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From One Who Knows

General Peyton C. Marsh, retired U. S. Chief of Staff, when interviewed last week on his 79th birthday by reporters, gave some mighty good advice and sounded a warning to the American people when he said:

Hitler's Changing Themes

We are told that Hitler's New Year's message in 1944 to the German people was not quite as cheerful as in other years. No doubt he realizes that they are at last wondering if any of his promises are coming true.

Call For Extra Food

America's food supply is said to represent perhaps the greatest single weapon of war in our fight against the Axis, and as the great 1944 food production program gets underway it is well for us to give thought to the importance of this vast secondary army that is carrying on behind the battle lines.

When the soldier is sent overseas his needs are greater, for he must then be provided with a nine-months' food reserve which is about 1,400 pounds. It is obvious that the more men and women we have overseas the larger must be the reserve of food supplies.

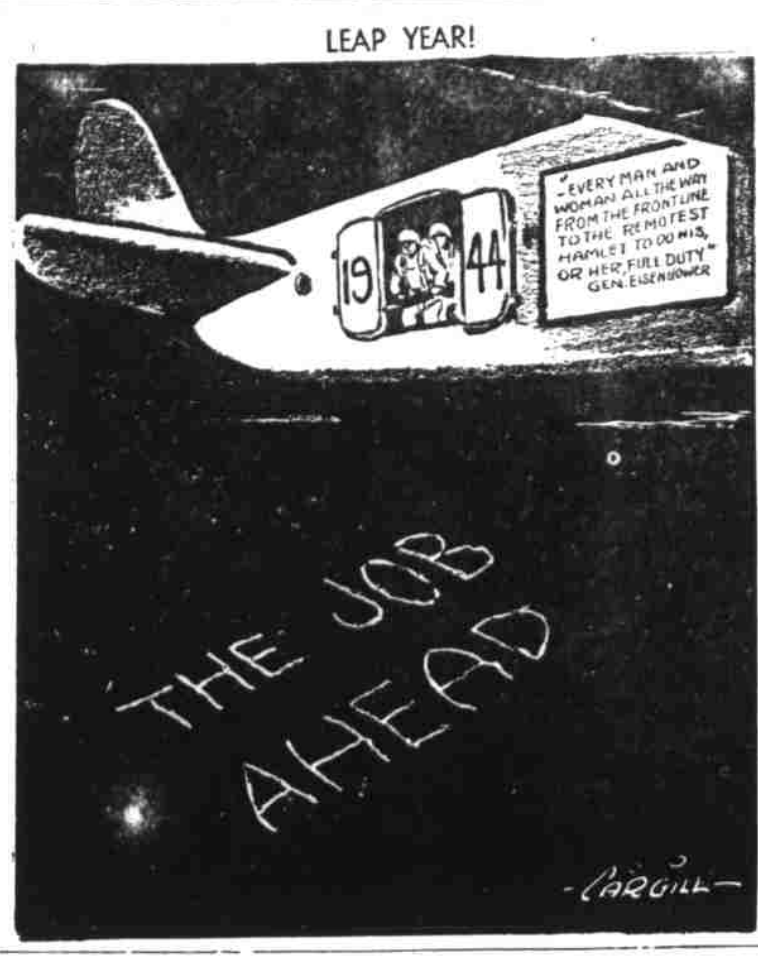
We all realize that the men in the armed forces must be fed and fed the right kind of food. It is the policy of this nation that we must have our fighters fed better than any other in the world.

The armed forces are needing large supplies of such "protective foods" as meats, fats, and oils, milk and canned goods. It has been estimated that they will need about 40 per cent of the canned fruits and juices, 15 per cent of the citrus, 26 per cent of the canned vegetables and 15 per cent of the butter.

This county is only a part of this great country, but we have our responsibility to meet our quota, so we must remember that the army tending the soil right here at home is fighting side by side with our forces in Italy, in Africa, and over in the South Pacific.

Party Lines And Battlelines

That the sacrifices and anxieties of war know no party lines and touch all homes with tragic impartiality has just been underlined for the people of Madison County by the news of the past few days.



HERE and THERE

Relief on the home front is an unneeded word. I doubt if there is one item in the home that women have guarded with greater care since the war production era.

Think what they will mean to the war brides who have left their happy homes in a hurry following their soldier husbands across the continent from camp to camp.

Speaking of irons, men have always been smarter than women about reducing labor. Much as we hate to admit the fact, it is true for after all the years that women had spent over the ironing board it was a man who invented the electric iron.

During these winter days we find ourselves constantly thinking of the men on the firing lines. The cold weather makes us more thoughtful of the conditions under which they are fighting.

Inside WASHINGTON

Loss of Air Bases Now Puts Emphasis on Jap Submarines

WASHINGTON—Some Navy officials in Washington are expecting intensification of Japan's submarine campaign against Allied merchant shipping in the Pacific resulting from the current offensive which deprived the Nips of valuable air bases on the west flank of the shipping routes.

A PRESIDENTIAL VETO LOOMS for the senate railway wage reduction when it finally reaches Roosevelt's desk.

GOPOLITICOS ARE WATCHING with keen interest the selection of Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana as chairman of the national Republican congressional campaign committee succeeding Rep. J. William Ditter of Pennsylvania, killed in an airplane crash.

ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION has told farmers they will get plenty of farm machinery to do the job in 1944—the fact is that there is some doubt about it now.

Already hard-pressed for machinery, farmers may have to stretch out their old equipment another year.

MARRIAGES

Hugh S. Matthews to Ruth Burch, both of Canton. Jerald Kemp, of Waynesville to Narcissus Hughes, of Irvington, Ga. (Colored).

Letters To The Editor

Haywood County Ministerial Association Educated Over Negro Editor The Mountaineer: The Haywood County Ministerial Association held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 3rd, at the Methodist church in Waynesville.

Voice OF THE People

In what country are you most interested outside of your own? Mrs. Walter Crawford—"I would say at this particular time, England."

THE OLD HOME TOWN



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