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It Must Be True

We have been sure for sometime that the cruelty of the Japs was beyond all doubt a very inhuman type of treatment, but we did not quite realize the extent of their utter savagery until we learned that they had not even deigned to reply to the plans of the American Red Cross when they offered ships of supplies for the Americans in the enemy's hands.

The conditions on which they would accept the supplies and then their deception shows how hard it will be to deal with such a people. It shows that we can have no half way measures, no consideration, it will have to be victory to the finish. They could not be trusted on a basis of compromise. They will have to be beaten to the ground.

Inspiration

The record that the Jackson County men are making on the battle fronts all over the world should serve as an inspiration to us here at home to carry on with every civilian aid that is within our power.

The citation of Lt. Galloway and his part in two invasions and the men in which Russell Hamilton, aviation machinist's mate, second class, lost his life should spur us on to greater activity.

The latter's parents were notified that the sacrifice their son and his shipmates made it possible for the successful completion of a most important mission. We should be humble in spirit and appreciation. This is the price of war. We should bend every effort here at home to end this sacrifice of our men.

A Good Selection

We notice that the State Planning Board headquarters will be established in Chapel Hill, the home town of Collier Cobb, Jr., chairman of the board recently appointed by Governor Broughton. The selection of Chapel Hill was made by Governor Broughton and approved by the board.

Louis Graves in the Chapel Hill Weekly points out other advantages of having the headquarters in the home town of the chairman. He states that Chapel Hill as a state planning center will be near University experts in various fields and of Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, and his staff.

It is the purpose of the group to have plans ready for the post-war period. The committee is particularly anxious to make sure that the post-war construction enterprises launched in North Carolina are really worth while, according to Mr. Cobb, who stresses the fact that they do not want to see projects that are really not worth while put under way just for the sake of giving jobs just for the sake of idle men.

In years not so distant we have seen works carried on for the sake of giving employment to those who needed it that was not always as constructive as it might have been, and we trust that as most of us recall those days, we will profit in the post-war era by our mistakes, which are still fresh in the memory of the majority.

Save the grease in the frying pan,
Don't put paper in the garbage can,
Flatten all tins and remove the label,
Buy more War Bonds, if you're able.

Pompadors, fascinators, snoods — what did the "good old days" have that we haven't?

Looking Toward The Sun

This time of the year we find ourselves looking toward the sun and to the day when we can get up by the light in the East. We have often wondered what the actual saving is in this setting up of the clock one hour earlier, when we burn as much electricity as we do in the early hours of the morning.

Even though the winds of March will blow in all their fury month after next, we are looking to that month, when daylight will stream across the room when we get out of bed in the morning.

In All Fairness

Even when the war is the major topic of conversation the New Deal still comes in for a lot of talk. It gets both praise and hard knocks. Maybe it rates both. Yet there have been some innovations made under the sponsorship of the New Deal, that even the opposing party might hesitate to abolish.

Recently the Greer Citizen, of Greer, S. C., listed a number of reforms instituted by the New Deal that have contributed more than the critics of Mr. Roosevelt have taken time to consider. Among the list were the following:

- Soundest banking policy in the nation's history;
- Federal Housing Administration;
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- Rural Electrification Administration;
- Farm Credit Administration;
- Crop Insurance;
- Old-Age Insurance;
- Food and Drought Insurance;
- Unemployment Insurance;
- Tennessee Valley Authority;
- Aid to Blind and Crippled Children;
- Slum Clearance Program;
- Minimum Wage and Hours Act;
- The Abolition of Child Labor;
- Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

The Week In War

Last week on every front in the war theatres military operations seemed to have stepped up. We recall that about a year ago there was the triumph of Stalingrad and the Guadalcanal affair and we were wondering what was going to take place in Africa. Russia was asking for more help. A lot has taken place since then, but a great deal will have to happen in the year ahead before Victory will be ours.

As one commentator pointed out the gains of the past week are important and gratifying in themselves, but in the perspective of the whole war they are still merely the overtures of the climactic events that are to come—the Allied mass invasion of Europe from the west and a gigantic sea battle between the American and Japanese Navies.

Both of these will have to be part of victory for the Allies and according to some authorities might possibly come at approximately the same time, though most of us have been expecting the climax in Europe before that in the Pacific.

