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or two that their work can be increasingly beneficial.

**National Recognition**

The Publisher's Auxiliary, a nationally circulated weekly newspaper for the publishers of the nation, in the issue of May 23 carried the following comment, which was the only North Carolina news item in the state-by-state recording of happenings in the newspaper business:

"D. J. Carter and Julius C. Hubbard, publishers of the North Wilkesboro Journal-Patriot, are undoubtedly being complimented by the advertisers and readers of the May 6 edition of this very fine semi-weekly newspaper. It was one of the largest editions (72 pages) ever published by a non-daily newspaper in North Carolina. It was devoted to war activities on the home front, and more especially to the production of food."

**Borrowed Comment**

**ISSUES BIG "FOOD FOR FREEDOM" EDITION**

(North Carolina Press)

On Thursday May 6th the Journal-Patriot, published semi-weekly at North Wilkesboro by D. J. Carter and Julius Hubbard, issued a big "Food-for-Freedom" edition—72 pages in nine sections. It carried a wealth of valuable general and agricultural material, was attractively illustrated, well edited and printed. The co-publishers and their helpers have been receiving much commendation upon their achievement.

**A VEXING ISSUE**

(Elkin Tribune)

The Carolina Motor Club has been sponsoring page advertisements in many of the leading newspapers of the Carolinas. These advertisements make interesting reading, and may be responsible for North and South Carolina being left out of the recent rulings that seek a still further curtailment in gasoline consumption in this area.

The advertisements' chief line of reasoning is that the system of distribution is honeycombed with faults that are prejudicial to the interests of the motorists in this area. It is openly charged that gas, trucked to Charlotte and a number of other centers, is waybilled to Wilmington and back again without making the trip. The idea being to collect additional toll for transportation. And further: it is charged, with proof, that motor fuel, is being diverted from this drastically rationed area back into Tennessee which enjoys a four gallon allotment; that transportation facilities are not being used anything like to capacity to bring gasoline into this territory; that many distributors have more gas stored than their customers are allowed to buy. And there is a long list of other complaints that are weighty enough to demand investigation by somebody.

The petroleum administration admits that these charges are partly true but seeks to argue plausibly why the faults cannot be avoided. But at least there is the consolation that the Carolinas escape the pang of further curtailment which stopped at the Virginia line. We can thank the motor organization for that.

North Carolina motorists are ready to take gasoline sacrifices and restrictions in stride, when they are satisfied that such restrictions are necessary to the war effort and when they tell they are not being discriminated against. They are quite willing to give up pleasure driving and hoof it to such places as they cannot resist. But they like to think they are not doing this to satisfy the whim of somebody in Washington or to help the motorists of a neighbor state out of a bind.

This plainly is a complicated and vexing issue, but it is neither too complicated nor too vexing to merit a sincere effort to iron out the faults. That is all gasoline users in North Carolina are asking. Prove to them that all the far-flung restrictions are necessary and equitable and they'll shut their sassy mouth.

According to the records North Carolina gasoline stocks, as of April 28, were 98 per cent of what they were on the corresponding date last year when there was no rationing. That means that motor fuel is not scarce in this State but that those who need it can't use it for geographic reasons.

Ships of the Royal Indian Navy guarding India's coast and on patrol and convoy duty in 1942 traveled a distance equal to 33 times around the earth at the Equator.

On January 1, 1943, there were 25 million A ration books for passenger cars in the hands of consumers, 6,400,000 of the B books, and 3,600,000 C books.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By  
**DWIGHT NICHOLS**  
et al

**RETRIBUTION**

So you say we look like we had just murdered somebody? ... and hid the body, eh?  
Well, we haven't murdered anybody yet, but just wait until when and if we meet with the so-called columnist who wrote that junk under the heading of "Subnormal Suppositions".  
Then you'll have a murder to talk about, and we guess we'll hide the body. We just know it would look so bad that we would not want anybody to be shocked looking at it.

**WANNA FIGHT?—**  
Incidentally, we're hopping mad, and we wanna fight. We'll meet that "Slooper Stapor" guy half way or just any old way.

We'll knock his eye teeth out backwards (through the back of his neck). We'll black both eyes. We'll pin his ears back and then knock 'em off. We'll take him apart to see what keeps him from tucking. We'll stomp him into the rest of the dirt and filth. We'll hammer his brains (no, not brains, head), into pulp. We'll ...

