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Chairman Flynn, being Irish, will not be expected to run from a fight.

"We hope London isn't lying about the number of planes shot down; we know Berlin is."—Greensboro Daily News.

Germany may be short on food, but propaganda seems not so scarce that it has to be rationed.

The Greensboro Daily News thinks: "If all the Nazi claims were true, Britain long since would have been blockaded by the wrecks of her own ships."

If Britain could use 'em, we'd sure like to send her a couple million of the behemoths that travel our highways and interfere with our enjoyment of the scenery.

If Mr. Willkie's challenge to the President for a debate had been accepted, we reckon it would have been all right to advertize it in that Democratic campaign book.

Let's see. Who was it we elected vice-president in 1936. Ans.: the fellow who called upon the stars to witness that he had "enlisted for the duration."

Chapel Hill's Dr. Horace Williams predicts that Hitler and Willkie will win. Supposing that he is only half right, there are some who would want it to be Hitler, we reckon, because they are so partisan.

Marshal Petain's Advice

It is enough to make Herr Hitler champ at the bits to hear Marshal Petain declare that France views with sympathy the American trend toward armed preparedness and "will remain firmly attached to the ideals she possesses in common with the great American democracies."

With official France under the iron thumb of the conquering Nazis, one is surprised to hear those words from the French leader, who declares further his "hope that America will profit from France's tragic experience and make herself strong enough to match the disciplined power of the dictators." If Marshal Petain is correctly quoted, we've a notion that he will be called for a session at the woodshed in due time. Be that as it may this is advice that our own nation should take to heart and put into practice—before it is too late for us as it has been too late for France.

Marshal Petain goes a step further: He declares that France is to be only temporarily totalitarian, and that she "still clings to the principles of democracy." He says that France must become authoritarian in order to re-educate her forty million people, put them to work and bring order out of chaos, on the theory that France's recovery is impossible without discipline.

"Youngsters," Petain reminds, "are easy to discipline and we are starting on them immediately, but it will require twenty years of discipline among our youth. We must start at both ends. The older men are hard-headed and difficult, but we have excellent materials and will attack the problem vigorously."

It is as though the old hero of Verdun was speaking directly of our own delinquency. We are complacent in our liberty; we feel so secure in our established ways and so rebellious against any suggestion of change that we are unwilling to toil and sacrifice; we have poverty and hunger yet in this land of plenty all we need to do is work if we would be clothed and fed. Yet we are laying the ground-work for and inviting the restraints and discipline of a dictatorship when we refuse to recognize these faults and get about the business of correcting them. And government is aiding and abetting when it continues to flirt with the theory of scarcity vs. production.

We can either mend our ways, or expect to find it has become necessary, like France, to become authoritarian for a spell while our 130 million people are being "educated" by the employment of methods utterly repugnant to us.

May Boomerang

According to one Raleigh political dopester, posited at the nerve center of all things political in North Carolina, Forsyth county is in for a unique and confusing November election, if all hands stand by their guns.

After John Hanes' announcement that he would string along with Wendell Willkie, it was to be expected that others in the five and six figure group in the county seat would do likewise. This has become a habit

for some in North Carolina; to vote the national Republican ticket, and brag about it, but to stand by Democracy in North Carolina.

But the smaller fry in Forsyth are said to be about to undertake a little independent on their own: some of them propose to get even by supporting Mr. Roosevelt, but vote the local Republican ticket. The stalwarts may not give a hang, and then again they may, for it might disturb them immensely not to be on the winning side at home.

We wouldn't predict how far that trend will go in Forsyth, or even what would happen if followed to a conclusion. But we would call attention to another confusing situation that is fast developing in North Carolina early in the national campaign.

It is no secret that many high-bracket industrialists, who are listed as Democrats and who vote the Democratic ticket in North Carolina, are not only lining up for Willkie, but contributing their dollars for his campaign against Mr. Roosevelt. That is their privilege, of course, yet it has serious contradictions and may turn out to be a boomerang that comes back and hits them in the face.

And here is how: Let's assume that they are Democrats in North Carolina for selfish reasons, and Republicans so far as the national ticket is concerned, because that fits into their scheme of things. They send a nice fat check to help the Willkie cause, and much of their money is sluiced back to North Carolina in the hope that maybe a congressman can be elected in the closer districts, and by the use of that money a few close counties now Democratic may go Republican. That would be contributing to the defeat of the Democratic cause in North Carolina for which they profess friendliness.

What we are trying to remind is that it would hardly be consistent, in the light of that procedure, to go to Raleigh (and the big boys do go to Raleigh, you know) demanding this of the Governor and that of the legislature—and expect to get it. Some upstart (and there are upstarts, you know) might up and say: "See here! It was your money that helped certain counties go Republican. Democracy in North Carolina has a hard enough time fighting in the family circle, and resents any new pack of troubles."

