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With confidence in our armed forces - with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God.

-Roosevelt's War Message

Star-NewsProgram

To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory.

Public Port Terminals. Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities.

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Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOP O' THE MORNING

The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord, In every star Thy wisdom shines; But when our eyes behold Thy Word, We read Thy name in fairer lines. -ISAAC WATTS

AVG In Action

One ray of sunshine penetrates the war clouds. Fliers in the American Volunteer Group have conducted a raid on Hankow, Japan's inland base in China, and destroyed an enemy warship and three transports.

continue their splendid showing from the time they first flew over the Burma road and during the attack on Burma itself, they will have a great deal to do with slowing the Japanese staggering of hours is a help.

The planes they were flying in the Hankow raid were fighters converted into bombers. ployment, it certainly deserves to be encourance any of which they may express a preference. tration of their ingenuity. This ingenuity coupled with their intrepidity and proved skill and tire conservation are concerned, than four are qualities of success. It is reasonable to cars with one rider each. The practice is beexpect that when a substantial American air ing employed now by many workers. It could force gets into action in China, the Japanese well become more widely employed. Women, attempt to cut off the whole of eastern China for example, starting on shopping or market-

New Gasoline Rationing

The new gasoline rationing program will much more severe than the present one. Many motor car owners who have been using for 60 days-little more than half a gallon a

This, of course, is too small for any practical use. Most private automobiles average about 15 miles to the gallon, especially if they have been in service for any length of time. Some will get up to 20 to 22 miles. but they are rare. Fifteen miles is the mean average. Thus a half gallon a day will take the driver from seven to eight miles-enough perhaps for one round trip to the place of employment, but not for a trip to the grocery store in addition, and certainly not for a visit to a sick friend.

Under the new set-up the exceptions to this limitation will be few and far between and will stimulate the movement in these particuthe individual desiring a larger ration will lar government securities as nothing else thus flood of synthetic rubber just around the corat once with your Senators and both in the war and after. have to make out a strong case for himself,

All of which seems strange, on the surface,

duction areas on which the eastern seaboard Bellamy. And when the air raid sirens give draws chiefly for its supply are steadily im-

EDITURIAL

Beneath the surface is the need for rubber conservation. The less gasoline that may be secured, the less will an automobile owner be able to use his tires. And the longer tires last, the more rubber will be available if in an extreme emergency the government deems it necessary to commandeer private tires for war purposes.

The one way this decision may be staved off is for citizens to turn in all waste or unneeded rubber now while the rubber salvage campaign is under way.

If a sufficient stockpile can be created upon which the war industries may draw for the .25 \$.20 \$.35 manufacture of war supplies and weapons there will be no need to confiscate private tires. This puts it up squarely to the individual to contribute to that stockpile. Right now.

Spiking A Canard

It is hard to get behind the records. Thus claims that Wilmington's death rate is excessively high are disproved by the graphs of the health department.

Dr. A. H. Elliot, health officer, in contradiction of these claims, reveals that the average age of death in 1910 was 28 years. In the next 10 years it had advanced to 36 years, an increase of eight years in the average span of life. In 1930 it was 42 years, and in 1939, 48 years. In 30 years the life span had inreased 20 years.

This is not hearsay evidence. It is the irefutable evidence of the records.

Doctor Elliot's statement is so important, n view of the forthcoming election for water supply bonds, that a portion of it deserves to be repeated for emphasis.

veigh his words carefully:

The implication of recent newspaper articles and paid advertisements, as I understand, is that Wilmington's death rate is abnormally high because of the detrimental effect of the chemically treated water furnished Wilmingtonians by the city water department under the supervision of the consolidated health department's sanitary engineers.

From the standpoint of quantity, probably over 99 per cent of the water consumed by residents of sizeable cities throughout the United States is chlorinated surface water. From the standpoint of the number of cities as big or bigger than Wilmington, probably 95 per cent to 98 per cent use treated surface water.

In addition, I can add that a large percentage of underground well water is chlorinated as an extra precaution against possible contamination.

I am sure that most state and federal authorities will recommend, and, in most cases, demand, chlorination of underground well water as a precautionary measure.

Local Transportation

Local transportation problems are to be closely studied by the new committee headed by N. E. Drexler, president of the Tide Water Power company, before any program is drafted for their solution.

