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The War Is A Failure

THUS far the war is a failure, at least our people down to earth, and to rock them back upon the foundation that was

it, the people have experienced a reawakrebirth of Christianity where we could tent?" observe it.

the text of which was "The Harvest is fort. Too many are still more interested closer to the people than their tional movies can give." Mr. plentiful, but the laborers are few." He in planning personal and "social gains," wasn't talking about agriculture and farm first. crops, but about Christianity and human beings.

There is more for the church to do today than ever before in our history, but our people have not responded to the PAPER SCARCITY challenge of the times. Our minister dared to call a spade a spade: Declared that we are shirking our responsibilities as community leaders and Christian people right here in Southport; cited the lack of interest in Sunday School; noted the small congregations in attendance at church services.

It might be well for us as a people to remember that God is not mocked, and that if by our actions we cry out for a reawakening, then that is what we may expect. Not that God is vengeful, nor that he is playing Calliban and is daring us to overstep His boundary. But the things that mock God are the things that threaten our peace, our security and our ideals.

One result of this war could be to bring our people once more to their knees.

Keep 'Em Eating

THE food industry has warned govern-ment executives that thousands will go hungry in this country this year unless the government moves promptly to solve the pressing manpower and distribution problems of the food industry. Lack of manpower, beginning on the farm and ending behind the counters of retail merchants, is assuming grave proportions. The position of retail distributors is critical at the moment. Officials have steadily failed to include the merchant in the war program as a war worker. They have so far failed to recognize the essential part he plays in putting necessities into the hands of consumers. They fail to recognize that without his expert cooperation, price and rationing controls would be demoralized; that competent merchandisers are vital to efficient distribution. Collapse of efficient distribution would mean that food grown and processed could not reach the consumer. Waste and decay of precious food would assume tragic proportions to hungry people. It would promote inflation, and inevitable curtailment of war production. The food industry has asked officials to make clear that food production, processing, and distribution ranks with armaments in importance. Pirating and drafting of essential employes must cease if we are to eat. They also have asked for the proper allocation of food supplies to maintain civilian health and morale, and the simplification of rationing procedure. They have asked for these things repeatedly. Beyond vague generalities no action has been taken.

"Economic planners" have largely taken farm crops for granted like air and water-something the Lord provides. They have considered almost everything else an "essential" industry ahead of farming. They have a farmer so tied up with red tape restrictions that the time required in complying with them is actually more to do with the attitude of

cutting down farm production. We are not living in horse and buggy pressures. The military and nacities. They can't do it without manpower take on a semblance of routine and machinery, nor can they do it on a matters having grave political price basis that ignores farm production and economic implications which costs as compared with industrial produc- give the solons cause for concern.

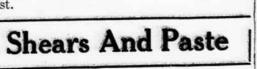
"Are You Content?"

tion costs.

and with the present results in indus- sentiment among constituents can the war emergency. great Army camps and see our boys in merge this red-hot economic issue in their rural educational activi-

uniform working. I suggest that you read with such heavy political trimcompare your comforts in life with theirs, that the Senate may decide to during a recent leave. ening of religion. There has been no such and then ask yourself-Are you con-

Few persons in civilian life can say Recently a preacher delivered a sermon they have yet made any all-out war ef- members boast that they are



(New Orleans States)

You have undoubtedly read of the advance in the price of white paper. This material on which your newspapers and magazines and other reading matter is printed has been advanced in price \$4 a ton.

You also have noticed that your favorite newspapers and magazines are having to reduce their size, because of the shortage in paper and because the government has ordered a cut in consumption. WPB says that another cut will be necessary in a few months.

We hope you don't run short of reading matter, but if you do, the department of labor has a series of brochures just off the press telling about office work in various cities. This document for Richmond, Va., contains 61 pages; for Kansas City, Mo., 74 pages. In fact, tons of paper are used because practically all the cities in the country are covered on this one subject alone.