Well, to make a long story shorter, we'll meet him anywhere and with no holds barred.

We suggest Saturday evening, eight o'clock, at Bad Eye's place in Rattlesnake gulch, and he'd better be there.

But if we're not there—don't wait.

**PRICE QUOTATIONS—**

Once upon a time while loafing about a jewelry store, we asked just out of curiosity the price of a diamond ring. \$100, the jeweler said. We whistled and picked up another and asked the price of it. "Two whistles," he said.

**PATRIOTIC WOMAN—**

In time of war I'll never cheat, Black market food won't cross my lips; I'll eat less butter, sugar, meat. For God, my country and my hips!

**HAVE YOU HEARD IT?**

This happened a long time ago but maybe some of you younger people have not heard it. A Wilkes farmer drove to town in his buggy and for once bought a new suit of clothes. On the way home he decided to make it a surprise by wearing his new suit and he stopped the buggy, got out, took off his old clothes, threw them in the creek and washed himself. When he was ready to dress he reached into the buggy and found no clothes. Someone had stolen them, and he had already let his old dirty clothes float down the creek. After a moment's thought he climbed into the buggy seat and said to the mare: "Giddap, I'll give her a real surprise."

**10,000 WORDS PER DAY—**

A magazine article says the average person speaks about 10,000 words per day. We know some women far above the average.

**Late Spring Has Delayed Crops**

Raleigh.—The annual spring crop report released by the statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture states that the late April freezes killed or delayed all truck crops, reduced the prospective peach crops to one-third of the 1942 production, and delayed general crop preparation by about two weeks.

Commercial early potatoes were hit severely, and yield prospects were materially reduced, the report states. Despite the late frosts, however, indications for most small grain point to a yield larger than average except for wheat, which is expected to be 14 per cent less than last year.

Production of commercial strawberries is less than forecasts of March indicated.

Statistician J. J. Morgan said that replanting of damaged crops, such as corn, cotton, is completed and that planting of other general crops is advancing rapidly.

**SEA MYSTERIES—WILL THEY EVER BE SOLVED?**

Another in the popular series of true stories of weird voyages, phantom ships and bloody mutinies taken from musty records of maritime courts, sea-soaked log books and tales of old-time sailors. Look for the latest story in the June 15 issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with The Baltimore Sun. Buy American. Reserve your copy with your newsdealer.

**A Boy Died Last Night**

By F. W. WATSON BURNETT

A Wilkes County Soldier

A boy died last night. It doesn't make much difference now about his name. The important thing is he died, in poignant and awful loneliness, out somewhere on a waste of sand. But in a starless silence ten thousand miles from home.

"Missing in action" read an obscure line in the morning communique. That was all. Now he lies there. There crumbled beside the twisted wreckage that yesterday was his ship, riding high in the sunlit heavens. The fine head and the shining face and the broad shoulders remain only a picture that looks out upon a quiet living room on a shaded street on eternity away.

Last night, in those agonizing hours of unspesatable isolation, he went through a thousand deaths without the one thing that might have helped a little. That of a familiar voice. They would be swept away. They would sacrifice anything and everything just to make themselves worthy of that boy. They would hasten to forge an instrument of revenge that would wipe from the earth the traffickers in war.

If the people who have basked and prospered, and walked secure in a land that had felt no more than the shock of a fourth of July fire cracker since 1865 would understand about that boy, they would wait no longer for government promulgation and the urging of rallies. There would be no one left to think any more what the war might do to his mere personal interest tomorrow or the next day.

People would rise up and demand that their government take anything and everything needed. Make them work. Feed them the common fare. Blackout every city. Take away every last penny of profits, and all privileges of hours or wages. Render uncertain every commonplace comfort; and easy security just to avenge that boy.

He died last night; you see. There's no way to get around that. The pat of a friendly hand. Many people died last night. In their beds at home, surrounded by those who loved. He died in utter desolation, in an unimaginable loneliness.

The pain was terrible enough, but then there had to be that dreadful, burden of thought in those endless last hours. Mom and Pop. The flowers blooming again in the back yard. The good

old mother in the driveway. The last embrace. The station. Those dances last summer. That half finished letter in his blouse. All those plans for the future. Buddies back at the field five thousand miles across water, wondering, couldn't somebody find him please? The wracking pain again.

