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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory)

We Will Have To Grow

We see where the Public Buildings Administration has brought to Congress plans to put airports on the roofs or land adjacent to all new post office buildings in cities of more than 25,000 population.

The idea is that such airports located in the centers of population, with roofs fashioned somewhat after the flattops of aircraft carriers, would facilitate the movements of air mail and encourage greater use of air transportation.

The new plans which would be included in a post-war construction program were advanced by PBA Commissioner W. E. Reynolds. If we get in under such a program we will have to grow in population and extend city limits. Most of us would be content, however, with an airport on the edge of town.

Praise With Reservations

Col. William S. Pritchard, of Fort Bragg, in charge of internal security in North Carolina, who inspected the local unit of the State Guard, which is headquarters and service company for the Second North Carolina Regiment, was high in his praise of the fine showing the company made on Friday night-but the guard which should be fifty men strong, now has only 23 members. They did fine in the colonel's eyes for a half company, but why such depleted ranks, he asked.

"You have a commander who made a name for himself in World War number 1, Colonel J. Harden Howell, an outstanding leader in the State Guard in the Southeastern states. You have a major, who made the highest rating at the State Guard school held at Fort Benning last year, making 100 on his examinations-Major M. H. Bowlesthe highest grade ever made in the Southeastern states guards," said Col. Prichard.

"With the showing this unit has made in the past and present, I cannot understand why the people of Waynesville do not support the State Guard. A town like Waynesville should be proud of its State Guard company, which with similar units, is wholly responsible for security in the state because the men in the regular army are now elsewhere," he continued.

"You carry now a rifle instead of a shot gun, and soon you will have a bayonet and other equipment to go with it. This is being supplied by the government. If they did not think it was necessary for a safety measure they would not supply you with this equipment," said the Colonel.

The local State Guard unit, as those over the State has served as a training center for the younger men going into the service. This in a measure explains why the ranks are so thinned at present, but it does not explain why the men between 30 and 50, many of whom will not be called for active duty in the army, are failing to volunteer in the State Guard.

For the tired business man the training is said to serve as a tonic, aside from the fact that in hard cold facts, it is his patriotic duty. We hope that by next week we can write on the stirring response received by the appeal to bring the local company which has had such a high rating in the past, to its required number. Only with a personnel of fifty men can the company maintain its standard rating.

Among Post War Plans

Realizing the splendid work done by the district health department along the lines of checking syphilis in this area during the past few years, it is gratifying to learn that the Army-Public Health Service plan includes a drastic check.

Every soldier will be given a Wassermann test at the time of his demobilization, according to Surgeon General Thomas Parren. If he has syphilis he will be treated by the Army. After discharge, treatment will be continued if necessary. The work will be done at rapid treatment centers of which there are now forty-seven. These have a bed capacity of 6,100 and serve twenty states, the District of Columbia, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. This should be insurance against the spread of syphilis, which so often follows a war.

Morale Booster

We have often commented that we did not envy the members of a draft board. All human beings may be cut in the same pattern, yet each life holds different combinations of responsibility, and we would hate to sit in judgment on some of the cases that come up.

We see that the Selective Service headquarters in New York have a morale booster hanging on their walls for distracted officials to gaze upon when they feel the urge to read a simple regulation. It is the mobilization order issued by the Government of Ethiopia back in 1935 and leaves no doubt about how to handle cases.

The order reads as follows: "When this order is received, all men and boys able to were needing something extra with carry a spear will go to Addis Ababa. Every married man will bring his wife to cook and wash for him. Every unmarried man felt like challanging the poet for anyone to anything." will bring any woman he can find to cook and wash for him. Women with babies, the blind and those too aged or infirm to carry a spear are excused. Anyone found at home after receiving this order will be hanged." (Council for Democracy's 'Briefs' for Broad-

High Cost of Living

We hear on all sides complaints about the high cost of living, which seems to be still raising. The following editorial from the New York Times giving facts about what is happening in England should serve as a lesson to America:

For three years the British have stabilized their cost-of-living index at a level be- adults are somewhat uncertain of tween 28 and 30 per cent above that in the pre-war period. This achievement was made doubts about life denying them the possible by the combination of a heavy tax privilege of carrying them out. Of program, compulsory and voluntary savings, effective price fixing, extensive rationing of their time in the armed forces, for food products, complete control over supplies and comprehensive subsidy payments. As the pressure for price rises has increased, the know what they want when the war subsidy program has been broadened to cover more products. From an annual rate of \$234,000,000 early in 1940, total subsidy payments were expanded to \$580,000,000 early in 1942 and to \$760,000,000 last year.

