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## Opportunity Here

The means are now at hand to transform the "red hills of Wilkes" into the garden spot of the world.

No place on earth, as far as our limited knowledge will permit us to use that term, is so well favored by natural conditions and by man-made accomplishments.

On May 1 the Coble Dairy Products plant in Wilkesboro will begin operation.

Never in the history of Wilkes has an occasion had more bearing on the economic life of our people.

Along with other things, the establishment of the plant opens up opportunities for a balanced rural life.

It was given added significance Thursday when George Coble, dynamic owner of the enterprise, announced that his plant would also buy eggs to be manufactured into dried eggs.

That means that the plant will also be a great factor in the development of another branch of Wilkes county agriculture.

Wilkes is fitted for growing almost any crop.

But it is especially fitted for greater development of certain important lines of agriculture.

The three are: dairying and livestock production, poultry production, fruit growing.

But the Wilkes farmer should as far as possible incorporate at least two of these activities along with production of field crops for feed and garden and truck crops for home consumption.

Wilkes now has the opportunity to become the land with "cattle on a thousand hills"—green hills, not red hills.

It has the opportunity to become the place of good rural homes, prosperous and progressive people.

Dairying and selling the milk to the milk plant means a steady cash income. Twice monthly a check will arrive. Under proper management that check can represent a margin of cash profit, something our farmers have been sadly lacking.

Dairying means growing more legumes and grasses, which naturally increase fertility of the soil and hold that soil against the ravages of destructive erosion.

Dairying means more livestock to sell for cash, which we have already said is badly needed by a big majority of our rural population.

Dairying means manure to enrich the soil, to grow more feed, more food, more crops with less labor and minimum cash expenditure.

Poultry and egg production is especially adapted to Wilkes county, now the leading poultry producing county in the state. It is a good sideline to general farming and livestock production.

Every farmer in Wilkes should have a flock of chickens, its size pending upon the interest of the family in that branch of agriculture and their ability to handle poultry.

One big obstacle to large scale development of poultry production in Wilkes has been the low price season for eggs.

In the season when eggs bring 35 cents per dozen almost anybody can get along with poultry.

But the pinch comes when egg prices drop down into the teens.

Now the Coble Dairy Products company proposes to get poultrymen over that pinch.

Mr. Coble proposes to buy eggs for drying purposes.

On preliminary estimates, he said that he should be able to pay from 25 to 28 cents per dozen for eggs now selling at 18 to 20 cents.

Any poultryman will tell you that there is a world of difference in 18 and 25 cents

per dozen for eggs.

In nine cases out of ten it means the difference between profit and loss—a very important difference.

Taking surplus eggs off the market this season of the year would help hold up prices. Poultry farmers would benefit immeasurably.

But even with egg prices up at a reasonable level, a farmer should endeavor to grow the grain his chickens consume.

Litter from chicken houses placed on the fields will mean bigger yields of grain to feed the chickens in place of some of the costlier concentrated feeds.

God blessed Wilkes with a wonderful climate and with soil which responds well to proper care and management.

It is time that our people used those blessings.

## Wanton Waste

It is indeed regrettable that some few members of the human race are so wantonly careless as to burn valuable timber.

It is a fact that there are some people who deliberately set forest fires and there are those who will not lift a hand to put out a small fire which has started.

In this connection an interesting comparison was raised in an editorial in the Twin City Sentinel:

"Tar Heels have waxed indignant over the carelessness or sabotage which allowed fire to ravage the great French liner, Normandie in New York harbor when it was being converted to war purposes.

"We have been scathing in our denunciation of the haphazard methods purportedly followed in guarding this great vessel. Yet right here at home in the mountains of North Carolina flames are raging "tree-top tall" through our forests, sweeping greedily over hundreds of acres and doing almost inestimable damage to our timber and wild life resources.

"There was no excuse for carelessness and lack of alertness in connection with the conversion of the Normandie into a military craft. Neither is there any conceivable excuse for the negligence and carelessness which scatters the sparks of devastation annually through the wooded areas of North Carolina and the South.

While the effects of the burning of the Normandie is more immediately felt, the destruction of our forests is a greater disaster in the final analysis than the loss of any ship, however large.

"Anywhere, any time it shows itself, carelessness is a criminal, and a felon at that. It should be "locked up," not merely for the duration, but for keeps."

## Borrowed Comment

ON THE OFFENSE!  
(Allegheny News)

After over four months since Pearl Harbor . . . four months of defeat . . . four months of camp training and war production . . . four months of anxious waiting—all America was highly elated with the good news from Japan last Saturday that high-flying allied planes had heavily bombed and did considerable damage to four Jap cities, including Tokyo, the world's third largest city and the nerve center of Japanese aggression in the Pacific.

That was indeed "sweet revenge" and, best of all, it proves that America is about ready to take the offensive, not only against Japan but also against Germany.

We are at last taking possession of the air and this unexpected blow on the homeland of the Japanese Empire will naturally cause a great deal of anxiety on the Yellow home front and probably halt the vast spreading of her war machine over the entire Pacific.

Across the Atlantic, it is also apparent that England and the United States, as well as Germany, are planning to open up a big offensive. Of course, Germany plans to deal a death-blow to Russia, while the Allies plan to weaken the pressure on the Reds by opening up an offensive against Germany on some unknown front.

It seems obvious to us that this is the only thing to do. We must prevent Hitler from marching through Russia and India and joining hands with Japan. If that should happen, the war might last ten years, but if we can "hold Hitler" this summer and gradually weaken and prevent him from getting vast areas of important resources, then the war might end within a year or eighteen months' time.

