

# Cooperation In the Nation's War Program Essential

## Activities On The Home Front Are Briefly Reviewed

Total war has a gigantic and unappeasable appetite for goods, services, and manpower. Scarcely had we entered the fight for freedom when this vast hunger began to change our lives. Within one month after Pearl Harbor we had begun to take control over our stock of some goods and raw materials, and to limit civilian use of others. By degrees, shortages developed in a hundred directions, many of which we had not anticipated. Control took a variety of forms, only one of

which we called rationing, though actually every type of control that divides available supply in order to make it go as far as possible is a kind of rationing. Effective Rationing Demands Cooperation

There are two sorts of rationing. One works only through restrictive orders, with penalties for those who violate them. The other succeeds because we voluntarily limit our consumption of critical goods and our use of critical services. Both are necessary. But the voluntary method stems from our tradition of free cooperation, and is as important to our victory drive at home as morale to an army in the field. It also is the hard way, it calls for extraordinary self discipline.

The rationing of fuel oil in the East and Middle West will be a test of our ability to take discomforts, and a test of our desire to work together patriotically, too. The plan sets allowances on the basis of average temperatures in four climate zones. It is a fair plan, a democratic plan, but its success depends finally on the individual, on his attention to practical heating details and his real desire to make "short rations" go as far as possible, for the good of all.

### Rationed Commodities Are Diverse

Nationwide control—the rationing principle—has been extended to such unlike products as cryolite—used in manufacturing aluminum—corundum. Licensing control now covers distributors of woodpulp, newsprint and other paper products and dealers selling used machine tools or second-hand machinery or parts. Owners of used construction equipment must register their machinery, in order to release new equipment for war work. And owners and users of cold storage space have been warned of the heavy demand for refrigerated space.

### Freight Burden Falls On Trucking Industry

There's more movement of fresh foodstuffs these days than ever before. To maintain this movement—so vital to the war

effort—requires the closest interlocking of storage facilities with transportation.

Transportation facilities of all kinds—freight and passenger—are strained to the utmost, and it's apparent that the trucking industry must carry a larger share of the freight burden. There still is far too much week-end travel by car, bus, railroads. The country's 90,000 school buses are coming under supervision in regard to their use and distribution.

### Wood Becomes Critical War Material

What is known as "concentration of industry" to assure that every plant we can spare is busy on war work has spread to the furniture industry. This industry probably will follow the same plan recently put into effect in the manufacture of bicycles—a few plants, known as "nucleus plants," will continue to operate, concentrating all civilian furniture manufacture in a limited number of factories. The War Production Board, to save time and materials, has limited the number of types and sizes of saws, axes, hatches, adzes, light hammers, and for all kinds of electric lamps which may be manufactured.

In a country that has been producing around 25 billion board feet of lumber annually, wood has become a critical material. Great quantities of lumber have been used to build cantonments. Ship construction has drawn heavily on supply. Special kinds of wood are needed for aircraft, timbers for vessels, gunstocks and the like.

### Manpower To Be Applied Where Needed Most

Part of the reason for the shortage of wood lies in another shortage—the shortage of manpower to cut and process lumber, and manpower shortages are everywhere, everywhere grow more critical.

We not only are desperately short of "front line" war workers—those with special skills—but by the end of 1943 we shall need about 18 million workers of all kinds, partly to replace the millions of men who will be called into service, although chiefly for war production expansion. This means that more women will be employed—by the millions. It means that at least five million persons who are not now working at anything will have to go to work. It means that our manpower, in time, must—in one way or another—be "rationed," that is, applied where it is needed most. To some extent that already is being done.

### Scrap Campaign Gets New Impetus

Unless the scrap and salvage campaign goes into high gear this Autumn, the country's blast furnaces will be forced to cut down production. Housewives are getting a list of more than 100 household items needed for the national scrap pile. Worn or used silk hosiery is so valuable in making bags for smokeless powder that ceiling prices have been raised so as to stimulate carload lot sales. Price increases also have been allowed for New England cordwood and canned fruit and berries, while maximum prices were fixed over raw furs and skins, cement, and knitted underwear last week.

### Civilian Economy Must Strip To The Bone

Increased labor costs and the uncontrolled prices of farm products are exerting steady pressure against price ceilings. From January, 1941, through May, 1942, unit labor costs in American industry went up 1.1 percent a month. Prices received by the farmers, on the other hand, went up 85 percent between August, 1939, and August, 1942, while prices paid by farmers rose only 22 percent in the same period. In our attack on our enemy—high living costs—we cannot, as Navy Ordnance Chief Blandy said of U. S. forces in the Pacific, hold the balance of striking pay: "by merely holding. We've got to keep pushing. . . ." Farm production in 1942 is expected to be 15 percent higher than in any previous peak year, but it will have increasing handicaps from labor shortage, inadequate supplies of farm machinery and equipment, fertilizers, insecticides and other materials. . . . By January 1, 1943, all war production will be geared to the most gigantic job of scheduling ever attempted. But the President has warned us that we must strip our civilian economy to the bone, if we are to do our full share toward winning the war for freedom.

Many drivers who used to go along at speeds up to 80 miles an hour are now driving at 40 and liking it and are amazed to discover how little extra time is required for trips, while they save rubber and gasoline.

There are no bad times for good ideas.

