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Judge T. B. Finley

The state of North Carolina lost a highly capable superior court judge in the death of Judge Thomas B. Finley Friday.

For almost a quarter of a century he served on the bench as regular and emergency judge, during which time his reputation as a learned and able judge grew throughout the state. In every court his presence as presiding judge commanded respect without display of the great power vested in superior court judges and which is often resorted to by judges.

Judge Finley was one of the outstanding builders in the early development of this community, being actively connected with many worthy enterprises. He was especially interested in construction of good roads, modern school facilities and in all developments to raise the standard of living in the community and county.

His leadership was instrumental in securing for this section many enterprises which have been of inestimable benefit, and for decades to come his life will live on here in his accomplishments.

Victory Gardens

The way Wilkes people are responding to the call for planting of victory gardens is very impressive. It gives one a sense of pride in being among the most patriotic Americans of them all.

Wilkes men are doing their valiant part in action against the enemy. The men, women, boys and girls left at home who produce food and keep the home front up are also doing their part.

Plots of land which have not been plowed for decades this year will produce food for victory. Back lot gardens in the towns are being tilled to produce food in order that a great part of food put on the market by commercial growers and packers may be available for the men of the armed forces and to feed fighting men of our allies in this, the world's greatest struggle for freedom.

Now is the most important time of all in the Victory Garden, because this is planting time. The gardener should first prepare the soil properly. This is the first step and is highly important, just like laying a good foundation for a building structure.

Next the gardener should get good seeds of the type suited for his soil and for this climate. Local seed dealers have a good supply of seeds from reputable producers and distributors.

Stable manure and chicken litter should be used extensively and good fertilizer should be used to help the soil produce a maximum.

After the planting and the young plants emerge in a hostile world, every precaution should be taken for their protection and growth. This calls for an endless fight against insects and adequate and frequent cultivation. Sometimes the shade of trees or the old swimming hole may be more enticing than the hot sun in the garden but this year is different. Food production is needed, and our people are going to fill that need.

New Slogan

"You can't improve on perfection," people used to say.

But now that slogan itself has been improved on. Progress has hit it, too, and today's by word is, "You can always do better."

At least, according to the news reports, that's what they're saying in war factories across the country; it's one of the reasons why our war production is rising so rapidly. Mass production of war materials requires a

have always been in possession.
You remember the early days of radio, when almost every man who liked to tinker with machines built a homemade set. A lot of them were improvised out of odd ends—stray bits of wire, a few pieces of crystal, a couple of tubes, and a speaker made out of an old strip of metal. By today's standards they weren't the best—but they worked. And a lot of experiments carried on while they were built led to the perfection of the fine receivers we have today.

In this present emergency people are using makeshift equipment once again—this time to turn out weapons. The same ingenuity and imagination that developed automobiles, radios, and all our other world-changing inventions, are being turned now to war work. In our modern war factories production experts and workers are forever tinkering with old tools and making them do new jobs when new tools are not to be had. Makeshift operations of this kind enable one automobile factory to produce guns almost five months ahead of schedule. Other companies have reported similar speed-ups. All along the line war work is going faster because Americans refuse to be stopped. With Yankee ingenuity and determination, they can always do better—and they're doing it now.

Americans For America

"The fantastic schedules outlined by the President and Donald Nelson for American production will be met by American industry. The War Production Drive now under way, in which labor and management have joined hands, will deliver the goods to our men in the field, our boys rattling in tanks, and our sailors buffeted by the high seas."

Thus William P. Witherow, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, in a recent speech voiced the determination of industry to get behind Mr. Nelson 100 per cent in his war production efforts. "America must awake," Mr. Witherow warned.

"America industry must remove every vestige of selfish interest.

"America labor must remove its constant effort for further control and advantage.

"American citizens must sacrifice till it hurts and not complain at rationing, nor interference with normal life.

"America is at war—it is not a debate, or bazaar, or pink tea.

"America is in deadly peril.

"Cannot we all say: No more quarrels—no more suspicions—no more hating—no more feuds—no more misunderstanding, all one body we—off to victory?"

"Let us face the facts. Put first things first. Remove the menace. Win the war and then the peace."

Borrowed Comment

BOOST TO MORALE

(Chatham News)

Nothing has ever captured the fancy of so many people as General MacArthur's arrival in Australia after a hazardous escape through the Japanese lines in the Bataan peninsula.

To a nation getting rapidly tired of hearing about "strategic retreats" MacArthur's announcement that he had been ordered to prepare an offense was a thrilling emotional uplift.

And the general's knack for making his public utterances crackle with fighting forcefulness will rally the United Nations as nothing else since the war against Japan was started on December 7 at Pearl Harbor.

We must remember, however, that before an attack can be launched, General MacArthur is going to need tremendous amounts of materials, planes, tanks and guns. And men, too.

Of this we can be sure . . . that General MacArthur's attack will be based on experience. He knows the battlefield as does no other general. And he'll command the loyalty and respect of the officers and men who will fight with him. That means a lot.

To the Japanese, MacArthur's valiant stand in the Philippines has been a puzzle. He has upset their schedule. He has caused them to lose "face." Already one of their generals has committed ceremonial suicide. We wonder how many more will follow the same ritual when General MacArthur makes good his statement, "I left the Philippines but I'll be back."

On N. C. Farms

Washington. — Ninety-four per cent of the farm houses in North Carolina have neither an indoor bathtub nor toilet and 74 per cent have no electricity, the federal public housing authority revealed yesterday in pointing to the drain on the nation's resources of what is described as "miserable" living conditions among the vast majority of the American farm families.

"Not everyone knows," the agency said, "that unhealthy, dilapidated farm houses stand in the way of making America strong for war and victory."

"But these farm houses are not only bad for the people who have to live in them. They are money out of pocket for the feed merchant and the landowner, and the country banker, and the county commissioner, and everyone else who depends on farm prosperity for a living."

FPHA quoted David S. Weaver, head of the division of agricultural engineering at the North Carolina State College, as saying "we cannot expect to make real national progress with thousands and thousands of farm families living under conditions which would not be considered safe for a good dairy cow."

The housing agency lists the following facts about American farm housing:

Fifty-five per cent of farm

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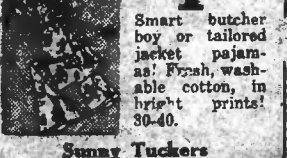
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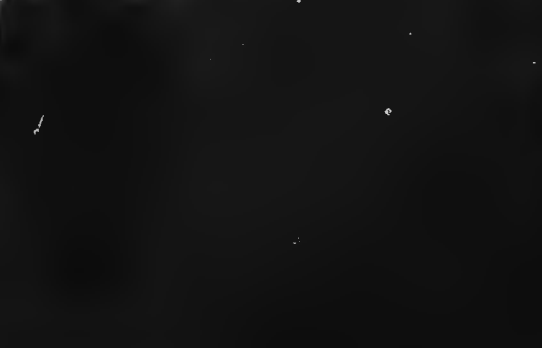
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