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in the Eastern front, British power, relatively speaking, is undoubtedly greater by far than in the past. The recent statement by a British general to the effect that American manpower will be eventually necessary to lick Hitler, caused much speculation in this country.

Taking Unfair Advantage In Time Of Crisis

Many persons in the United States at this time seem to think that Senator Wheeler, Charles A. Lindbergh and the other rabid isolationists who seek to placate the fears of the U. S. public with fairy tales of Nazi altruism, have warred upon the Administration's foreign policy for purely personal and political reasons.

They detect in the widespread campaign which the so-called America-First Committee has been wont to wage against the U. S. administration's plan for aid to Britain, and protecting our own shores, as the beginning of a daring bid for leadership in the nation by this partisan group.

The ambitions of Col. Lindbergh and Senator Wheeler are both pretty well-known to the general public already. Some will agree that these two have a following, and that their eyes are already turned toward the 1944 campaign.

To try to confuse the people of this nation, to divide and misinform them, in an emergency such as the United States faces today, is something which the average American citizen will find it increasingly difficult to forget. To seize upon such a vital issue at this time, when the world faces the gravest crisis perhaps in its history, shows up both these gentlemen for the statesmen which they aren't.

Simile: He is as shiftless as the gears on a 1901 automobile in zero weather.

It generally happens that a two-faced person is twice as nosey as the ordinary fellow.

If you want people to look up to you, you'd best climb the nearest church steeple.

You're hard hearted if you think lenient is a word used only to describe a tower down Pisa way.

Shears And Paste

TOBACCO TAX UP AGAIN

(The Lumberton Robesonian.)

The House of Congress ways and means committee began Saturday final consideration of the huge defense tax bill, and the danger bobs up again of possible revival of the treasury's plan to increase taxes on tobacco.

And it will be necessary for the farmers themselves to prove to the committee that increasing the taxes on tobacco will seriously affect farmers and all other interests in the tobacco sections.

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DON'T FORGET TO LOOK UNDER YOUR BED TONIGHT

(Roanoke Beacon)

Congressman Hamilton Fish, of New York, who is doing a brief tour of duty at Fort Bragg as a Reserve Corps colonel in the Army, in a recent speech at Fayetteville, says that if he believed the editorial pages of the North Carolina newspapers he reads, he would "look under the bed every night . . . for Hitler."

North Carolina folks as a whole, however, are quite different from Ham Fish. They have no fear of finding Hitler under their beds; but there is a well-founded fear that they may find in their very midst defeatist-isolationists of the ilk represented by Fish and Senator Wheeler; and if the Congressman will pardon us, while he is looking under his bed for Hitler, we'll be looking under our beds for Fishes. And we'll come a dang sight nearer finding what we're looking for than he will.



President J. Hammond Brown of the Outdoor Writers Association of America has written us confirming the fact that the officers and directors of the association will meet here again in the fall. The gathering of these key men here last November was a great event for the town and county. It resulted in barrels of stuff being written about this section.

Geese whiz, Bob Wilson, writer of "Up The Stream" column in The Washington Times-Herald which sends out a huge predated Sunday edition for all over the United States, wrote us Sunday he was coming in Friday of this week. Bob has just had his vacation, spent it at Ocean City, Md., and now he is coming to Southport where he can really catch a fish.

A lot of up-state sportsmen seem to find this column interesting. Anyhow, when we took a long vacation they wrote both us and the paper every week or so and cussed us out. Attorney and Mrs. T. K. Carlton of Salisbury even stopped taking the paper and coming to Southport. They came in Sunday, asked when we were going to start to writing the Just Among the Fishermen again. Finding we were already doing it, Mr. Carlton insisted on paying for the paper two years in advance.

Shrimp have been coming in at a very encouraging rate and buyers have been delivering all around for the past two weeks. Saturday W. S. Wells sent the first truck load to the Fulton Fish Market in New York. The boats have been getting 100 to 450 pounds of headed shrimp per day. Mr. Wells stated this week he was greatly encouraged by the outlook for a good season this year. For most of last week the boatmen were getting 15-cents per pound for the headed product.

This year's top catch of barracuda, both size and number considered, was made Sunday when a Raleigh party brought in 14 large ones. The party also made a good catch of dolphin, amberjack, etc. There were 11 in the party, about twice the number that will permit of good fishing. The day before a Wilmington party, headed by Fred Ashburn, brought in 9 barracuda and a five foot 10-inch sail fish.

Twelve hundred pounds of large blue fish were brought in Friday by Captain Roy Brown of Morehead City, who is now operating his commercial boat and nets here. The fish averaged two pounds and bore out lower North Carolina coast fishing claims of blues being good sized this year. They are both large and plentiful.

