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#### Not Ripe For Defense

Considerable progress has been made in building up this Nation's defense, but the time is hardly ripe for real advancement.

The passage of the conscription bill in the Senate last week clearly indicates that the manpower is not ready to voluntarily step into the service of the country. There has been some talk of conscripting wealth and industry, but there is strong opposition to such a plan. Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican presidential nominee, is against any such action. And it is apparent that industry is not yet ready to voluntarily act in the defense of this country.

Young men will be called to the colors soon Will industry be called? Or will industry hold back for fat profits and dictate to the government its own policies forgetting and caring little about the country and the welfare of the

This country is not yet ripe for advancing a defense program, and unless industry voluntarily offers its service or is drafted just as the manpower'is drafted, internal trouble is to be expected.

#### The Pop-Off Valve

The clash between those who would represent the people and those who would represent their own selfish interests or a jaded and peteredout aristocracy based on blue blood that was mingled by questionable acts way back yonder when Rover hadn't gotten to be a pup creates a great deal of steam in the National Congress. Much of that steam is released through the Congressional Record Appendix which apparently serves as a pop-off valve They can go to the pages at the taxpayer's expense and blow, blow and blow. Sometimes, those who are about to burst and yet don't have the ability to blow off their own steam, call on their relatives, friends, or pet columnists, and then they go to town at the rate of about \$1,000 a page, so they claim. Yes, the bill is included in the tax that helps create the deficits.

A shining example came to light in the August 24 Congressional Record. Hon. Bennett Champ Clark, Missouri hypocrit whose father came to Williamston and puffed all up when no body turned out to hear him, dug into the tax bag when he called upon a relative and the two of them puffed and blowed long and hard to fill up four pages in the Record. The subject matter offered no constructive criticism or revealed any truths; it merely consisted of bitter digs at a man who is trying to serve the people and his country.

If Champ Clark will publish in the Record a few facts as they relate to his association with a large German constituency and other things that would be of interest to the public he may with our permission, fill up four more pages in the Record.

## Abusing Free Speech

By Raymond Clapper.

So far as I know there is no handbook of etiquette that suggest appropriate remarks one might make after being hanged in effigy.

That long-felt want has now been admirably met by Senator Claude Pepper, of Florida.

He has been advocating conscription and he was hanged in effigy on Capitol Hill by a crowd of angry mothers opposed to the draft. It was the first symbolic lynching that had occurred under the eaves of our citadel of democracy since the Civil War, so the oldest inhabitants hereabouts tell us.

This symbolic lynching was a symbolic disgrace, but it had a supreme and perhaps a slightly glorious climax when the notification ceremonies were held afterward in Senator Pepper's office. The effigy, bearing its insulting placard, "Claude Benedict Arnold Pepper," was cut down and delivered to the Senator. If Wendell Willkie was on a spot with his acceptance speech, it was a spot no hotter than that upon which the audacious young Senator Pepper found himself on this occasion as he gazed at the noose-draped effigy of himself and be-thought himself what he might say in acknowledgement of the unusual tribute.

Senator Pepper's speech of acceptance after being hanged in effigy was a brief gem. It breathed so deeply of the spirit of our free democracy that it deserves its place among the classic utterances of our history.

I quote it, and I hope that many others will quote it, too-now and for years to come - to shame those intolerant persons whose first impulse, whenever an issue arises, is to let go of the primary essential of democracy-tolerant

respect for the opinions of others. Senator Pepper made this comment: "Knowing these women, like all other Americans, are sincere in their patriotism, placing America first and Hitler last, I feel that their hanging me in effigy is a splendid demonstration of what we are all trying to preserve-freedom of speech and freedom of action in the American way of doing things. I only hope that the spectators and those who hear about this business. will feel that I also love America and that I am sincere in my daily efforts to defend the United States in liberty, the right of free speech and free action."

Lincoln could not have said it better.

