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## Star-News Program

Consolidated City-County Government under Council-Manager Administration. Public Port Terminals. Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities. Seaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island. Extension of City Limits. 35-Foot Cape Fear River channel, wider Turning Basin, with ship lanes into industrial sites along Eastern bank south of Wilmington. Paved River Road to Southport, via Orton Plantation. Development of Pulp Wood Production through sustained-yield methods throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Unified Industries and Resort Promotional Agency, supported by one county-wide tax. Shipyards and Drydocks. Negro Health Center for Southeastern North Carolina, developed around the Community Hospital. Adequate hospital facilities for whites. Junior High School. Tobacco Warehouses for Export Buyers. Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

### TOP O' THE MORNING—

(Put in by request)  
Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;  
Though her portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong,  
Yet the scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.  
—James Russell Lowell.

### Brigade Boys Crusade

Although the actual crusade for Brigade Boys funds is not to start until September it is none too soon to direct attention to it and urge the people of Wilmington to give as liberally as they can when called upon, that this organization which has served, helped and started hundreds of Wilmington's underprivileged boys on the way to self support and constructive service may increase its usefulness.

Many a man in prominent position in the civic, professional and business life of this city owes his start, even his opportunity, to the Brigade Boys club.

While the Kiwanis club, which launched the brigade originally and, finding it had outgrown its ability single-handedly to maintain, sought joint support from the other civic clubs, has again taken it as a principal objective, the forthcoming crusade is in every way a community affair, just as the brigade, in the final analysis, is a community responsibility.

If Wilmingtonians want the organization to meet the need of underprivileged youth, they will contribute generously to its support.

### Wake Forest vs. Camp Davis

Wilmington is offered an opportunity to witness a football game between Wake Forest and Camp Davis soldiers on September 20. That it will be a first rate contest is proved by the fact that among the troops at the camp are many men who starred on college teams and who are muscularly tough as hickory nuts because of their camp routine. Military training is as good as college training as far as physical fitness is concerned.

Wake Forest, as everybody remembers, defeated the Carolina university squad last year and lost only two games during the season. Its schedule this year includes some of the outstanding squads of the East. As a member of the Big Five, Wake Forest can give gridiron eleven a run for victory. That the camp team will be trained and

coached by Capt. A. M. Lazer, former West Point center, with a corps of experienced aides, seems to be sufficient guarantee that Wake Forest will have no walk-away.

The plan for the game is thus far tentative. The two teams are available, but it will take public support to bring the Demon Deacons here and to encourage the camp squad to go into heavy training. This support must be indicated in advance. In other words, there must be a sizable demand for tickets, from today on, if the game is to be played. Who'll be the first?

### We Dare Not Delay

It is the view of Dr. Ernst Meyer, the German diplomat who rejected Hitler and is therefore a Nazi outcast, that the wishful thinkers of the world are Hitler's allies.

Doctor Meyer's lecture here, under American Legion sponsorship, was a clear exposition of the world situation and the menace the Nazi revolution contains for all unconquered nations, including the United States, but it seemed to some of his hearers that his real message was of the danger that lurks in the belief, all too widely held, that Hitler may be overthrown by wishing.

Chamberlain held this view, Doctor Meyer declared; Poland shared it, and so did Holland. So, we may think, did a majority of the German people, when Hitler was coming to the front. And it was because the German people could not see the danger of Hitlerism realistically—only 45 per cent of the voters elected him chancellor—and because Chamberlain's vision was warped, as was Poland's and Holland's, that the world now faces its gravest danger. This danger, said Doctor Meyer, is the more serious because of the possibility that Hitler, having already conquered nations with 400,000,000 people, may be able to achieve his principal goal—the domination of the earth.

It would be foolhardy to assume that the check placed upon his legions by Russia's defense is an assurance of his defeat. It might be that, but on the other hand he may have reserves in men, munitions and supplies that will make it possible for him to sweep aside all opposition there, as he has done in his former offensives, and swing ahead, with France cooperating, across Africa to command of the Mediterranean, through the Middle East to the conquest of India, through Asia, with Japan's support, to seize British and Dutch possessions with their rich resources, and ultimately bottle up the British Isles and starve the people into surrender.

Then it would be the United States literally against the world.

It is not a pretty picture to contemplate. Doctor Meyer did not say it would be painted, but no appraisal of conditions can be accurate that fails to take it into account.

And its possibility—Doctor Meyer emphasized the point—has been created, not alone by Hitler's genius, but by wishful thinking, by refusal abroad to recognize its possibility. Clearly it is up to us, as well as the British, to understand that a demonic force is abroad in the world and stop trifling with inadequate programs for its overthrow. If Senator Byrd is correct in declaring that our defense activities are not up to par, then it is useless for President Roosevelt or any other person in high position to try to bolster public morale by claiming that we are ahead of our schedule.

