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**Farm Employment**

Farmers have been complaining during recent years about the difficulties experienced in securing farm labor.

On farms of any reasonable size it becomes imperative during the year at intervals to secure labor in addition to that which can be carried out by members of the immediate family.

Farmers have complained vigorously that the WPA literally "swiped" their laborers, due, they said, to the fact that the men did not have to put out much real work on WPA projects.

Now the North Carolina State Employment Service has taken a hand in the matter and on occasion has assigned WPA workers to farms, often with but little desired results.

Now the service here has added a farm interviewer. It is his duty to try to place those wanting jobs on farms and to assist farmers in finding workers. The service will also try to locate tenants and to locate farms for tenants.

In other words, farm labor service is offered in a double-barreled way.

Silas R. Nichols, formerly of Alleghany county but for six years with the employment service here except during a stay at Jacksonville, is the farm interviewer here and is well fitted to accomplish a real service for all classes of those who make their living directly from the soil.

The Greensboro Daily News commented editorially on Nichols' appointment as follows:

"We noticed with some satisfaction that the North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina state employment service has added an interviewer to serve farmers, farm laborers and tenants. As we understand the release from the N. C. S. E. S. office Silas R. Nichols' job will be to discuss with farm workers their desire for other sorts of jobs.

"It is also gratifying to learn from the same source that Interviewer Nichols has a practical background for his new position. He owns and operates a 500-acre farm in Alleghany county which is doubtless enough to convince him of necessity for occasional supplementary employment in agriculture. Of course not all farmers can become interviewers or naturally there wouldn't be anybody to interview."

**"Oil Shortage" Backfires**

The so-called "oil shortage" scare on the Eastern seaboard, promoted for reasons hard to understand, has vanished like a morning mist. According to a congressional committee investigation, there is no serious shortage in the foreseeable future.

The productive capacity of the American oil industry is more than adequate to meet today's enormous military demand, as well as the normal civilian demand. A transportation problem was created by the transfer of tankers to Great Britain. That problem is now being met by moving oil by rail, even though the cost to the industry is higher; by the construction of additional pipelines, and, in many cases, by using coal instead of oil in industrial operations.

This country produces more than 60 per cent of all the oil in the world. It produces oils of a quality unequalled elsewhere. That is what private enterprise has done—and all the politically-inspired rumors of "grave shortages" can't hide it. Friendly cooperation with industry as dislocation problems arises, due to defense needs, will do more to solve them than autocratic, punitive action.

The war in Europe may not be our affair, as some people assert, but if Hitler ever manages to control Europe we will know the difference.

**National Morale**

In times of stress a nation needs to be in the pink of condition, physically and mentally.

That is one reason so much attention is being given the subject of finding jobs for men released from military training.

Reemployment committeemen have been appointed to handle that problem. The populace will have more stouthearted morale if they realize that the men who are taken for training to defend America are not forgotten and that their training will not cost them in jobs lost and careers ruined.

General J. Van B. Metts and Governor Broughton have selected J. B. McCoy to handle reemployment of released men and the selection is excellent. Mr. McCoy, a veteran of the first World War, is well fitted for this important task.

Commenting on the subject of employment of returning soldiers, The Thomasville Tribune carried the following editorial:

"Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, state selective service director, has announced that each community in the state will soon have a clearing committee composed of business, labor and civic leaders to assist the reemployment committeemen of local draft boards in obtaining jobs for returning soldiers, sailors and marines, which is to say that the adjutant general hopes to be able to get along without invoking the law which requires employers to take back men whom they return from service.

"The plan is to have the committees receive cases of the ex-service men whom local boards are unable to place in immediate employment, and, 'it is anticipated,' Says General Metts 'that such groups, being fully conversant with local conditions, can deal more intelligently and satisfactorily with such problems than can any outside agency, and with less disturbance to industry and commerce.'

"Employers, as a general rule, will, we believe, string along with the authorities and reemploy the men as they come back from service, and no urging will be necessary, though there may be many individual cases where an employer may find it impossible or impracticable. There will, however, be few such instances, if any, the people hereabouts being wholeheartedly in sympathy both with the defense program and the men, and, therefore, will go out of their way to lessen the hardships encountered by the selectees who have been discharged after serving their allotted time.

"We have received assurance of wholehearted co-operation of employers in reinstating men in their jobs," General Metts says, and, "while the law is mandatory in requiring former employers to reinstate these men in their former positions, we doubt that we shall need to invoke its power in many cases," but "where any employer states that he is unwilling or unable to take back an ex-serviceman, the matter will be turned over to the local clearing committee for investigation."

So, it may be taken for granted that the general will first try to effect his purpose without force of a big stick, but, at the same time, it should be borne in mind that he has a big stick behind his back."

**Garand Rifles In The Army**

Some indication of the progress of rearmament is to be found in the report of Robert C. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, who says that all front-line combat troops will have Garand semi-automatic rifles "by next month."

While there has been some argument about the merits of the Garand rifle, most experts believe that the weapon makes the American soldier worth four soldiers of any other nation.

Congress has a few hard jobs ahead but seems unable to get expert advice in unison.

If you want to punish your enemy, see that he catches a bad cold, and that it stays with him.

Educational experts make a mistake when they fit a school to the opinions of their students.

There are no rules that apply to every human being and no human being that obeys all the rules.

The cost of national defense indicates that, unless the world becomes stabilized, the chief burden of governments will be armaments.

North Wilkesboro is not your neighbor's town; it is your own and you must do your part in perfecting it as a good place for human beings.