Many persons have cited the British experience as support for the adoption of a comprehensive subsidy program in this country. In many cases it has been assumed that subsidies could be used to prevent any general price rise.

Now this myth concerning subsidies is about to be punctured. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has just announced that despite the payment of subsidies it will be necessary to permit the cost-of-living index to rise from the 1943 level of 28 per cent above the pre-war level to a new level 30 to 35 per cent above the pre-war period.

This revision in policy has been made necessary because wages have continued to increase. In other words, the pressure upon prices has become so great that they can no longer be rigidly stabilized despite the large-scale use of subsidies.

A major lesson may be drawn from this latest British development. There are limits much of this was due to the fact beyond which subsidies cannot be used to stabilize prices. Those persons who have become convinced of the virtues of unlimited subsidies and the desirability of further general wage increases would do well to ponder this latest development in Great Britain's battle to hold the line.

There's a place for the knocker but it's on the outside.

If a price level is ever established it will be on a plateau.

A person is left handed because his right hand is on the wrong side.



HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

weather and growing things in other parts of the country as it was in this area. We liked to think of the beauty of the day as a special gift this year from Mother Nature and the Weather Man to mothers on Their Day, when they their sons away. In fact there came to mind the poem, "What is so rare as a day in June," and we certainly May 14 was equal to any we have ever seen in June. We happened to have breakfast earlier than usual, for Sunday morning, around 7:30, and the freshness of breeze that barely stirred the curof the night that still lingered even glad to be alive, and grateful for the privilege of living. . .

We like assignments that take us to a school. Children have always interested us. We like all age question: groups, for each has their own points of charms. We went to the high school last Thursday to inter- three quarters of them don't get view ten boys and ten girls in the it?" current graduating class. Most the future, but youth has made its ing schedule of the unit and the incourse all the boys took it as a matter of fact that they would serve they are between 17 and 18 and their days outside the service "are But they seemd to numbered." is over. Of course we realize they may change their ideas, for the training they will receive in the armed forces will give them a new slant on things and develop new talents. Most of them are entering the service, or rather planning to volunteer and get the nich they want, if possible.

We were pleased with the honsty of the girls. Now back in our green and salad days," we doubt f they were as honest on the subject of matrimony. We loved the graduates of 1944 for their matter of fact way of speaking of a home of their own and getting married. It seemed to be just the natural thing for a girl to do. We liked their attitude about wanting to make something of their lives and try their talents out before taking on domestic responsibilities. W liked their picture of life in balanced values. If their attitude is typical, those pessimists who are semoaning the fact that women are leaving homes for careers need have no fears for the rising gene-

They all, boys and girls, seemed so young and their spirits so gay, yet coming to the surface was a surprising maturity. We felt that that they are having to grow up fast to meet new conditions. We started our interviews with a kind of poignant sympathy (of course unexpressed), but we left them with quite a different reaction. They have many hurdles to make before careers are over for the girls and they are secure in their established homes of their own making, and the boys will be tested through fire and blood, before they begin their "life work." them the best of luck and hope that life brings their present dreams to maturity.

A story going the rounds If your have read it, skip it. . During a history making Roose velt - Churchill - Stalin conference Roosevelt is reported to have con

as perfect from the standpoint of dream last night. I dreamed that the war was over and that I was elected president of the League of Nations.

Churchill spoke up and said That is strange, I too, had a dream last night. I dreamed that the war was over and I was elected Prime Minister of the League of

It was Stalin's time to speak and

We have heard a number of mothers discussing why some boys in the service get home so much more often than their own. They the morning air coming in on a have asked us if we knew why there should be such partiality. tains brought the dewey freshness Our answer is usually that we are not in on such military secrets. affer the rising sun. It made one In fact we have never been able to give a satisfactory answer. In the May issue of the Ladies Home Journal in the feature, "If you ask me," edited by Mrs. Roosevelt, she was asked this month the following

> "Why is a serviceman allowed a fifteen-day furlough a year but , and her answer:

"Soldiers may receive thirty young people are so confident of days furlough time a year, but no ife. We were impressed with this more than fifteen days at any one life? quality more than ever, because period. Granting of a furlough is a under present conditions most privilege granted the soldier which is granted provided that the train-

> "Furloughs are granted upon the decision of the commanding officer disrupt training of either the unit partment does not believe that the ever, before I have a career. correct."

TRANSACTIONS IN Keal Estate (As Recorded to Monday Noon

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Howard Moore, et ux to J. V

H. L. Liner, Sr., et ux to L. E.

ould kiss me, but I did not say get married.' ou could hug me.