The survey which is to be made will consider staggering the hours of employes to relieve congestion in traffic at so-called peak ministration has the answer to your problem. is for. hours, see what can be done to increase the load of private automobiles, and the retiming of traffic signals at downtown intersections to speed the traffic flow

out with varying success in a number of large cities in the country. Some years ago it was attempted in Washington but met such opposition from several sources that it was not then given a fair trial. In the present war emergency, with the number of government employes greatly increased, it is reported as These fliers are to be mustered into the satisfactory as any emergency measure could Chinese armies on July 4 as a nucleus for be. Washington, perhaps, is not a fair illusthe American Aid Force in China. If they tration, as its traffic problem is grudgingly conceded to be beyond solution. Even if its alleys were widened into streets there would not be room for all the city's traffic. But the

seats to neighbors to and from places of emfor an attack on Japan will receive a definite make it a party instead of a solo enterprise. In a party instead of a solo enterprise in a party instead of a solo enterprise. This would be particularly helpful if adopted by suburbanites who patronize downtown

Most of the American cities have found it beneficial to time their traffic lights so that vehicles may travel two, three or four blocks ity demands. B and C cards will, after July 22, have to hours when travel is heaviest. This works but it won't be as stiff as that for the Army some inconvenience on drivers using cross and Navy combat pilots. streets, but a greater good is achieved for the larger number of drivers by this method.

Altogether, the transportation committee appears to have laid out a line of inquiry their lungs. which can produce excellent results.

Retailers For Victory

for Defense' week some months ago, when the sale of war stamps and bonds reached an unprecedented total that the retailers of the country have been enlisted by the treasury department to conduct a "Retailers for Victory" month with the justifiable hope that it far has done.

The month will be ushered in next Wednesinasmuch as gasoline deliveries from the pro- day. There will be a radio address by Mayor of information.

a concerted blast at noon the retail stores of the city will suspend all merchandise sales and for fifteen minutes will sell only war bonds and stamps. Thereafter, throughout July, clerks will make a special drive among customers urging them to invest change from purchases in stamps. The goal is 4 per cent of last year's merchandise sales. If it is reached, Wilmington will have established an enviable record.

Just now the war news is not as encouraging as could be hoped. Not only is Hitler driving hard at the Russians and at the British in Egypt. Our own soil has been invaded, with the Japanese inching up on Alaska by way of the Aleutians.

If the Axis is to be defeated the burden of victory must be more and more directly assumed by the United States. And we can contribute our full share in defeating the Axis only at tremendous expense. The costs of the war must be met by immense increases in direct taxation or by much heavier investments in war bonds, which will have the effect of reducing direct taxes.

Surely we, who do not take part in combat, and remain at home to keep the wheels of business and industry turning, must give, as they said in the last war's Liberty bond drives, "until it hurts," or be lashed by uneasy consciences for laying down on a mani-

General McCroskey

The promotion of Col. Samuel L. McCroskey to the rank of brigadier general is welcome news to the thousands of Wilmingtonians privileged to know him during his service at Camp Davis.

General McCroskey was one of the first of-In pondering how to vote next Wednesday, ficers assigned to duty at the Holly Ridge reservation. He was here long before the first work was done on the camp, and in those early days, when the city had to accustom itself to the idea of becoming an Army town and the Army had to find common ground with the people, his efficiency and geniality had much to do with establishing the entente cordial.

When the camp was finally in operation and Col. J. B. Crawford was honored with a brigadier generalship as its commander, General McCroskey, then a lieutenant colonel, was his executive officer, and with his commander continued to inspire closer and closer accord between the camp and the city.

No Wilmingtonian who knew him will fail to wish for General McCroskey further advance tities of wood-huge even for the in the Army and a wider field of activity in the nation's defense of democracy and victory over the forces which menace it.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The gates of the wartime heavens are now ajar for aviation's "old-timers" and for those who have been told scores of times that they are "too fat to fly." to come. If you are an "old man" in your middle Wood is a crop. When a farmer ing that if Mr. Bennett is nomDewey has not been sufficiently encirclement sweep. thirties; if you wear specs or squint a little; harvests his crop, he leaves the inated the President will be obliged clear-cut. They pointed to his The Berlin radio's assertion that if you just can't quite get by the air corn physicals, but still have a yen to kick a rudder crops. We can do the same with Two objections have been raised cently to a reported statement by miles southwest of Kupyansk, is an bar for Uncle Sam, the Civil Aeronautics Adour forests. That is what forestry to Mr. Bennett. One is that he is Mr. Dewey that he was against indication that such a movement Under the direction of Acting Administrator C. I. Stanton, the CAA is launching a pilot training program that dwarfs all past efforts along this line. The sky's the limit, because the CAA's 650 flying schools, can handle ap-Staggered hours of service has been tried proximately 180,000 student pilots a year-al-

