

#### Hats Off to Retailers

The retail merchant has become the man in the middle-in the middle of that no man's land-where a fighting government, collides with a fighting, consuming public. Both of these fighting elements are allies, but like most allies they don't get along too well sometimes. A spoiled public which has been in the habit of getting what it wants when it wants it from an incredibly efficient retail distribution system, cannot be expected to don the halter of shortages and be led about by dictatonial decrees without kicking the daylights out of a few regulatory fences. Unfortunately the retailers upon whose shoulders fall the responsibility of explaining and applying the restrictions, are the ones who get get kicked most often. For that reason it is only fair to give them a pat on the back occasionally. They deserve it.

Retail distributors have shown amazing ability to interpret and put into practical operation literally thousands of new wartime merchandising regulations conceived by lawyers and experts with little or no merchandising experience. Most of the regulations carry heavy jail sentences and fines for violation. Laboring in the shadow of stiff pensities, thousands of merchants throughout the country work out the rules as they understand them, often without benefit of legal advice, and put them in force. They know it has to be done or the distribution system will break down, bringing disaster to the country. They try to explain this to customers, while striving to get the government to simplify and ease inequalities in the rules. Neither the public nor most government experts, actually comprehend the heavy responsibility which retail merchants bear in helping to maintain economic stability during the

Consumers should be slow to criticize the retailer for inconveniences over which he has no control. The government should constantly seek to make burdensome restrictions less onerous. And both the public and the government should be less quick to accurse retailers of evil intent when one of ten thousand rules has been inadvertently violated.

### The Press and Freedom

One of the bulwarks of democracy is a free press, notwithstanding the fact that some economic planners would try to make the people believe that a free press is not as essential as some other rights.

Last week was the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, whose mind was broad enough to see into the future and know with certainty the principles necessary for the preservation of democ-

From The Editor and Publisher we gat . er these comments by Jefferson which go to show that freedom of the press is an essential right in the American Way of Life:

'Considering the great importance to the public library of the freedom of the press, and the difficulty of submitting it to very precise rules, the laws have thought it less mischievous to give great scope to its freedom than to the restraint of it. The President has, therefore, no authority to prevent publication of the nature of those you complain of."-To Spanish Commissioners,

"No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth Our first object should therefore be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth The most affectual hitherto found is the dom of the press. It is, therefore, the

first shut up by those who fear the investi-gation of their actions."—To Judge Tyler,

"Our citizens may be deceived for while, and have been deceived; but as long as the presses can be protected we may trust to them for light."—To Archibald Stuart, 1789.

"It is so difficult to draw a clear line of separation between the abuse and the wholesome use of the press, that as yet we have found it better to trust the public judgment, than the magistrate, with the and home agents from the above discrimination between truth and false-

dress, 1808.

"There are rights which it is useless to branceffort. All present had a most surrender to the government, and which she best in the food production to invade."—To David Humphraya, 1788.

These attending from Wilkes

"Frenau's paper has saved our Consti tution, which was galloping fast into monarchy, and has been checked by no means so powerfully as by that paper. It is well and universally known, that it has been Ronda; Norma Jane Darnell, Ronthat paper which has checked the career of the Monocrats."-The Anas, 1793.

"This paper (The Aurora) has unquestionably rendered incalculable services to ham; Magdaline Yagherough, Benrepublicanism through all its struggles with the federalists, and has been the rally- Beatrice Holbrook; ing point for the orthodoxy of the whole club leader for girls; Jean Brew-Union. It was our comfort in the gloom-hill; Allene Smith, Traphill; Mary lest days, and is still performing the of-Hutchison, Traphill. fice of a watchful sentinel."-To Dabney Carr. 1811.

"Printing presses shall be subject to no other restraint than libelness to legal prosecution for false facts printed and published."-Proposed Constitution for Virginia

"Printing presses shall be free except as to false facts published maliciously, either to injure the reputation of another, whether followed by pecuniary damages or not, or to expose him to the punishment of the law."-1794.