The information contained in them is out of date, but that makes no difference to the government. The records were made for 1940, before war industries flooded many of the cities discussed, but, what the heck! There are tens of thousands of words in them and some complicated and intriguing tabulations. If you need reading matter, here is your chance. It might put you to sleep and fill your thoughts with useless information, which won't be a strain on your mind.

THE STATE PORT FILOT, SOUTHPORT, N. C.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

and even resent any attempt to WASHINGTON, April 7 .- Vol- place a valuation on their work ume of mail and telegrams from by compensation from the gov-

farm legislation than all other MOVIES TO STATE COLLEGE

been announced by Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of administration

of the college and president of

When completed, the pictures try, in agriculture, and in our civilian The return of the tax measure will be given to the State Col-"then I suggest that you go to one of our Committee for further study did vice, for use of this and the oth- for a home in all Brunswick county. not, as expected, effectively sub- er College Agricultural agencies

ignore the President's unusually "because I think that nothing is

sage on the farm price measure. Not so in the House where the farmer has a big job, and needs the country's food situation this White House disapproval has con- has been stimulated by the ope-

fronted Congress with a test of ration of his own large farm on order your baby chicks this organized blocs' strength. The which he raises the typical crops "impelled by the deep conviction of the Piedmont section.

character" and "an unwarrantable preciation to Mr. Reynolds for ing and keeping them in good bonus at the expense of the con- the gift.

sumer" was calculated to place Dermid Maclean, of Winstonthe responsibility for marked in- Salem, is making the movies, creases in foodstuffs squarely on with the co-operation of the office of F. H. Jeter, agricultural the lawmakers.

The other powerful lobby, the editor of State College, and the trade unions, has also added to technical assistance of Extension the woes of the farm bloc by sud- specialists and county farm and day morning and are planning to denly switching their position re- home agents. Mr. Maclean also garding wage increases. They photographed "North Carolina, have stated that the labor groups Variety Vacationland," the film were anxious to keep living costs which Lt. Reynolds produced and down to the September 1942 level gave to the North Carolina Deand might forego their demands partment of Conservation and for wage increases if inflation Development, and "Winston-Salem could be held down. This strategy -A Balanced Community," a picadded to the predicament of the ture recently completed and prefarm price advocates and who sented to the City of Winstonwould bear the burden of blame Salem. Lt. Reynolds received a was the official report of the De- leave of absence as mayor to for inflation. Another bitter pill partment of Agriculture: "Price serve in the Navy.

rises in recent months have been Present plans call for the progreater for agricultural than for duction of five pictures, all to be made on North Carolina farms. nonagricultural commodities." Officials of states, cities, coun- Subjects to be treated are: home ties, towns and villages will prob- gardening, swine, dairying, poulably resent the findings of the try, and repair and maintenance Federal Committee on Intergov- of farm machinery. Other picernmental Fiscal Relations after tures on subjects of vital interest a two-year study. They reported, to North Carolina farm families Local governments, particularly will follow as rapidly as time and city governments, are in a "bad the seasonal activities to be way" from the fiscal standpoint, photographed will allow.

