

NAVY COURTSHIP PRACTICE BASKETBALL ON SHIPBOARD



Perfect physical fitness is required of officers in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve. Excellent athletic facilities are provided both ashore and afloat. Pictured above are basketball players on the aircraft tender U.S.S. Wright holding basketball practice on shipboard. Almost every ship in the U. S. Navy has its own basketball team. Rivalry among

the crews of the various crafts runs high. In addition to basketball—football, baseball, boxing, bowling, wrestling and tennis all rank high as sports with Uncle Sam's sailors. Organized intrasquad competitions are held for most sports. Trophies and individual awards usually are presented to the championship winning teams and players.

The court is draped of each ship should have one of these subgroups. Close teams should be substituted between the Chief of this section and all assistants.

NORTH CAROLINA
Cleveland County
In The Superior Court
Berl Brubham, Plaintiff
vs.
Jam. Brubham, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
The defendant, James Brubham, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce absolute; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cleveland County at the Court House in Shelby, North Carolina, on or before the 16th day of January, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 15th day of Dec. 1941.
Max Hamrick,
Asst. Clerk of Superior Court
C. C. Horn, Atty. — Jan 5.

FARM QUESTIONS

Q.—Is it true that certain winter cover crop and are no longer available through the AAA grant-of-aid plan.

A.—E. V. Floyd, AAA executive assistant, says no more American winter pea, hairy vetch or Italian rye grass seed will be available under the 1941 AAA program as grant-of-aid material. In explaining, he points out that weather conditions in producing areas were such that when these seeds were harvested, the crop was considerably below what has been expected. The Government is now making plans to avoid a similar shortage in 1942.

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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

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ty of 40 percent of the national income being spent in defense work. Secretly, government men feel that 50 percent is not too high an estimate. The United Kingdom is diverting over 50 percent of its national income to the war effort; Germany from 60-65 percent.

In the light of this picture, it is not hard to understand the persistent cries for government reduction of non-defense spending. Even Administration men have offered plans for such a reduction. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, outlined a program to save 1 billion in non-defense expenditures by the government. Suggestions for cutting over a billion and a half in non-defense expenditures were submitted to Congress by interested civilian groups, and, in the opinion of many observers here, that figure can be increased to two billion.

One Senator pointed out we had, but incapable, truth that addition of appropriations for defense mean an even greater dislocation of private industrial activity, with consequently greater repercussions when the private firms are asked to pick up the manufacturing load after the war ends.

The government's failure to meet its responsibility in cutting non-defense items from its budget is all the more distressing in light of the fact that rising prices and rising wages have already added \$5 billion to the cost of the defense program without yielding a single additional plane or bullet.

Everyone in touch with the Washington scene has known for a long time that the Administration is confused about how much it is spending for what. Resources, even in defense spending, are necessary in order to assure the taxpayer the most for his dollar.

For example, way back in April or May observers were whispering that contracts have been awarded on the basis of friendships with government officials. A certain amount of this is to be expected, but not when it results in outright waste at a time when every dollar and every man-hour on the production line counts. It is now established that the cost plus fixed fee basis of awarding Army and Navy contracts has raised the ultimate costs. Representative Engel of Michigan estimated, on the basis of an investigation of seven army camps, that at least \$20 million of the \$300 million appropriated for campments had been WASTED as a result of the cost-plus basis for awarding the contracts. Congressional critics of wasteful spending have attributed the waste to seven factors: bad planning, ineptness, speed, cost plus fixed fee contracts, high labor costs, high cost of materials and equipment rentals and improper location sites.

The Senate Defense Investigating Committee has turned up some interesting facts. The cost of the Wolf Creek shipbuilding plant in Tennessee was originally estimated at \$20 million. To date \$61 million has been spent and the plant is nowhere near complete. The results of the lack of government planning and supervision is illustrated by one instance like the following: One of the barges at the plant is alleged to have put a keel on, a stove-in and an axle on the ground. She goes, but not when it is being diked out at the expense of Mr. John Q. Public's tax.

There are many fascinating stories of political intrigue and extravagant expenditures of public funds which could be told. They could

make good fiction. Unfortunately, the situation is too real to make them enjoyable.

MORE ABOUT CIVILIAN DEFENSE

(Cont'd from front page)
Public Works Emergency. The functions of this unit are: Removing debris and rubble, blasting unsafe structures, opening and repairing streets and roads, replacing traffic signs, chemical neutralization and cleaning of gassed areas.

There are three sub-groups in this unit: (a) Demolition and Clearance (b) Road Repair Squads, (c) Decontamination Squads. The first group particularly requires intensive technical training.

Emergency Utilities. The functions are: Making necessary arrangements, installations and plans to effect an effective and quick blackout, install public warning system, maintaining all public utility services in working condition.

Three groups of personnel must be organized and trained in their duties: (a) Blackout Crew, (b) Warning Crew, (c) Repair Squads for each utility.

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