We note that the Allied invasion preparations are mounting steadily and that there are increasing number of our local boys being reported as arriving safely in England, we also note that there is a steady outpouring of men in the Pacific area.

Both of these war efforts will mean many sacrifices for us here at home and on the battle fronts. But we all feel that the last two years preparation have given us the land, air, and naval power to bring us success in the long run. We have hope as we face the future, but we must remember constantly that the war is not yet over, and until then, no one must leave undone one thing that will aid the war strength.

This much might be remembered in favor of the Tuesday Ladies' Bridge Clubs, remarked the Lady Next Door: They haven't asked Congress to reduce the tax on playing cards.

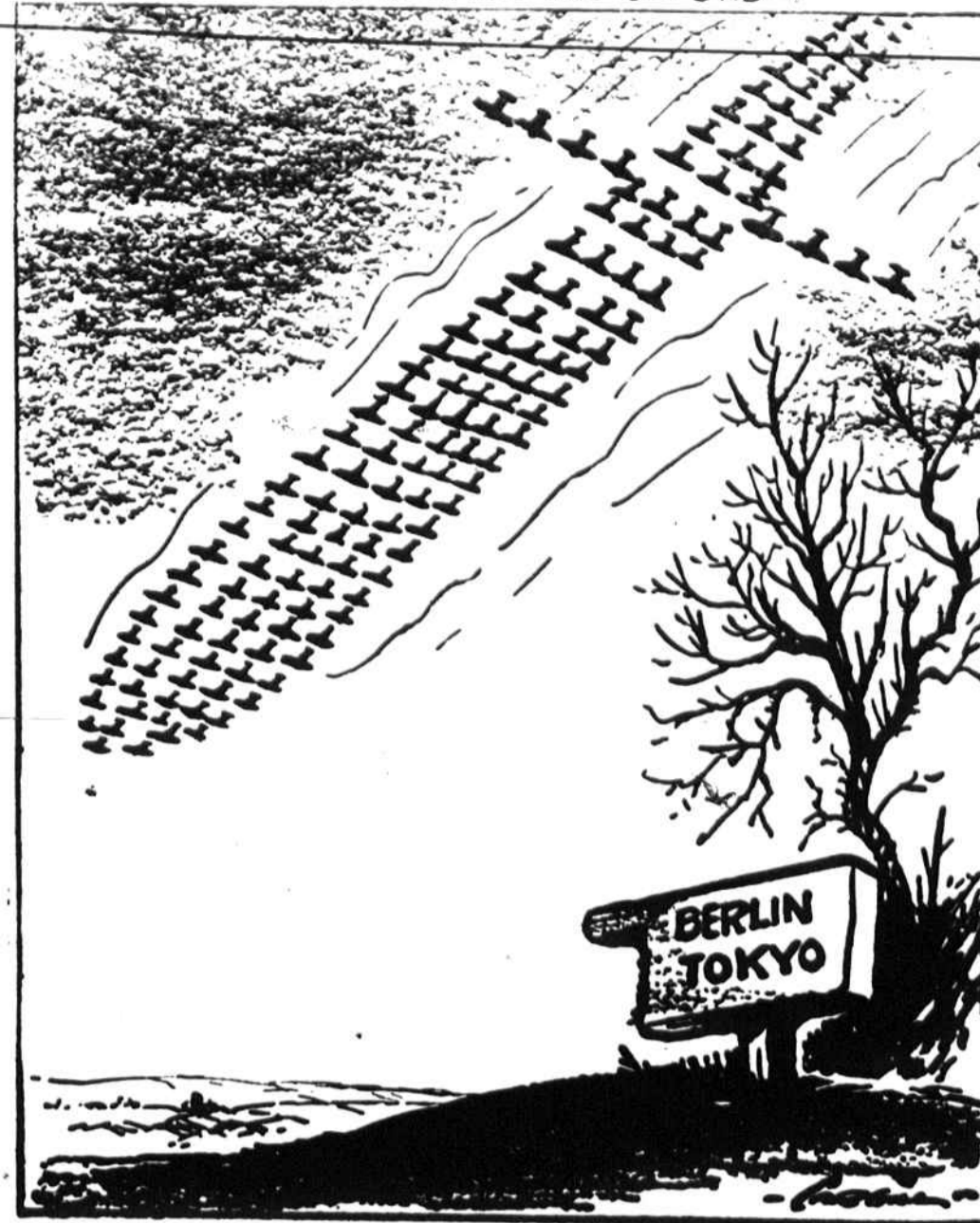
Come to think of it, it's not always fair, and often embarrassing, no doubt, to wish a Vice-Presidential boom on a loyal party man without his consent.

