

Observations

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AMONG THE MANY things this country needs at the present time is a new bureau. Not that we don't have enough bureaus now but somewhere in the national set-up space should be provided for the proposed new office since there is a crying need to be met.



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SO HERE and now we propose a bureau to prevent the ill-advised, vote-seeking and confusing spoutings of Congressmen.

THE NEED of such a bureau was most emphatically brought out by the recent remarks of Representative May that the war would soon be over and it would not be necessary to draft married men and so forth. Mr. May gave as the basis for his remarks that mystical source of so much political babel, "confidential information."

PERHAPS MR. MAY, see that he is, can foretell exactly how we are going to regain our rubber sources in Malaya; the wealth of the Philippines and other Pacific islands lost to the Japs. Perhaps, Mr. May in his infinite wisdom, can tell us why the Japs, lodged within easy striking distance of our Pacific Coast, have not been dislodged from our own Aleutian Islands.

REPRESENTATIVE M A Y should ask his confidential sources how the war can be shortened unless there is some offensive action on our part or does he know that we have been fighting a defensive action from the very first and are still on the defensive. He, as chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, should above any average man know that outside of the battle of production and the actions in the Coral Sea and off Midway we have lost every engagement with the enemy.

WE SINCERELY hope Mr. May is right but when an able man such as Secretary of War Stimson, who is not running for office, says we may have to draft men down to the ages of 18 and draft labor for war work then it is apparent that there is something wrong, either with Mr. May's or Mr. Stimson's information.

WE ARE NOT particularly anxious to have the aforementioned bureau set up for the exclusive purpose of censoring Mr. May but other politicians as well. You can pick up almost any daily paper and see statements from this and that public official that are denied and refuted by our own knowledge or by others in officialdom. And so misinformation continues with one saying there is plenty of sugar and another saying rationing of sugar is necessary. Still another, "We need a ten million man Army." Another, "Four million men in the Army will be enough."

ONE THING we are certain of is that these remarks by supposedly well informed men have created considerable confusion in the American mind. In a manner they serve to undermine the national unity that is so much to be desired. These politicians, wherever and wherever they are, should, in some manner, be coordinated before they open their collective or respective mouths for publication.

ALL OF WHICH reminds one of the late Will Rogers when asked by a critic why he made fun of Congress. "I don't make fun of Congress," replied Will, "I just report what they do."

TO HOLD OFF inflation the government has set one billion dollars as the monthly War Bond quota for the nation. Not only does the nation need this money to prosecute the war but to keep down a steadily building buying power in the face of a scarcity of certain commodities. We will either buy these bonds voluntarily or we will buy them by law, that much is certain. It is necessary to the health of national finances that this be done and here is why:

IN 1943 the American people will have thirty billion dollars more income than the value of things for which the money can be spent. This is on the authority of Commerce Secretary Jones.

WITH MONEY plentiful and certain commodities scarce a vicious circle is started with inflation bound to result and forcing the breaking of any and all ceiling prices.

FOR INSTANCE a man has a hundred dollar refrigerator he wants to sell and twenty people start bidding for that refrigera-

tor. The original owner will probably receive \$200 for his refrigerator. Thus a refrigerator that is worth one thing is sold for twice its value but the man that bought it had to have it so he must apply to his employer for a raise to meet the added cost of living. The vicious circle thus is started. Multiply this little incident by one hundred and thirty million people and you have a panic with a dollar worth 50 cents.

WE EITHER must buy bonds or have surplus money removed by taxation to stave off inflation. We believe our government is much too clever to ever allow inflation to happen.

Women's Navy Auxiliary Receives Final Approval

Washington, July 21.—A measure creating a corps of shore-bound sailorettes to relieve thousands of naval officers and men for sea duty weathered a squall of ridicule in the House today and received final Congressional approval.

Formation of the feminine auxiliary—naval counterpart of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps already in training—awaited only President Roosevelt's signature.

But before the legislation sailed on from the Congressional halls, where it has ridden at anchor for several weeks, Representative Vincent (D-Ky.) entered a last-minute plea for its rejection, protesting that "this is no time to put butterflies in the Navy."