If you're asking us that sort of attitude is not only plausible, but it's abroad in the State—among the common herd, which may include more than a few legislatures.

Whose Responsibility?

An American representative of the International Red Cross makes report that France is seriously hungry and in need of medical supplies and curiously enough recommends that the American Red Cross concern itself immediately with giving urgent aid to the more than a million prisoners held by Germany.

Since when have the rules of warfare been changed to relieve the conqueror of the responsibility of providing humanely for the conquered? There could be a question as to whether Hitler is morally bound to feed the non-belligerent population of France, but certainly there can be no such question as to his responsibility in looking after physical welfare of prisoners of war in a reasonable way. It is obvious that he is holding them as hostages to assure that the terms of the peace agreement are carried out, and that when final settlement is made, he can threaten their personal welfare in order to secure immediate and satisfactory compliance with any new demands he may make. The responsibility is his, and if he were not too loose with morality and so devoid of principle and honor he would willingly measure up. History has recorded a few instances of inhuman treatment of war prisoners, but those responsible have lived to regret it, after feeling the scorn of the straight-thinking, honorable people of the world.

German spokesmen have repeatedly stated that Germany has adequate reserves of foodstuffs. And probably that is so, but it is of record that Hitler has seized food in the countries he has occupied, thus adding to the danger of famine there. International law, which represents the moral sense of all civilized countries, has always held it the primary duty of an occupant of enemy territory to insure public order and safety in the country he seizes. How then can Germany sidestep the charge of theft or evade the responsibility of providing safety and preserving order, and still contend that he is seeking to establish an equitable order in Europe?

The other day a prominent French writer called upon Frenchmen to renounce their sympathy for England because of the blockade that unfortunately is interfering with the importation of the necessary food for the French people. He probably was inspired from Berlin, just as other critics of the British blockade have been inspired—through fear of what would happen if they didn't.

Hitler has promised his people that by blockading England he will starve her into surrender. That is his right. And do you suppose that if he ever has the power to do that he will swerve from his purpose because of the plea that somebody is starving? You know the answer.

There is every reason to believe that England regrets the necessity of bringing pain and suffering to misguided and unfortunate France. Britain, we are sure, would quickly lift the blockade against France if Hitler would agree to evacuate the territory he holds. That being so, he holds the answer, to most of Europe's stomach troubles.

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Aug. 27—It's to be a fighting Presidential campaign. That is the chief reaction of seasoned Washington observers to Wendell Willkie's challenge to President Roosevelt to meet him face to face in public debate on the issues of the campaign. Especially calculated to get under Mr. Roosevelt's none-too-thick skin is Mr. Willkie's challenge to him to state the grounds for his assumption that in seeking a third term he is entitled to greater public confidence than any of the long list of his great predecessors.

The candidate's speech of acceptance, rather than the party's official platform, is considered to be the real statement of the issues upon which the voters will pass judgment on Nov. 5. It is now clear that there is no divergence between the parties on the necessity for strengthening our national defense. Mr. Willkie put the menace of Hitler and our reliance upon Britain's naval strength in the Atlantic into plainer language than others have done. Beyond doubt the international situation will figure largely in the election returns.

Draft Indorsed

The indorsement of the selective draft method of providing trained military manpower, as stated by Mr. Willkie, is taken here as insuring the early enactment of a measure to that end, which may not follow precisely any of the proposals originally made, but which will not leave much reliance on volunteer service.

Secretary of War Stimson was able to report faster progress in the rearmament program than he did a week or two ago. Out of the 4,000 planes for which appropriations were made in May, contracts have been let for 1,200, mostly training planes but including 56 of the largest and most modern bombing planes. Work has begun in dredging the channel for the "second-string" Panama Canal.

The work of enlarging the Navy is proceeding faster than Army preparations, which are still held up by the delay in Congress in amending the tax laws to give manufacturers a chance to break even. The preliminary work of preparing plans and blue-prints in expectation of munitions contracts is going on in hundreds of plants, however.

Henry Ford has agreed to build 4,000 of the most modern and powerful type of airplane engines, and is preparing to go into plane production. The Packard company is about ready to start on the production of 6,000 British-type Rolls-Royce airplane engines. Every other motor manufacturer in the country is in a similar state of readiness to go ahead once the bars are let down.

