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Air Invasion Less Likely

Apparently Army officials in charge of the defense of our coast line feel that the danger of an assault upon the east coast of the United States has greatly lessened since the fall of Africa and Italy.

This week the work of air spotters in many sections has been greatly curtailed and civilian groups have been virtually eliminated by an order of the War Department, except as a reserve for emergency.

Germany is being driven back slowly towards her own borders. Hitler might still attempt a nuisance raid upon this country with the aviators undertaking it purely on a "suicide" basis, but the danger of effective or continuous raids here seems to have passed. Our armies are yet a long way from the borders of Prussia but at least one phase, that of expanding conquest by either Germany or Japan, is now over.

Morgenthau Meets "Muley"

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau has, of course, had many meetings with Congressman Robert L. Daughton, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee. This week he met "Muley" Bob Doughton's heels.

A few days ago the Secretary announced a new and extremely inclusive tax program which would add about 40 percent to the present income and victory tax laws.

The venerable North Carolina representative is said to have taken but one look at the proposed tax bill—and the high expectancy of the Treasury department probably reached a new low soon after he told reporters that:

"I feel that the Secretary's program is more ambitious and calls for more tax, in the aggregate, than the taxpayers can reasonably bear at this time, in view of the already heavy tax liability. . . . I do not see at this time how we can make the full increases requested, either individual, corporate, or excise taxes.

"Any benefit which might arise from the effect of the Treasury's plan in curbing inflation would be more than offset by such unbearable increased burdens, which may well have a tendency to break down the morale of the taxpayer.

"I think some of the increases recommended on excise taxes are utterly indefensible—picking out a few articles that are already taxed excessively high and imposing on these articles greatly increased rates, leaving without any tax whatever other articles which cannot be classed as necessities."

Thus ends the first round of the 1944 tax bout. There'll be a number more. But in the end, long about the time the first payment is past due the taxpayers themselves will be the ones to get the final and knock-out blow.

Patrol To Have A Guide

An official list of the duties of members of the highway patrol of the State is now being drawn by State's Attorney-General Harry McMullan. This list is to be a guide showing what the patrolman is required and expected to do. The guide is an outgrowth of the recent incident at North Wilkesboro in which patrolmen were implicated in the notorious liquor dealings of that section.

On this guide, the Fayetteville Observer comments:

In general, it is probably a good thing to assert the limitations of activity of a special law enforcement body. The State highway patrol is a body of admirably trained young men who do a good job of protecting public safety on the roads. They can continue to do a good job if they are left to concentrate on that, going into other activity only when a most serious emergency requires.

There is always a temptation that a special agency like the patrol will be used for general law enforcement work. Communities find it so easy and so handy to call in the patrol if a detail is stationed nearby. The patrol members themselves possibly are tempted to act outside their field where they come across evidence of law violation when such evidence is found in the course of their proper activity. But it is well for the attorney-general to remind all concerned that a special law enforcement agency is meant to perform special and limited tasks.

Here is another instance of the paternalistic attitude that has been taken by the higher government toward that of the smaller ruling unit. The county or town police have been unwilling to or unable to cope with or solve a local troublesome condition. Agents of the State have been called in to assist. This is alright. But, first the assistance is unusual and so is the case that demands it. Later the assistance becomes a routine thing that is depended upon by the officials of the smaller unit officers. In law enforcement, and in social and public welfare each unit should and must stand on its own if we are to have locally-governed communities.

A Good Job Well Done

In hearing the report of the Hoke County 3rd War Loan committee and the splendid success they attained in putting the county over its quota, one could not help but think of the amount of time each member of the committee must have given to reach this high mark in sales.

To Chairman J. L. McNeill, to Chairman of Women Mrs. W. L. Poole and to each township chairman, and each zone chairman and their assistants the people owe a great deal of thanks and genuine appreciation. Raising \$209,000 dollars for any cause in such a short time, especially following so close upon the previous bond drive, was no little task. Raising \$233,000 for this war chest of our Nation was doing a good job, and doing it well.

Local Phone People Take Notice

An item of recent date appearing in North Carolina papers concerning the action of the Monroe Telephone company suggests a manner by which the local telephone company might regain some of its good-will locally:

Monroe—The Monroe Telephone company has asked the State Utilities commission for permission to cancel all its charges to subscribers for the month of September. Abnormal profits derived from heavy toll business originating at a near-by army camp prompted the company's action.

OPINIONS and SENTIMENTS

From Other Editors

Mystery Still Unsolved

(The Elkin Tribune)

The much advertised Wilkes county liquor case in which two high ranking State officers were accused of responsibility for the disappearance of 90 cases of contraband whiskey, ended with a directed verdict of acquittal for the two officers, but left a cloud of mystery floating over the Wilkes courthouse, and a host of questions unanswered.

No evidence of appreciable character was offered against the two defendants, and it was not even established that any liquor actually disappeared. The only man who might have testified as to the original volume of the haul, Phillip Yates, the alleged owner, faded into the blue mists which shroud the nearby mountains.

Naturally the many friends of Lentz and Scott, the defendants, were happy to learn of their acquittal. Both are well-known here, Lentz having made his home in Elkin a number of years ago before attaining high position in the patrol. That his character and reputation here were without blemish was attested by the number of character witnesses who spoke for him at the trial.

But that doesn't answer the questions in the public mind. Was the whole thing a frame-up from the beginning caused by jealousy or hate? Did any liquor actually disappear, and if so, how much? And if it did, what went with it? And why did Phil Yates, who had been at liberty since the raid under a relatively small bond, take to the tall timber?

Yes, there are a lot of questions, but thus far very few answers. And for this reason The Tribune joins with the Raleigh News and Observer in its demand: "There is more in this case than meets the naked eye. Judge Parker should remain in Wilkes county until all the facts have been disclosed and proper action taken."