Representative Vinson (D-Ga.) chairman of the House naval committee, argued, however, that the nation's women are "anxious to play an even larger part in the prosecution of the war, and this will give them a chance by freeing for sea duty these fighting boys who have been given desk jobs."

The Georgian reported that the Navy had informed him that the auxiliary would release 882 officers and 8,848 enlisted men now holding down shore billets.

Grade for grade, the sailorettes would receive the same pay as their brother gobs. Vinson said that the commanding officer would be given the rank of Lieutenant Commander and that she probably would be "one of the leading educators in the country."

Service of the sailorettes would be restricted to the continental United States, and they would be barred from duty aboard planes or combat vessels. Their assignments would range from decoding secret messages to "culinary" tasks, Vinson said.

But Vincent, noting in the bill a provision for a \$200 uniform allowance, declared that the Navy "is not going to spend \$200 dressing up a girl, and then put her in the kitchen."

He offered to bet, too, that there would be no grades in the feminine reserve lower than an Ensign. "If she isn't an ensign," he said, "she'll be mad as the devil."

He argued that creation of the uniformed corps would "reflect" upon women in the Civil Service now working for the Navy itself. He said that every Navy man with whom he talked about the legislation had told him: "For God's sake, fight it on the floor."

Will England, demonstration farmer of the Sweetwater section, is the first farmer in Graham County to grow alfalfa, and he reports good results from his experiment.

EXCELLENT WHEAT YIELD

Five years ago there was an old saying among the farmers of Franklin County, North Carolina, that, "You can't grow small grain in Franklin County." Today this old adage has almost been forgotten as the farmers of this county have just completed harvesting approximately 7,000 acres of small grain.

The disapproval of this old theory has been brought about by a few of the leading farmers who believed that the growing of small grain and lespedeza had a definite place in a well balanced farm program in their County. These farmers then rolled up their sleeves and went to work to show that it could be done and done successfully.

Last fall a cooperator of the Tar River Soil Conservation District, Mr. Henry Hunt, of Louisburg, Route No. 1, planted 5 acres of Carala wheat. He seeded 10 bushels of certified seed in the middle of October and used 1800 lbs. of 4-10-6 fertilizer at the time of seeding. One hundred lbs. of 10-0-10 top dressing per acre was applied about the middle of February, and one hundred lbs. of nitrate of soda per acre was broadcast in March.

Mr. Hunt combined this 5 acre plot in the early part of June and the total yield was 150 bushels or 30 bushels per acre. This was a little more than double the average yield for Franklin County. Mr. Hunt kept a record of the cost of producing this wheat and found that the total cost was \$75.00 or \$15.00 per acre. He is planning to have the wheat certified and sell it for seed and will probably realize a neat profit over the cost of producing it.

This particular field might have produced 15 bushels of corn 6 years ago according to Mr. Hunt. By proper rotation, fertilization, and contour dilling Mr. Hunt has built up the cultivatable land on his 549 acre farm to the point where this year he produced 400 bushels of wheat, barley, and oats on 15 acres of land. He is gradually cutting down on his corn acreage and substituting oats and barley for feed for his livestock.

"Now that farm labor is getting to be a problem," says Mr. Hunt, "I find that the substitution of small grain for corn is a sound program." All the Agricultural Agencies in Franklin County have been pushing this program of reducing the corn acreage for the past several years, and today the results are beginning to be seen not only on Mr. Hunt's farm but on farms all over the county.

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- Maurice Clifton Joyner, Louisburg.
- Seth Bay Turner, Louisburg.
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- William Jackson Coppedge, R 4, Louisburg.
- Perry Winston Griffin, R 2, Louisburg.
- James Thomas Henry, Spring Hope, R.
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- John Hubert Perry, R 1, Louisburg.
- Frederick Robert Blackley, Franklinton.
- Elwood Haynes Jones, R 2, Louisburg.
- William Herbert Goodwin, Franklinton.

The following have already enlisted:

- Brantley Gray Wester, Newport News, Va., (formerly Louisburg, R 4).
- George Preston Mooney, Newport News, Va., (formerly R 2, Zebulon).

A banner year for American livestock and crop production appears to be in the making as a result of excellent growing conditions over most of the country this year.

Some 3,500 persons are burned to death in fires on American farms and in rural communities each year, and the total loss runs to approximately \$200,000,000.

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