Two or three full-limit catches were made on Orton pond last week. One party of four men are reported to have gotten 152 fish of various sorts. They are supposed to all have gotten their days limit of some sorts. Slim Kendall, associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News, tried the pond twice last week and made a splendid catch both times.

At their meeting in Western North Carolina last fall the Board of Conservation and Development voted to hold their regular meeting at Morehead this year and after one day they would come to Southport and finish the meeting here. Since the Western N. C. meeting some of the old members of the board have been fired. The new organization appears to be pretty well under control. Anyhow, at the meeting at Morehead last week no mention was made of the old board's plans to meet at Southport.

One big handicap that Southport has always had to contend with is that the town is located near the lower end of the coast. A good many people, including some who are supposed to know better, are firmly of the belief that the sun rises and sets in the center, and above there, of the North Carolina coast line. There are too few North Carolina citizens who understand that more than two-thirds of the citizens of North Carolina live nearer to the coast at Southport than to the center of the coast line.

With the new moon coming on now all sorts of fishing will improve through next week. A good many trout, pig fish, croakers, sheephead, whitey's, etc., should appear in the river, in addition to being more numerous

This Week In . . . DEFENSE

Acting Secretary of State Welles said present Japanese activities directed toward Indo-China endanger "peaceful use by peaceful nations of the Pacific . . . Jeopardize the procurement by the United States of essential materials such as tin and rubber . . . necessary for . . . our defense program . . ." He said the safety of other areas, including the Philippine Islands, also is endangered.

The President issued a statement that the United States has been letting oil go to Japan "with the hope—and it has worked for two years—of keeping the war out of the South Pacific for our own good, for the defense of Great Britain and the freedom of the seas . . ."

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference events in the Far East are bringing to the American public a greater awareness of the danger of the whole world situation. But as yet, he said, the public is not sufficiently cognizant of the perils of the situation, any more than it realizes the dangers of war in the West.

ARMY

Secretary of War Stimson said production of vital items has been increased with the cooperation of American industry during the past "100 crucial days" as follows: light tanks, 475 percent; medium tanks, 467 percent; smokeless powder, 127 percent; machine guns, 93 percent; TNT, 92 percent; training planes, 55.7 percent; bombers, 17.8 percent.

The War Department said Army expansion has progressed faster in the past year than the manufacture of modern weapons, but since it is more important to know how to employ a weapon tactically rather than to know how to fire it, "little training value is lost by the substitution of a stove pipe for a mortar or an oak bough for a machine gun".

If a company has fewer guns than men, the guns are rotated so each man has a chance to learn how to handle them.

The War Department said it is giving four types of tests to discover a trainee's ability and to help find his "right" place in the Army. Selective Service Headquarters announced that 752,572 twenty-one-year-olds registered on July 1.

HIGHWAYS

Congress passed a \$320,000,000 defense highway bill for construction of roads and experimental airplane landing strips, and to pay states for defense from Army and Navy maneuvers.

AID TO BRITAIN

Federal Loan Administrator Jones announced the RFC has authorized a loan of \$425,000,000 to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to pay for war supplies Great Britain ordered before the Lend-Lease Act was passed. Mr. Jones said Great Britain has put up collateral which includes securities of U. S. corporations, capital stock of 41 British owned U. S. insurance companies worth \$500,000,000, and the earnings of U. S. branches of 41 British insurance companies which have net assets of approximately \$200,000,000.

POWER

OPM Director General Knudsen named J. A. Krug, OPM Power Consultant, head of a special power unit to assure an uninterrupted supply of electrical energy by reducing consumption in non-defense industries, and, if necessary, by rationing power where shortages are threatened.

Mr. Krug said vast "power pools" will be created to insure adequately supply of electricity for aluminum and magnesium plants now under construction. He said one has already been formed for aluminum plants in Tennessee and others are being considered for Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, the southern sections of Kansas and Missouri, and for the Northeastern section including the New England States, New York, eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

OIL

Defense Petroleum Coordinator Ickes requested a voluntary cut of 33 1-3 percent in motor fuel consumption in the Atlantic Coast States to avoid rationing. Congress passed a bill authorizing federal aid to private firms in construction interstate pipelines, and Mr. Ickes recommended that the petroleum industry construct a \$70,000,000 pipeline from east Texas to the Atlantic coast with a daily capacity of 250,000 barrels.

on the outside. The September and October full moon periods should bring about the best fishing of the year, both in the river and outside. Last year the Gulf Stream fishing was fine right up to Christmas. It would probably have been good after the weather had settled.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

This old Southern sun feels mighty good to a Southern son after a brief sojourn in the Frozen North (North meaning the place socialites are a dime-a-dozen and dozens haven't the dime, and frozen meaning just that—had to wear a sweater the entire time.) . . . Taking the editor's hint of last week we went over to see the pups of Dick Brendle's Happy. All are perfect beauties. And for dog fanciers Readers Digest has an article on dog training. It's interesting reading and sounds logical . . .