most six times its present turnout. In flying slanguage, these men will "do their fighting sitting down" but they are no less important to the Army and Navy and winning of the war than the combat pilots who sink the quantities of it, after the war is hold the balance. A third reason ships and bomb the cities of the Axis. And won. Without it this country could for opposition to Mr. Bennett is they'll have one great advantage over the not prosper, as everybody knows. that his nomination gives Mr. Farheroes of the flying lines when this war is There is no reason why we should ley strong control in New York over. They'll be experienced in the kind of bury our heads in the sand and State and lays the basis for conination of Mr. Willkie by upsetting flying that's going to make post-war peace- forget this vital fact, especially trolling the large New York dele-

time aviation a miracle of transportation. Pilots trained under the program, whether they start fom a taxi stand or pick up where vast forest destruction. their amateur aviation left off (trainees without previous experience may get from 40 to 48 weeks of training; advanced pilots may They are safe. Three-quarters are have to take only eight weeks) will become As for the plan to get motorists to offer members of the Air Force Reserve Corps. They will be subject to call any time. They

(I) Instructors—the potential bottleneck in The users of wood in every form mass production of pilots. The civilian con- are hurt. So are the users of water. story of Russia's "hidden" center York in 1941, was confounded. tract flying schools (contracts by the Army for basic training) need all the instructors

(2) Glider Pilots - something brand new. and prevent the establishment of bases there ing expeditions, might be prevailed on to leaguered bands. It's a field that forwardlook.

They may fly freight or relief supplies to beleaguered bands. It's a field that forwardlook. America who is not hurt when overlooking an undertaking so ture is complete, up to 1941.

They may fly freight or relief supplies to beleaguered bands. It's a field that forwardlook. It's a field that forwardlook.

> (3) Service and liaison Pilots-they will fly the Army mail, ferry planes, tow targets and they are under government con- 1931, a bad time to try for a job. the Urals make Alice and her gliders, and chauffeur the brass hats. (4) Airline co-pilots-which is self-explana-

tory. They'll fly the commercial lines, now virtually controlled by Army and Navy prior-

The Civil Air Patrol excepted. This is the first real break for the men who are barred from Army and Navy aviation but can't be happy unless they ae sucking prop-wash into

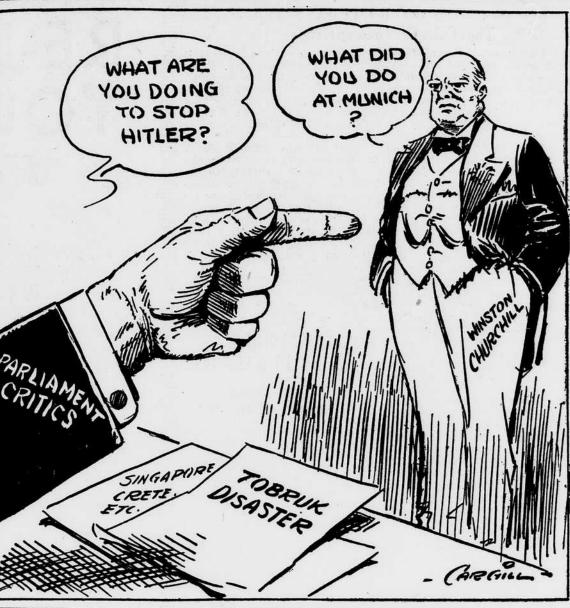
QUOTATIONS

A little less in our homes may mean a little more on the battle fronts.-Donald Nelson, WPB Director.

turn back the clock in the pre-war era.—Sir future of our wood supply in this only the Federal government can. whole of this fable come true. out of 299, are in commission. The forests can be caused with the pre-war era.—Sir future of our wood supply in this only the Federal government can.

You are constantly hearing about a great reads this letter to get in touch will not hinder us, but help us, cal advice, the skills for construcner—the same corner, I suspect, which hid Congressman in Washington and prosperity for such a considerable period some urge immediate passage of a Bill years ago.—Robert W. Horton, OEM director which, without interfering in any Milford, Pa.

BLOOD, SWEAT AND JEERS!



The Editor's Letter Box

The editor does not necessarily endorse any article appearing in this department. They represent the views of the individual readers. Correspondents and warned that all communications must contain the correct name and address for our records, though the latter may be signed as the writer sees fit. The Star-News reserves the right to alter any text that for any reason is objectionable. Letters on controversial subjects will not be published.