and to extricate them calls for reorganization of the sources of FARMERS MUST CONTINUE DRIVE TO REACH GOALS local revenue." Desperately in With the campaign to enlist need of revenues, these governmental sub-divisions may find every farmer in the State in the themselves obliged to accept the 1943 agricultural production pro recommendations which this com- gram virtually completed, farmmittee sent to the Secretary of ers were warned that efforts to the Treasury, especially if they meet goals must be continued want to find a market for their throughout the growing and harsecurities. One outstanding recom- vesting seasons. mendation called for reorganiza- This warning came from G. T. tion of local revenue sources Scott, chairman of the State should be effected "in such man- USDA War Board, who declared ner as to preserve and restore that "no pledge to grow war local autonomy, and to enable food crops will do any American local governments to tax their fighter any good until that food own resources, according to their is harvested, processed, and deliown discretion, without the deve- vered to him wherever he may lopment of more overlapping in be." taxation." These findings will fig-The sign-up campaign is being ure prominently in political cam- conducted throughout the State paigns for public office where by county and community comtaxation is an issue. mitteemen of the AAA who are War is changing the complexion visiting each individual farm to of Uncle Sam's prison population. explain production needs to the New types of offenders are listed operator and assist him in mapinhabitants. Selective ping a 1943 farm plan for maxias jail Service violations are reported mum war production. "The fact that the sign-up is currently to Federal attorneys at the rate of 12,000 per month and nearly completed is more reason usually net about two to three why we must continue our efper cent of this total as inmates forts," Scott declared. "This is of Uncle Sam's prisons. A large no time to quit. The farmers' number of these violations are ad- most important work begins justed in the field without pro- where the sign-up leaves off. If secution, in court and committal every farmer in the nation carto jail. About one-half of the vio- ries out his pledges to produce, lators of the Draft Act are those the persons who are charged with who refuse to fight because of the responsibility of feeding this so-called religious or philosophical nation and our allies will have a reasons. Some of the other draft catalog of farm production aldodgers are considered mental most a year in advance." In addition to visiting farms in cases or "queer." Others are just "ducking the draft" through false the sign-up, he said, AAA cominformation to local boards, but mitteemen have been directed by the percentage which are in pri- Secretary of Agriculture Wickson through this device is rela- and to find unused land in their communities and, on their own tively small. Some inmates are initiative, see that these "idle the result of military court-maracres" are brought into active tials. Another sources of prison production this year. registrations are young girls committed for prostitution in the STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKERS vicinity of Army camps. Most of By RUTH CURRENT these girls have never been pre-N. C. STATE COLLEGE viously sentenced, although some Quick, stinging statements made have minor arrest records. The Federal government's present to children are remembered far population is increasing at the longer than grown-ups realize and rate of 3,000 to 5,000 a year. may be responsible for some of There is a small army of volun- the inferiority complexes of later teers who make an important years. A thoughtful consideration contribution to the home and war and a sympathetic understanding fronts without any expectation of of children, on the other hand. publicity. About five thousand in- pay big dividends in family hapdividuals serve as observers of piness, joy, and contentment. rainfall, and hings like that, Making friends feel welcome, is throughout the country. They are the cooperative observers of the one of the chief achievements that United States Weather Bureau makes a house a home.



Bert Causey, promoter of the wrestling shows They're talking tennis around here at Thalian Hall, Wilmington, was in Southport this time the added impetus of a newson at Inanian Hain, while the set of to him was Harry Aldridge, one of his most faith- who is stationed here with the highway Congress toward taxation and DICK REYNOLDS GICES FARM ful patrons. Bert says that Ed (Strangler) Lewis ment, is interested enough is to appear on his show in Wilmington on Tues- local courts in shape to do some A gift of a series of motion day, April 13. Also coming are Jim Londos and ought to be some local help for the are feeding a majority of our people in in which our forces are engaged non-all fronts pictures on agriculture to the Maurice Tillett, the French Angel . . . Causey tioning board officials who find it has non-agriculture to the meaning of the mea Foundation, Inc., by Richard J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, has at Thalian Hall next Sunday afternoon featuring special gasoline will welcome more boys like p

Watson, who borrowed a couple of blkes Satu the Tobacco Tags. We've had a lot to say in this column about so he and his girl could go sight-seeine

or the conege and president of the Foundation. The moving pic- saddle horses, but little about the workers of the The only government installation made is North Carolina farmers in in- a pair of roan mares that weigh more than 1700- resident of the county is the liberty dash ment plans will be stalled by par- creasing the value and output of lbs. each and they make a mighty fancy team. yacht basin. It bears a paint "F you are content with the present liamentary devices until tests of their farms, particularly during What's more, they're supposed to foal within a Dock"-in honor of hizzonner, the month . . . We had a look at Lockwoods Folly in- reckon . . . Russell Johnson, of Winnahow h let for the first time the other day, and in our near-record calf born at his dairy in our country It has failed to bring life," said Secretary of War Stimson, to the House Ways and Means lege Agricultural Extension Ser-The world's record is 120-lbs, for a new-born

