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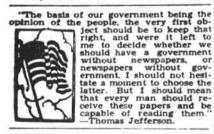
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EDITORIAL DICTIONARY

An editorial writer's philosophi-

cal dictionary: Aroused citizenry—Two people who write letters to the paper saying they think that editorial crime was pretty good.

Lower elecents - Three citizens who write to the paper saying the editor is nuts.

Stirring call to action—Any speech by anybody boosting what the pa-

Which threatens the very foundation of our government—Remarks by two men named Obalatsky and Glutz, on a street corner, concerning longshoremen's wages.

Subversive doctrine-The idea, advanced mildly by a college professor, that the constitution means what it says, perhaps.

Fascism-something you denounce in one column and advocate, under

another name, in the next.

Outraged sensibilities of all good

Americans—The result of anything
said or done by (a) Rex Turwell;
(b) Herbert Hoover; (c) Henry Wallace; or (d) W. R. Hearst.

Flood of letters—Four.

Veritable fleed of letters.

Veritable flood of letters-Seven. Showed that voters were alert to the grave issues—Any election your candidates win.

Menace to free government—On days the Old Man has dyspepsia. practically anything.

wrote the obituary to end all obituaries: "He was quite a guy!")

Leave no stone unturned—What the police should do after robbers get \$4.56 at the Olde Booke Nooke. Affront to civilization-The way some nation you don't like runs a

The sturdy patriots of '76—The two-thirds of American colonists who didn't give a damn whether

Washington won or lost. Hardy pioneers of the west—The men who taught the Indians new and better ways of torture and mur-der and then exterminated them for

learning these lessons.

True Americanism—The suppresdoesn't agree with your definition of true Americanism.-From The American Press.

Letters To The Editor

FOR WHAT AM I FIGHTING?

Editor Democrat: By the time you read this I will be in training somewhere in the states. I already have my call and I must go out from you all to fight an enemy that I have never seen; one, who has never done me any harm. One that has the same right to live as I, so far as I know. Last week I went to the OPA of-

fice to get some gas stamps for gas so that I could cut some wood for my aged widowed mother, who is left behind to get along as best she may. The office girl told me that they had no stamps. She asked me if I had no friends, or friendly gas dealer. This seemed to be to be suggestive of gas "black-marketing," but I, of course, wouldn't be supposed to know, as I am only a soldier who is to go to defend what

Since I can't stay with my mother to get the wood and food for her, but must go to the defense of my great country, perhaps she, if she freezes or starves, will NOT go to the place that it seems some are heading for in a great nonchalant, careless way. When I think of conditions here as they have been forced upon me, I can't keep from asking the question—What am I fighting for?

MARTIN MORETZ.

Zionville, N. C. MARTIN MORETZ.

253,256 PLANES BUILT

From July 1, 1940, to Dec. 31 1944, American factories produced 253,256 planes of all types.

FARM PRODUCTION UP

Farm production increased 21 per-cent from 1921 to 1944.

In Belfast, Northern Ireland, Y M.C.A. has provided sleeping accommodations to 273,000 servicemen and served nearly 3,000,000 meals to fighting men from nearly ever allied

At Fort Knox



Pfc. Grant R. Ayers, of the army, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Ayers of Boone. He has been training at Fort Knox, Ky., as a radio electrician. He finished his course with a rating of "excel-

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FARMERS

By H. M. HAMILTON, Jr. County Farm Agent.

PUREBRED SALE TO BE HELD THIS FALL

The purebred Hereford breeders of Watauga county held a meeting at the county agent's office recently and decided to hold their third annual purebred Hereford sale in Boone sometime in the late fall.

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The breeders agreed to fit their cattle better and to improve the quality of the offering over previous sale offerings. F. R. Farmham, district farm agent for the western district, attended the meeting and made an interesting talk on the importance of breeding good type cattle.

counterfeiting was the recent coupons totaling 2 billion red points. That is enough red points to buy all of the beef sold to our population for a three-weeks period.

The fact that a few criminals would look to the ration coupon field as a juicy source of dishonest revenue is to be expected. But the revolting side of this story is that

W. W. Wilson, a unit test-demon-tion farmer of the Bethel communi-ty, reports the yield of 80 bushels of corn per acre on an upland field in 1944. This field had been limed at the rate of two tons per acre and in 1941 was treated with 100 pounds of triple superphosphate per acre. red clover meadow was established at that time and this turf was turned under in the spring of 1944. At the time of planting, Mr. Wilson used 200 pounds of 4-12-4 fertilizer and in early July side dressed with 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate

His loss will leave a gap hard to fill—Death of any well-known citizen. (Variety, for Will Rogers, wrote the children will Rogers,

Farm woodland owners in this county are being urged by the government to increase production of chestnut extract wood in an effort to meet the mounting demand for tannin to process leather for mili-

tary uses.

