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### In the Name of the War Effort

Many things have been allowed to flourish in the name of the war effort that never should have been allowed, but a news dispatch sent out by one of the big press associations offers a climax to the whole rotten business. It tells about a race track association holding an annual meeting, how after discussing transportation problems racing's contribution to the war effort was reviewed.

We never could see much use for horse racing in peace time, but that is beside the point. In peace time it was just a matter of the gamblers eating up the suckers and carrying on a traffic that offered little and cost a great deal. In war time thousands have and apparently still are burning up precious gasoline and wearing down tires traveling to and from the tracks. Many others travel to the tracks in crowded trains, occupying seats that could have well been reserved for weary travelers, including service men and others in the discharge of legitimate duties. Others are asked to forego anxious messages to loved ones, and yet the racing news is flashed across the nation on crowded wires. There's a man power shortage and yet many are employed in the racing business and tens of thousands find time to spend a day or two ever so often following the races.

The race track is possibly contributing to the war effort, but the claim would appear to be unfounded because it is just like so many other events and businesses really detracting from the war program.

If this war is to be won and won by us, the race track has got to be closed along with other sporting events and big-time places. But strange as it may seem, the fellow who would chain the common laboring man to a machine six and seven days a week is the guy who would hold open the race track, the ball park, the stadium and other amusement places.

If we would recognize the seriousness of our plight just now, little time would be lost in deciding what is necessary and what isn't necessary to the war program. Our whims and fancies are given priorities over country and war.

### Recognize Work of Draft Board

The work of the Martin County Draft Board was appropriately recognized at a dinner sponsored by the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion in the hut last Friday evening.

Few men have done more on the home front and received less than the draft board official, and it was indeed timely and quite fitting for their efforts to be recognized as a public gathering. Despite the heaping criticism, most of which and possibly all, is without foundation, the draft board in this county has done an able job. The nature of their work makes it difficult for the board members to please everyone, and in some cases they are criticised and condemned if they do and condemned and criticised if

they don't. The meeting recently cleared up many misunderstandings, and following frank discussions the assembly dismissed all doubt as to the fair and square methods employed in calling young men to war, if any such doubt ever existed.

In all the meetings of the board in this county, its activities have been carried on in a real democratic fashion. While every plea, claim or statement was treated confidentially, the treatment of the facts has been open. Nothing was left between the covers and executive sessions were held only to protect the interests of the individual. Explanations have never been refused in support of this or that decision. The board members, Messrs. R. H. Goodmon, chairman; J. H. Ayers and Dr. Jesse Ward, have welcomed suggestions, and they have been appreciative of the interest shown in their work, especially were they appreciative when that interest promoted a fair and equitable handling of the registrant's case.

Close observation of the board's work shows that names and positions, relationships and friendships have not entered into the deliberations. Politics and some pressure, while treated with courtesy, have not entered the draft board picture in this county. The order numbers, drawn from the fish bowl in Washington, have been recognized as the basic foundation for administering the draft. Facts have been accepted at their face value, and claims and appeals have received every consideration. Individual likes and dislikes, while receiving sympathetic audiences, have not been allowed to enter the picture, and efforts to "beat" the draft have been condemned and followed by appropriate action.

The draft law possibly hasn't been administered to the likes of all the people, but one thing is certain and that is in this county it has been administered in accordance with rules and regulations from Washington and after a fair and square manner. And without pay, but in the service of their country.

### A One-Sided Picture

There are many commentators on the air, and strange as it may seem, nearly every one of them is sponsored by some big corporation. The common masses have about as little representation on the air as an overalred coal miner would have at a king's banquet. Offering a little news and weak comment, too many of the commentators "plug" for privilege as their sole purpose for being on the air.

One commentator, dead set against the working man, harps continually on the 40-hour week. He would solve the manpower shortage by holding the common laborer to his job seven days a week. He talks about the 40-hour week and leaves the impression that no man is allowed to work a minute over 40 hours each week. Just recently the commentator, it was said, told about a visit to a plant where the men were working 56 hours each week and how much progress they were making. What the commentator intended was to attack the 40-hour week; it was not his purpose to admit that some men are working 56 hours a week. He has never said that only a few industries hold to the forty-hour week, that the average work week is about as near 50 hours as it is 40 hours, that long hours are still maintained in many plants. He cries about the need for increased production, but what he apparently wants is a return to sweatshop conditions. He says that farmers work from sunrise to sunset, but he never mentions the burden borne by the farmers. It never occurs to him that farmers almost work themselves to death; that's all right with him.

And what does this particular commentator do himself. It was suggested possibly by his corporate financiers that he broadcast an extra period each week. He threw his hands up, and said the strain would be too great for him. Just to add fifteen minutes to his work schedule would break him. And yet he is the same guy who would add ten, yes, fifteen hours to the common worker's schedule.

