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We Might Compete

In a recent issue of the Raleigh News and Observer the capital was ready to take over the role of the city of Reno as a divorce headquarters. The claim was being made because of the granting of 43 divorces in Wake County Superior Court that week and the fact that 55 more divorce cases were scheduled for trial at the next term of court.

In view of the comments made by Judge J. Hoyle Sink on our local record, we don't know but what we might challenge Wake County, for we certainly held our own at the September term, with 17 divorces granted,

Softening Fathers' Draft

Senator Taft's interesting proposals looking toward the further deferment, or the most intelligent selection, of fathers in the draft have three main parts. One would review the physical requirements of the armed services, with the object of meeting Army quotas, if possible, by dipping more deeply into the pool of 3,400,000 now listed is 4-F.

This suggestion will meet with popular support from those who have at times been dismayed when apparently splendid physical specimens, including even notable athletes, have been rejected because of narrow standards. Nothing is to be lost by following Senator Taft's proposal in this regard.

His second suggestion appears to have equal merit. It would place fathers in what amounts to a national pool, removing some of the inequalities of local boards, as well as some possibility of arbitrariness, while still retaining the advantages of personal contact and individual consideration now available in the local groups.

The third proposal would organize the induction of fathers according to age groups, taking those under 25 first, then under 30, finally the 30 to 38 group.

While there may be merit in this proposal, it fails to provide for a very essential byproduct of the father's draft. It is computed that only 446,000 fathers will be needed for the Army this year, but there is, assert manpower officials, the most acute need for several times that many in the war industries. The current shaking of the tree is designed not only to fill Army quotas but also to frighten most of the 3,500,000 draft-age fathers still in nonessential jobs into war jobs. The Taft measure, limiting the spread of liability, which in itself might be desirable, would have the secondary and negative effect of lessening the pressure on the older fathers to enter war factories.

In all this discussion there has been too little attention paid to the one thing that might preserve homes, soften the shock of taking a family's breadwinner, maintain a degree of morale, and avoid tragic war and post war economic adjustments, namely, a sensible, realistic allowance to families of drafted fathers. The Committee on Social Legislation of the National Lawyers Guild has advanced the definite proposal that instead of leaving a wife and two children with the paltry \$72 a month now provided (\$50 for the wife, \$12 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child), the allowance be raised to \$140 monthly (\$80 for the wife, \$40 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child).

It's about time Congress got down to the bread-and-butter side of this question, and sought practical ways not only of raising men for the Army and the war plants, but also means for wisely softening the impact on the little homes and the big social order. -Christian Science Monitor.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to the Veterans of World War number I, for completion of payment on their home on Depot Street. We understand that they are now offering the use of the building to their comrades of the next generation who are serving in World War II.

This building will mean much to the younger veterans, when they return, to have a place for meeting. We trust the two groups become one, for they have fought for the same ideals of democracy. We trust that the job will be finished this time, and that the sons of number two will not have to answer the same calls as their fathers and grandfathers did before them.

Going At Low Speed

We do not doubt for one minute the patriotism of the women of this community. They have shown it on too many occasions. Watch the bravery of the mothers as they tell their sons goodbye when they enter the armed forces.

The women of our community are busy at home and in defense plants carrying on as the government has asked them to do. This past summer has been an unusually busy one, with the extra load of food conservation, but even so just between us our women folks have failed to measure up in one respect.

They are not going to the surgical dressings room to roll bandages as they should. -it was a cardinal. And then, I bubbling over with child-like en-In every quota yet sent out by the govern- couldn't believe my ears: During thusiasin over my mocking that the story to my business ment in any war effort we have gone over lina mountains, I had searched in neighbor, John R. Jones, Chamber the top, with the exception of the quota of vain for "the king of song," a of Commerce secretary. surgical dressings.

It is rather strange that the women should residents has elicited shakes of two. Never, nary a one. He eyed have failed in this matter—we feel sure that it was an oversight. In their zeal for other occasional one. Hardly ever, to hear birds singing, or other fairs, he runs into every type indicusively to "Renotizing," as Win-

viously the sacred duty of every woman who october. can possibly give the time, to aid in this And then came the real surprise. straight jacket." work. The type of bandages made by the perched on top of the Methodist Red Cross volunteer workers is not made church, there he sat. He seemed needed on every firing line.