Why Taxes Are High

(Wilmington Morning Star)

Burton Heath, the Central Press writer, puts his finger squarely on the reason why taxes are so high—or at least one of the chief reasons. He puts it this way:

The Washingtonian was telling, over lunch, why he was on leave looking for a job in private industry, though he now is receiving from a government agency, the highest salary he ever attained.

"I like the work," he said, "and I think it is of major importance. It is being carried out efficiently, intelligently and without politics. I like my associates and my superior. If I find another job, probably it will involve a reduction in my income.

"But here's the difficulty: I haven't anything to do. Circumstances have changed since I went to Washington a year ago, and our agency now can carry out its duties with less manpower. Much of the time I sit around with nothing to do—and I'm not old enough, yet, to enjoy that.

"Last summer I tried to resign. I told my superior why—that I didn't have enough work to keep me busy. He was sympathetic. But he didn't want me to leave. So he offered me an assistant."

"We laughed. It seemed very funny. "It isn't as funny as you think," retorted the Washingtonian. "There was logic in the offer. What he really was doing was offering me a raise if I would stay.

"Under civil service regulations, the only way I can get a raise is by bossing my subordinates. One more helper, and my salary could be increased. That is why I was offered an assistant."

"By why," we asked, "is your superior so anxious to keep you, if there isn't enough work? Is it on the basis of personal friendship?"

"No," said the Washingtonian. "We are friendly enough, but not that pally. I suppose he wants me to stay for the same reason that he offered me an assistant—because his status, too, depends upon the number of subordinates he has. If I left, he would have to find somebody in my place or he would drop a step in the hierarchy, which might have financial implications for him."

There are many reasons why taxes are high. Among them is the cost of the war. But multiply this incident many thousands of times, and there is an other reason.

Dad Draft Issue Nears Settlement

Washington, Oct. 5—The Senate shifted from the debate to the action stage on the father draft issue today with leaders counting on deciding this question once and for all this week.

Administration leaders decided to call up in succession several substitutes for the Wheeler bill, which would have postponed until January 1 drafting of pre-war fathers.

It was not made clear that a straight-out vote on the Wheeler measure itself ever may be taken, though the Montana Democrat who sponsored it may find a way to bring that about. Passage of a substitute technically would constitute a defeat of the original bill by simply rewriting it in its entirety.

Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky decided to call up first an administration-supported revision of a proposal by Senator Bailey, North Carolina Democrat, designed to steer able-bodied government workers into the armed forces.

Offered as substitute for the Wheeler bill, the Bailey amendment was still undergoing revisions today.

"I understand, however, that insofar as it effects civilian workers on the federal payroll, it is as strong as ever," Bailey said. As originally offered, the Bailey amendment would prohibit federal employment of able-bodied, draft-age men-fathers except where their services are indispensable.

Virginia Cantaloupe Hits 18-Pound Mark

Spring Grove, Va.—Dewitte Hughes may not grow the best cantaloupes, but he found one in his patch that he thinks may be one of the largest ever grown. The melon weighed 18 pounds and was eaten by eight persons.



NAVY WOOL SUIT, with its semi-fitted fly front jacket and slim "regulation" skirt, is the "Government Girl" outfit designed by Edward Stevenson for RKO Radio picture of the same name starring Olivia de Havilland and Sonny Tufts. The suit collar hugs the neck high in the back, and is cut low in the front to feature the choir boy collar and tie. The sleeves are the "awkward" length which is so practical for desk work.

SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE



OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

TOMORROW WILL BE ANOTHER DAY.

A GRASSHOPPER SANG THROUGH THE SUMMER WHILE AN ANT STORED GRAIN. "WHY DO YOU NOT ENJOY YOURSELF AS I DO," THE GRASSHOPPER ASKED, "WHILE THIS FINE WEATHER LASTS? WINTER IS TIME ENOUGH TO SAVE." "IN WINTER," THE ANT REPLIED, "WHEN THERE IS NO MORE GRAIN, THERE IS TIME ENOUGH FOR SINGING. BETTER TO SAVE NOW AND SING TOMORROW THAN SING NOW AND TOMORROW REGRET." —OLD FABLE.



IF WE SPEND MONEY HEEDLESSLY TODAY WE MAY FIND OURSELVES NEEDING IT TOMORROW. BUT IF WE SAVE TODAY, THROUGH WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—WE NOT ONLY HELP TO FINANCE THE WAR AND KEEP PRICES DOWN— WE ARE STORING UP FOR OUR FUTURE SECURITY.

Two Fires Destroy Houses Of Dr. Brown At Same Hour

While fire was destroying the wash and woodhouse of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown at their residence here Tuesday, another fire was burning a tenant house to the ground and destroying its contents on their farm about four miles from Raeford.

The origin of the fire in the six-room tenant house is unknown, as the tenant stated there was no fire left in the stove when the family went to the field about a mile away to pick cotton. The occupants lost all their furniture, clothing and personal possessions in the house.

A small amount of insurance was carried on each of the buildings.

LARD Recent tests indicate that large hogs not only have more fat but the fat also yields more lard than fat of smaller pigs.

PULPWOOD Containers Solve Ship's Supply Storage



SPACE aboard a battlegwagon is always limited. Food supplies, munitions and medical equipment packed in water and rust-proof fibre containers made of pulpwood eliminates bulky and crammed hatches. (Right) A group of 40 volunteers from Dodge, Texas, alleviate the manpower shortage by cutting pulpwood so vitally needed for making smokeless powder, bomb fuzes, submersible wrappers, gun covers, bomber insulation, small paper parachutes. (Official U. S. News Photograph)