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Civilian Defense

Seemingly secure in this particular corner of the world, some may think that preparations for civilian defense are far fetched.

But that is far from the case. Many people in other parts of the world thought they were secure until bombs began to fall.

When attack comes it is too late to efficiently form a civilian defense organization. Now is the time to become well organized and be ready for whatever emergency may come.

Naturally, we believe that North Wilkesboro and other parts of Wilkes are more safely situated as far as bombing attacks are concerned because of the lack of military objectives. Yet those elements do not insure us against attack in a war where anything can happen and much has happened already in almost every part of the world.

All lively loving people should support the civilian defense organization by volunteering for whatever services they can render.

Country Over Politics

It seems that about everybody is being called on to sacrifice in the interest of all-out victory efforts except politicians.

In our humble opinion, it is time for politicians to quit looking at everything in a political light and consider first the welfare of the country—or there will not be any country in which to run for office.

We think that elections should go ahead according to constitutional schedule—war or no war—but what we do mean is that politics should have no consideration in any of our victory efforts.

Those in authority should steer clear of politics when selecting men to handle the vast business of administration during a national emergency.

In so doing they should follow the example of President Roosevelt, who has placed men in administrative capacity according to his belief concerning their abilities and without consideration of party affiliation.

This is clearly evidenced by the appointment of Knox and Stimson in the cabinet as secretary of the navy and secretary of war, respectively, and the several Republicans who were called in to help with administering the gigantic defense program.

This non-partisan basis of selection should be carried out on down the line of administration to the smallest boards in counties or divisions of counties and the fitness of the man should in all cases govern the appointment.

If the fate of the nation does not take precedence over political manipulations the country isn't worth saving.

But we are firm in our belief that the American people love liberty more than political intrigue and that any who have let politics enter into war time administration will see the error of their way and out country first.

Do Your Part

There are many kind of patriotism, many ways of showing your love for America. The battlefronts are far away across the oceans, yet right here at home all of us can be soldiers and can behave like soldiers, with courage and discipline. In the present crisis that's the least that we can do.

Here in America we've got the best system of mass production in the world. We've also got the best system of distribution. That's why in normal times more people can buy more things more easily here than anywhere else. Now that some products are apt to become scarce, we've

got to take extra care that we don't disrupt that system of distribution more than we must. We've got to take extra care that we don't put impossible demands on it—that we don't disrupt it by hoarding.

Here in America there's no excuse for hoarding. We have plenty of food. There will be shortages of some manufactured goods, but we'll have enough basic necessities.

Our system of distribution is geared to supply our normal wants. If suddenly we increase our wants to abnormal proportions by panicky buying, we'll throw it out of gear. We'll create shortages that otherwise wouldn't exist, drive prices up to extreme heights. You can help to prevent that by refusing to become frightened by false rumors of severe scarcities, by buying no more than you usually do, by trusting in America and America's ability to keep you supplied with all the things you really need.

Victory The Objective

America has awakened to the fact that democracy as we know it is definitely and dangerously threatened by aggressor nations—Japan, Germany and Italy.

Since reverses in the Pacific we know that we have a hard fight ahead.

This means that we must have united and an all-out national effort for victory.

Winning the war is the ONE objective now which places all other objectives, wants and desires in places of secondary importance.

Because—without victory in this war the things of lesser importance which we need and want would be impossible.

There's only one New Year resolution to make for 1942:

"I hereby resolve that all my thought, all my energy, all my strength shall be poured out unstintingly throughout this coming year toward the single objective that tyranny and aggression shall be vanquished and wiped from the earth; that freedom shall be victorious in war and in the peace to follow."

The test of the importance of anything now and its value is whether or not it would help to carry out that resolution.

It would be unpatriotic to try to get for our own use anything that is needed in the united efforts for victory. It is our duty to wait patiently for anything for our own benefit which can be used to fight our enemies and to subdue them.

For without victory in this war all would be lost.

Borrowed Comment

OVERTAXING TRUCKS AND GASOLINE

(Progressive Farmer)

For use on the writer's farm two or three years ago we bought an old, almost worn-out truck (made in 1934) from a city contractor, paying a little over \$100 for it. Now it would hardly bring over \$45 if sold at the courthouse door—yet the state called for a \$45 license on what was left of that 1934 truck this year! The result was that we joined Gordon Winkler, Harry Caldwell, U. B. Blalock, J. C. Lanier and other in raising Cain about the matter when the last legislature met . . . and fortunately a law was passed providing that for 1942 and thereafter there will be a 50 per cent cut in cost of license plates on all trucks used solely for farm purposes. In other words, our 1942 license will now cost only \$22.50 instead of \$45. A farmer's truck is not likely to be used more than 10 per cent of the days at best; a city business man may use his truck every day of the year. Hence a 50 per cent cut for the farmer's is only justice.