We are all aware that during the next within a foot of the ground, sailed year our casualty list will grow, our number debonairly from sight among the of wounded will increase, the need for band- trees. ages will be greater. This is a definite piece of work for the woman who has a bit of being poured through the autumn

Let it never be recorded again that material intended for work in our own surgical dressings room was sent to other chapters, who have met their quotas and are able to take on the responsibility of others. This is not the local way of handling war pro-

The Year Of the Tomato

We have never heard of as many people for a bird egg—he would take one priorities, and other restrictions, wanting to can or canning tomatoes as the from a nest, so as not to grieve a cabbage is one of the biggest past summer and fall. We thought maybe the parents - he broke off the limb, compliments you can pay. it might have a local slant, and was not unihome ties, tied the limb back in young man, instead of buying the State and the Nation were in dire supervise and the number of teachvery interesting editorial on the popularity of the tomato in the New York Times, excerpts of which follow:

"It won't go down in the history books the birds were still occupying it. ing to the prospective father-in- this spot of bother, Ehringhaus mer. It is thoroughly dishonest. under that name, but 1943 might well be called The Year of the Tomato. Is there any gardener within sight or hearing who hasn't all but buried himself under tomatoes? Of course not. They have even harvested tomatoes in window boxes. And right now subrbanites in frost-haunted regions are rapidly burying themselves under green tomatoes while they frantically scald, crush and strain the last high tide of ripe ones and fill the ketchup and chili sauce kettles. Our own carefully unconfirmed statistics show that two out of every three jars sold tomatoes.

"Nobody would say anything but the two or three fellows to help him kindest words for the tomato. It is a friend- carry the ball. He had the auly, healthful vegetable, or fruit, and let's not quibble about classifications. It oozes pointments, for as head of the manvitamins, and even more delectable things. It has flavor and substance and color. If it is connected with the Government doesn't help you to see at night, it ought to, in North Carolina. He is head for it outsells carrots on most tables. And it certainly helps you to see on the morn- up a merit system in this State ing after.

"In any nomal season there are just about doctor should think of making apenough tomatoes to go around generously. pointments without regard to it. Somebody sees to such things. We've been They actually cared not a whit about merit, but they did not like stuffed to the ears with tomatoes for three to see Dr. Dorton holding so much months, and now we're stuffed away every power offhand that way. jar in sight with them. We are ready to ployment folks held in Raleigh, call it quits. Until about Thanksgiving. By plans were laid to trap Dr. Dorton that time we'll be back to our normal vitamin or to embarrass him-to worry him deficiency and ready to say from our heart, him on the program, of course, and 'And we are thankful, too, for all those jars sat back for the fun. Well, Dr. of wonderful tomatoes - if they haven't Dorton is not from Shelby for spoiled'."



HERE and THE

PIERCE WYCHE

At first I though it was a wren props out from under you, when . No, it was a robin . . . My error you least expect it! Still fairly

Repeated inquiries of life-long or "Ah's", or even a "Do tell" or heads. To high up for mocking me askance and said: birds. Well, there might be an "You know, when a guy begins

I stopped, listened. What trills

to sense my delight, for he cut his eye mischievously, then, with never by manufacturers, we are told, and they are a break in the melody, shot sky-

> He couldn't be far, for cascades of liquid music were still lavishly air. I found him-this time on top of the Baptist church.

He was playing no favoritesand maybe was practicing for a solo in one of our choirs. A rare guest artist he will be.

President Emeritus R. L. Madison of W. C. T. C., dropped in and green; one of a basketful he had I told him about the mocking bird. just bought. "Oh, yes, we have a few," he

plained, "a long, pocket-like truc- gal-ward, with a cabbage head ture, and the eggs were unbroken. neatly tucked under the arm. I was overjoyed, upon finding that

Can't some folks knock the

Did he burst out with "Oh's"

while drinking a bottle of pop when he felt his work was complet- years, ask for a divorce, and get it. which I had paid for.

the better of my discretion, I tried to enunciate scornful rebuttal while swallowing.

