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### So Much To Fight Against

There's so much to fight against in this country before we get around to fighting a war, that it is indeed quite possible that we'll come out second best in the struggle before the home front muddle is cleared.

Something has been said about adjourning politics for the duration, but politics, damaging politics, are still accorded a prominent place with both sides participating.

Conflicts are numerous in the high places, adding confusion and some resentment back home.

Ignorance is challenging the war effort, making it appear that this nation with all its high-powered talk about education and progress missed the first boat. When this shooting war is over and there is anything left, all men should recognize the importance of declaring war on ignorance.

Then there is the urgent need for warring against vice. Some of the brothels have been closed down, but the American public remains indifferent to a practice that is weakening fighting men and aiding Hitler more than the saboteurs on the enemy's payroll.

The fight against individualism, complainers, and the greedy is to be won on the home front, too. We must recognize that business-as-usual is permissible only when it does not interfere with the war effort. We must forget our whims and fancies, and remember that we must sacrifice along with the boy out yonder who has given up home, friends, his way of life and stands ready to sacrifice his all. The war must be carried to and won over the fellow who bellyaches because he can't make two dollars where he once made one and when he could retire on what he has. The desire to do business as usual and even at the expense of human life is still present in this country, and the man who still insists on such a policy is little above a yellow traitor to his country. Undue advantage has been taken of the weak and helpless in peace time. That was bad enough, but for one to sneakily advance his own interests beyond all reason while young men go to their deaths, he is keeping company with the murderer. Mark it down now that the war over such practices and against such practitioners must be won before the shooting war is won and a permanent peace is recorded in the pages of history.

The war against such practices is not to be fought by soldiers, sailors or marines. The common man back home, yes, the common man living in the "sticks" so to speak, has got to fight and win that war. How? First by refraining from such practices, and then upholding the law, the agencies and others who would stamp out such practices.

### A Day Of Miracles

This is truly a day of miracles, but there is some doubt as to the value of those miracles to us. A short time ago, according to a report, a man was in a New York hospital as an alcoholic and the next week he was in uniform as a member of naval intelligence.

Last week-end a young lad from the coast was returning to the army. When the bus stopped in Williamston, he ran to the liquor store and was too drunk a few minutes later to catch the bus. One of the nation's fighting men was turned from his task and jailed. Sobering up the following morning, the young man, admitting it was about his first trip from home, did not have bus fare or enough money for a meal.

Two weeks ago a colored boy, hurrying back to beat a furlough deadline in a southern camp, stopped in Williamston to change busses. He got drunk, missed his bus, lost his ticket and realizing later what had happened went around with tears in his eyes begging for railroad fare to Georgia.

The meaning of their mission is not to be recognized when young men, traveling through this county for Army assignments, gather around the bottle in public as pigs gather around the swill trough.

It is indeed a day of miracles when one can jump from the alcoholic ward in a hospital to an intelligence post in a single week and when young men can switch from the bottle and win a war.

### Stilwell's Retreat

Lieutenant General Joseph Stilwell's retreat from Burma, highlighted some time ago when he reached Delhi, India, to find the high commands riding in their big automobile, flags flying and attending cocktail parties, was brought back into the limelight a few days ago by a picture showing the officer, attired in shorts and a canvas over his shoulder, wading the Uyu River in his retreat following a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Japs.

It is an established fact that the Allies are still on the defense if not on the retreat. The humiliating defeat suffered by the Allied forces in Burma, Stilwell's retreat on foot and in a battered jeep and the reverses suffered here and there still find too many of us indifferent to the seriousness of the situation. When American generals have to flee before the enemy, it is time for all of us to wake up and realize that a war is in progress, that the war is not going so well for us.

While the picture, appearing in the press over the week-end, shows only the General and his guide, it represents an America bowing to the common enemy.

### Quite Agreeable

The expressed intent to challenge the government's order freezing rents in many areas scattered over the country apparently is quite agreeable to the tory press of the country. Possibly the owners are losing money and possibly they are not. Regardless of the status of their balance sheet, they have no right to defy the law.

Their acts even though in opposition to the law have not been condemned by the press. They may have overlooked the golden opportunity for an attack against inflation, or it could be that many of the scribes had a bone to gnaw and to attack the property owners would be a boomerang. On the other hand suppose labor, upholding its right according by law, had "pulled" a similar stunt. Judging from the record, many of the scribes would have jumped out of their editorial sanctums and plastered the front page with scorching rebukes.

### No Easy Road To Victory

There's no easy road to victory, and the sooner the common people recognize it the better it will be for all. Possibly because they knew no better, some told us that Japan would be wiped off the face of the earth in three weeks. Many believed it, and some still believe it after nearly eight months of war. The Japs prepared for a long war. Japan is grinding many millions under her heel to advance the war against us, and is gambling all for victory.

Over here we seem to think that the road to victory will be easy. We complain because gas sales fall off and the life of the family car is prolonged. We can still buy more liquor than we can buy bonds. We just can't seem to believe that the situation facing us is critical, that even if the war is won this year, or next, the road to peace and normalcy is going to be difficult even for the able and strong to travel.

There's a task to be done and in addition to aiding the war effort we can scotch ourselves for the shock that is bound to come.

### The Production Offensive

By Ruth Taylor.  
Before we can carry the war to a successful offensive against the enemy, according to Donald Nelson we must have a production offensive.

The production offensive is the battle front upon which every one of us may fight, shoulder to shoulder, farmer, mechanic, industrialist. Even the housewife has her part to play.

The production offensive is not the task solely of those who work in the factories. The public is in it as well—for here is the real second front. Here is where the battle lies. Here is where we must begin the offensive. We have gone far in the short span of months. We can go farther if every one puts his shoulder to the wheel.

