



**THIS BUSINESS OF Living**  
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**We're All Needed**

Looks like a busy summer for us all. No long idling on shady porches even for "home bodies" who used to have hours to spend as they pleased. Not so many fishing trips for father. Perhaps less time off for John or Mary.

The times are badly "out of joint," all over the world. The president has declared a national emergency. Our army is gathering in camps all over the country and industry is working as it never had to work before.

First there were orders for a few billions of dollars worth of defense materials to be produced as quickly as possible. But it soon became evident that this would not be enough to make this great, broad peace-loving land safe. And still more planes and guns and ships and tanks were ordered. First we were told by government that our comfortable way of living wouldn't have to be upset; that we could produce all we needed for defense in addition to normal peace-time production. Then we began to realize nothing could stand in the way of manufacture of needed defense materials. New shifts were added to enable factories to function 24 hours a day and a priority ruling concerning basic materials for defense production was passed.

Today all over America people are working as they have never worked before. More than a million young men must follow the straight rules of military training. Millions more are at work in the industrial plants of the country—men who had been retired, women who have special skill or aptitude as well as our vast "regular" army of skilled labor and management.

But even machines and armies, essential as they are, aren't all. There's the question of morale and thousands more of us must work to keep alive a burning belief in the American way of life. Others must see to it that the boys in camp have places to go, and things to do in their time off. Still others are occupied organizing the women of the country for home defense activity should that be needed.

It's a tense, busy, anxious time. But for anyone who can contribute to the common cause of the country

there is something satisfying about it. We're all needed once more to revive the old spirit of America. That spirit, to quote Walter D. Fuller of the National Association of Manufacturers "which turned a wilderness into the greatest, richest and happiest nation on earth... the spirit that guides the plowshares—that moves along the assembly line—that brings fuel from the ground—sends ships to sea, and fills the sky with planes. This is the American industrial system, today keyed to a tempo never before known."

**Fewer Farms in N. C. But This Section Shows an Increase**

North Carolina has 1,432 fewer farms than it had ten years ago, according to U. S. census figures just released. In the mountain section, however, the number of farms has increased.

The total number of farms in the State in 1930 was 279,708. Now there are only 278,276. Decreases were reported in 51 counties, which more than offset gains in 49 others.

Haywood County had the greatest increase, with 46.8 per cent, from 2,125 to 3,119. Yancey was a close second with an increase from 2,039 to 2,884. Buncombe had the greatest numerical increase, but ranked only third in percentage gain. In 1930 it had 3,895 farms; it now has 5,426.

Clay County topped this immediate section and stood tenth in the list, its farms increasing from 898 to 1,097. Graham County ranked fourteenth with an increase from 692 to 818. Cherokee County stood twenty-third, with an increase from 1,958 to 2,182.

A ring lost by his wife in 1918 was found when Conard Schwartz of Hessville, Ind., plowed his orchard.

A draft registrant in Tampa, Fla., has faithfully notified his local board each of the four times he has moved since March, but has failed to tell his location.

**Draft Board Chief Sends Out Warning To Work Or Fight**

Official notice that, union or no union, defense employees must "work or fight" has just been received by Secretary Wayne Walker, of the Cherokee County Draft Board. The notice is signed by Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, acting National Director of Selective Service. It bluntly warns would-be strikers that if they quit work, they automatically lose their deferment. The notice, in full, follows:

"The President has proclaimed a state of National emergency. The Government of the United States is exerting every possible effort to place this nation in a position which will insure its self-preservation.

"Congress has enacted the Selective Training and Service Act for the purpose of securing adequate men and has appropriated funds for the procurement for essential arms and equipment for the armed forces. Men by the hundreds of thousands have been selected and are now in training under the Selective Service Act.

"These men are giving their whole effort to become strong in body, disciplined in mind, skilled and trained in the methods by which the Country will be defended. These citizens soldiers have been promised that arms, supplies and equipment will be furnished by their fellow citizens who are engaged in the production of ships, airplanes, tanks, guns and other necessary munitions and supplies. They know that other registrants have been deferred from service in the armed forces to accomplish that purpose.

"They demand that no citizen hesitate to do his full share in the strengthening of the defense of Ame-

rica. "Our citizen soldiers have merged their individual desires in the common objective. The citizens who have been deferred because they are necessary in the production of defense supplies and equipment may not refuse to do likewise. The basic principle upon which Selective Service operates is to keep the man on the job where he can render the greatest service to his Government.