General Marshall put the case plainly when he testified before the Senate Military committee recently that our only hope lies in doing too much—not in maintaining a schedule which might easily prove insufficient.

It is time for us, as a nation, and as individuals, to get down to cases, to see the peril that confronts us, realistically.

We are not being led into war by our government. We are being forced nearer to war because neither we nor any nation in which Hitler has triumphed recognized soon enough the power Hitler was concentrating in his own hands. We were wishfully thinking that some strange happening would bring an end to his conquests.

### Welcome Realtymen

Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach count it an honor that the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards selected the beach resort for its annual convention, and the Star-News joins both communities in welcoming the delegates and their friends who will open their session today.

The hope is that this will prove among the most helpful and enjoyable assemblies the association has held. And it is hoped, too, that while Wrightsville and Wilmington will be benefited, the profits will be shared by all who come; that the periods for recreation and entertainment will be as enjoyable as the sessions are informative.

Wilmington has undergone many changes since many of the delegates were last here. We hope that the progress will impress them and that they will see that this city is on its way to even greater accomplishments. Particularly, we hope that they will have a thoroughly good time and, departing, realize that they take with them the good will and best wishes of two hospitable communities.

### Be Careful

With the new school term to open shortly, this is a proper time to caution motorists using the highways to exert the utmost care in the vicinity of schools and when near school buses.

The life of some child, no less dear to its parents than your own to you, may depend on your driving habits.

### Cotton Exports

Race suicide of hogs was no more disastrous, it appears, than assaults on cotton acreage of the United States.

We cannot wholly blame the war that for the first time our exports of cotton last season fell below those of other countries. There has been blundering at home in our cotton program.

An item in the New York Times on the cotton situation is illuminating. We quote:

After enjoying a dominant position in the world cotton trade for more than a century, with normally about 60 per cent of production going into the foreign market, exports from this country in the 12 months ended on July 31 amounted to only 1,141,000 bales, less than 10 per cent of last season's yield. British India was first in the export of the staple and Brazil, a comparatively newcomer, was second. The United States fell to third position. The loss of markets on the continent of Europe, the shipping situation generally and the fact that the Brazilian and Indian staples were available for a large part of the season at 50 per cent below comparable United States grades, accounted largely for the decline in United States cotton exports. So far as United States cotton is concerned, the situation has become worse since the close of last season and recent developments indicate that exports from the United States for the present season may be even less.

### Will Know In Two Weeks

The first American tanker bearing oil to Russia is due at Vladivostok within two weeks. When it arrives, or nears its destination, we will learn whether Japan is bluffing or means business.

There is a growing belief that Japan, after its little hour of strut and rave, is beginning to regret its militant attitude and would gladly seek a hole to crawl into, if that were possible without loss of "face." There is some support for this view in the weakening punch of Japanese protests and warnings.

It might easily be, however, that this softening is a trick, designed to mislead the United States and Britain—a cunning device in the Hitler pattern—and nothing less. At least neither this country or Britain is being fooled.

Unless some overt act is committed in the meantime, however, the chances are that no definite estimate of Japan's intentions can be made until this tanker en route to Vladivostok is near its dock. Then we will learn whether the United States is to be dragged into the war by the back door, or whether Japan is out on a limb.

### Washington Daybook

(Sitting in for vacationing Jack Stinnett, Miss Arne has written a series on Washington's women reporters. This is the first of three articles.)

**By SIGRID ARNE**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—"Members and Press Only" is a forbidding sign which appears in two places in the capitol. One is beside a private elevator to the Senate floor and gallery. The other flanks an elevator to the House floor and gallery.

Newspaper men take that privilege absentmindedly. But it's usually with a gulp that a woman reporter takes her first ride.

It was 'way back in 1850 that the first woman writer sat in the Senate gallery. Now, 91 years later, women are still much in the minority. Of 542 persons admitted to the press galleries only 38 are women.

The women have every privilege the men enjoy, except the old "back room" gathering at the day's end when men cronies of press and Congress collect for a few "quick ones" and the low down.

That could mean the women would miss stories but they get around it by more persistent use of the phone and feet. I've never heard a trained woman reporter complain that any government official "held out" just because she was a woman.

But women must disprove personally the adage, "Tell a woman, tell the world." Once they do, they get a special loyalty from their news contacts.

There are many ways of doing it, but here's an example from Ned Brunson Harris, one of the few women to have headed a metropolitan paper's Washington bureau.

Ned had been tipped to a news bomb by a grouch senator who swore her to secrecy. Then a representative called to tell her the second story. She played dead pan to the second call.

Then the representative told the senator he'd talked with Ned. The senator hit the ceiling with "So! She talked!"

"Talked? Did she know about it before I talked to her? She didn't say so."