Did you ever swallow a "lump" of air? It's all sharp corners and for governor back in 1932, is just vada and Florida, and in similar edges, many degrees harder than granite, oh, lots harder. I swallowed one o' them, and Friend Jones laughed uproriously. . Did I say "friend"?

After all I had to forgive Friend Jones-and ah, what a friend! He gave me a cabbage, a beauty of a cabbage, fresh and crisp and

You know, the cabbage has come said, "and they make up in song into its own. Time was when it quality for their lack in numbers." signified merely an item in gro-The professor then hold how, ceries, or something to throw at when a boy, upon climbing a tree a bad actor. Since rationing, and

"It was an oriole's nest," he ex- trudging sturdily and confidently

It would be a mighty good offer-And they really hatched and raised law, just before that momentous request: "Mr. Ogre, here's a cabbage-do I get her?"

The answer should be "Yes."

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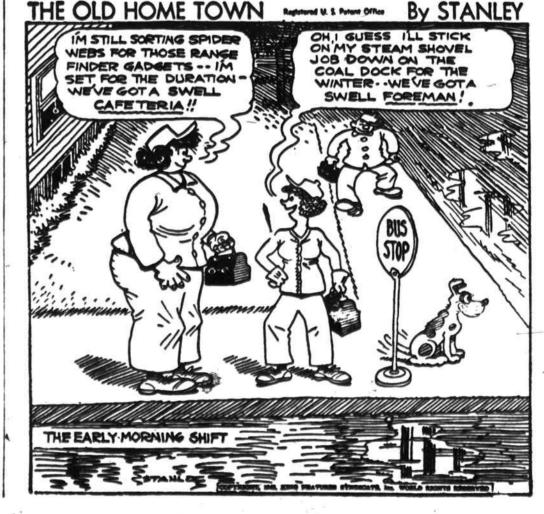
THOMPSON GREENWOOD

BOSS-Some time ago when Mrs. able to make any money for the head of the War Manpower Commission, declared he would appoint thority all right—both technically and politically-to make these appower setup he is without doubt head of all employment work as it man and don't forget it.

However, we only recently built and some of the merit boys were professedly disappointed that the

nothing, and the fact that he is the only man who has ever been

Gertrude Clinton resigned from her State with the State Fair and the being done by the courts of this position as head of the United fact that he is owner and manager State is concerned with divorces. States Employment Service here in of the Southern States Fair and the A week's term of court in North angle. A teacher lost is money for some canning this year are now full of North Carolina, Dr. J. S. Dorton, Cleveland Couny Fair stood him in Carolina usually has at least one out of his pocket. Parents are



Inside WASHINGTON

Giant U. S. Bombing Planes | Many a Nazi Airman Fatally Change Into Huge Fighters | Fooled by "Hedgehog" Planes

Special to Central Press

 WASHINGTON—Now the story can be told why American Flying Fortresses and Liberators have been able to maintain such a high batting average against the German Luftwaffe (4 and 6 to 1). Normally, the big bombers carry 13 large caliber machine guns, making them the most powerfully-armed planes in the skies.

For a long time after the United States Air Forces began their raids on Germany such armament was sufficient to keep the Nazis at a respectable distance.

But, after paying bloodily for the experience, Nazi flyers discovered a blind spot here and there. They also learned that, in order to carry as many bombs as possible, the heavy bomb-Foe Found ers were forced to cut down their supply of ammuni-

Blind Spots Thus the four-motored jobs were unable to engage For Awhile in prolonged dog-fights and the Nazis found it easier

picking if they laid in wait for the bombers, winging omeward with much, if not all, of their ammunition already ex-

Those happy hunting days did not last long, however. On one raid the Nazis tore into a formation of "Forts" only to fird the bombers spewing back death from utterly strange places. And, on the way home, the bombers fought off clouds of interceptors with apparently inexhaustible machine guns.

In April, May and June, Flying Fortresses shot down 821 planes against a loss of 183 of our own. The answer: Very secretly bombers had been sent to modification centers and

transformed from the world's fastest big bombers to the world's biggest fighter planes! Instead of carrying bombs to Europe, they were loaded down with

guns and ammunition. They were indistinguishable from their accompanying bombers, but carried a far deadlier sting.