## Interesting Items Summit Vicinity

Sunday school is progressing nicely at Yellow Hill but due to the rain, Sunday school was not held Sunday. We hope to see large crowds present and visitors are welcome any Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tomlinson and children, Lowell and Janis, and Mr. Junior Cornett, of Lenoir, visited Mrs. Tomlinson's and Mr. Cornett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cornett, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Mikeal, of Kannapolis, are spending a few days with Mr. Mikeal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mikeal. Mr. Boyce Mikeal is soon to leave for the army.

Mrs. Berlie Beshears has returned home from Savannah, Ga., where she has been spending some time with her husband, Mr. Zeb Beshears. He accompanied her home for a few hours visit.

Messrs. Burl and W. S. Watson, Jr., of Beng, were welcome visitors in the home of Mr. C. C. Mikeal Sunday.

Misses Winnie Spears, Fern Mikeal and Mae Mikeal, who hold positions in North Wilkesboro, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mrs. Coyt Dyer and children, Edward and Linda Anne, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Dyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phillips. Mrs. Dyer's brother, Mr. Jean Phillips, left for the army Friday.

A revival meeting is now in progress at Bridgeport Baptist church, located on the Boone Trail at the Wade Harris bridge. The services are being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Noah Beshears. Everyone is asked to attend and cooperate in this meeting.

Messrs. Edd and Johnston Welborne, and families, who have been in Maryland for the past few months, have returned to their homes in this community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Campbell, last Sunday morning, a baby girl. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely. The little girl was named Della Ray.

Mr. Raleigh Church spent Saturday night with Mr. Emory Hayworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church visited Mr. Church's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ralph Keys spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Johnston Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blankenship, formerly of this community, have moved to Lenoir, where Mr. Blankenship holds a position.

Mr. Aldren Green had the misfortune of dislocating his knee recently. This is the second time

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court Before the Clerk

U. S. Vestal, Administrator of Lellar Harris Smithey, deceased, Ethel Harris St. John and husband, Grady St. John,

vs. Monroe Smithey, widower; Pearl Harris Osborne and husband, Hughie Osborne; Pernie Garrie Harris; Hallie Mae Harris Pardue and husband, Carl Pardue; William Guy Harris, Annie Pauline Harris, Ruby Lee Harris and Betty Lou Harris.

Under and by virtue of authority conferred upon the undersigned commissioner by an order of His Honor, C. C. Hayes, Clerk of Superior Court, Wilkes County, North Carolina, ordering the sale of certain lands and appointing U. S. Vestal as commissioner in the above entitled action to sell the lands hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the debts of the estate of Lellar Harris Smithey, deceased, and for a division among the tenants in common, heirs of Lellar Harris Smithey, deceased, on the terms of one-third cash and the balance to be secured by a Deed of Trust upon the said real estate.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned commissioner, will on the 17th day of October, 1942, at 2 p. m., on the premises in Wilkes County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the last and highest bidder upon the terms of one-third cash, and the balance to be secured by a Deed of Trust upon the said real estate, the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at a mulberry on the south side of the creek, runs down said creek to mulberry, Lillie Armstrong corner; thence east with Lillie Armstrong's line to a large white oak; then east with Benge line to a walnut corner; then south with Beng's line to a rock; then east with Benge line to a dogwood corner; then southwest with Vick Pinnix line down a hollow to a maple on the north side of creek; thence down the creek to the bank near the mill dam; then west with Blackburn line to a holly; thence south to the ford of the creek; then down said creek to next ford; then south crossing creek 20 rods; then west 6 rods; then north 20 rods to the beginning.

This the 14 day of September, 1942. U. S. VESTAL, Commissioner

## 10-Million Man U. S. Army By End Of 1943 Now Seen

Washington.—While the uncertainties of the war preclude any authoritative forecast of the ultimate strength to which the army and navy will grow, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey indicated that more than 10,000,000 Americans would be under arms by the end of 1943.

Hershey and his aides gave these guides to future operations of the draft in an interview clarifying and recapitulating the various orders and announcements issued place-meal in recent weeks: The supply of single men, including those with dependents, will be exhausted this fall and calls for childless married men will begin generally in December or January as the strength of the army alone tops 4,500,000 by the end of this year.

### Adams Child Dies

Funeral service was held Saturday at Hinshaw Street Baptist church for Jesse Lee Adams, infant son of Jesse and Mabel Sparks Adams, of this city. The child was found dead Thursday. Surviving are the father and mother, one brother, Carl David Adams, and one sister, Irene Adams.

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

Two small children were in adjacent beds at the hospital. First—I'm a girl. What are you? Second—I'm a boy. First—But you look like a girl. Second—I'm a boy. I'll show you when the nurse leaves. Finally, when they were alone, he shyly lifted the covers: Second—See? Blue booties.

which Mr. Greene has had this misfortune.

"Jack Frost" visited the mountain sections Monday night, and spread his white blanket over everything. This was the first frost seen in this section of the mountains this fall.

## Mrs. Alma Abscher Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held Saturday at Mt. Pisgah church for Mrs. Alma Abscher, age 24, wife of Johnnie Levi Abscher, of Walnut Grove township. Mrs. Abscher died Thursday. Surviving are her husband and one child.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Viona Key, deceased, late of Wilkes county, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of September, 1942, whose address is Mertie, N. C., or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 28th day of September, 1942. J. B. KEY, Administrator of the Estate of Viona Key, deceased 11-2-42 Viona Key, deceased Ralph Davis, Attorney.

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