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Purging The Relief Rolls

The pendulum is rapidly swinging from a liberal economy to a survival-of-the-fittest policy in this country, and the poor devil at the bottom of the relief list is going to be scalped before this mess we are now in is cleared away.

There is some talk about purging the relief rolls. All those able-bodied in the list should be purged, but little will have been accomplished when the lowly are removed. The big cost is traceable to the administration, but nothing less than a socialist victory in the nation and a republican victory in North Carolina can pry the leeches from their perches and relieve the situation.

We are not in favor of denying the needy one thing, but it is hard to understand in this day why relief appropriations should increase. But the big guiding hand seems to hold a strong organization intact, pumping out many dollars that should be going directly into the war effort.

Those who have the welfare of the maimed, the weak, the suffering and the otherwise needy at heart should recognize the need of the hour. They should know that to continue an extensive relief set-up at this time will embarrass the relief effort when real need presents itself in the future. The pendulum is beginning to swing, but the movement is the result of forced pressure. The relief heads are apparently not trying to liquidate and consolidate their gains now and prepare for the evil day that lies ahead.

Those who are fattening on the milk and honey of a heavily taxed land and who can possibly earn his way now should do so and help preserve the foundation for relief. If he helps make a graft system out of relief now he will likely have to pay the bill in want and poverty at some future time.

Just as the common citizen is urged to pay his debts, invest in war bonds and save now, so should the reliever and the relief administrators act to prepare for the future.

Recognize The Facts

Trying to carry on after the death of her husband, a widow, explaining that her small truck was without tires, that she had been borrowing her neighbors' truck and cars to haul labor to and from her farm, appealed to the rationing authorities for tires a short time ago. Sympathetically, a board clerk explained to her that the application was in his regular order, that the supply of tires was not sufficient to meet the demand. It is evident that the applicant waited as long as she could before applying for rationed tires, that she was willing and trying to do her part in the production battle, but now in her plight there is little relief to be had.

That person knows well the meaning of rationing, while to many others rationing has been little more than an inventory recording

for gas, tires and sugar. But isn't the plight experienced by that applicant facing every one of us? And are we doing anything to help relieve that plight for ourselves and our country? When all the available rubber is gone, there'll be no tires to carry on what we call essential business, not even for the war effort.

It is high time that we were recognizing the facts. We are doing a dangerous thing by kidding ourselves about this rationing business. Those persons who have been favored with privileges should make ready to adhere to the principles of fairness, because the new system is going to put many people on their feet and some out of business, and they will look with disgust upon those who are privileged and who take advantage of those privileges. Rationing is packed with dynamite and we should play safe and stay away from it.

The Governor Answers His Own Questions

Governor J. M. Broughton a short time ago was asking, "Why all this gas rationing any how?" He apparently was peeved because it was not nation-wide.

Forgetting about the scope of the program and turning to North Carolina, one saw in the list of published "X" cards why rationing is in effect and apparently necessary in North Carolina. The governor's mansion had three "X" cards. The governor now explains that he did not ask for them. Possibly they were forced upon him, but if the political leader of a great state will accept added privileges in war time a rationing system is badly needed.

The liberal handling of "X" cards has been ruled out, but Governor Broughton could set a worthy example by not even applying for supplemental rations and turning to the bus.

The way of the old "X" card leads from the Capitol in Washington to the Capitol in North Carolina, and on to our own front doors. And then we wonder why we can't win a war.

Face To The Enemy

On the second day at Gettysburg Colonel Isaac Avery, son of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina, was shot down while leading his men in a charge on Cemetery Hill. He lived long enough to write on a piece of paper crimson with his blood this message:

"Major, tell my father I died with my face to the enemy."

After the battle, Isaac Avery's Negro body servant found this message clutched in stiffened fingers and took it to his people who later gave it to the North Carolina Historical Commission at the State Capitol. Ambassador Bryce saw it three years afterward and said:

"The message of that soldier to his father is the message of our race to the world."—From "The Cause for Which We Fight."

Bread For The World

The State Department announcement of an international 100,000,000-bushel wheat pool to alleviate post-war conditions in stricken countries is a step toward a new order in world trade. The wheat agreement has been signed by the United States, Argentina, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom, and it is hoped that Russia, though most of its vast wheat region is in Nazi hands, will sign soon.

An international food pool is one practical way for the Allied nations to fulfill their pledges to the overrun and suffering countries. The "little" nations will be cared for when the day for general revolt arrives.

In Article Seven of the Lend-Lease agreement is a succinct statement of the philosophy underlying the international wheat pool. This states that the signatories shall promote mutually advantageous economic relations, shall seek to eliminate discriminatory treatment in international commerce, and seek to regulate trade which is the material foundation of the liberty and welfare of all peoples.

An international food pool is a concrete way to set in motion one phase of the Atlantic Charter. Vice President Wallace's half-serious remark that the purpose of this was "to make sure that everybody in the world has the privilege of drinking a quart of milk a day" is merely a striking statement at first glance. On second thought, it voices the humanitarian and equalitarian facets of the democratic philosophy. A food pool is one way to implement that philosophy for the welfare of mankind.

WHAT A FEW NUTS CAN DO



Doorways

By MARGARET MOORE JACOBS

There are so many doorways that would let us in for so much happiness—so many friendships and acquaintances—if we ourselves would only open the door first.