In the air forces they are now known as "Flying Hedgehogs."

• THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION warns housewives and others interested not to look for any improvement in the milk supply situation in November-a month of normally low milk produc-

Every effort is being made to spur the nation's dairymen on to greater production through changes in the feed situation, or in prices, but WFA officials say frankly that the vastly increased consumption may cause every city milk market to have more difficulty in finding as big a supply as last winter.

Expectations are that a milk sales control order will be in effect in most cities in the northeast and along the west coast : Oct. 1. One way out of the difficulty which is under consideration is reduction of the amount of milk sold in restaurants, hotels and other

strange sounds - particularly in vidual and situation. He made the chell puts it. October"—at this point he frown- speech and did not falter once, so In this State, we do not get fancy what thrills! Oh, heck! I had to ed with emphasis quite uncalled- his would-be hecklers admitted about it. We use no terms like Now the situation is serious. It is ob- laugh, sheepishly. A phonograph for—"when a guy hears curious later in the evening. Dr Dorton, mental cruelty, abusive language, record! . . . Bound to be, here in noises, out of season, it means just one thing: he's qualifying for a sition and any position closely alignment. Carolina—and we seem to be do-

public establishments.

ed-BUT that as long as he held ing Just that.

handles some pretty nice cases now impedimenta. But not in North and then-but he has nothing of Carolina. the gubernatorial manner in his personality and general demeanor a person can get a divorce for \$50 these days. To see him down at or less. Reports are that the avethe corner of Fayetteville and Mar- rage attorney's fee here in Raleigh tin streets waiting for the Ridge- is about \$25, with court costs apcrest bus around 5:30 each after- proximately \$15. Virtually all of noon, one would never think that at the Wake divorce cases are based

Quiet, good-natured, unobtrusive in every way Ehringhaus is very popular among the substantial citizens of Raleigh. He is a leader in the Episcopal Church of the of padding of school reports are

litically, even though he apparent- fails to keep hers up and a teacher ly has no ambitions in that field at is lost, she may be the one to go.

the present time, for there are thousands who would like to see him succeed Senator Bailey.

DIVORCES-Much of the work room-will not become too large

lied with his own will hold only for ing mighty well here in our coun-And, mind you, he said that the duration, that he would get out try way-we just separate for two

Reno is better known, but Ral-Worse still: I too was imbibing the place, he would run the show. eigh and Wake County are not so a pop and, my indignation getting And indications are that he is do- bad. It is much cheaper to get a divorce in this State than in Nevada and Florida. In those places, EHRINGHAUS-J. C. B. Ehring- it costs hundreds of dollars ordihaus, who whipped Dick Fountain narily. Other requirements in Neanother Raleigh lawyer now. Well, divorce resorts, are establishment not just another either, for he of residence and other technical

> In Wake County, for instance, one time he ran the State. He ap- on grounds of two years' separapears to be just another success- tion, regardless of contributing

> PADDING-Quite a few school principals may feel hurt when they find that plans looking to the end Good Shepherd and in civic affairs. being given serious consideration. financial straits . . . as you probably ers is based on attendance. Sorecall. Think over those days a teachers are quite frequently urged minute and you will get some idea to forget absences in order that about the problems cronfonting no teacher will be lost when allotwas a sick man and for a time it The principal, leader in the comlooked as if Lieutenant Governor munity or not, often slyly hints "Sandy" Graham would be forced that the teacher should fail to reto take over. But Ehringhaus cord absences. Sometimes he does came through it well—that's the not hint. He tells his teachers concensus—and he is more popular that he expects the attendance to now than during his years in office. be up to a certain per cent from And he may not be through po- month to month. If some teacher

> > The principal is frequently led into dishonesty by his desire to keep his teachers, so that the teaching load—the number of pupils in each for satisfactory work. On the other hand, he doesn't forget the money sometimes the cause of padding. They are sorry enough to keep their children out of school-but these same parents are the ones who criticize the principal when he loses a teacher. Something is going to be done about "padding"so look for it.

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