It would appear that too many commentators are hiding behind the tragic news to "plug" for their sponsors and special privilege, to condemn the masses and to maintain the old system of unreasonable profits for the few at the expense of the poverty-stricken masses. And, yet, the people are gullible enough to eat it up and like it.

### IT'S A BIG HILL AND A LONG WINTER



### War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

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and a half today. The terrific congestion in travel over Thanksgiving showed the absolute necessity of cutting down travel during the Christmas holidays. To ease the situation, Army furloughs between December 12 and January 12 will be granted to no more than ten per cent of the enlisted strength of any camp. If soldiers and their families are to be deprived of holiday reunions, it is obviously the duty of civilians to cut out all unnecessary travel, both local and long distance.

Travel saving ties directly with mileage saving where transportation rolls on rubber. A speed survey conducted in states where gasoline has been rationed and where rationing was not yet in effect has shown that in the rationed areas 23 per cent of the motorists were driving more than 40 miles an hour on rural highways, while in the unrationed sections 31 per cent were still indifferent to rubber saving. It is plain, therefore, that we could not safely trust to voluntary measures to conserve our precious rubber stockpile, now being reduced at the

rate of 29,000 tons a month.

### Farmers, Truckers May Appeal

The whole purpose of gasoline rationing is to keep as many autos on the road as possible. No operators of trucks or other commercial vehicles will be put out of business by these regulations, for if they are unable to carry on their necessary work on the ration allowed, they can take their case before the local representatives of the Office of Defense Transportation. Farmers in a similar situation may appeal to their county agents or to their county war board.

Rationing plays a greater and greater part in the life of the home front as wartime shortage increase. Fuel oil rations in the 30 rationed states will remain unchanged during the second heating period of five weeks, the fuel coupons for this period are numbered "2" and have the same value as those marked "1".

Coffee drinkers who failed to get their War Ration Book One must file an application with their local War Price and Rationing Board by December 15, in order to purchase coffee, and that date is the last date on which Ration Stamp No. 9 may be used to buy sugar. Book One is necessary not only for securing coffee now, but must be presented to local boards around the first of the year in order to receive War Ration Book Two.

### To Use Book 2 in New System

Ration Book Two will be used to secure goods under a new system

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known as the "point system," which is a program for rationing a group of related or similar commodities that can be substituted for one another in actual use. Point rationing will not replace straight rationing of sugar, gasoline and coffee, but will be used for certain new rationing programs, such as meat rationing. Under this system a low point value will be given to a plentiful commodity, and a high value to one that is scarcer than usual. Each individual may "spend" his points to buy any of the items in the point-rationed group in any way he likes, but when he has "spent" or consumed, the products represented by his points for the month, he cannot buy any of these items until the next month (or ration period) begins. In this way a scarce product will be kept from vanishing from the market, and at the same time the consumer may exercise a variety of choice in purchases.

We'll get no more whipping cream or other heavy cream for the duration, and men's and boys' shirts are going to lose two or three inches in length. Prices have been fixed for women's silk hose and for cotton seamless bags, used in packaging seeds. Cattle hides, goat, kid and calf skins used in garment leather or have been reserved for military and Lend-Lease use. Children who work regularly on farms are eligible to purchase new bicycles to ride to school, and so are those who live in urban communities and ride to farms where they perform use-

### Cover Crops Hold More Promise Than in the Past

Cover crops, especially rye and oats, hold more promise in Martin County this year than for the past two or three years, reports John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent.

### Quality Of Peanuts In Martin Varying Widely

Although peanut yields in Martin County are fair this year, the quality is varying widely and the hay is poor because of excessive rains, says John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent.

The American Legion is conducted an intensive campaign in the Northeastern and Middlewestern sections of the country to get more jalopies to auto graveyards, now depleted of scrap cars.

### ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late John L. Rodgers, deceased of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned in Robersonville, N. C., for payment on or before December 7, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This December 7, 1942.  
MRS. CLINTON HOUSE,  
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Robersonville, N. C. d8-6t

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Business as usual has become impossible under the steadily increasing demands of America's war program. Many of us have gone to war. This means bringing in someone with no experience and trying to train them in a short period under great difficulty to do a job others have been doing for years. This is impossible. These employees are new, but they are good people with a sincere desire to serve you well. Today, since bus traffic is up 80 per cent over last year, their job is harder to learn than had they started to work in normal times. Soon they will

learn and soon they will be well qualified, friendly Trailways employees. In the meantime you can rest assured they want to help you to do, as comfortably as possible, all the travel that is absolutely necessary.

You can help by taking as few trips as possible and those in the middle of the week when traffic is not so heavy. Carry little or no baggage, get your information and tickets in advance.

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