Folks really down in their hearts—most of them—want to be friends and we'd be surprised how far they will come to make friends with us —if we'll only open the door.

What was that little song we sang —back in the primary department Sunday school on Sunday morning —"Clear the darkened windows — open wide the door—let a little sunshine in."

"I'll guarantee if you'll use a little soap and water on your own windows and look out, forget your own little petty grievances and grudges against folks, you'll see them looking in past your starched ruffled window curtains wanting to stop when they walk or drive by.

I have a friend who doesn't have much to give, according to what you call this world's goods, but she seems to have an endless supply of nice things to say to you—always wrapped up ready on her closet shelf—and she gives them without any hullabaloo or gushing — not many ribbons tied on them.

One day she said to me, "I enjoy your new green chintz wing chair so much in your living room." I thought for a minute I knew she hadn't been to see me (she works all day) since I had had the wing chair; she added, "I see you sitting there in it by the fireplace, reading, so often when I take my walk in the afternoon."

You know, there is a Friend who always is ready and happy for us to come in any time. He said, "I am the Door." He does not seem to hold any grudges against us. He's always ready to forgive and forget and to invite us in to sit awhile and talk with him whenever we are passing. He makes us feel at home. Why can't we be that way?

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

8th Sunday after Trinity.
 Church school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

The union service will be held in the Christian Church at 8:30 p. m. Mr. Hurley will be the preacher.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton

Evening prayer and sermon, 6 p. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
 Worship service, 11 a. m. Pastor's subject, "Cursed with the Curse of Ruben."

Evening service at the Christian Church. Pastor Hurley will preach. Prayer and praise service Thursday, 8:30 p. m.

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 8:30 p. m. We shall continue our study of the book of John. Let's come prepared to discuss some part of this book together.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11 a. m.
 Young People's meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Evening service, 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. B. Hurley is the guest speaker in the union service.

Choir rehearsal Tuesday, 8 p. m.
 Prayer service, Thursday, 8:15 p. m.

The church is happy to welcome the union service at which Rev. Hurley will speak on the subject, "Watchman What of the Night?"

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services at all points on Sunday.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Where Your Treasure Is."

Epworth League, 7:30 p. m.
 Union service at the Christian Church, 8:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor of the Methodist Church.
 Thursday evening devotion, 8:30 p. m.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday evening at 3 p. m. It is hoped that all of the membership will try to be present and the public is invited.

Uncle Sam Is Now Writing Insurance

Uncle Sam is now the biggest underwriter of life insurance in the world. His clientele is the membership of the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, and in the nine-month period since he set up shop with passage of the National Service Life Insurance Act in October, 1940,

he has written more than 1,300,000 policies—at an average face value of \$5,000. Under the Act, insurance of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 face amount can be granted to any one military person, on a five-year term plan of "level premiums," similar to the term insurance sold by private companies. After it has been carried for a year it may be converted to ordinary, or 20-pay or 30-pay life, with premium rates then comparable to commercial policies.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late J. S. Ayers, deceased of Hamilton, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned for payment on or before June 29, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 29th day of June, 1942.
 MRS. CHARLOTTE AYERS,
 Administratrix of the late J. S. Ayers Estate.

To Relieve Misery of

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Time Marches On

And So Do Tax PENALTIES

Pay Now & Save

A penalty of only four and one-half per cent is being charged on 1941 taxes during the month of July, but on August 1st the penalty will rise.

Pay your taxes during the remaining days of July and save the additional cost.

THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON



blame it on

HITLER HIROHITO

...and

—if buses are late, or there aren't enough of them,—if there aren't any seats for love or money,—if delays and inconveniences turn up at the most maddening and inopportune times—

Folks, we're even madder than you are! Every operator wants to provide proper and convenient service. He wants to have enough buses to handle the tremendously increased wartime travel.

Every employee wants to do a good job—to be courteous and efficient.

Every manufacturer of buses or equipment wants to build and supply what is necessary.

But—Operators can do only the best they can with what is available. Manufacturers cannot build as many buses, and parts, as we needed.

Not all able, experienced employees can be retained, vital as bus transportation is in the war. New people must constantly be added and trained.

Everyone has had to work longer, and harder—under greater strain. Existing facilities are being made to do the best job possible. New equipment is being added as fast as available.



But Uncle Sam has first call—on materials, equipment, men, and services. To win the war, and as quickly as possible, is the first responsibility of all of us.

CAROLINA TRAILWAYS

Conversion of Grain To Alcohol Logical

With the nation's granaries bulging with surpluses and additional grain storage space badly needed, the conversion of grain into alcohol for war by the beverage distillers seems to be a logical means of getting two good answers to one problem: easing the farmer's storage cares while at the same time boosting the war drive. And the American breakfast table is not being deprived of a single crumb as a result. That's the way John B. Smiley, chief of the beverage and alcohol branch of the WPB, looks at it. He complimented the distilleries for their cooperation with the government's request to convert facilities to production of alcohol for smokeless powder, synthetic rubber and other war uses, and pointed out that various plants are experimenting with stills made of wood and other non-critical materials.

Resumed

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the Southern egg marketing program was resumed July 6th and will be available through August in seven Southern states, including North Carolina.

STEEL

1 OLD HACK equals 2 BOMBS

