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**Tax Payment Reminder**

This is just a reminder to any who have not paid their county and town taxes for the year 1941. Real estate on which taxes have not been paid for last year is being advertised and will be sold in a few days. Payment of the taxes now will save additional costs.

And those who owe personal taxes will save money and embarrassment by paying now before wages are garnisheed and personal property is levied on for taxes.

**Save That Food**

Maybe you have canned, dried or otherwise saved all the food your family can use in those lines during the coming year, but that does not release you from the responsibility to save all the food you have.

America needs food as never before. In addition to supplying our own needs we are furnishing food to millions abroad in order that they might carry on their part of the war against the axis effectively.

That which you can save to eat in your own home, for a neighbor or to sell to the store means that much food from commercial producers can go abroad.

Can all you can, and when you have done that, turn your attention to drying. Several foods can be kept by drying. Very little food value is lost by drying and the precious vitamin contents are not destroyed.

Dried fruits are good food, and dried beans (leather-britches) with onions, pickles or slaw make a good supplement to any winter meal.

**Making Brilliant Record**

As this war progresses, we have more reason to be proud of the patriotism of Wilkes people, and the part the noble sons of Wilkes are playing in the greatest struggle for freedom the world has ever known.

Not only are Wilkes men taking their honorable places in combat, but the county as usual is furnishing some of the military and naval leaders.

Topping the list of high positions held by native sons of Wilkes is Admiral Percy Foote, who has returned to duty in the navy. Also in the navy we have Lt. Commander Ernest M. Eller, who has been seeing plenty of service with the Pacific fleet, and Lt. Commander J. H. McNeill, who is in the naval medical corps. And in the navy we have ensigns, pilots and a long list of high ranking enlisted personnel.

In the army we have Major Ralph R. Reins at Camp Sutton, Major F. C. Hubbard in the army medical corps, Captain John R. Bumgarner in the medical corps, Captain E. P. Robinson, Captain Edward Finley, several lieutenants and a large number of top ranking non-commissioned officers.

And we have the buck privates, the privates first class, and seamen from apprentices on up who are going to help carry the banner high and to write another chapter in the glorious record of military achievements by the sons of Wilkes.

**Davis vs. The Army**

The following editorial, with which a majority of editors will agree, appeared in a recent issue of Collier's:

In the running fight between Director of War Information Elmer Davis and assorted generals and admirals, we're for Davis. We hope he may succeed in loosening up some of the fighting men's lockjawed secrecy regarding such things as the trial of the first bag of eight German spies.

We realize the necessity for caution in these matters. But we also know that the armed services are loaded with hush-hush agents who would like, if they could, to

keep the people in ignorance of all war news except the daily news that the people have got to pay more and more taxes for the war.

Such an ideal is impractical and dangerous, especially in a democracy. As Mr. Davis says, "This is a people's war, and to win it the people should know as much about it as they can." And the only proper test for censorship to apply is: Will a given piece of war information actively help the enemy if released? If it will, suppress it; if it won't, release it.

These eight spies were nailed by the FBI, and exciting stories about the roundup were given out. The public had its mouth set for a thrilling trial, with plenty of lurid details that could be safely published, and with testimony of actual value to the enemy withheld. It could have been arranged.

Instead, we were given an exhibition of army secrecy which would have been normal, everyday stuff in Germany, Italy or Japan, but which did not sit well with Americans. If we couldn't have the publicity on the trial, why all the fanfare about the arrests? Why not keep the whole affair secret till after the war, leaving it to Mr. Hitler to wonder till then what had become of eight of his ace wreckers?

The precedent set by this trial, if allowed to stand, will be a dangerous one. If the army can get by with this procedure in these spy cases, how long will it be before American citizens are being dragged into Star Chamber trials under definitions of sedition and disloyalty?

We hope Mr. Davis will keep on fighting for adequate reporting of these matters, despite the discouragements which are bound to come his way and the smear campaigns likely to be launched against him. The military has got to remain subordinate to the civil authority in this country, or in fighting for democracy around the world we'll lose it here.

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**  
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR,  
 Hidd:nite, N. C.

**KEEP PULLING UP THE ROAD**

Up the road of life, my brother,  
 You'll find the very best  
 Of everything worth living for,  
 And in the end sweet rest;  
 Then set your face just like flint,  
 And get beneath your load;  
 With courage like a hero brave  
 Keep pulling up the road.

You'll find a lot of hindrances,  
 A lot of stumbling-stones,  
 And voices of discouragement  
 Will speak in thunder tones;  
 But keep your eyes upon the goal,  
 Make this your mighty goal,  
 And with your faith in God above  
 Keep pulling up the road.

