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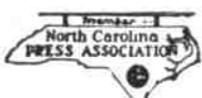
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(One Day Nearer Victory)

## Learning To Work

We have never seen as many youngsters working as we have this summer. You see the small fry mowing lawns, working in corn fields, and in victory gardens like veterans of the soil.

We have wondered as we have seen this young army, what they did before the great emergency. We do not like to see youth cheated of its natural good times, yet we do feel that it may be a fine thing for these youngsters in the long run, to learn the art of work.

They are growing up and learning how to take it. The world they will live in some day when they are grown will be run to a large extent by the men in the armed forces today, and they will be trained with military discipline. The rising generation will have to know how to do things, or they will not be able to compete with their oldsters who have taken on realities at a tender age and are seasoned long before their time.

## Pensions

This war we are now fighting is from the standpoint of expenditure about the biggest luxury in which this country has ever been known to indulge. We realize that there will be in addition during the years ahead hundreds of thousands of those in the service receiving pensions. We do not for one minute suggest that those who have defended their country be denied some reward. But when we noticed recently that civilians who have worked on the Panama Canal be given some renumeration we failed to see it.

They may have undergone hardships, yet we feel sure that they worked on the terms offered by the government, with no thought at the time of any reward. We don't like the idea, as they did not have to go and accept the work had they not so desired, while the soldier or man in service goes where he is sent.

To us it is just one of those cases that would bring a flock in their wake of similar instances, and the whole country would eventually be trying to get a free ride on a pension.

## More Abundant Living

With the inauguration of the recreational program in our community during the past week, we start a new era of living here. With the wholesome ideas upon which the program is being launched it gives promise of a finer and better balanced life for our people.

This realization, of course, depends upon the reception the program receives, but with the enthusiastic support of so many groups and organizations we feel that success is assured.

Work or play done cooperatively tends always to develop a fine sportsmanship. With the use of the proposed file of local citizens, and their interests and hobbies no doubt people who have been living here practically as strangers will suddenly find that common ties will develop a more friendly spirit, which will in the end be community-wide.

We feel that the Community Council has been most fortunate in securing the services of a man of the high type of the new recreational director, who has a rich background of experience in his chosen field.

## Spring Salad

Since our early childhood we have recalled with keen delight the first "mess of lettuce" picked from the garden, which was in turn made into "Spring salad." After the winter of bleached lettuce, no matter how crisp and appetizing it has been, this bit of fresh green is always welcome.

Chopped up, with radishes, Spring onions, and generously treated with French dressing, we put this old time favorite against to compete for first place as an appetizer and a "Spring tonic."

## Fifth War Drive

On June 12, the Fifth War Fund Drive will start and once again the people of America will be asked to buy security for themselves ten years hence and ammunitions and supplies to carry on the war. We would like to think that this would be the last gigantic campaign for such funds. Who knows it may be, if we folks here in our own country and throughout the nation come across with the same fine spirit of sacrifice that the men overseas are doing.

Despite the inconveniences we may have to put up with as the result of manpower and supply shortage, we here at home have been untouched, so to speak, as compared to the men on the fighting lines.

We have the feeling that in this Fifth drive the citizens should not have to be urged. Certainly, we all know what faces our army, navy and air forces. We like the idea of placing a star beside the name of a man in service when a bond is bought. We sincerely trust that there will not be a name left unmarked on the rolls of men and women in service from this county.

Don't wait for someone to invite you to buy a bond, they are as busy as you are. Cut the corners and come across with an investment in the future of America.

## A New Meaning

The following editorial from the Christian Science Monitor holds a promise and we feel sure will meet a responsive chord in the hearts of the people of America:

To many of those observing America's Memorial Day it had a more personal and potent meaning than ever before. For millions it was a fresh reminder that the most appropriate memorial, the finest honoring of those to whom the day is dedicated, would be a peace system to curb the cause of memorials.

All whose thoughts turned in such a direction must have welcomed Secretary Hull's announcement that he has invited Britain, Russia, and China to join in spade-work conversations on a world peace organization. This is a vital first step. Less spectacular than a Casablanca or Teheran, such informal discussions can begin to lay the foundations for a genuine new order.