The senator chuckled, phoned Ned: "You're one woman who can keep a secret." And he followed through with many valuable tips.

There are about 150 women reporters in this town—from young college graduates to trail Maudie McDougal of the Philadelphia Record, who looks the grandmother but won't tell her age. Some barely exist on gossip letters to home town papers. But some get around in chauffeur driven cars.

Many are "sex's," having shifted to publicity jobs, and most of those are with the government. Often they shift because of the one real handicap which Washington women reporters meet, in common with sisters in other cities. Editors still assign the real news stories to men, and request the women to come back with some bright guff about what Mrs. Roosevelt wore.

Some few have taken that hurdle, and none more spectacularly than explosive, little Doris Fleeson of the New York Daily News, who made it 100 per cent newspaper by marrying a reporter John O'Donnell, also of the News. Doris is the only woman who is assigned to presidential train trips as a straight news reporter. She has gone so many times that even tiny Doris, 5 years old, has protested. 1 (Tomorrow: The Woman's Angle)

All can count on my spirit of organization, affection.—Admiral Darlan, new Poo-Bah in France.

The soldier must also find that the community which he visits on leave is worth defending.—Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator

### TIGHTEN UP YOUR BELT, BROTHER



### Interpreting The War

## Fight For Leningrad Ready For Showdown

By EDWARD BOMAR

The battles just opening for mastery of the skies over Leningrad appear to be a prelude to a last-ditch struggle for the city which the Russians promise to make as desperate as the defense of Warsaw.

Not a bomb had fallen on the roofs of the city itself up to Wednesday morning, it was asserted, but the progress of Nazi and Finnish forces increases almost hourly the acknowledged peril of the historic capital of the czars.

The advance from three sides which Marshal Klementy Voroshilov last week termed a "terrible danger" is even more threatening now. A main paved highway to Moscow long since has been severed at Novgorod, and a German vanguard is reported less than 35 miles from the direct railway link which is the communications jugular vein.

Assuming no weakening of Voroshilov's determination to fight from door to door, Leningrad's defenders seem fully capable of keeping up the struggle well into the autumn. Execution of the Nazi threat to raze the second Soviet city in the manner of Warsaw and Belgrade may be a long and costly undertaking.

To a degree which the Russian have carefully kept secret, the ground and anti-aircraft defenses of Leningrad have been reinforced substantially since Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany and put the finger on Red Russia as the Nazis' ultimate foe.

The nearby island base of Kronstadt, which guards the Baltic sea approach, has been made as near-

of the Canadians, all of these are men training in the air corps. The anadrian officer and non-com trainees not in aviation are in the tank corps.

Of vital importance too is the

ly impregnable as Russian engineers knew how. Its colossal three-decker forts which bear off an attack by an Anglo-French fleet in the Crimean war are supported now by numerous fortifications including the less pretentious but more effective Fort Constantine.

The manner in which the British naval bases of Malta and Gibraltar have withstood aerial pounding for nearly two years suggests that Kronstadt will be able to absorb punishment for a long time.

Voroshilov has had weeks to prepare bunkers, barricades and batteries for the defense of the city itself, with no interference from the explosion of bombs on the galvanized roofs which make Leningrad vulnerable in this respect. Three railway lines are still open to bring in munitions, food and other war supplies, and to evacuate troops that may be dispensed with.

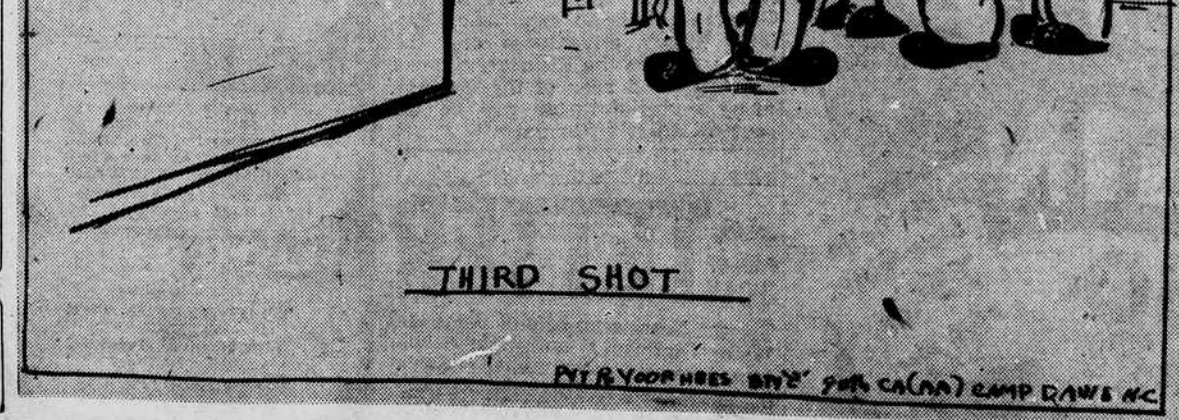
The northern wing commander is credited with a force of a million men, aside from civilians from the city's 3,200,000 population who have rallied to Leningrad's defense.