"The way to prevent these irregular interpositions of the people is to give them full information of their affairs through the channel of the public papers .- To Ed- for the benefit of me and my ward Carrington, 1787.

#### Hard to Digest

In testifying before the Truman Conmittee which is seeking information on the possible coal strike and the problem of holding down wages, John L. Lewis said: thinking it was for me, but under "One way to get cooperation is to give the my duty to inform the people that workers of this country enough to eat . . ."

With coal miner's wages around \$1 an hour, it is hard to digest such a statement. In the best-fed country in the world, the public would not want to see any group of persons going hungry, but it would like to see more proof that a hungry condition ex- Buy more bonds to keep him flyists with men who are being paid \$1 or more an hour.

If these men are going hungry, a large percentage of the people of the United States are also going hungry, for it is probable that a majority of them do not make the average monthly wage of the

#### **Borrowed Comment**

#### "WORKING OUT ALL RIGHT" (Elkin Tribune)

Says the Winston-Salem Journal: "Yadkin lime mine has crushed nearly 2,000 tons and sold 990 tons of lime. It seems to be another of those 'impractical' projects that is working out all right."

We appreciate this interest of our neighbor. The Journal is one of the im portant State dailies that refused to join the chant that opening the lime quarry wasn't worth while. Editor Martin had faith in it too, and said so.

This project is not yet out of the experi mental stage. But at least it has been removed from the list of uncertainties. It will either prove "practical" or be set down as impractical, but not until its merits have been tried. And that is what this paper fought for from the beginning-an honest and aggressive effort to determine the value, or lack of it, of this nearby lime deposit.

But no matter how much lime the State manages to process, it won't do anybody any good until it is out in the field where it is so obviously needed. It is our notion that the farmers in this area should see to it that the crushers be kept working full time to fill their demands. That soil food for our farms should be moved as fast as it is processed, and we are persuaded that it will be as soon as the farmers recognize it as the asset right here at the back door this it is.

### 4H Club Girls Guests of Elkin Kiwanis Club

By MES, ANNE H. GO House Demonia

On April 15 the Riwanis Clu of Elkin has as their guest 4-E Club girls and their local leaders from Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin and Alleghany county and the farm

Miss Ruth Current, state home hood."—To M. Pictet, 1803.

"The liberty of specifing and writing speaker. She gave a very happroguards our other liberties."—Reply to ad- atlenal message telling of the

These attending from Wilkes county were: J. B. Snipes, county agent; Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent; Mrs. F. T. Moore, Ronda 4-H club Moore, Ronda leader for girls; Nona Lee Mathis, Martin, Ronda: Mrs. Paul Newman, Benham 4-H club leader for girls; Betty Jean Newman, Benham; Dorothy Walker, Be Dilla Jane Myers, Benham; Miss

#### **OPEN FORUM**

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#### COY FOSTER WRITES

Since my home was destroyed by fire on April 20. I have heard reports that a man has been tak ing up a collection for me and supposedly taking contributions form the public that I have not authorized anyone to take any collection for me or ask gifts on my behalf, and that I have not re ceive any of the money collected. I appreciate the kindness of who have contributed the circumstances, I believe it been doing so under false pretense and that the money collected has not been turned over to me --COY FOSTER

#### **BONDS**

And know that he is not dying. Ve must all buy stamps

camps. You must buy bonds for your son

To keep those Japs on the run. Buy a bond a day And keep those Japs ferther

Don't blow your money when down town, But keep the rising sun fa-

down. Those stamps you buy will help a

To keep the Japs on the spot.

Those bonds you buy stay in mo tion,

Help to sink Japs to the bot-So remember Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Wake

And buy more bonds for his HUGH GALE, Age 11. North Wilkesboro, N. C.

#### The Tide Has Turned as the days of Bleitzkreiging are

waning. They're dropping block-bustins bombs on Berlin—
In Russia they're rushing the

Nazis.
The're advancing again

again: in Africa Rommel is roaming. With the Allies close on hi

While MacArthur is holding the And giving them slap after slap.