Tannin has been placed on the critical materials list of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, as its use is absolutely necessary in pro-duction of leather for shoes, gun scabbards, harness and many other military items.

Extract companies point out that imports of tanning materials ceased near the beginning of the war and that blight-killed chestnut trees are now the most important raw ma-terial for tannin. Further, no practical substitute for vegetable tannin has been developed for tanning leather for shoe soles, and the demand for this use in war is stupen-

Most of the nation's chestnut wood is centered in the Southern Appalachians. During the continued winter rains many large timber operations in remote mountain areas have been forced to shut down. Un-able to transport timber from these operations, extract plants are appealing to farmers to get out all the extract wood they can produce to help meet the war supply emergen-

Cutting and hauling wood during the weeks before spring plowing gives the farmer the opportunity to earn extra cash through his own la-bor, use of his team, truck or tractor, and the sale of dead chestnut trees that in time would become too rotten for marketing.

General specifications for mark-eting extract wood call for sticks to be cut to 60-inch lengths and measured in 160 cubic foot units. Sticks between 4 and 6 inches diameter at the small end should not be split; from 6 to 10 inches they should be halved, and above that diameter they should be quartered or split to comparable size. The wood must not be rotten.

Full information on marketing extract wood can be obtained by farmers and other wood workers through forestry representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, the State Division of Forestry, Extension Foresters and County Agents.

Farmers are advised to be assur-ed of a buyer before harvesting any forest products for the market and to obtain specifications from the

\$3,600,000 FOR OLDSTERS

its old-age pension rolls

are to be connected by a helicopter

TODAY and **TOMORROW**

By DON ROBINSON

COUNTERFEIT coupons
The office of price administration seems considerably cheered because, in a two months' check-up, only three and one-third million counterfeit gasoline coupons were picked up. "These counterfeits," Administrator Bowles proudly points out "are a substantial reduction from the estimated number of counterfeits a year ago.

the many American people who have shown their disgust for black markets and those who patronize

Somehow, however, I am not too impressed by this record. Having been in Washington, where every-body talks in terms of billions, for some time now, Mr. Bowles may feel that a few measley millions aren't worth worrying about. But among motorists, who scrimp and save on gasoline in order to get along on two gallons a week, the mere mention of millions of gallons is enough to make them start seeing mirages.
I don't blame Mr. Bowles or the

OPA for this condition. I realize that it is practically an impossible job, without employing a 10,000,000-man police force, strictly to enforce any kind of rationing. But when we realize that there are so many men and women in this country who will deal with racketeers in order to get more than their share of essential products, it is hard to continue to feel much faith in the integrity of the American people.

control

80 BUSHELS OF CORN PER ACRE revolting side of this story is that they knew there would be a market for these coupons-that they knew there were thousands of butchers, restaurant owners and housewives who would jump at the chance to buy these coupons even though it would rob others of meat and could lead to a total breakdown of our rationing system.

It is estimated that the meat coupon racketeers expected to make about \$2,500,000 out of the sale of these stamps. The gasoline stamp counterfeiters did collect over a million dollars from their million dollars from their racket. Either field offers excellent opportunities for the future for promising young crooks. And it is quite possible, unless some method is devis-ed to bring this type of counterfeit-Haul Extract Wood ing to a halt, that all rationing curtency will become worthless and the black market will become the sole source of scarce products.

The OPA is taking effective steps to control the counterfeiting menace.

to control the counterfeiting menace. But in the final analysis, the only adequate control must come from a decision of the American people to refuse to contribute to the welfare of criminals.

It is significant to note that the sale of counterfeit gasoline and food coupons is confined largely to metro-

mile in cities than in the country. But it is also undoubtedly true that the country people wouldn't do busi-ness with the racketeers, and the counterfeiters know it. Racketeers know that at all times, country air is unhealthy for crooks-and in wartime they realize that farmers and small town people, imbued with a high form of patriotism would feel it was about time to start shooting if they were offered the "opportunity" to join a plot to undermine rationing." termine rationing.

Red Cross First Aid Course To Be Held

Dr. R. C. Busteed, chairman of the first aid and water safety division of the American Red Cross in Watauga county, announces that there will be conducted an advanced course in first aid and water safety, beginning Feb. 10, under the direc-tion of Lewis Plunkett, special rep-resentative of the southeastern area, American Red Cross.

