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On The Job

War production authorities have announced that liquor distillery plants will be converted eventually to the production of alcohol for military needs. The liquor interests wholeheartedly approve the announcement. But in approving the announcement, the liquor interests knew they had several years' supply on hand, and that conversion of their plants will not interrupt their business.

It is a strange thing how some business leaders can see so far ahead when it comes to producing and storing those things we could very well do without and barely keep enough of the more or less essential things such as rubber, tin, magnesium, tungsten carbide and even alcohol for military purposes to last a couple of weeks. While we were building up huge stocks of liquor, it was the Nazi game to build up huge stocks of the other things.

The liquor manufacturers were on the job, so to speak.

There is a wide clamor for the repeal of the liquor laws. The folks back home look to Congress to eliminate the damming evil, but while they look to Washington for relief, the folks back home are spending more for liquor than they are investing in war bonds, in education or religion. It is all so foolish to look to Washington and tell them to tell us to stop drinking. If the individual is interested in winning the war, he would walk past the liquor store door and place his money on the postoffice counter and call for war stamps. We don't do that. We are the root of the evil and yet howl for someone else to do something about a serious situation.

News On The Rationing Fronts

The wishful thinkers have shouted with glee following reports on rationing in Germany. Maybe rationing is serious in Germany. But while we are rejoicing over Germany's rationing problems, it is quite likely that Germany is smiling too after hearing about rationing problems over here.

It is quite possible that old Hitler himself said, "Atta boy, you tell 'em to keep right on riding and having a big time," when he heard our own governor attack the gas rationing system. Outside the few isolationists and obstructionists in the Congress, we know of few acts that could possibly have carried greater solace to the enemy than our attacks on the gas rationing system.

If the rationing news in this country is not to be accepted from official sources in Washington, then why should we believe the news telling that Germany is going to crack under its rationing system? There may be shortages of this and that in Germany, but the first news is yet to be received telling that the country is grumbling.

Share And Share Alike

Rationing, while clearly defined by old Noah Webster, has, reports state, a million or more meanings. We are about to take the word and warp its meaning so badly that it comes nearer meaning greed than anything else. Briefly stated, rationing means share and share alike.

And unless every individual follows that definition there's going to be trouble on the home front. No motorist can ignore the meaning of the rationing plan and escape the condemnation of his fellowman, and it is possible that the gas rationing business will sever those ties that have held together strong friendships for years and years. One thing every one should keep in mind is that he should know the facts first before he condemns another.

The issuance of gasoline rationing cards will be opened for public inspection and possibly published. If you have a valid claim to a "liberal" rationing card there is no need to fear the wrath of your fellowman. If you have stretched a point in procuring a card, then exchange it before it is too late or accept the wrath that will be justly yours. If you have a "liberal" card and use it unwisely, you should either stop the practice or accept the consequences without complaint.

Reliable reports state that it will be only a

matter of time before the available supply of gasoline will not meet the demand of essential users, not to even mention the three gallons for the pleasure riders. If the reports are to be accepted, and they are reliable and apparently should be accepted, then it will pay us all to start walking every block on non-essential tasks or stay home.

Many hundreds of persons are inconveniencing themselves in an effort to contribute something to the war effort. And they are not going to stand idly by and see others, especially those in the pay rolls of the government, including the WPA-ers, the publicans, or even the governor, ride all over creation and back in the pursuit of their own selfish aims. They can be expected to object and object after a strenuous and meaningful fashion. And what's more, they have a doggone good right to object when and if some sneer at the rationing system and out of their selfishness and greed enjoy themselves while men fight for them on foreign soil and while their fellowmen trudge here and there on their feet at home.

A man who willingly and knowingly cheats the rationing system is not worthy to be called a friend. Let legitimate business roll on as long as possible by cutting out useless driving.

What The War Is About

In this day of turmoil, unrest and misunderstanding, all the people should include the recent New York address of Vice President Henry A. Wallace on their "must" reading list. The government official so clearly explains what the war is all about, that the salient points of the speech, it is sincerely believed, are worth passing on to our readers, the "filler-upper" of these columns readily admitting that by "lifting" the speech the twice-weekly grind will be relieved somewhat. It is hardly convenient to carry the speech in one issue, but it will be continued from time to time, and our readers are cordially urged to follow the installments or hold them for digestion at one reading.

The first installment of the speech follows: This is a fight between a slave world and a free world. Just as the United States in 1862 could not remain half slave and half free, so in 1942 the world must make its decision for a complete victory one way or the other.

As we begin the final stages of this fight to death between the free world and the slave world, it is worth while to refresh our minds about the march of freedom for the common man. The idea of freedom—the freedom that we in the United States know and love so well—is derived from the Bible with its extraordinary emphasis on the dignity of the individual. Democracy is the only true political expression of Christianity.

The prophets of the Old Testament were the first to preach social justice. But that which was sensed by the prophets many centuries before Christ was not given complete and powerful political expression until our Nation was formed as a Federal Union a century and a half ago. Even then, the march of the common people had just begun. Most of them did not yet know how to read and write. There were no public schools to which all children could go. Men and women can not be really free until they have plenty to eat, and time and ability to read and think and talk things over. Down the years, the people of the United States have moved steadily forward in the practice of democracy. Through universal education they now can read and write and form opinions of their own. They have learned, and are still learning, the art of production—that is, how to make a living. They have learned, and are still learning, the art of self-government.