SAVE THE FORESTS To the Editor:

To win this war we must have wood. We must have huge quanprodigal United States.

the goose that liad the golden egg. the power of our timber lands to been cool toward the nomination work. grow more wood. The timber we need to win the

war, and all we need to win it, can be and should be taken from our forests without ruining them. There is no sense in crippling their production of wood for generations

land in condition to grow more to support him.

grow more wood, we are cutting almost all of them in a way to trol some 200,000 votes or more, trol some 200,000 votes or more, movement to draft Mr. Wilkie. A Russian difficulties in shifting realmost all of them in a way to trol some 200,000 votes or more, prevent them from growing more has declared it will not accept the number of Republicans and the serves from the north to meet such wood. We are cutting as if we were going to need no wood after any circumstances. the war is over. That is pure foolishness.

when higher prices and the pres- gation to the next presidential sure for timber are leading to

One-quarter of our timber lands in private hands. Everey acre of these can be destroyed when ever the owner chooses.

In that there is neither justice are destroyed, everybody is hurt. \$2.75).

No forests in all the world are Scott saw it. safe against destruction unless Mr. Scott left the university in

Our Federal government can the Urals. stop this needless forest destruction, but it is not doing so. Our lands so as to keep them growing wood, but our Federal government lets the destruction go on. Our Federal government has the

knowledge of what needs to be should neglect it.

way with winning the war, will June 24, 1942.

Raymond Clapper Says: Roosevelt Cool Toward N. Y. Governor Candidate

face of White House coolness, already done and it does not apocratic nomination for governor of vention. New York. The Brooklyn Democratic organ-

of Mr. Bennett. Friends of the Owen Young, Senator Mead, and Lieutenant Governor Poletti. Mr.

Farley recently went to the White House and presumably stood firm House and presumably stood firm courageous in his stand. He has eastward .However, it seems indibehind Mr. Bennett. At any rate insisted that Mr. Dewey be equally cated that the greatest Nazi he continued to go after pledges and to get them, evidently figurmany of his friends felt that Mr.

Insisted that Mr. Dewey be equally change to explot capture of Kupyand to get them, evidently figurmany of his friends felt that Mr.

Instead of cutting our forests strated no notable gifts of leaderunder forestry so that they can ship. The other is that the Amernomination of Mr. Bennett under

In a close race such as the one between Governor Lehman and Thomas E. Dewey four years ago, We shall need more wood, vast the American Labor Party might nomination convention two years from now. With some that prob-

James A. Farley appears to have pear likely that it can be upset in preparation for a rolling-up opput his own man over for the Dem- in the primaries or the state con- eration southward aimed ultimate On the Republican side, Thomas

ization pledged itself to Attorney E. Dewey has obtained more than General John J. Bennett Jr. this enough pledges to be nominated if ly prevails at present in the southweek, and that gives him enough they all stick. There has been ern Ukraine, German mechanized But that is no reason for killing pledges to insure nomination. Pres- intense opposition but Mr. Dewey thrusts have almost always been ident Roosevelt has made no state- had his pledges in the bag be- along railroad and road systems. There is no sense in destroying ment but he is regarded as having fore his opponents really went to The wide stretch of all but road. Wendell Willkie has been oppos-White House were interested in ed to the nomination of Mr. Dewey.

> Rep. Ham Fish not because of his already is developing. ideas but because of his associations. That was construed as a non-partisan "Vote for Freedom" group are working on this. Some Nazi intention, it almost certainly in the American Labor Party say will be coupled also with eastward if he would run.

> The hope of these opponents of in full swing. Mr. Dewey is to repeat the performance at the Philadelphia convention and bring about the nomination of Mr. William by weatting Civilian Defense the convention through outside

(Continued on Page Eight)

The Literary Guidepost

By JOHN SELBY

So are the users of land. So are of manufacture comes from a still She still is. In any case, Scott communities which depend on for- young graduate of the University passed his last years in Russian as est industries, and that means, in of Wisconsin named John Scott. a correpondent, chiefly in Mossom edegree, every community in His book is called "Behind the cow, and there he kept closely in the Nation. There is no one in Urals," and it is lke a window touch with Magnitogorsk. His pic-

trol. No one disputes that. In the He became interested in Soviet Wonderland seem commonplace. As Others Say It most democratic nation in the Russia, and his father advised him In addition they have saved Rusworld, Switzerland, in Sweden, no to learn a trade if he intended to sia's life, and perhaps our own as private owner can cut his timber go there. He became a welder, well. Magnitogorsk is one of the except under government control, pocketed his trade union card, world's Nor could he in prewar Norway and went to Russia. In Moscow plants. In the northern part of the odile tears over the bier of He and France. If these nations can he bounced back and forth be- district are chemical plants of drich. They yammered about his protect the present and the future tween various bureaus for ten vast capacity. Not far away is a "purity of soul" and high motives of their people in this way, so can days, and then began the four-day magnesium plant. Electric power That's the first time we've ever train trip to Magnitogorsk, east of comes from Kizel and other heard that kind of eulogy for