The secret of Napoleon's success was that he used all his strength. And it was the extra force he flung in which oftentimes won the victory.

We must use all our strength. We must not stand on our own rights and privileges. We must remember that Production comes first. We must re-orient ourselves to our particular job. We must realize that the restrictions of war aren't the handicaps of war—they are our share in the cataclysmic struggle.

We think of rationing in terms of shortage—and we blame others for it. We think of salvaging as a game. But rationing and salvaging are our share in the production offensive. The fats we save in our kitchens will be used in the weapons of the production offensive. The rubber we salvage will make our mechanized front strong.

The gas we do not use means more hours in the air for our fighter planes, more ships to carry the weapons of war where they are needed. The tires we do not use mean mobility for our armed forces.

So much for clearing the way for the production offensive by rationing and salvaging. There is another thing we must do. We must back up those who are doing the actual job—both in Industry and Labor. We must not waste their or our time in internal bickering and hates and petty prejudices. Criticize, yes—when criticism is necessary—but stop mere carping and fault-finding. Get behind the men of this army as you get behind those who wear the uniform.

This is our offensive—the production offensive. It's up to all of us to help drive it ahead.

### TRAFFIC SITUATION IN FAR-OFF INDIA



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### HIXTY SIGE

—he wants ter know.

If you takes ther sight offn your gun-barrel, and makes one more shot outn it, aint you calculated to lose in one way, moren you gain in tuther?

This 'yer war-call sho do strike lak a blind man slingin a sledge in ther dark. Hit has dun-gone busted up ther Merry-Go-Round partners, thas bin doin more fer ther war-effort than half ther U S A congress. When ther watch-dogs of ther carral air put to drivin in ther sheep, then more is ther danger to ther flock. And when "red-headed, fighting Bob Allen," was took into ther navy from his sluthin in ther Merry-Go-Round erginst all them thas calculated to be a-workin thas machinations fer special benefits, it took ther nail outn ther horse-shoe that made safety fer ther horse that was carryin ther rider into ther battle that needs to be won. I dont recon that feller named Ham Fish would do ther fightin that "Fightin Bob" will do fer ther navy, but if it had took 'im thas mot a-got sum broom-scrubbin frum 'im, and left Bob Allen a-scoutin in a-ginst ther fit-colum didos of ther USA-CC-BB gang. But thanks be unto ther partner left behind, Drew Person, is shoulderin ther whole wheel, and his fust trip round ther circle, routs out ther rat as to why ther House Ways, and Means air hell-bent fer war-taxin the \$10 a week salrys, whilst turnin back ther millions to ther Westinhouse weasels thas over-lordin ther Dimocrat congress wussen Hitler is hittin ther hungry. Ef we air a-go in to fight fer Democracy, ther sooner we anty-dote ther pison in our own system, ther more able will be ther system to stand a-ginst ther pison frum without.

### Interesting Bits Of Business In the U.S.

WPB now has officially adopted policy of concentrating output of essential civilian durable goods in smaller units of a given industry, letting bigger plants swing over 100 per cent to war work. The stove industry is first to be lined up on this plan, with farm implements, typewriters, and auto and truck parts as other fields to which it likely will be applied. Thus trade names will disappear or lose meaning in such fields, for probably all items will just be "Victory" this-or-that.

Accepting a position there, Mr. Bob Levin left yesterday morning for Ocracoke.

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In Tarboro This Week  
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY  
North Carolina. Martin County. In The Superior Court. Before the Clerk.

W. H. Everett and wife, Serena Everett; Margaret Everett Swain and husband, Bruce Swain; and Warren E. Everett and wife, Esther Everett, vs. Joseph H. Everett and wife, Katherine Everett.  
The defendants, Joseph H. Everett and wife, Katherine Everett, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for the purpose of partitioning the lands belonging to the late James A. Everett in Martin County, in which the defendants own an interest; and the said defendants will further take notice that the year required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, in Williamston, N. C., within ten days after the completion of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint or the petition in this special proceedings, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
This the 14th day of June, 1942.

L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
Martin County.  
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EXECUTORS' NOTICE  
North Carolina, Martin County.  
The undersigned having qualified as Executors of the estate of M. D. Wilson, deceased, late of Martin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to

present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of July, 1942, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C.

This 24th day of July, 1942.  
B. A. CRITCHER,  
Z. V. BUNTING,  
Executors.

NOTICE  
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

Thomas C. May vs. Lena Mae May.  
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon two years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County in Williamston, N. C., within thirty days after the completion of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
This the 14th day of June, 1942.

L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
Martin County.  
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### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF Branch Banking & Trust Co.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

At The Close Of Business June 30, 1942.

#### RESOURCES

Cash and Due from Banks	\$12,078,852.50
Obligations of U.S.	16,406,742.81
Fed. Inter. Credit Bank Debentures	184,951.03
Fed. Land Bank Bonds	279,416.25
North and South Carolina Bonds	1,222,467.91
Municipal and Other Marketable Bonds	1,759,798.33
Loans and Discounts	31,932,228.83
Accrued Interest and Other Assets	3,022,165.74
Banking Houses, Furniture & Fixtures, Real Estate (Tax val. \$298,975)	88,285.21
	265,396.19
	\$35,308,075.97

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	100,000.00
Surplus	750,000.00
Undivided Profits	481,052.48
Reserves	307,250.00
Dividend Payable June 1, 1942	8,000.00
Unearned discount and other liabilities	41,250.73
Deposits	33,220,522.76
	\$35,308,075.97

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