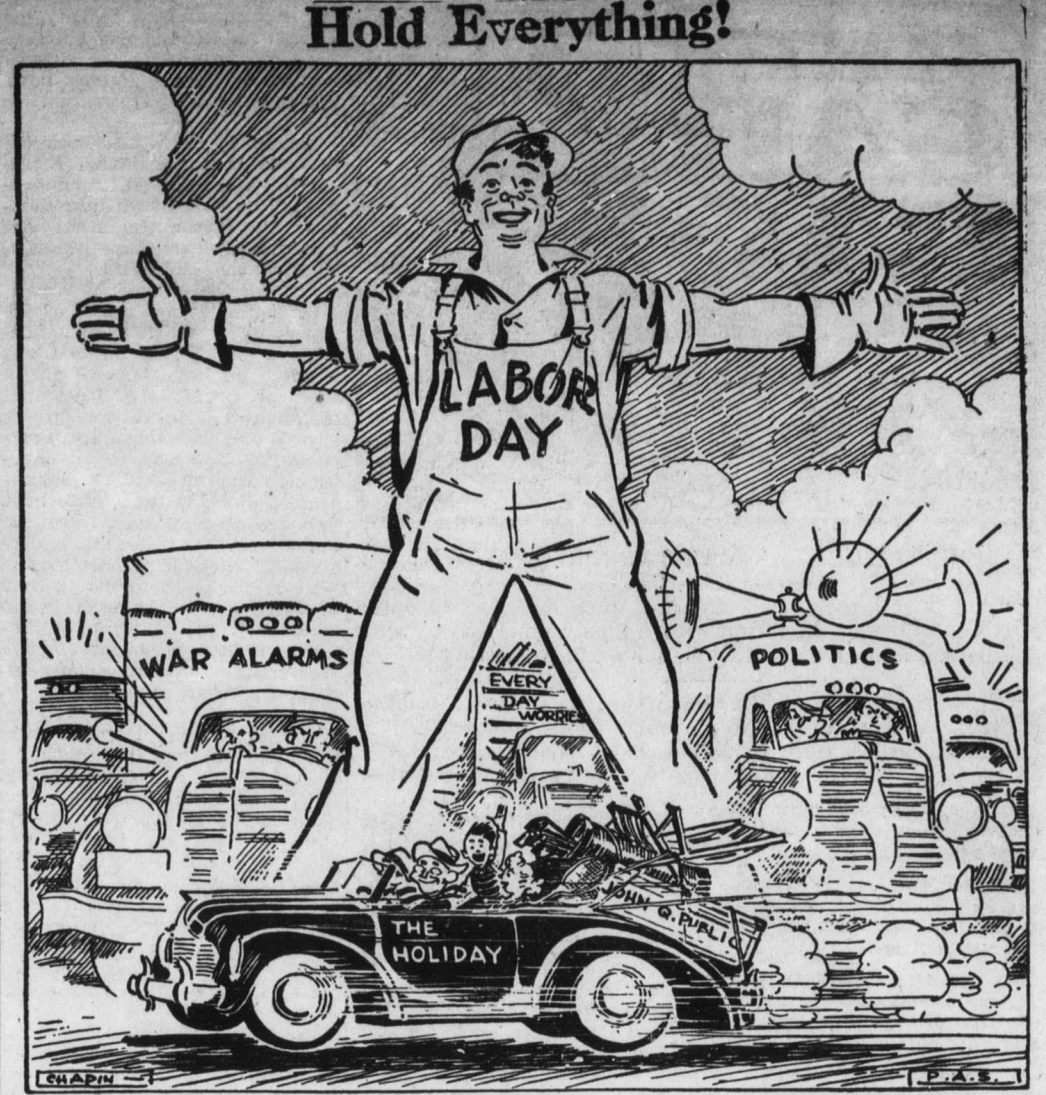
Announcement Surprises

The President's announcement that he is in negotiation with Great Britain for the establishment of naval bases on British territory in the Western Hemisphere came as a surprise. Nothing has been disclosed as to how payment would be made for such sites in the West Indies or Canada. The proposal to deliver 50 of our antiquated destroyers to Britain still hangs fire. Either some such "swap" or the reduction or cancellation of Britain's war debt to this country might be our payment for the right to establish naval bases on the islands of Barbados and Trinidad, and in Newfoundland and possibly Nova Scotia, as well as Bermuda.

All such plans depend largely upon the final outcome of the German attack on the British Islands. There is a strong belief here among military experts that Britain is certain to lose. That is offset by the remarkable exhibition of courage and unity by the British people, and their apparent success in their air raids on strategic German centers and in fighting off the Nazi air attacks.

The President, in the course of his inspection of the Army and National Guard forces engaged in training maneuvers in northern New York State, met Premier MacKenzie King of Canada at Ogdensburg, and he promised that the United States would enter into an agreement for the joint defense of Canada, should Germany conquer the United Kingdom.