To begin to deal with the problem child, says a psychologist, discover his interest in life. If it's setting fire to the cat, try another psychologist.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The miners' lunch period has been cut to 15 minutes despite the fact that it isn't considered polite to eat and run.

An actress, touring the camps, says officers took all her time, in other words kept her private.

"THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD—"



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

We hear so much about the vital part that mail plays in the life of the men in service . . . and on all sides we hear the Red Cross and the officers urging that folks at home write to keep up the morale of the fighting men . . . Now let us look at the picture in reverse. . . Boys, if you could just take a peep into the post office, which we know is typical of those throughout America, you might think the shoe could fit on the other foot. . . You see wives, sisters, sweathearts, fathers, sisters, and friends literally hanging over their boxes looking for those envelopes that often have airmails, or "Free" and in the upper left hand corner bear a complicated address. . . We wish you could watch the expressions on their faces when they take those letters out of the boxes . . . the look of expectancy . . . and they simply can't wait until they get home to open them . . . you have to watch your step, for they are so intent on reading that they are likely to run right into you. . .

And don't forget that everything in that letter is important . . . it might be some trivial thing you wrote about . . . Maybe it was the weather in North Africa . . . the mud . . . maybe it was about the strange sights . . . it makes no difference that letter from you supplies the chief topics of conversation until your next letter comes through . . . and you have no idea how dates on those letters are watched . . . and if that letter came from overseas you will hear, "Yes, I know he was alright on the 25th, because that was the date of his last letter. . . " Then if he is in camp in this country you hear, "Well, I know he has not been transferred yet, for his last letter came from his old address". . . So boys, while we folks back home are being urged to write, please don't forget that everything that concerns you is of vital importance to help the morale of the home fronts.

It so happens that we have talked to a number of men recently discharged from the army . . . we have been worried about their attitude toward being out of the army . . . they seem to feel that they should be back . . . and that they have left a job unfinished. . . Just last week we talked to a man who had been in a hospital in Africa for several weeks . . . and then sent to the U. S. A. and was a patient for two months before he received his discharge. . . We suppose it is natural for these men to want to be back in the thick of things, and to want to help until Victory is declared, but you men with honorable discharges, don't you worry, we civilians back home don't feel that way . . . To us, you are veteran heroes . . . and we welcome you back to civilian life . . . your records of service are shining examples to us . . . you have had a share in making history and we are eternally grateful to you for every hour of service you have given your country. . .

War-time depletion in teaching ranks is becoming alarming . . . according to recent figures . . . at Teachers College, Columbia University, there were 5,252 students in 1940-41 and this year there are 3,512. . . On the University of California campuses there were 1,393 students in education three years ago and now there are 325. . . Five years ago there were 34,662 freshmen entering college courses with education as their major . . . in 124 institutions . . . and this year there were only 18,802 freshmen enrolled in education in 174 colleges. . . A recent survey showed that 68,000 teachers had left their schools for military service, 62,000 for war industries or other non-teaching employment . . . educa-

tors we are told are concerned at the possible teacher shortage that will occur as a result of the growing lack of adequately trained teachers . . . which all added up, it looks like we might face a serious problem in our educational system, at a time when the education of our children has never been more vital.

We would like to pay a last tribute to Raymond Clapper, widely known newspaper columnist who was killed in a plane crash in the invasion of the Marshall Islands. . . Clapper had been in the Pacific since last month. . . The historians will have to honor the reports along battle fronts in World War II with the fighting heroes, because of the part they have had in relaying the news back home. . . The foreign correspondent has been right in the thick of the fighting that we back home might know what is happening at the earliest possible moment . . . they have rendered us a great service . . . the quick reporting has given us the last word from the front . . . and we have been informed of conditions that we would never have known about had our reporters not been on the firing lines. They have shown the same bravery that our fighting men have . . . and we should honor them accordingly. . . Raymond Clapper had a unique place in the field of journalism and his article will be greatly missed. . .