Federal government can require but for the purge of 1937-38, ed Perm aviation motor plant is privete owners to cut their timber which made things difficult for located. High grade copper and

future wood supply. I am a forester. I give you my

done, and the foresters to see that sible and practical. As a form er large aviation gasoline plants. it is well done. There is every State Governor I know that the When peace comes we shall not attempt to rason why we should protect the States cannot take action in time. Plete catalogue. Nor is it the 95 per cent of the fleet, 284 ships plete catalogue.

Sincerely yours, Gifford Pinchot.

foreigners. He had married a Rus-"BEHIND THE URALS," by sian girl who was certain that her nor common sense. When forests John Scott (Houghton Mifflin; husband came from a downtrod-nesday. den and underprivileged country, The first really comprehensive and when at last she saw New

> The things done in the area five hundred miles square behind largest metallurgical places; ferrous alloys from Chuso- murderer.—Chatham News For five years he worked there, vaya; 100 miles west of Chuso-City.)

and he might have stayed longer vaya the immense, closely guardsulphuric acid is Krasnouralsk's safeguard our forests and our contribution, and 50,000 new freight cars a year come out of Nizhni Tagil. Asbest is the asbesword that what I suggest is pos- tos center, and there are two very

This all was done at the same total in service by mid-season is out interferng with our war effort. time the workers were being expected to reach 304. I ask every one of you who To protect the future of our forests trained—barring imported technition and operation both were cre- ing a huge waterpower and irrigaated parallel with the actual tion project, on the Columbia riv sweat and tears" has a new mean-power in 1941, two years ahead of ing here, Mr. Scott thinks.

Interpreting The War Severing Communications

Seems To Be Nazi Method Of Attack In Libya, Russia

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON Wide World War Analyst

While Britain's badly mauled ighth army and its reinforcements rally in Egypt for a "last-ditch" defense of Alexandria, as London puts it, Nazi legions in the Ukraine have bored an ominous hole in the Russian communication system east-southeast of Kharkov.

Nazi capture of Kupyansk, important rail junction 60 miles east and a little south of Kharkov, is admitted by the Soviet high com-

The thrust gives a clue to the strategy of the German attack, even though it may be only a preliminary operation rather than the beginning of an all-out offensive in

Kupyansk junction was a connecting rail link of Marshal Time shenko's north - south communica tions. Triple rail systems coming down from the north merge into a single line at that point to link up with the lower Donets basin rail net-work. The line by-passes on the west a huge sweep of virtual bad. lands in which no railroad of consequence or major highway is shown on recent Russian maps.

The next north-south sailroad lies east of that wide stretch of rough country which is nearly 200 miles long and averages perhaps 75 miles wide. Loss of Kupyansk has cut the western route, forcing the Russian general to depend on the railroad east of the rough country for effective communications contract between the northern wing of his armies about Kharkov and the southern elements reaching to the sea of Azov.

Just how wide a wedge the Nazis nave driven in the Kupyansk area is not indicated. Moscow insists there has been no breakthrough, that the Russian front is still secure. It seems obvious, however By RAYMOND CLAPPER ably is a dominating consideration. WASHINGTON, June 25—In the But the job seems to have been ansk was aimed at cutting Russian ly at rounding the Rostov corner into the Caucasus.

Even in dry weather, which like.

less rough country east of Kupyansk does not lend itself to that type of warfare. Kupyansk does of-

Loss of that railroute west of the a German operation. If that is the Mr. Willkie could have its support German thrusts perhaps all along the line to signal that Hitler's promised great offensive is at lea

Timetable

BASIC TRAINING COURSES All courses met at 8 p.m. in High School room 109. Fire Defense A - Every Mon-

General Course - Every Tues Gas Defense B - Every Wed

SPECIAL COURSES Fire Defense B - Thursdays a p.m., Fire Dept. Headquarters. 1st lecture — July 2 2nd lecture — July 9 3rd lecture — July 16.

MEETINGS Auxiliary Police - Thursday, July 2, at 8 p.m., Recorders Court room, Court House.

EULOGY FOR A MURDERER Hitler and Himmler shed croc

Factographs

Nearly all available ships of the Great Lakes iron ore fleet have been put into service at Toledo

The Grand Coulee dam, embracthemselves. "Blood, er, Washington, began furnishing