The Dan Gregory outfit turned out to be one of the most danceable bands on the circuit. He was swell all the way through. Little Virginia Dare could sing, too, but was done dirt by an amplifier that wouldn't work. Joe Leighton's first trumpet man, Herby, joined the Gregory gang a few days before their arrival here . . . The newcomers will draw big at a return engagement . . . Wiley Wells and Vicky, his wife, have for sometime owned a cute little Spitz named Peppy. Recently they acquired a cat, and in keeping with the character from "Algiers" named her LeMoko. Now the Carr's nephew, Tommy Carr, is quite a saxophone player we've heard. He's been playing at Carolina Beach this summer. Being only fifteen years old he stands a wonderful chance of going places . . . The baseball followers are wondering about the unusual antics of the leaders. Dodger fans are quite worried, while rooters for

the Cards feel that it is only a matter of time before the Birds spread eagle the field. . . . Joe DiMaggio missed a great opportunity with the Heinz people by failing to hit consecutive game.

Mr. Crapon is having his radio repaired and the gang is missing it. MOVIES: Spencer Track and Mickey in "Men Of Boys Town," here at the Monday.

When C. Ed Taylor, Southport attorney, to attend the annual homecoming day at New Hope Sunday before last, he was around that he must be mighty smart wouldn't miss an event over which he presided as master of ceremonies at the session for several years. He stayed to serve as an honorary pallbearer at the boyhood friend, but he'll have a lot of things to do to other boyhood friends at the session for several years. He stayed to serve as an honorary pallbearer at the boyhood friend, but he'll have a lot of things to do to other boyhood friends at the session for several years. He stayed to serve as an honorary pallbearer at the boyhood friend, but he'll have a lot of things to do to other boyhood friends at the session for several years.

to construct 40 to 50 large, high-speed oil tankers in addition to 139 now on order.

CIVILIAN SUPPLY

Price Administrator Henderson announced a tentative program to cut production in the automotive, domestic mechanical refrigerator and mechanical household laundry equipment industries to make more materials available for defense. He said the cut will be offset by defense work these industries would undertake. OPM Director General Knudsen said the proposed shift should coincide with increased defense orders to the industry to avoid unemployment.

LABOR

President Roosevelt established a committee on fair employment practice in the Office of Production Management to prevent discrimination against defense workers or Government employees because of race, creed or national origin. The six members represent the CIO, AFL, the newspapers and radio, and include two Negroes.

OPM Associate Director General Hillman announced that 800,000 AFL building trade union members have reached a stabilization agreement with the Government calling for no strikes on defense projects for the duration of the emergency and no stoppage of work because of jurisdictional disputes "or any other cause".

LABOR SUPPLY

Mr. Hillman told railroad officials and labor executives in Chicago that the 100,000 unemployed, skilled railroad workers could be shifted to defense work under a "voluntary labor priority" plan. Mr. Hillman said an estimated

1,000,000 workers will be needed by the aircraft industry by July, 1942, as compared with the 200,000 employed today. He said 555,600 will be needed by next July in the shipbuilding industry where 375,000 are now employed.

NAVY

Navy Secretary Knox presented a special Naval ordinance flag to 14 companies who are ahead of production schedules of Navy contracts. He said firms who are "all out" for defense will be permitted to fly the flag and their employees will be allowed to wear in their lapels an "E" the traditional Navy mark of excellence. The maritime Commission said the entire shipbuilding program is nearly sixty days ahead of schedule.

PRICES

Price Administrator Henderson asked the baking industry to reduce operating expenses instead of raising bread prices. He said

ingredient costs have risen 100 percent a loaf. Bittner, Counsel Harr recommended minimum prices at 10 percent the present minimum.

AGRICULTURE

OPM Associate Director General Hillman said agriculture will be represented in all of the Sections concerned with commodities produced by agriculture or necessary to the production of agriculture.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION

OCD Director LaGrone announced that on July 30 aluminum collection will send materials to the voluntary program concentration points in the cities of the 48 States. The Treasury Department procurement office will be for the scrap to smelter defense contracts at prices.

Advertisement for Fort Caswell Coastal Carolina's Vacationland, including details about Caswell Lodge, American Plan, and Ocean-Front Home Sites.

Large advertisement for Chas. E. Gause, Brunswick County Tax Collector, with a prominent 'TAX NOTICE' and details about paying 1940 taxes before Friday, August 1st.