced by allegedly true-blooded Americans, the best that one can hope for is a poor defense program. In time of peace we did nothing to promote peace, and now in time of stress we are doing nothing to head off Hitler's threat against peace, freedom and everything good that goes with it.

### Pershing Speaks

On the same day that Charles Lindbergh, the fairly good plane pilot again voiced his opinions on the preparedness program as an empty hero, John J. Pershing, noted war general and authority on military affairs, appealed to the American people to wake up and demand Congress to offer immediate aid to Britain. "Do everything today, not tomorrow, for the cause of Britain short of war," the General said in his address last Sunday evening.

There is a hero of the air, a man who has no claim to a military title, telling the United States to draw itself into a shell. And then Mr. Pershing, a man who knows the facts, comes along and in direct opposition to our hero of the air and appeals to Congress and the people to act now in behalf of civilization. The old general of the last war made a sane speech packed with common sense and devoid of hero appeal.

Nearly 100 per cent of those hearing Mr. Pershing agreed with him and now urged the immediate sale or transfer of 100 and more, if necessary, destroyers to Great Britain.

### Candidate Wilkerson Speaks

John Wilkerson, Republican nominee for a seat in the National House of Representatives from this district and Beaufort County attorney, speaking before a newly-formed Wilkie club down in Washington County recently said: "Seven years that Mr. Roosevelt has been head of our nation he has successfully made enemies in most all of the foreign countries, Italy, Russia, Germany and Japan, and the reason that we want to build such a large Navy is to protect this country against the countries that he has made mad with us."

It is apparent that Mr. Wilkerson is not acquainted with the facts. It is also apparent that he and his Republican friends had rather lie down and associate with Hitler and Mussolini rather than stick up for what's right and what's decent. It has been characteristic of the Republican Party to wallow around where ill-gotten wealth was penned and ignore society's basic principles.

Mr. Wilkerson forgets that it was Roosevelt who recognized Russia after his (Mr. Wilkerson's) own party has slurred that country year after year. Possibly the seed of hate sown by Republicanism are just now bearing their fruit. Serious efforts were made to maintain friendly relations with the other powers, but Mr. Roosevelt would not stoop to such practices as those Mr. Wilkerson intimates his party would follow. When friendship was to be maintained on a crude commercial basis while all that is good and right by the laws of God and decency, Mr. Roosevelt put his foot down. He did not act, however, until he had tried to re-establish trade relations which had been torn down by a damnable Republican tariff. And now a candidate for a seat in the National House of Representatives comes along and tells a Republican gathering all about a foreign policy he apparently knows nothing about.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Piney Grove Baptist**  
Regular services Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m.  
All members are urged to be present and the public is invited.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
The following services will be held this Sunday:  
Williamston church school, 9:45 a. m.

Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Roberson's Chapel church school, 9 a. m.  
Monthly sermon postponed until third Sunday.

Bear Grass church school at usual hour.  
Young People of the church, 7:30 p. m. at which time the worship service will be under their direction. (No regular sermon due to Mr. Vinson's absence.)

Poplar Point church school at 2 p. m.  
Gold Point church school at 3:30 p. m.

Robersonville monthly preaching service at 8 p. m. in Woman's Club.  
The public is cordially invited to any or all of these services.

**BAPTIST**  
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Training Union Assembly, 7 p. m.  
Evening worship, 8 p. m.

**METHODIST**  
Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor.  
Church school at 9:45 a. m.  
Epworth League, 7:15 p. m.  
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to join with others who find these services helpful to them.

The manufacture and distribution of margarine is inspected and supervised by government officials more thoroughly than that of any other American food product, according to the National Cotton Council.

Keeness of vision of some birds is almost incredible. A tiny insect which the human eye can hardly see at one yard is distinctly seen at a hundred yards by birds, reports the Better Vision Institute.

## Growers Get Ready To Sow Winter Peas

Austrian winter peas will play a major role in protecting North Carolina farm land against the ravages of soil erosion during the cold bleak months, says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service.

Already growers have ordered more than 1,500,000 pounds of Austrian pea seed through the AAA's grant-of-aid program for spreading a green blanket over their unprotected lands this winter.

Blair said the seed should be planted between September 1 and October 15, the earlier the better. On land where they have never been grown before, the seed should be broadcast at the rate of 30 to 40 pounds to the acre. Twenty to 30 pounds is enough when drilling peas or when broadcasting on land that is well-inoculated.