Voice OF THE People

Question: In your opinion what is Sylva's greatest need?

J. C. Allison—"I think that one of the greatest needs in Sylva and Jackson county is a Warrant Officer. The number of children not attending school is appalling."

Mrs. Herbert Bryson—"I think that Sylva's greatest need is a 'Broadening of our Outlook'."

Jane Coward—"I think that something should be done to keep children who are riding bicycles and skating off the streets."

Everette Harris—"I think that Sylva should have a real Spiritual Revival; this would take care of all our needs."

T. N. Massie—"I think that Sylva needs a water wagon or some means of washing the streets."

T. E. Reed—"Sylva needs more folks and better folks to make Sylva a bigger and better town."

Edwin Allison—"I think that Sylva's greatest need just now is a Baptist minister."

A thoughtless remark can set the spark, let's keep the enemy in the dark!

Wife Preservers



If the lighting of your home isn't satisfactory, consider the possibilities of rearranging the furniture so that one lamp may give light for two readers instead of one.

Inside WASHINGTON

Nazi Surrender in Italy Improbable but Possible | Army, Navy Airmen Ponder Who'll Sock Tokyo Next?

Special to Central Press

● WASHINGTON—Rumors swarm like phantom bombers in the wake of the forthcoming cross-channel offensive to smash Hitler in 1944 and end the war in Europe.

Fundamentally, the forthcoming blow is perhaps the most widely-publicized projected military operation in history.

There is no doubt in the minds of most Washington observers that the Allied armies of liberation will sweep across the English channel when the stage is set for the mammoth drama of the invasion of France.

When Good Weather Arrives—? That was the commitment made to Marshal Josef Stalin at the Teheran conference.

The attendant armada of rumors includes one that the Germans may permit their front in Italy to collapse in order to bring the Anglo-American armies into Berlin before the Russians arrive.

It is no secret that the Germans would go to almost any extreme to keep the Red armies off the soil of the Reich.

However, any such German desire is doomed to be frustrated by the unity of the Allied—American, British, Russian—forces.

Therefore, the dopsters and arm chair generals in Washington say, Germany's only alternative would be to collapse the Italian front and possibly the cross-channel front when it is opened.

There is just enough logic, from the Teutonic point of view, in the rumor to make it not impossible in a warring, topsy-turvy world of impossible developments.

Spring and summer will tell the story.

● AIRMEN IN WASHINGTON are wondering whether the Army Air Corps or the Navy will be the first to carry out the long-promised bombing of the Japanese mainland—expected sometime this year.

Both the Army and Navy, bombsites cocked for Tokyo, shared honors for the original bombing of the Japanese capital in April, 1942.

The twin-engined Army B-25 (Mitchell) bombers that carried out the raid were ferried within striking distance of Hirohito's palace aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet.

Since the Navy has been rushing to completion mighty aircraft carriers, and from their decks are flying long-range fighters, torpedo bombers and dive bombers.

Meanwhile, the Army has pinned its hopes on the B-29, a new super bomber version of the Flying Fortress, which Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Corps commander, said would get into action this year.

The Japanese radio has offered no answer to this question. Recently it warned its listeners that they could be bombed by carrier-based planes.

Later it warned that Japanese cities would be bombed from the Aleutians by long-range planes.

Army and Navy airmen don't care which branch of the service gets the next crack at Tokyo.

Their attitude is "the more the merrier—the sooner the better."

● POLITICAL OBSERVERS SEE LITTLE CHANCE that congress will grant President Roosevelt's state-of-the-Union request for a national service law.

The chances seem pretty strong that the Austin national service bill will die in the senate military committee, where hearings have been begun.

Foreshadowing the doom of the measure offered by Senator Warren R. Austin (R.) of Vermont, is Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D.), North Carolina, of the committee.

Reynolds is an arch foe of the bill, which he says "would give us here in America what Hitler and Stalin have got."

If the measure ever reaches the floor, one of the bitterest legislative times will be precipitated.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



LAFF-A-DAY



"Heavens, Tom! According to this test I took, I'm not happily married!"