The best and greatest of all men  
 For centuries and ages  
 Have stood against the mighty foes  
 To gain eternal wages  
 So if you'll go the way they trod  
 You'll have on you bestowed  
 The Victor's crown some blessed day—  
 Keep pulling up the road.

There'll be some flowers on the way  
 You'll have some sweet repose,  
 As you will have some resting spells  
 Among your bitter foes;  
 But know the best is coming soon  
 If you will bear your load  
 And be a pilgrim heaven-bound—  
 Keep pulling up the road.

Rejoice and pray as you move on,  
 And reach a helping hand  
 To other pilgrims on the way  
 Who do not understand  
 That they must fight if they would win  
 A crown in God's abode,  
 And be a soldier true till death—  
 Keep pulling up the road.

Off'times you'll feel like turning back;  
 The storms will rage around;  
 The clouds and fog of dire despond,  
 About you may abound;  
 But know that God sits on His throne  
 In Heaven's blest abode,  
 And He will reach His mighty hand.  
 To help you up the road.

As any theatre-goer can tell you, a lot of leading ladies are charmingly misleading.  
 —Winston-Salem Journal.

This may be a "War of Liberation" for most of the people of Europe. But for America it is a "War for Survival."  
 —Winston-Salem Journal.

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

**TO MEN WITH THE COLORS**

This time we are dedicating this column to men with the colors, maybe because we are getting nearer that classification every day.

Some rumors have already had that we have enlisted in the navy. Premature, to say the least, and sorry we can't claim that honor. Must have us mixed up with somebody else.

When we enlist, we won't be here.

**NEAR CASUALTY**

An enlisted man working on the camp paper at Gardner Field, California, picked up the phone and dialed his number. He wanted to talk to the print shop. At the "hello" from the other end, the soldier-editor bluntly ordered "Kill that caption we sent over this morning!" "Yes, sir, I'll attend to it right away," the voice acknowledged. In those brief seconds the newsmen felt he couldn't just place the voice, so he followed with, "Say who is this?" "Oh, this is Private Jones at the laboratory at the hospital." The editor still wipes his brow when he thinks what might have happened to some "captain" if he hadn't starlightened out his orders!—Behind the headlines in Our Army.

**BOIL IT DOWN!**

A rookie at Fort Jackson, S.C., figured that he could carve a niche for himself as a writer. He applied to the public relations office, introducing himself to the editor of the camp newspaper, and explained his urge to become a journalist in his spare time.

The editor gave him an assignment, saying, "Try your hand on this. We need something clever

on the fact that 4,000 pairs of straw will be used by 15,000 men on maneuvers. But make it short and snappy."

Three hours later, the rookie arose from the typewriter and handed a single sentence to the editor. "Here you are," he said triumphantly. "Just what you wanted!"

The editor gazed at the paper. He read, "Four thousand pairs of straw—that ain't hay!"—Behind the Headlines in Our Army.

**NORTH CAROLINA FACTS!**

**BILTMORE HOUSE (NEAR ASHEVILLE), ON A 12,000-ACRE ESTATE, IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST COUNTRY ESTABLISHMENTS. IT HAS BEEN VISITED BY 259,252 TOURISTS SINCE OPENED TO PUBLIC IN MARCH, 1930**

**NORTH CAROLINA'S GOLF COURSES RAISE IN ALTITUDE FROM 8 FEET AT CAPE FEAR UP TO THE HIGHEST COURSE EAST OF THE ROCKIES (4000 FEET) AT BLOWING ROCK**

**NORTH CAROLINA'S BEER INDUSTRY IS PAYING APPROXIMATELY \$2,250,000 IN TAXES TO THE STATE ALONE IN 1942**

**OUR** state will receive in 1942 more than \$2,250,000 in taxes from the beer industry. And one of the chief aims of this Committee's "Clean Up or Close Up" Campaign is the preservation of this steady, substantial and much needed flow of governmental revenue.

**YOU** provide telling aid when you frown on the few beer retailers who disregard the law, and restrict your patronage to dealers whose places of business reflect a sense of good citizenship and honorable operation.

For Victory — Buy War Bonds and Stamp

**BREWING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION**  
 North Carolina Committee  
 EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director 813-817 Commercial Bldg. Raleigh, N.C.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR COUNTY TAX FOR 1941 . . .

**YOUR PROPERTY IS BEING ADVERTISED**

TO BE SOLD ON . . .

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th**

Payment Now Will Save Additional Costs Which Will Be Added, As Required By Law, To The Amount Now Due For Your 1941 Real Estate Tax.

**C. T. Doughton,**  
 Sheriff and Tax Collector For Wilkes County