As much reason exists to assume that the metropolis will be defended without thought of surrender as to expect that the invaders' drive to capture it will be pressed relentlessly.

Concentration there of the manufacture of munitions, machinery, precision tools and other vital products makes Leningrad a military prize second in importance only to the Ukraine, aside from political and other considerations.

The city could not be given up without imperiling the whole Red army's main defense line, of which it is the northern anchor. Joseph Stalin's scorched earth policy is as applicable to Leningrad as to the lesser towns destroyed in the path of the German legions.

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### Fair Enough

The Star wishes its readers to know that views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and may not always harmonize with its position.—The Editor.

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has written an article for the September number of the Ladies Home Journal in which she discusses the press agent of the magazine. The press agent of the magazine has sent me advance information on the chance that I might mention the matter and thus stimulate sales which is the proper job of a press agent. I am glad to have this copy for the topic has been one of my favorites ever since the President authorized publication of the confidential income tax returns of various individuals who had opposed him but refused to reveal his own. About that time a congressional inquiry was running in the House and two opposition congressmen, Treadway of Massachusetts and Ham Fish, the Republican who somehow always re-elects himself in Roosevelt's home district, were allowed to ask questions only with the understanding that they would refrain from pressing any demand for publication of the President's own return, of his mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt, or Jimmy. Not a single return of any member of the Roosevelt family has been made public officially in all the years that the family with the exception of the two youngest boys, Frankie and Johnny, has been riding the gravy train, although the returns of many other men have been analyzed critically and in a tone of voice which implied that a citizen was to be pilloried for strict compliance with the law and ought to have paid more taxes than the law required.

### Using Principle

In her article Mrs. Roosevelt says that Mr. Roosevelt, during his years in the presidency, has spent more than his salary fulfilling the obligations of his office and that she, herself, notwithstanding an increase in her income, has less principal now than she had in 1932.

This may be so, but I still have to wonder why the President is so bashful about the family's several income tax returns in view of the fact that he, personally, gave the orders which broke the seal of confidence which normally is supposed to protect the returns of other citizens. Why the special privilege? And, inasmuch as Mrs. Roosevelt's own vast income is derived from the presidential office in the amount by which it exceeds her average income of the years before 1932 and inasmuch as Mrs. Roosevelt plainly recognizes an excess to be a public trust, I insist that the public has a right to know what she does with the money. I have reason to believe that a portion of it has been given to the communistic causes.

### A Question of Exploitation

Of course, there is a question which precedes this one. That question is whether Mrs. Roosevelt has exploited the presidency to make money. John Garner when he was Vice President turned down an opportunity as a radio commentator with the remark that the price was more than he was worth as a private citizen but not enough to hire the Vice President. A comparison of Mrs. Roosevelt's earnings before 1932 and a comparison would prove that the presidential office has been exploited, and after that fact has been established we come to the question of what she did with the money.

Jimmy Roosevelt is the only one whose returns have been made public but he did that informally and even so admitted flatly that while he was still a law student he accepted a job as window dresser for a group of promoters \$25,000 that they were paying for name and for any value the name might have. Yet when Congressman Treadway tried to compel an expert analysis of Jimmy's returns similar to the hostile inspection of the returns of the President's political opponents, he was blocked by members who were determined that the Roosevelt family should have this special privilege.

This subject has been allowed to lie quiet for a long time, but inasmuch as Mrs. Roosevelt has sent me a letter to revive it there is just one answer: That is to be found in the income tax returns and nowhere else, and the President has the return, on his mother's return, on all Roosevelt's—Jimmy's, Elliott's and Mrs. John Bottiger's and on the return of the late Uncle Forbes Morgan who landed a job with the whisky trust at \$100,000 a year shortly before he died.

### DAILY HOG MARKET

Re-establishment of a daily hog market in Fayetteville should encourage the farmers of this section to break the stranglehold of the one-crop system, which is the curse of the South.

It is all very well to rail at the one-crop system but until we furnish the farmers with something that will beat cotton and tobacco as a source of ready cash we might as well expect it to endure. Corn grows as well in North Carolina as it does almost anywhere in the country and there is no more efficient system of marketing corn than on the hoof in the person of Mister Hog.

Ability of the farmers of this section to market hogs every day will promote their production and will reduce the dependency on the Cumberland county farmer on just one money crop.—Fayetteville Observer.

### REVERSE THE CUSTOM

Remember when women used to hide their rouge? Nowadays they rouge their hide.—High Point Enterprise