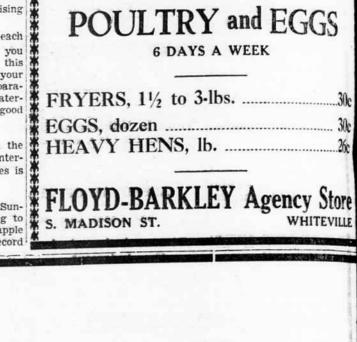
Poultry and eggs are especially time, try this idea. Prepare the Applications for gasole History records that during each period of conflict, when the days seemed darkest for civilization and all that was good in the beau encoded area for soldiers. I suggest that you

"I am doing this," he said, women, who grew up on farms forceful language in his veto mes-more important to the war effort and know how to raise poultry, such aid as I believe these educa- year, if they will turn to raising chickens.

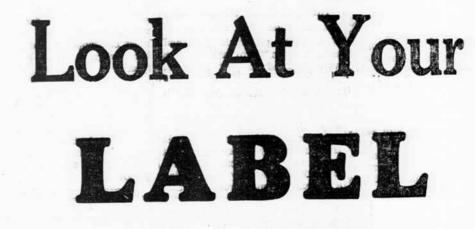
Count on 10 chicks for each member of your family when you spring. But before you get your chicks, make the right prepara-Col. Harrelson expressed ap- tions for housing, feeding, water-

> A bulletin board placed on the kitchen wall and used for interfamily reminders and messages is helpful in many households.

If you are having a busy Sunproduce a warm, syrupy apple S. MADISON ST. pie for Sunday dinner in record



WE BUY YOUR



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Disaster will come if this policy continues. Either the appointed officials, or Congress must act.

Facts At Last

THE Secretary of Agriculture has frank-ly said before the Senate Appropriations Committee: "Since I appeared before you a month ago, I have become increasingly alarmed about our inability to get enough farm labor to reach the goals we have established for farm production. I am more alarmed today than I was yesterday."

This illustration of the publishing activities of the labor department is only a drop in the bucket if you understand the reams of paper, mountains of paper and tons of paper being consumed by the government. The hundreds with bureaus with their dictatorial heads and sometimes contributing half-baked experts are pouring out printed words from presses all over the country.

Senator Harry Flood Byrd, of Virginia, who is trying his best to curtail government expenditures not directly concerned with the winning of the war, has shown where millions of dollars of the taxpayers money has been and is being spent. He has tabulated long lists of publications, useless and inconsequential, emanating from bureaus with thousands of federal employees. Many of the latter could be saved if their misplaced energies and frequently cracked ideas could be diverted to other channels.

The advance in cost of white-paper seemingly has had little or no effect on the size and number of government publications, despite the fact that this will cost the taxpayers millions of dollars.

The almost countless list of publications gotten out by the government not only consume paper which could be used to better advantage, but also clog up the mails and the express and freight agencies which could be used for transporting war materials or printed matter pertaining to the prosecution of the war.

But we suppose the people must know about office work in various cities in 1940 and about other equally useless things.

The government found it necessary to devise a way to curtail the size of letters to our fighting men all over the world from their home folks, such as the V-letter, but it apparently hasn't found a way to cut down the size and number of circulars and pamphlets gotten out by the various and sundry bureaus in Washington and elsewhere.

.... if your subscription is not paid up to date, make plans to renew immediately.

Government regulations require that our mailing list be restricted to paid-in-advance subscribers. Hence, it will be necessary to cut off some names from our mailing list unless renewals are received at once.

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