The expectation that Ambassador Cudahy, recalled from his Belgian post "for consultation" would either be reprimanded or fired or both because of what he was quoted by London papers as saying about the effect of the British blockade on starving Belgians, and particularly because he was reported to have said that the German soldiers in Belgium



behaved "better than American troops in the same circumstances," did not come true. Mr. Cudahy apparently convinced the State Department that he had been misquoted.

Blockade Handicap

The British attitude on the blockade of continental Europe, however, is proving a handicap to efforts to get American Red Cross and relief supplies to the civilian populations of the countries taken over by the Germans. All reports which the State Department is able to get point to the probability of a famine spreading all over Europe before spring and millions of persons dying of starvation.

As a result of Candidate Willkie's declaration that, if elected, he would start prosecution against every contributor to the Democratic campaign book of 1936, that party's managers are figuring on how to give the money back. The Attorney-General has declared their plan for a similar book of paid advertising this year is illegal. And Mr. Willkie has called on the Republicans to refund the money they collected in '36 for advertising in the Convention Program.

UNION CROSS

Rev. C. M. Caudill filled his appointment at the Union Cross Baptist church last Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomery Dobbins had as their Sunday guests Rev. C. M. Caudill and Mr. O. V. West. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Stanley had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Slade and children, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Folle Stanley, Mrs. J. R. Stanley and Miss Leanna Stanley.

Mrs. C. W. Dockery returned home Saturday after spending several days with her sister in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stanley and daughter, Mildred, of Winston-Salem, were the guests of relatives in the community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Early Dudley and children, of State Road, were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emery White.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Slade and children returned to their home in Winston-Salem Tuesday after spending the past week here visiting relatives.

Mr. Floyd A. Stanley and Messrs. Beauford and Zella and Miss Maurice Stanley attended the B. T. U. conference Tuesday night at Mount Carmel Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Stanley and children, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dockery and children, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery White.

Several from this community attended the singing convention at Dobson last Sunday.

HICKORY NEGRO GETS \$85,000 IN SWEEPSTAKES

Hickory—Clyde Maddox, 37-year-old negro employee of the Hickory street department, won \$85,000 in the Irish sweepstakes but, he said yesterday, "I'm going to keep on working." He said he would invest the money.

Rose's Store To Hold Big Birthday Party

Rose's 5-10-25 Cent Stores are planning a big birthday party of values to celebrate the company's 25th Anniversary, the event to be staged from August 31 to September 14. The party will also mark the first anniversary of the Rose store here.

A feature of the celebration will be bigger and more unusual values in every department. During the two big weeks the local store will join with all others of the organization to outdo itself in presenting real money-saving values, and everyone is invited to visit the store and get their share. It will also be appreciated if friends and patrons will make comment concerning the service and values they obtain.

The first Rose store opened in Henderson in 1915. Like that first store, every Rose store desires to make every customer a friend through genuine, dependable service and courtesy.—adv.

TWINS TO HOLD TRY-OUT CAMP

The Buffalo International League Baseball club, working through its Piedmont League affiliation, the Winston-Salem Twins, will hold a try-out camp at Winston-Salem in the Southside Ball Park, September 3 through September 7, it has been announced.

This camp will be open to all boys between the ages of 17 and 22 years, and will be absolutely free of charge. It will be necessary for the boys to bring their own glove, shoes, and uniform, but any boy with an ambition to make good in baseball, who shows any promise of ability, will be given a contract to play organized baseball in 1941. Every boy interested should write Gay Cone, secretary-treasurer, Winston-Salem Twin.

For rent: 6-room house in West Elkin. Reich and Hunt, Realtors. tfe

WANTS

For Sale: 26-acre farm; 6-room dwelling; 4 outbuildings; growing crops. Price reasonable. Two miles north of State Road, N. C. Martha Booth. 1tp

We will trade new mowing machines for old ones as long as our present stock lasts. Surry Hardware Co. 1tc

Used kitchen cabinet for sale at a special low price. See it at Home Furniture Co. 1tc

For rent: bed room with connecting bath; twin beds. Mrs. W. R. Wellborn, Bridge Street. tfe

For Rent—Cafe in Dobson, at reasonable rate. Have other business, is reason for renting. Address P. O. Box 76, Dobson, N. C. 9-5c

For rent: three and four room apartments. Newly finished. Private bath. Carl Chappell. Telephone 126-M. tfe

Kill destructive insects with proven insecticides. Arsenate lead, magnesium arsenate, Paris green. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. tfe

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A God Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. tfn

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. tfe

Wanted! Refined girls for Beauty Culture Training. A complete course for only \$50.00. State accredited. Mae's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Mrs. Jake Church, Prop. tfe

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. tfe

Wanted—two experienced farm hands. Must be single and sober and good workers. Good milkers preferred. E. M. Waggoner, Route 3, Box 333, Greensboro, N. C. 1tp

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