One of the curious inconsistencies of this bitter fight over conscription that has shaken Washington to its roots is that those who oppose conscription as a threat to democratic institutions are themselves using the most intolerant factics. They make the point that conscription would fasten the ways of dictatorship on us. But in so doing, they frequently desert the level of reason and stoop to the intimidating. smearing tactics of the Nazi Goebbels. They attribute the lowest motives to those advocating conscription and shower them with buckets of mud and threats of reprisal in the true Nazi style. They appear to respect free speech only by themselves.

Ambassador Bullitt, because of his experience in France, surely is entitled to be heard. But. when he speaks he is denounced as almost a traitor. Demand is made that he be prosecuted for trying to influence Congress. A columnist who wrote a dispatch approving of Bullitt's position is denounced as an "obsequious lickspittle." A distinguished radio commentator who knows as much about the history of the last 2 years as any Senator is denounced as a propagandist who should be driven off the air.

Adequate defense of the United States and how it should be achieved is a question that arises supreme over all other considerations. The fullest discussion of it is warranted-discussion of the question, not the personalities.

In 1917 it was not possible for the elder La Follette nor for Senator George Norris to get a hearing. Then the intolerance was on the other side. Opponents of conscription now are having their day in court, a field day, and it is not in the best interest of democratic processes that they should abuse their opportunity. That will only breed the intolerance and tend to incite the repressive tactics that we all are trying to escape this time.

#### Gaining Momentum

Reports from some sections of the State point to trouble for the Democrats in North Carolina. While the movement has not gained much headway so far, it carries the threat of possible defeat, sooner or later. ,

When Mr. Haynes bolted the National Democratic Party, he possibly caused more dissention among the State ranks than the number he gained for Nominee Willkie. Democrats are saying now that Mr. Haynes will follow Willkie and then turn and support his favorite gang in the State, they will stick to Roosevelt and fight Mr. Haynes and the old gang in the State. No State Republican victory is anticipated in the State this year, but the practice of the Haynes group is leading to Republican gains. Mr. Broughton is an able man and possibly more people will have cause to vote for him than they had in any governor in recent years, but it is likely that Roosevelt will lead him by thousands of votes.

The movement is gaining momentum, and it is being supported unknowingly by Haynes and politics within the party.

#### Senator From North Dakota Inherits Borah's Advisers

Charlotte News.

We trust-we do most earnestly trust-that Senator Gerald Nye's sources of expert military opinion are more reliable than the late Senator Borah's sources of expert international opinion. Senator Borah's advisers had it almost up to last September that there wasn't going to be any war.

Senator Nye has been assured upon "the best of military authority," how "little force could be moved against us by a victorious Hitler." Hence our dependence on the survival of the British Fleet is "silly palaver," and the transfer of those 50 destroyers would be nothing short of an act of war.

Something doesn't jibe here. We want Britain to win, don't we? We want her to win for the sake of our security as well as hers-isn't that so? And if we could help her to win without weakening ourselves or exposing ourselves to retaliation, we'd do it in a minute, wouldn't we? Especially if the force that could be moved against us by a victorious Hitler were nothing to be afraid of?

Public opinion's answers to all those questions are in the affirmative. Wherefore it logically follows that the only reason, according to Senator Nye's diagnosis, for not sending the 50 destroyers is that they might do Britain good and Germany harm. Is that what actuates the Senator?



#### METHODIST

All regular services will be held at the Methodist Church next Sun-

Church school, 9:45 a. m. D. N Hix, superintendent.
Preaching services, 11 a. m. and

Epworth League meets at 6:45 p.

Next Sunday will be "Ladies Day at the Methodist church. At this time, the Woman's Society of Chris tian Service will be organized im-mediately following the sermon This organization is to take the place of the former missionary society This change will be made throughout the whole Methodist church, in ceeping with the church law passed by the recent general conference held

All women of the church are urged to be present, so they may become charter members, if they desire. In rder to be a charter member of this group one must join either at the organization meeting or before September 22, when a conferencewide meeting will be held at Green ville Mrs. E. L. Hillman, of Rocky Mount, is president of the conference missionary society at present. This ociety will cease to exist after the meeting in Greenville, at which time the new organization of the woman's Society for Christian Server and government time ered.