Henry-Oh, that's all right: I ust threw in the clutch THE OLD HOME TOWN

We hope that Mother's Day was mented one morning: "I had a

he said, "I didn't dream last night and I don't remember appointing

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Waynesville Township

Velda Ross - "I have always wanted to be a secretary. Lately I

Inside WASHI Breakup of Solid South

Seen Remote Possibility

Special to Central Press

 WASHINGTON—The most optimistic Republican political of ers are predicting intermittent chinks, then wide breaks in the ers are predicting discussed in the south this November, chasms which may make the margin for presidential candidate even greater than they hope for They are pointing down the corridors of time to the elect They are pointing to the Carolina and other southern a

in the GOP sweep that sent Herbert Hoover White House, Anti Group Not Strong

are doubtful.

More cautious observers, however, are not par larly sanguine over anti-New Deal strength in southern states. They feel that it is inadequate will have little effect on the general election They point out that several factors would raise GOP hope in D

Among these are the nomination of Governor Thomas E Desg New York for president, and the bitter feeling engendered an the New Deal in Texas by the supreme court's invalidation of state's "white supremacy" primary law. Other political observers, however, agree that Texas recognition the supreme court decision as a purely legal move and that it

have little effect on the state political situation. They assen Texas is safely in the Roosevelt column if the president choo make a fourth term bid. North Carolina, despite dissatisfaction over the New Deal, is in to remain Democratic, barring unforeseen events. And the same true of Virginia and the other Piedmont and south central state Borderline states, particularly Kentucky and possibly Ten

 THE CHANGE IN LOCAL POSTAL RATES from two to m cents an ounce had a familiar ring.

In 1932, both the local and non-local rate went up to three for letters, but a year later local rates were changed back to

During World War I, the non-local rate was upped from the three cents, but changed back in 1919. And away long ago in 181 cost three cents per half ounce for out-of-town letters and two per half ounce for local mail. Not until 1885 did Uncle Sim the mail for two cents an ounce.

• THE HALLS OF CONGRESS are reverberating these day charges that a "deal" is on the fire to hold up the vitally-impo Price Control Act, which expires June 30, in return for special to ment on the pending anti-poll tax bill in the Senate. Hearings are now being held in the Senate and House on ther

posed extension of the OPA for one year after June 30. Most servers agree that neither chamber will receive a bill until the ter part of May. With southern Senate forces set for an all-out filibuster on

House-passed anti-poll tax bill, sponsored by Representative Marcantonio (A. L.) of New York, a huge log-jam is developi the upper chamber's legislative calendar. Consumer representatives who haunt the interminable con

of Congress see in the filibuater an attempt to block Senate on eration of the price control law. They are fearful that any delay would open the floodgates of inflation and make it too late to recapture present advantages

Southern anti-poll ax leaders, however, contend

that they are willing to yield to any legislation which is "vital to the welfare of the nation" provided that when the le tion is disposed of they will regain the floor. procedure, however, calls for first things first and the

sal of business. Thus, some observers wonder whether x bill hangs as a possible threat over important legi

The Voice Of The Peopl

What is your main ambition in have been wanting to take

(Ed Note-The following answers were given by girls of the graduating class of the Waynesville Township high school. Next week a similar question will be answered by a group of boys in the class).

Dorothy Greer-I guess every girl's ambition is to get married. or the individual. The War De- I do not want to get married how statement that three quarters of want to get out in the world and see things before I settle down.'

> Louella Hall - "First, I would like to have a good college education and then a home of my own.

Mimi Gosline-"A four year college education and then I would like a home and a family

Dorothy Leatherwood-"I want business career as long as the present emergency lasts, then I want to travel some and then I would like to settle down-at least before that I am going that's what I hope that I'll get to into civil service

Mildred Price-"When I am old enough I would like to join the Woman's Ferry Command. Until Well of course every git that time I hope to work. After the war I guess I will work at some-Clarice (motoring)-I said you thing else and some day I guess I'll

By STANLEY Registered U.S. Fyrent Office. NO, I DIDN'T TELL HIM IT WAS CANVAS BACK DUCK WITH THE ORIGINAL PRE-WAR CANVAS!

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get married." Mildred Carswelljoin the Woman's Ferry Co Then when the war is over to become a trained nursem that my life's work, but I some day to get married."

Margaret Palmer-"I wat private secretary to a business man and I hope m not going to be an old

Louise Rollins-"I want private secretary. I would do that awhile and maybet thing else. Of course after is over I would like to get #

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Oleta Bryson-"I wan cadet nurse until after h to get married someday

Rosemary Herman-"I ing and I would like scientific work. It much so I can help people

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Book Agent - I the night be the youngest di Woman-Oh, well come He sold her a book.

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res or no! Witness-Yes or no.

Caller-Is Elsie your Junior-Yes, sir. Caller-And who

Junior-You and two

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