How long these things will con It seems that nobody knows

But one thing seems very certain We have got to conquer our Easy Terms Will Pay Cash for Late Mod Wrecked Cars and Trucks So with fighting and working and praying

God grant the day will soo When war from this world will o

And every mother's son can

## Abnormal Absurdities By DWIGHT SICHOLS, of all

Andrew Gernegie was once asked by a reporter what he considered most important in industrycapital, labor or breiner. With a
laugh, the steel magnate replied:
"Which is the most important lag
of a three-legged, shoot?"

WHAT HE HAD om a small boy in the fire Nurse Have you ever had

Small Boy (shaking his head and looking blank) — I den'

-Have you ever had the Nurse

mumps?
Small Boy—I don't know.
Nurse—Have you ever had chicken pox?

Small Boy-I don't know. Nurse (exasperated) — Well, ave you ever been sick? Small boy (smiling from ear to

ear)—Yes. Nnrse—What did you have? Small Boy-Pills. a-?bk sme-nse

MY OPERATION! used to be mum when my friends discussed their operations. But now I can tell of their cary ing right into my budget, de-Lightfully pruning out twentyfour points, one half my ra-

But those O. P. A. operations won't bother me now, be-Cause I'll operate too on a little green spot, with nations re-Celving their share of my points --- when I harvest my victory. -Budge Allyn Bays.

IN WAR WORK
Customer----My goodness! Eggs re high! Grocer-Sure, part of the war

program. Customer-How? Grocer-All the hens are making shells.

STILL HAD RELIGION An old negro got up one night at a revival meeting and said:

"Brudders and sisters, you knows and I knows dat I sin't been what I oughdter been. robbed hen houses and stole hogs. and told lies and got drunk, and slashed folks wid my razor, and shot craps, and cussed an' swore but I thank de Lord there's for Pete's sake, "shut up" and let me read the funnies.

LOOKING FOR ONE Friend-That girl frankly admits she is looking for a husband,

Girl-So am I. Friend-I though you had one? Girl-So I have, and I spend

#### nost of my time looking for him. STATED HIS STAND

Husband-Nonsense, Margaret, I love you more than ever. I wor-ship the ground you walk on Your every wish is my command. thrill at year proximity. Now thing I ain't To keep the Japs from our never lost man religion.

> Income tax is now paid by 10,-500,000 Britons, compared with 3,-800,000 in 1939.

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North Carolina, Wilkes County.
In the Superior Court
Bulah Baxter vs. James Baxter
The defendant, James Baxter,
will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of
Wilkes county, N. C., for the purrose of an absolute divorce; and
the said defendant will, further Wilkes county, N. C., for the purpose of an absolute divorce; and the said defendant will, further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said county within 20 days from the service of this summons and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will the court for the relief termanded in said complaint.

This 5th day of April, 1943.

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(M) C. C. HAYES, 4-26-4t(D) Clerk Superior Cour



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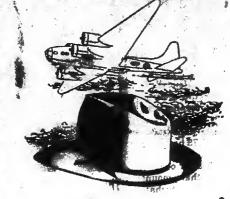
loe McCoy, Jr., In ROTC Honor

McCoy, who is from North Vikesboro, replaces Myron flands or, Jr., in his new year. Sands or resigned his position as com-nander of the battalies and i no longer taking an active part in it. O. T. C.— He is taking a pro-medical course and plans to enter a medical school instead of so ng into the Army this sirguings.
The position of Ranking Receiv-



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- s your appliance connected? You'd be amazed how often a disconnected extension cord is all that is wrong.
- If one light is out, replace the bulb. If several, check the es. Replacing a burned out fuse may be all that is necessary. If your lights are out and those of your neighbors too, then call the service man.
- Oven won't heat properly? Be sure the oven heating units are plugged in tightly. Are you sure you've turned on all switches correctly? Is the switch on your automatic clock set properly?
- Table or floor lamp won't burn? Maybe the extension cord is worn or needs a new plug.