Therefore, the next few months are significant months in world history.

Whether it did much actual damage or not, the Yankee bombing got the Japanese up in the air.—Winston-Salem Journal.

## Steep Profit Tax May Be Levied

Washington.—President Roosevelt is considering a general profit ceiling, emergency rationing, voluntary limitations and an almost compulsory excess-profits tax as part of his forthcoming anti-inflation program, informed Senate sources revealed last night.

The overall plan as outlined by the President to his close advisers reportedly contemplates a limitation of \$25,000 or \$50,000 on individual earnings along with a 99 per cent excess profit levy.

The program is expected to call for:

1. A general ceiling on all retail and wholesale commodity prices and the licensing of retail and wholesale dealers.
2. General rationing of consumers' goods.
3. Excess profits tax schedules requiring corporations to pay to the treasury 99 per cent of their earnings in excess of six per cent of their invested capital.
4. Imposition of individual income tax rates that would make it impossible for any taxpayer to retain more income for his own uses than a fixed maximum. The President has not yet decided whether it should be \$25,000 or \$50,000.
5. Vigorous prosecution by the Treasury of a voluntary war bond savings program.
6. A directive to the war labor board that present wages of highly skilled war industrial workers be frozen.

Require Legislation

No part of the program but the proposed excess profits and individual earnings taxes would require new legislation.

Details of the program became known after it had been disclosed that an order freezing all retail consumers goods prices at levels prevailing last month has been prepared by government experts for possible use by the President.

More than 30,000 manufactured and processed products would be affected.

Expected Monday

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to send a special message to Congress next week, probably on Monday, which reportedly will be primarily an "informative" discussion of the nation's economic situation.

It is understood he will insist that the cost of living be stabilized at its present level.

He will expand this discussion in a fireside chat to the nation on the day he sends his message to the legislators. The exact date of the fireside chat is not being made public in advance in order to prevent any attempt by axis sympathizers to "jam" the air waves.

Draft Boards to Ignore Dependencies Acquired After Dec. 8

Chicago.—Orders from National selective headquarters creating a new dependency classification that gives preference to men engaged in war jobs or supporting activities; and ignoring any dependency status acquired since last December 8 were announced last night by Colonel Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois draft director.

Armstrong said the new orders

provided the creation of a class 3-B-A group which he said will be "the last sought for military service. He added:

"In cases where the dependency status was acquired on or after December 8, 1941, or acquired when induction was imminent or for the primary purpose of providing a basis for dependency determination, pregnancy, birth or acquiring a child shall not be cause for classification in class 3-A or Class 3-B."

The new regulations also bars from dependency classifications, he said, cases where no actual financial dependency previously existed by reason of the fact that the claimed dependent, such as a working wife, was providing adequately for his or her own support, and such dependent voluntarily ceased providing for his or her own support for the primary purpose of affording a basis for dependency determination."

To qualify for class 3-B, Armstrong said, a man must have qualified dependents and be employed in war production work or a supporting activity such as farming, transportation and food inspection.

"Should the time come when it is necessary to comb the class 3-A lists for additional available men, those registrants who have the greatest degree of dependency, such as a dependent wife and children, and who, in addition, are necessary men in war production or supporting activities, will be the last group sought for military service," Armstrong said.

## Misses Phillips And Gabriel Honored By College Group

Greensboro.—Members of the Y.W.C.A., the Junior and senior classes at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina have just completed the election of minor officers for their respective groups.

Miss Polly Abernathy, of Raleigh, will be vice-president of the "Y", with Miss Helen Phillips to serve as secretary, and Miss Anna Fake, Fayetteville, treasurer for the coming year.

Vice-presidency of the rising senior class goes to Miss Sally Warwick, of Easton, Pa. Representatives in the college legislature will be Misses Cynthia Mendenhall, Asheboro; Martha Kirkland, Wilson; and Grace Slocum, Wilmington. Miss Sarah Hamrick, Shelby, will serve as secretary of the class; Miss Jean Jean Booth, Durham, as treasurer; and Miss Marjorie Gabriel, North Wilkesboro, as cheerleader.

Chairman of May Day for the next year will be Miss Dorothy Severance, of Gastonia.

Sophomores named Miss Toni Lupton, of Goldsboro, vice-president of the rising junior class. Other officers will be: Misses Margaret Woosley, Granite Falls, secretary; Miry Ada Cox, Mount Olive, treasurer; Ida Harper, of Rocky Mount, and Katherine Lewis, Baltimore, Md., co-chairman of junior shop; and Jean Dickey, Dunn, Mary Alice Vann, Monroe, Mary King, Wilmington, legislature members.

In one respect many Americans are like Hitler, whom Nazi Press Director Dietrich says is tireless.

## May Face Sabotage Charge in Connection With Forest Fires

Asheville.—Federal authorities today were considering the possible charge of national sabotage against three men being held in the Bryson City jail in connection with the burning of 5,695 acres of Federal and privately owned timber lands in Graham county on April 6.

Damage done to power lines and transformers in the path of the blaze resulted in the temporary shutdown of three war industries with high priority ratings, Mission dam, Nantahala dam and Fontana copper mine.

Permission must be obtained from the attorney general to prosecute the sabotage charge, punishment for which is a maximum of 30 years in prison or a fine of \$10,000.

The men were taken into custody by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who spent more than a week working on the case.

Nantahala forest authorities said one of the men confessed to setting 23 fires in the vicinity of Lake Santeelah, in the Nantahala gorge and in Cherokee county. He implicated another man but

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