The seed must be inoculated unless they are sown on land that is already inoculated. Land inoculated for vetch or for garden peas (May peas) does not require inoculation for Austrian peas.

Although this legume is a soil-builder, it will pay to use some fertilizer under the crop. On good soils of the Coastal Plain, Blair recommends 200 pounds per acre of a 0-8-6 mixture. For poor soils, he suggests 200 pounds of a 4-8-6 fertilizer.

In the mountains and piedmont, best results will be secured with 200 pounds of a 0-10-4 on good soils and 200 pounds of 4-10-4 on the poorer soils. The fertilizer application to the crop following the peas may then be reduced by these amounts.

Austrian peas may be planted after corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, soybeans, cowpeas, and other crops. They may be turned under in time to plant the same crops they followed, with the exception of tobacco and in some counties cotton.

The eyes of most children do not move in perfect unison with each other until about three months after birth, according to the Better Vision Institute. Pupils of the eyes, however, expand or contract readily in the new-born child as the light is decreased or increased.

TO CHECK  
**MALARIA** IN 7 DAYS  
take **666**

## Long-Range City Plan Is Successful

Small cities, like large ones, can build better facilities for their residents and yet save taxpayers substantial sums by adopting a long-range city plan, according to the National Consumers Tax Commission. Citing the experience of Kenosha, Wis., a community of moderate size, the commission reports that 15 dangerous railroad grade crossings have been eliminated there, a modern unified transit system established, a civic center covering eight city blocks built, and a blighted industrial area restored while the tax rate was reduced from \$3.10 in 1921 to \$2.90 in 1932 all through comprehensive city planning. The commission urges cities to set up an official planning board, a technical staff, and citizens' advisory committee—the three parts of a standard organization for preparing a sound program for public improvements based on need.

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**  
Whereas, the Board of Town Commissioners in regular session this 5th day of August, 1940, have heard with keen regret of the death of Ellis N. Ramey, who for ten years was on the Police Force of the town of Williamston. Therefore be it resolved, that in his passing, the town of Williamston has lost a most efficient and faithful police officer, the community an upright and honorable citizen and his family a kind and loving husband and father.  
Be it further resolved that this

## Radio Waves And Light Have Weight

Does a ray of light weigh anything? Yes, it does. And for that matter radio waves and invisible X-rays have weight, according to the Better Vision Institute. Einstein and other great scientists agree that all rays and waves of energy have mass, or substance. For that reason all light must weigh something. In the case of sunlight what is actually happening is that the sun is shooting out part of its substance into solar space in the form of light. Sometime the sun will become so small that it will cease to have power to shed light. However, says the institute, we need not worry about that. It will take millions of years for the sun to burn itself out.

resolution be spread on the town minutes, a copy sent to The Enterprise and a copy sent to his bereaved family.

Done in regular session this 5th day of August, 1940.  
J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.  
Attest: G. H. Harrison, Clerk.

**DR. V. H. MEWBORN OF TOM-E-TRIST**  
Please Note Date Changes  
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, August 6.  
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.  
Plymouth office, Liverman's Drug Store, Every Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.  
Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted  
Tarboro Every Saturday.

## Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday August 11-12  
**I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING BUT LOVE BABY**  
with Johnny Downs and Peggy Moran

Tuesday August 13  
DOUBLE FEATURE  
"Millionaires in Prison," Lee Tracy, Linda Hayes  
"Pop Always Pays", with Leon Errol

Wednesday-Thursday August 14-15  
**"THE BISCUIT EATER"**  
with Billy Lee and Cordell Hickman

Friday-Saturday August 16-17  
**"THE SHOWDOWN"**  
with William Boyd

# Facts... About Fallacies



## Nero Did NOT Fiddle while Rome burned

Few of the fallacies of history and legend have had so prolonged a life as that which represents Nero the Emperor as being atop the Tower of Maecenas gleefully fiddling and vocalizing while the City of Rome went up in flames.

Aside from the anachronism as to "fiddling" (the violin only dates from the middle of the 16th Century) and conceding that the instrument might have been the classic lyre of antiquity, we have the authoritative statement of Tacitus that at the time of the conflagration Nero the Emperor was at his villa at Antium, some 50 miles away.



## Electric Ranges are NOT slow

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