**Abnormal Absurdities**  
By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

**DRAFT EDGAR HOOVER?**

Through the mails comes a communication that rightly deserves to be under the above heading. It was the first chain political card we have seen yet and it boosts J. Edgar Hoover for president. But stranger things have happened that elevation of the chief G-Man to the presidency, so we will wait until later to pass judgement.

We quote the card, signed by E. V. Hope and postmarked Staten Island, New York, as follows: "Nominate John Edgar Hoover, chief of the F. B. I., for president of the U. S. in 1944.

"Who knows national and world conditions better than he? Who serves our country more loyally? Start working now. We'll draft him.

"We have no political affiliations. We are only the voice of the people. We shall be heard. How strong are we?

"Write your name and address on a postal card. Send it to The Patriots, care D. S. MacGregor, Huguenot Park, Staten Island, New York. Copy and send this to at least three friends."

We cast no aspersions but would pause to mention that J. Edgar Hoover is serving this country in a capacity just about as important as that of the presidency. The annihilation of saboteur agents is just about as important as anything we can mention.

**FOOTBALL PICKINGS**

Some of the local football enthusiasts who would relish showing up how dumb we are have asked that we pick football winners in a manner similar to that of sports writers (but with more accuracy).

"They don't want us to make any halfhearted predictions. New at that kind of stuff, we will try only one game this time, that to be Carolina and Wake Forest Saturday.

Now, to get down to the subject, we are convinced that one or the other of the teams will win unless the game should end in a tie (that, my friends, is sincere enough).

If Carolina wins, we predict that Wake Forest will lose. On the other hand, should the Demon Deacons have the big end of the score Carolina will lose (it took a lot of effort to dope it out).

We are making prediction on the game after long study, much reading and scientific deductions. We think all who want to put any dough on the line concerning that game will appreciate the clear-cut predictions we have made here as to the winner of the Carolina-Wake Forest game, regardless of which team wins, loses or draws. On the basis of our prediction made after so much study, we believe that all winners should give us a per cent. All contributions will be cheerfully accepted.

We also predict that after the game we can proudly say "I told you so", just like the football scribbles who predict and add a lot of "ifs, ands and buts".

When you want something else predicted, just give us a ring. We'll be most certain to be out—thank goodness.

**RED HEADED LEAGUE**

"Reds!" yelled an alert "Blue" soldier in a forward element of the 59th Infantry Brigade as they moved up into position during a phase of hot fighting in Army Corps maneuvers.

The Brigade—two infantry regiments and supporting artillery, halted.

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**Paris a Changed City Nowadays**

Groups of high Nazi officials and their retinues are quite common in Paris these days. Lone Nazi functionaries run the risk of assassination. Lieut. Gen. Von Schaumburg, second from right, commander of greater Paris, is shown as he inspected the markets. He is accompanied by Admiral Bard (third from right), prefect of police in Paris.

bottom:  
Albert, Clarence, James, Dury Lee, Minnie, and Elizabeth McWaters—waiting for the school bus.  
All were flaming red-heads.

**Luther Saylor Writes**  
September 28, 1941  
Fort Ruger, T. H.

Dear Sir:

I have noticed that my last two articles were published, so I am writing another one. I believe that I promised to write on Pvt. Edward Hight and some story about Hawaii. I regret to say that I am unable to write on Pvt. Hight because I haven't seen him for some time. But I promise you I will send you something just as soon as I can see him.

I believe I shall write this time, not only on one subject, but on several interesting topics, most of which, I am sure will be of some interest to you.

The Island of Oahu, although not the largest of the Islands, is the most densely populated, Honolulu, being the chief city. Of course, being stationed here, I have no chance of visiting any of the other Islands, except the Island of Hawaii. Every soldier, at some time after his first year over here, has a chance to spend approximately ten days at Hilo (pronounced, Hee-low), Hawaii.

There are many beautiful places on Hawaii. One of the most interesting, or at least it seemed so to me, were the volcanoes and craters. Of course, none of them are in action now, but it hasn't been so very long since they were active.

Another wonderful thing about the Islands is the climate. The Fahrenheit never goes beyond 88 degrees and never below 56 degrees. These degrees are not the

average degrees, but the extreme degrees. By that, I mean, that is the hottest and the coldest it gets here. The trade winds are the reason for the wonderful climate.

One of the most beautiful places I have ever seen, here in Hawaii or any other place, is the Mormon Temple, located at Laie, Oahu. There are not enough adjectives in my vocabulary to describe this place. All I can say is, that it is a marvelous piece of structure.

The Upside-down Falls is more curious than any thing else. It is on the road going from Honolulu up to the Nuuanu Pali. The cliff or mountain, is, I should say, approximately 300 feet in height. The odd thing about it is, that when it rains, which is very fre-

quent, the wind blows so hard that it blows the water that pours off the cliff back up into the air. That seems kind of funny, but I have a picture taken when it was in action.

There are several more things which I think might interest you, but I have written enough, in fact too much. Incidentally, I have a new job here at the Dispensary. I am the new pharmacist I mix all the medicines, fill the prescriptions, at the Doctors orders, of course. The only drawback is my lack of medicinal knowledge and my disability to pronounce some of those Latin words, such as potassium permanganate, ollum ricini which is Castor Oil, and a number of the others. My only wish is that I had studied Latin a little harder in school.

I hope that you have enjoyed this as much as I have enjoyed writing it. If there are any questions that you would like to have answered, why, just drop me a line or two, and I will do my best to answer them. Until the next time, "Aloha".

I remain as ever,  
LUTHER D. SAYLOR

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