It is not too much to say that the people have been crying out for more concrete progress in the organizing of a peace system. The Moscow conference announced the purpose and some preliminary work has been done, notably Mr. Hull's consultations with eight members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This effort of the President and Secretary of State to let representatives of the Senate share in the early shaping of plans is a most encouraging advance over the exclusively Executive planning by President Wilson.

While the first invitations are going only to Britain, Russia and China, Mr. Hull announces that the other United Nations will later be brought into the discussions. It is well to emphasize the place of the smaller nations. For while the Big Three or the Big Four will have the chief responsibility for policing the peace, other countries will have a vital part to play and—like the Senate—should share in the planning.

More and more, informal talk turns toward something like the League of Nations. Mr. Roosevelt, in brief press conference references, said that the 1944 model would be less idealistic than that of 1918, based more on hard experience. This is widely taken to mean that the Council—which Mr. Churchill called a "world-controlling Council"—will be composed chiefly if not exclusively of the Great Powers.

It is assumed that there will also be an Assembly, which, like the old Geneva model, will have more of a legislative nature, leaving administrative action to the Council. Possibly something can be learned from the American federal system and its solution of the problem of large and small states. We trust that in the method of choosing representatives for the Assembly, at least consideration will be given to letting the people elect them.

## ANOTHER "UNDERGROUND" THAT WORRIES HITLER



## HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

We like to write news that has an inspiring element. . . . This week we have a happy story to tell you. For sometime it has been out for to turn out dreressing copy for this paper regarding how the women of our community have fallen down on their home front job of "keeping 'em rolling" at the Red Cross surgical dressings rooms. Now we have a headliner from the other side of the fence. Last Thursday afternoon there were thirty-two workers in the rooms, the largest group ever to assemble in one afternoon to work on this vital war feature. The regularly assigned supervisors had to call for help and two others came to aid in directing the work.

Among those present were ten town women, six workers and four supervisors . . . and TWENTY-TWO WOMEN FROM THE COUNTRY . . . Isabel Colkitt, chief supervisor, was beaming, Mrs. Chas. E. Ray, Mrs. Ruth Beatty, Mrs. Jack Way and Mrs. J. C. Crouzier, supervisors, were all smiles. The workers ranged in age from fourteen to grandmothers . . . all busy with precise movements making dressings that may be used to save the life of some Haywood county boy.

If there had been an attendance prize Ratcliff Cove would have won by a big majority. . . . They had come in 14 strong in a truck driven by Mrs. Claude Francis. . . . Iron Duff had five good workers present . . . Francis Cove had two and Mooney Cove had one, who worked with a steady hand . . . for her work had a personal touch as she thought of her son overseas.

We watched those women working and we knew the way they made those bandages that they were in the habit of getting things done, so we asked a few questions and did a bit of interviewing . . . after which we wanted to ask the government to decorate each one for their courages matches that of their sons.

First we would like to introduce you to Mrs. Bob Francis of Ratcliff Cove. . . . Her day starts at 4 o'clock with breakfast over by five . . . after the dishes are done she takes care of between five and six gallons of milk. . . . On Thursday morning she set out tobacco plants and picked strawberries. . . . She cooked dinner . . . and was ready to ride at 2 o'clock when the truck stopped to pick her up to come to town. . . . After she left the Red Cross rooms, she had to feed chickens and get supper. . . . "I started coming to the rooms here to help the boys, you see I have two in service. . . . one overseas and one in the States. . . . I have gotten 7 women to come here to work. You see I put it to them so strong, they felt like they had to come, but at first some of them acted like they thought there was nothing to it. . . ." she concluded with a smile.

Mrs. C. C. Francis gets up around 6 o'clock gets breakfast over before 7 . . . This week she is house cleaning and painting cabinets . . . she had planned to help with the tobacco planting, and work in the garden, but a shower kept her inside . . . she cooked dinner, washed dishes, and

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