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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 someday 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 elders 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 remuneration 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 any salad we can think of for the moment, 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 county 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 of lot to turn out depressing 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 Bentz, 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.

Now take Mrs. Claude Francis. . . . Eleanor Roosevelt has nothing on her when it comes to "Her Day", if Thursday is a sample. . . . She started at 6 o'clock, cooked breakfast, washed up dishes, worked in garden, put out cabbage plants. . . . For two hours she worked on her books. . . . she keeps as secretary-treasurer of the Ratcliff Cove Baptist church. . . . Then she ordered some material for a Bible school. She is also superintendent of the County Committee of the Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Association. Then it was time to get dinner, and cook the vegetables she had gathered when gardening. I was about to

forget she had cared for 10 gallons of milk in the early morning. After cooking dinner she took two cades in a truck to the pasture, then dressed and was ready to drive the truck and pick up 12 women, and they made the Red Cross rooms by 2:10. . . . Leaving at 5 o'clock she went home to fix supper, which she had already prepared in anticipation of the time spent in town. . . . then dishes to wash and to church to conduct a B.T.U. study course. . . . (Whew, it makes us weary just to write about that day). . . . But Mrs. Francis has a step-son and an adopted daughter in the service and when she spoke of them we knew how she felt about those bandages.

How would like to match a day out of the life of Mrs. Maggie Grasty of Francis Cove? . . . Wait before you answer. . . . She is a widow, mother of 9 children from 11 months to 22 years. . . . Her day starts at 4:30, to get her daughter off to the Champion Fibre Company to her work. . . . Breakfast to her is a progressive after from around 5 to 8 o'clock. Thursday morning she took a turn in the garden and in the fields, then cooked dinner, for ten, washed the dishes and was ready to ride to the Red Cross rooms. . . . "But when I get home I will eat supper that my daughter cooks and then go to bed, for you know when you get up at 4:30 you have to go to bed" . . . she said.

Mrs. C. A. Dotson, of Iron Duff, who lives seven miles from Waynesville, started walking in, but was picked up on the way. Mrs. Dotson has two sons in the service, and she knows that they make long hard marches, so why can't she take a turn, is her attitude. Her day starts at 5 o'clock, for she gets a daughter off to work at 5:45. Thursday she had milked, fed chickens, ironed until 12. . . . "Then I cooked dinner, but I really felt like going to bed," she said. . . . She washed up the dishes, and took to the highway that led to the Red Cross rooms. . . . "Yes, I want to come, and work here, for I feel that it is my duty," was her answer as to why she came.

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

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



# Inside WASHINGTON

Foresee Japanese Peace Overtures After Invasion | Armed Service Chiefs War Production Schedules

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Peace overtures by Japan are considered definite possibility once Allied forces establish a beachhead in Europe. And that possibility has high-ranking Navy men worried. They want to crush Japan thoroughly this time she cannot stage a comeback in another 20 years or so.

Some war experts believe Japan will give up much of her empire if she is allowed to keep part of China, all of Manchuria and a few other outposts which yield vital materials.

Top-ranking Navy men hope that the American public will give a deaf ear to all Jap peace moves. They just do not trust and there is plenty in the enemy's record to this distrust.

**Navy Heads** The real test of Japan's willingness to fight will come sometime this year when American bombers finally begin a systematic attack on her most important cities.

**Hope Japs** Once the Allies can switch most of their naval strength to the Atlantic and the Mediterranean to the Far East, Japan will be off from raw materials and supplies in the East Indies. What islands are useless to her, she undoubtedly will be glad to give them to the Allies for another breathing spell.

**HEADS OF THE ARMED SERVICES** are reported to be fully satisfied with the present level of war production, notwithstanding announcements from time to time indicating that output is being held back because of a critical manpower shortage.

Authoritative government sources say that, considered as a whole, the main production schedules are being met. This does not mean that in spots output is not up to the levels desired. But Army and Navy chiefs generally are well pleased with production of munitions and other highly important items.

What really has happened is that production of munitions supplies has increased while the total number of workers has been declining. This has been due to such things as improvements in production, a reduction in the number of changes in design of war and supplies, and correction of situations in which labor was hoarded, or in some way was not properly being utilized.

Since last November, employment in munitions industries has declined at the rate of 100,000 per month. This trend is expected to continue, although perhaps not at this high rate.

The armed services still are anxious to have Congress enact National Service legislation of some kind. But what they are really worried about is not so much increasingly critical labor shortages as a stampede of workers from the war plants when the end of the war is believed in sight.

To guard against such a disastrous contingency, they would like to have Congress enact legislation freezing in war jobs men who have been deferred from the draft because of such employment.

**ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A NATION-WIDE DISTRIBUTION** system has been set up, with headquarters at Chicago, for dispersing the so-called "miracle drug," penicillin, is good news in the medical world.

It discloses that production now has reached the point where 10 billion units a month may be spared from military and other needs for the home front.

WPA revealed that production has risen from 425 million units last June to a record 35 billion units in March.

The War Production Board sees hope for wide civilian use as the result of a 15 million dollar program under which 19 American and two Canadian plants have been rushed to completion year ago, almost all penicillin was reserved for military needs. The drug has been found effective in treating infections which do not respond to sulfa drugs or other remedies.

# The Voice Of The People

Are you in favor of socialized medicine?

Mrs. R. L. Coin—"Yes, I approve of it. I have been working for hospital care since 1936 and

made it into town. Expected to cook supper when she got home, and sew, etc., before she ended Her Day. . . . Which all added up makes you understand why her son, Captain Francis, chaplain in Italy, was recently decorated for his courage under fire.

Other busy women and girls working that day not heretofore mentioned were Miss Nell G. Carnahan, Mrs. Paul McElroy, Mrs. A. L. Fox, Mrs. Charles Francis, Mrs. George Liner, Mrs. Hugh Ratcliff, Mrs. Mary Ann Loflin, Mrs. W. E. Christopher, Mrs. Millard Buchanan, Miss Nellie Muse, Miss Barbara Francis, Miss Lucy Leopard, Miss Betty Joe Gaddy, Mrs. Glenn Tate, Mrs. A. T. McCracken, Mrs. Cash Edwards, Mrs. Ned Crawford, Mrs. Lillie Hopkins, Mrs. Claude Crawford, Mrs. Glenn Higgs, Mrs. Annie Massie, Mrs. J. C. Rose, and Mrs. A. D. Gifford.

Pardon me, did you say you were too busy to make surgical dressings? We too have been under that same impression, but now now.

Hugh J. Shaw—"I don't know what you mean, but I made up my mind."

Miss Nancy Killam—"I don't feel I know enough about it, but I've read a lot about socialized medicine."

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE**  
 All creditors of the Estate of T. Shelton, late of Wayne County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present their claims to Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Executor, Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before June 15, 1944, or this notice will be published in the Asheville, N. C. paper, and the executor will be discharged from all liability to the creditors of the estate.

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