A still more serious injustice down in South Carolina is that farmers there have to pay a highway maintenance tax on every gallon of gasoline used in farm tractors. Mr. Gardon of our staff also worked with South Carolina farm leaders to get that changed last winter. South Carolina readers should demand that their state no longer lag behind others in remedying this injustice.

It's not necessary to have both brains and money. If you have the money the brains will look you up.—Greensboro, Ga., Herald-Journal.

The commander in chief of the combined Japanese fleet is "looking forward to dictating peace to the United States in the White House in Washington." They get that way, sometimes, after the fourth glass of sake.—Norfolk Virginia-Pilot.

If the insomnia seems incurable, take up farming. With lamb chops at present quotations, counting sheep should be a pleasure.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Seed Show To Be State-Wide Event

Poor seeds are the show that fall to explode, says A. D. Stuart, extension specialist of N. C. State College. Neither will help win the war. "Furthermore," he declared, "it costs just as much to manufacture a dud shell as it does a live shell, and it costs just as much in fertilizer and labor to produce a poor crop with low quality seed as it does to produce a good crop with good seed."

Stuart says that farmers interested in better seed will have an opportunity to see the very best that North Carolina produces when the annual meeting and seed exposition of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association is held at Greenville, N. C., January 30 and 31. "This is a state-wide event," he pointed out, "and farmers from the mountains, as well as the Piedmont, Coastal Plain, and Tidewater, are invited to attend and to exhibit seed."

No entry fee is charged for exhibits entered in any class. If you have some corn or lespedeza or small grain, soybeans, cowpeas, peanuts, cotton, tobacco, potatoes, crimson clover or cro-talaria seed of which you are proud, send it along," the seedsman said. "Then come to the show yourself and compare your seed with the other fellow's."

Exhibits should be mailed or expressed to R. R. Bennett, Pitt county farm agent, Greenville,

N. C. An entry blank may be obtained by writing to the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, State College Station, Raleigh. Stuart also called attention to the crops judging contests for 4-H club members and Vocational Agriculture students to be held on the closing day of the exposition, Saturday, January 31.

Questions Answered By State College

QUESTION: Is it absolutely necessary to build new poultry houses if the flock is increased?

ANSWER: T. T. Brown, extension poultryman, says farmers should look around for unused buildings before going to the expense of constructing new houses. Then, after the emergency is over there will have been no large expenditure resulting from the construction of new buildings. A few dollars spent in converting an unused building into a brooder house or laying house will be a good investment.

QUESTION: Does it pay to cut or shred corn or sorghum being fed to farm animals?

ANSWER: Cutting or shredding corn or sorghum lessens waste and makes for better bedding. Some farmers cut their roughage in order to handle and store it in the barn loft more readily. In such cases, it should be dried thoroughly to prevent heating and molding while in storage.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

Lamp Brooder Takes Hen's Job

A home-made lamp brooder, which can be built for from \$5 to \$7.50, is suggested by C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman of State College for use by those persons who formerly raised a few chicks with hens. Artificial incubation has robbed the hen of hatching her eggs, and now the small brooder takes another of her jobs.

"Of course, Parrish pointed out, "the brick oil and electric brooders are used by poultrymen with large flocks. But for the farmer who wanted to raise a small flock, the hen was usually used for brooding purposes."

"Thousands of farm families have pledged to increase poultry production as a part of the Food-for-Freedom campaign. The home-made lamp brooder will solve their problem. The brooder holds from 50 to 60 chicks and from 150 to 200 chicks can easily be brooded per year with this equipment."

The brooder is constructed in two parts: The bottom section houses the lamps; the top section accommodates the chicks. The tray that separates the two sections is covered with 26 to 28-gauge tin. The tin side is placed downward, next to the flame of the lamp, and the top part of the tray is covered over with one inch or more of sharp, coarse-

dry sand. The chimney of the lamp should be one to one and a half inches below the metal tray which divides the two sections.

Parrish said that the brooder "is of simple construction, easy to operate, and is heated by one or three lamps, depending on the severity of the weather. It should be operated in a protected place, such as under a wood or wagon shed."

Detailed information on construction of lamp brooder including Blue Print 46, may be had free by farm people from their county farm or home agent, or by writing to the Extension Poultry office, State College, Raleigh.

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