"The citizen who has been deferred because of the job he is performing in the National Defense Program cannot expect to retain the status of deferment when he ceases to work on the job for which he was deferred. The status of deferment and the responsibility to perform the necessary work are inseparable.

"Therefore, I hereby direct all agencies of the Selective Service System to take the necessary action to reconsider the classification of all registrants who have ceased to perform the jobs for which they were deferred, and who are, by such failure impeding the National Defense Program."

Signed: James B. Hershey, Brig Gen. U. S. A.

**N. C. Births Increase; Also Accident Deaths**

From January 1, through May, this year, there were 34,444 babies born in North Carolina, which was just 1,973 in excess of the number born during the corresponding period of 1940, the State Board of Health reports. Births exceeded the 14,424 deaths in the State by 20,020.

Maternal deaths were shown to be on the decrease, there having been only 161 during the first five months of 1941, as compared with 188 for the same period last year.

From January through May, 709 persons were accidentally killed, as compared with 543 for the same period a year ago. Most of these

**PEACHTREE NEWS**

The Peachtree Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Jim Donley Thursday afternoon, June 19, at 2 o'clock for its regular monthly session. Mrs. Brown Caldwell presided.

Mrs. Alline King, home agent, assisted by Mrs. Julia Wells, gave a demonstration on yeast bread making. As the roll was called each member answered with a new recipe for cooking vegetables.

After the business session the hostess served ice cream and cake to the following:

Mrs. Brown Caldwell, Mrs. Julia Wells, Mrs. Ed Barton, Mrs. Nina Wilkerson, Mrs. Trent Tabor, Mrs. Grover Carpenter, Mrs. W. D. King, Miss Dorothy Clayton and Miss Ann Donley.

**Martins Creek News**

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fulbright of Gastonia are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bob Dockery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hall and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King at Bellevue.

Mrs. M. I. Hall and Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Bob Dockery and family.

Miss Maud Carringer spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stiles.

Mrs. Frank Ingram and Mrs. Jake Stiles visited Miss Rinda Cornwell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. I. Hall spent last Friday night with Mrs. J. L. King and Saturday night with Mrs. Reed at Bellevue.

Mrs. Frank Ingram, Mrs. Jake Stiles, Mrs. Ben Mann, Cecil Timpson and Elizabeth Mann were visitors of Mrs. M. I. Hall Sunday.

Misses Violet Buchanan and Hatlie Frankum spent Saturday night with Mrs. Charlie Carringer.

**THREE SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONS WHO LOOK TO THE FUTURE**



1. **SAVE SOMETHING.** each week or each month, lay a little aside, no matter what the sacrifice.

2. **CREDIT.** Take good care of your obligations. If you can't clean them up now, pay as much as you can each time you receive a pay check.

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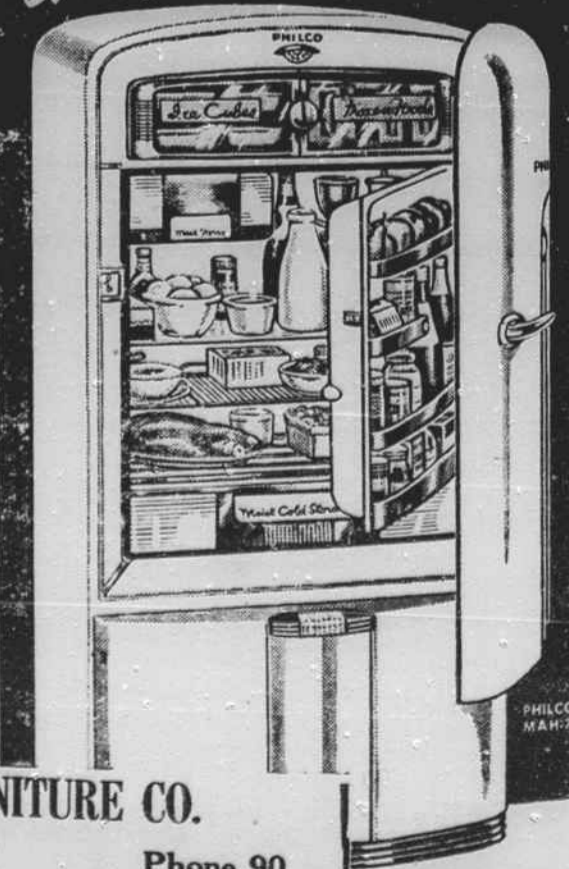
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