Too much for you, all this? But it really happened last night. Just like that. If people could only understand it. If they just grind deep into their thinking, the stark, the terrible reality of it, every petty, selfish interest.

Even in the United States, where diets are comparatively good, a program of adequate consumption will require 15 to 25 per cent more eggs than in pre-war days; 40 per cent more tomatoes and citrus fruits; 70 to 80 per cent more milk and milk products; and 125 to 150 per cent more leafy vegetables.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

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"The first two or three years that she is twenty-one."

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**97,852 BANK PEOPLE ANSWERED THE CALL**  
The April War Loan goal of \$13,000,000,000 was exceeded by 49%! Banks were called upon to help in the drive and voluntarily, 97,852 bank men and women (1 of every 3) gave their time, with no added compensation... America's 16,000 banks can be proud of this record of unselfish patriotism.

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*It's Easy!*

... almost as simple as replacing a lamp bulb! You help yourself, too, because you can restore service immediately without waiting for a service man... who may be delayed in these busy war days. Each service call you eliminate conserves critical materials needed for Victory.

- PULL CORDS FROM OUTLETS**—If you're not certain what caused the fuse to blow, disconnect all appliance and extension cords.
- TURN OFF MAIN SWITCH**—Stand on a dry surface.
- REMOVE BLOWN FUSE**—Replace the blown fuse with a new one of the same size... generally 15 amperes for branch circuits.
- TURN ON MAIN SWITCH**—If the new fuse blows again, and you cannot locate the trouble, call your electrician.
- EXAMINE ALL CORDS**—Before reconnecting appliance or extension cords make any necessary repairs.
- DON'T USE SUBSTITUTES**—Never substitute a coin for a fuse or use a fuse of too high an amperage.

**Duke Power Company**

**Food Preservation Workshop**

Since the United States was plunged into the war by treachery of the Japanese, the policy of The Journal-Patriot has been to place victory first, and this newspaper is dedicated to the cause of victory.

It was our privilege recently to issue a 72-page edition primary to encourage greater production of food and to give our readers the very best information obtainable on methods of food production. We are grateful that our efforts have met with public approval.

With the food production phase of the war effort in our county well under way, we now turn our attention to a related activity which is just as important.

The food produced on gardens and farms, and more especially gardens, will be of little use except in the growing season unless it is properly canned; dried or otherwise kept in good condition for later use when the gardens are not producing.

It is with this in mind that The Journal-Patriot joins with the Civilian Service Corps, the home demonstration agent, The Duke Power company and the Liberty Theatre in sponsoring a Food Preservation Workshop, which will be held at the Liberty Theatre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. each of the three days.

Miss Addie Malone, home service specialist of Duke Power company and whose ability is well known to many housewives in this community, will show those attending the best methods of canning and drying.

Every person interested in conservation of food should plan now to attend at least one of the three sessions. It will be open to all, regardless of where they live, and will certainly be worthwhile. You are invited, and urged, to attend.

**Schools At War Award**

In our opinion, award of the School At War flag is one of the most distinctive honors conferred on North Wilkesboro school during its history.

This flag was awarded the school for participation in war activities; in other words, for helping toward victory.

The award recognized the school's outstanding record in the war effort as does the army-navy E flag for industries making war materials.

Included in the war activities at the school have been the purchase of students and teachers of more than \$17,000 in war bonds and stamps, collection of over 140,000 pounds of scrap metal, liberal support the U. S. O., Red Cross and other organizations, Civilian Defense work and other things directly related to the war program.

And this valuable work in the war effort has been done without curtailing or injuring the scholastic program of the schools, which have maintained highest standards.

Victory in this war is the foremost objective now, or should be, of schools and other institutions. Without victory we shall have no free educational system and our children will be taught what dictators want them to know and nothing else.

The award to the school was made in the commencement Thursday night by J. R. Hix, was bond sale chairman in Wilkes, who highly praised the school's record in war activities.

In order to attain early and complete victory, and assure freedom and opportunity for our children, it is necessary that every person support the war program with work and with money if possible. School children of America have been of much help already, and it is evident that if the war continues through another year