Mr. Ghiselin has given much time Mr. Ghiselin has given much time

eorganize its women into this new society, and it is hoped to have as many charter members as possible. There will be millions of Methodist women who will join in the new or-ganization. The Williamston church invites every woman within the membership of the church to be present Sunday morning and hear about this organization and its purposes.

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship ,11 a. m. "Turning over a New Leaf." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "My Life Is But a Weaving."

The pastor will speak at both serv ces and desires to greet his congregation after a busy but pleasant

Junior Philathea meets Monday, 8p. m.

Junior Choir meets Monday at :30 p. m.

Mid-week services will be resum ed at 7:30 on Wednesday with Mr. Goff discussing "A Family Church." The regular church program for the fall will begin in the churches of Williamston on the coming Sunday. All night services will begin

in the several churches at 7:30.

The Senior Philathea Bible Class of the Williamston Christian Church will hold its monthly meeting Friday night, September 6th, with Mrs. O. Moore, at 8 p. m.

#### BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 7 p. m.

September is Church Loyalty Month with us and we are glad to announce that an inspiring congregation was present last Sunday. This Sunday morning, Dr. Kitchin will speak to us on Christian Education and will mention the Chapel Building program at Wake Forest Col-lege. People like to go where the

crowds are. Let us have big crowds

n our worship services. There will be no evening service in our church this coming Sunday night. Use the opportunity to visit one of the other church services. The pastor will begin a meeting Sunday night at Cedar Branch with Rev. W. B. Harrington. Pray for the success of the meeting and attend all that

#### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

16th Sunday after Trinity. Celebration of the Holy Commun-

on, 8 a. m. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Corporate communion of all the tion of the United Thank Offering and sermon; 11 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p.m. Note the change of hour.

#### PRESBYTERIAN

All the regular services will be held at all points this Sunday.

The regular fall evangelistic serv

ices of the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church got underway last night (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m. when the Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin, of Salem, Va., brought the first message of this series. Services will be held each night this week nad next week. Stor-ies will be told to the children. Familiar gospel hymns will be sung and gospel messages will be deliv-

to evangelistic work and is at the present time giving all of his time and talent to such services. He comes highly recommended as an evangelistic preacher and the general pub-lic is cordially invited to hear him.

As a result of the national defense program and improvement in con sumer income in this country, the outlook for domestic mill consumption of wool continues favorable.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Administrator C. T. A. of the estate of Alonza. Rodgerson, deceased late of Martin County. North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased

#### DR. V. H. MEWBORN Please Note Date Changes

bersonville office, Scott's Jew lry Store, Tuesday, Sept. 10. Williamston office, Peele's Jewel

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to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C., on or before September 4th, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their re-covery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate

This 4th day of September, 1940.

PERLIE LEE RODGERSON,
Administrator C. T. A. of
3-6t Alonza Rodgerson.

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by J. T. James and wife, Martha James, dated July 30th, 1938, and of record in the Martin County Public Registry in Book P-3, page 579, to secure certain bonds of even date therewith, and the stipulations

Noon, in front of the courthouse door Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

ing described property:

A house and lot in the Town of Williamston, N. C., on the South side of Pearl Street, beginning at a stake on Pearl Street, Mizell Biggs' corner, thence with Mizell Biggs' line about 210 feet to the property occupied by Critcher Brothers as a Mill site, thence a line parallel with Pearl Street 52 feet to a stake, in J. W. Watts' line, thence along Watts line to Pearl Street, thence with Pearl Street to the beginning, and being the same lot conveyed to Virginia Sherrod by A. O. Bowen and being the same premises conveyed to J. the same premises conveyed to J. T. James by B. Duke Critcher, Trustee, said Deed being of record in the Public Registry, Martin County in Book W-2, page 396.

date therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bonds, the undersigned trustee will, on the 7th day of November, 1940, at 12 o'clock, This 3rd day of September, 1940 WHEELER MARTIN.

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