If we were to measure freedom by standards of nutrition, education and self-government, we might rank the United States and certain nations of Western Europe very high. But this would not be fair to other nations where education has become widespread only in the last 20 years. In many nations, a generation ago, nine out of 10 of the people could not read or write. Russia, for example, was changed from an illiterate to a literate nation within one generation and, in the process, Russia's appreciation of freedom was tremendously increased. In China, the increase during the past 30 years in the ability of the people to read and write has been matched by their increased interest in real liberty.

Everywhere, reading and writing are accompanied by industrial progress, and industrial progress sooner or later inevitably brings a strong labor movement. From a long-time and fundamental point of view, there are no backward peoples which are lacking in mechanical sense. Russians, Chinese, and the Indians both of India and the Americas all learn to read and write and operate machines just as well as your children and my children. Everywhere the common people are on the march. By the millions, they are learning to read and write, learning to think together, learning to use tools. These people are learning to think and work together in labor movements, some of which may be extreme or impractical at first, but which eventually will settle down to serve effectively the interests of the common man.

(To Be Continued)

And 'Twas Before Rationing

Montaigne once wrote, "After a tongue has once got the knack of lying, 'tis not to be imagined how impossible almost it is to reclaim it. Whence it comes to pass that we see some men, who are otherwise very honest, so subject to this vice."

Montaigne wrote that before rationing applications were submitted.

THE QUISLING KIDS



Sleeps After Raid



Left homeless after a recent German air raid on the English city of Norwich, this baby sleeps peacefully in the arms of a woman warden at a rest center. The raid on the city was staged in reprisal for the R.A.F. bombings of German industrial centers.

Farmers May Be Unequal To Task

The nation's farm population, though larger than a year ago, may be unequal to task of planting and bringing in the war-time harvest needed to feed America and her Allies. Patriotic city folk are seriously considering turning their vacations into useful contributions to the war drive by pitching in and pitching hay and horseshoes instead of ordinary peacetime vacationing pursuits. Although farm wages for the nation as a whole were up 30 per cent as of April 1, farm labor shortages exist in greater or less degree throughout the country, are expected to be serious in many regions later in the season. Wage competition provided by well-paying war plants is one big hurdle. Straws in the wind: Idaho business men leave their offices early to blister their hands in the beet fields. Nebraska farmers petition their Governor to obtain ex-Pacific Coast Japanese farmers to help them. Kansas newspapers carry long lists of farm "help wanted" ads. Chicago public schools are enlisting pupils for summer-vacation "farm for board-and-keep" work. California bemoans the loss of Japanese farmers and talks about ending relief payments and "drafting" city people to work in the fields.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Julius D. Hardison,

late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to undersigned on or before May 2, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of May, 1942.
D. V. CLAYTON,
Administrator of Estate of Julius D. Hardison.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Fannie Ruffin James on the 31st day of July, 1941, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book B-4 at page 145, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of said note, and the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, June 20, 1942, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

The certain house and lot situated and being on Main Street in the Town of Williamston, N. C., bounded on the North by the lands of the late Eliza Moore estate; on the South by the A.C.L.R.R. Company; and on the East by the A.C.L.R.R. Company, and on the West by the said Main Street, or Highway No. 90 and being the same premises whereon the said Fannie Ruffin James now resides and being the same property bought by R. L. Swain and wife, Mamie Swain, from J. C. Smith, trustee, which is recorded in Book L-3, page 286 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Martin County.

This the 18th day of May, 1942.
B. A. CRITCHER,
Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. As provided for in Section 2688 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that the Town of Williamston will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in the Town of Williamston on Monday, June 29th, 1942, the following described tracts of land in the Town of Williamston, to-wit: Lot No. 1: Being Lot No. 16 in the Moore Field, adjoining Amy Purvis on the West fronting North Street 78.8 and running back to two parallel lines South 41-45 feet East to the depth of 130 feet, being the same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company by George Rice and Jane Rice of record in Book E-1, page 112 of the Martin County Public Registry.

Lot No. 2: Beginning 73 feet from Broad Street on a street at the corner of Lot No. 1 in Block B in the Moore Field plot, thence Eastwardly along the line of Lots 1 and 2 about 130 feet to Lot No. 4, thence Southwardly along Lot No. 4 to Jane

Rice's back corner, thence along Jane Rice's corner about 130 feet to a street, thence along said street to the beginning, and being the same land purchased of H. M. Burras by George and Jane Rice.

Lot No. 3: Beginning at the corner of Pine and North Streets in the Williamston Land and Improvement Company, Moore Field running North 42 degrees East 72.8 feet to Augustus Purvis' corner, thence along his line South 41-3-4 degrees East 130 feet, thence South 42 degrees West 72.8 feet to Pine Street,

thence North 41-3-4 degrees West along Pine Street to the beginning and being Lot No. 19 and being same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company on the 24th of October, 1904, and recorded in Book MMM, page 225, and also being the same land deeded to Clarence W. Griffin, by E. A. Critcher, Trustee, on August 9th, 1941, of record in Book C-4 at page 121. This the 28th day of May, 1942.
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON,
By J. L. Hassell, Mayor,
R. L. Coburn, Atty. in2-4t

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