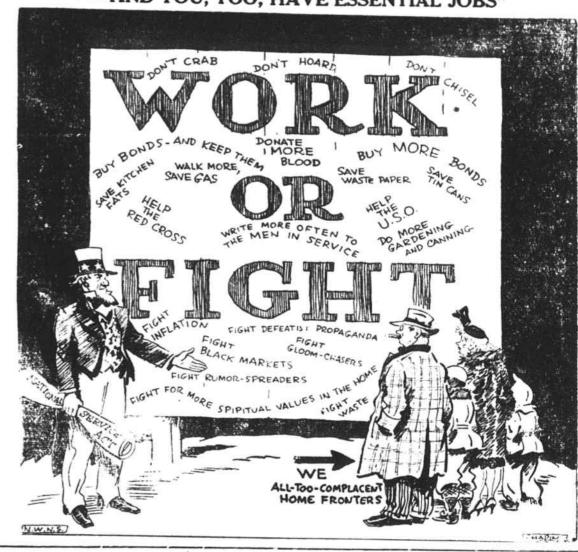
The course will be given in the college gymnasium and all those eligible for renewal of certificates may contact Dr. Busteed or Mrs.

Jack Hodges at the college.
Mr. Plunkett, special field representative for first aid, water safety and accident prevention of the Red Cross, joined the organization in June, 1944, after serving as main-tenance and test photographer for the Pan-American Airways in Miami, Fla.

He has been active in Red Cross work for a number of years, having attended Red Cross aquatic schools at Camp Letts, Edgewater, Md., and Chautauqua Institution, Chatauqua, N. Y. Mr. Plunkett also did volun-\$3,600,000 FOR OLDSTERS
In January, Colorado distributed aid for the Lynchburg, Va., Red Cross chapter in 1939.

Mr. Plunkett's safety experience Sao Paulo and Santos, in Brazil, rector at Camp Greenbrier, Anderre to be connected by a helicopter son, W. Va., in 1939, 1940 and 1943. In the summer of 1941 and 1942 he

"-AND YOU, TOO, HAVE ESSENTIAL JOBS"



Welfare Boards To

Passage of recent legislation will necessitate the reappointment of all county welfare board members by April 1, 1945, in order to provide staggered terms of office, Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of public welfare, announced this week.

Terms of two of the members would have expired on that date. The new act provides for appointment of all three members for terms running for one, two and three years for the first appointments with sub-sequent terms to run for three years. Thus only one member's term will expire each year in the future instead of two terms expiring simultaneously under the

One member of the board is nam-One member of the board is named by the state board of public welfare, one member by the county commissioners of each county, and these two jointly select the third member. In the event the two appointees cannot agree on a third member, the appointment is made by the resident superior court judge. The state board at its meeting on

The state board at its meeting on Feb. 19 will make its appointments for the first term of three years. County commissioners will make their appointments for the two year term, while the third member chosen this year will be appointed for one year.

one year.

All members now serving on county welfare boards are eligible for reappointment this year. In making its selection, the state board considers suggestions from any citizens of the community interested in public welfare.

"The development and progress of the state's welfare program depolitan cities. "Large rural areas that have practically no counterfeiting," says Mr. Bowles, "are offset by cities that are turning in an appalling number."

Part of the reason for this is that there are more customers per square mile in cities than in the country.

Watauga county's board of public pends largely on the leadership, di-rection and active participation of the local boards. Through interpre-

Dr. Winston said. Watauga county's board of public watauga county's board of Mrs. Mary S. welfare is composed of Mrs. Mary S. Harris, A. W. Greene and L. M. Hodges.

was with the Piedmont area Boy Scout Camp in Coleman Falls, Va. His favorite sport is canoeing. He has made canoe trips on the James river in Virginia, and the Greenbriar river in West Virginia.

DOES SHE? If she enjoys your company as much as she did when you were engaged then we'll bet it's because you have not forgotten how to court her. The ladies love to be loved . . . especially when you say it with some sparktheir loveliness. Come in . . let us show you what we W. B. STALLINGS

State College Hints Be Named April 1st For Farm Homemakers

By RUTH CURRANT

Clothing specialists offer these or suit wear longer: Give it a brush off in the air. Brush woolen clothes often, in the direction of the grain of the cloth, inside and out, and in and around pockets and cuffs. Hang Woolen clothes outdoors when the weather permits weather permits.

Hang clothes straight on hangers

—zip pockets and button the top buttons. If you do not have a trouser hanger or wooden hanger with a cross bar on it, fold a piece of heavy cardboard over a wire hanger to hold the crease in trous-

Protect woolens from pests. Win-ter is not a closed season for clothes moths or carpet beetles, so play safe by using moth balls, flakes or systals, and keep stored woolens seal-

ed in paper or airtight boxes, chests

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