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Vitamin 4-F is about the best cure for some of these selectees returned from Ft. Bragg because of their health.

Some of the fellows chafing under the restraint of the gasoline program might be interested in a campaign trip, or in an ocean voyage, all expenses paid—being arranged by Uncle Sam.

Rev. Walter H. Pavy

NEWS of the death of Rev. Walter H. Pavy came as a shock to friends and followers throughout the county, for this kindly English-born gentleman had earned a place of respect and admiration in the hearts of those who knew him. He was a man who enjoyed activity, and so it is that even in their grief over his passing his friends may find consolation that he lived a full and useful life until the very end.

We Must Wake Up

IT is a sad commentary upon our people when we hear that 'what we really need to wake us up is a few bombs'—and realize that this all too true.

Only the faithful few go up to wrap surgical dressings, not because it is only their kin and those in whom they are interested who will use them, but because others are not sufficiently aware of the need to make sacrifices to do this work.

A few bombs, and all this would be changed.

At one time the program of having persons sit up nightly at the control center at Southport was working smoothly. But there was too long a period of inactivity, and now it is really a job to keep this station filled every night in the week.

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There are countless jobs in the Civilian Defense organization that need to be filled by capable personnel, who simply refuse to take time from their normal activities to do this work. If we are to avoid chaos when trouble does strike, then training and experience would be invaluable. But with interest as it is, we will have no chance to show a trained organization.

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History's Biggest Job

WHEN this war is over the United States will be in no position to return to isolationism. Hard-headed economists agree that a broad program of international trade is the only sound method by which the American people can hope to service the crushing war debt now accumulating. In plainer words, we will either trade with the world, thus helping to maintain maximum production and employment for American industry and American workers in order that they may pay the taxes that will be needed by a debt-burdened government, or we will retreat toward isolation, bankruptcy and another war.

We have everything to gain by taking the lead in establishing a just and permanent peace, and in breaking down artificial trade barriers between nations. Millions of men now in the armed forces will bring home with them a new understanding of the problems and need of the rest of the world. These men will have seen demonstrated the hopeless plight of people broken under tyrannical governments. They will have seen why our forefathers fled the old world to set up the American Republic. They will bring home with them a realization that war is a destroyer of freedom; that recurring war abroad will ultimately clutch with bloody fingers at our own freedom.

As good American business men, they will realize that we have ahead of us the biggest organizing and selling job in history if we are to help prevent future wars and save ourselves from bankruptcy and enslavement. We will have to help formulate and enforce a lasting peace, while

leading the way in rehabilitating the world through trade.

This job has already commenced under the foreign trade policy of the American government. It should be carried forward in preparation for the day when peace returns.

Fire On The Farm

IT is the patriotic duty of every rural community to promote organized fire prevention on the farm. Farm organizations, the clergy, rural educators, the press, women's clubs, and civic clubs should include fire prevention as a regular activity. A year-round fire prevention committee, representative of all groups, should be appointed. It should be the responsibility of this committee to organize, equip, train, and maintain a rural community fire department. It should arrange for a suitable fire alarm system to assure prompt fire department service. It should provide for the building of cisterns on farms and near rural public buildings, which fire department pumpers can use as sources of water supply. It should provide runways for fire department pumpers to available streams and ponds and to the farm itself to prevent miring. It should arrange to send one or two members of the department to annual state fire colleges or to short fire-safety courses.

Further, the fire prevention committee should initiate a program of better education on such important phases of prevention as fire control, protection from lightning, proper construction, and the simplest common hazards found on the farm.

The nation can ill afford to lose the productive effort of a single farm. And yet nearly \$300,000 worth of farm property is destroyed by fire each day. The bulk of this daily waste is directly attributable to individual carelessness and ignorance, just as is the bulk of fire loss in urban areas. The farmers are bending every effort to produce the food to feed ourselves and our allies. They should likewise bend every effort to avoid the loss of production inevitably resulting from preventable fire.

Shears And Paste

MacARTHUR APPEAL HEARD

(The Charlotte Observer)

War Secretary Stimson's promise that "we will keep our American and Australian flyers supplied with sufficient planes not only to replace our losses but to build up our aircraft to counter the increasing enemy air strength" came as a gratifying reassurance to many people in America.

Many had been disturbed by recent pleas from General MacArthur and other authorities in Australia for additional planes to meet the growing aggressiveness of the enemy and the increasing air strength of the Japanese in the South Pacific area.

For two or three days appeals had been coming from General MacArthur's headquarters and from Australian officials, pointing out with emphasis the increasing menace of the Japanese. General MacArthur himself, his air force commander, General Kenney, and others had indulged in some rather plain speaking, and their pleas appear to have had effect.

Not only has Japanese air strength been increasing and growing more aggressive in the South Pacific, but a spokesman for General MacArthur said a great enemy combat fleet is constantly being maintained in the Truk area, "within less than three days sailing distance of New Guinea." The statement followed on the heels of announcement that the Japanese had launched their third air attack in force in four days on an Allied base in New Guinea Wednesday.

It is of supreme importance that the war be pressed to the limit against Hitler in Tunisia and the Continent of Europe, but at the same time we cannot afford to take chances on permitting the Japanese to gain more territory in the Pacific and possibly invade Australia itself. In other words, we must not let MacArthur and his forces down.

A lot of people who never raised anything but Cain before are now Victory Gardeners.

Who said Paavo Nurmi was ever the world's fastest runner? Marshal Erwin Rommel is that now.

If you just string along with the crowd, you're likely to find yourself in a mighty bad tangle.

Men can be proud that in America you can wear your stripes on your sleeve and not on your back.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Wartime restrictions on travel and shortage of hotel rooms have blighted Washington's usual Easter crop of visitors. The high school graduating classes, which have invaded the city for years, found train and sleeping accommodations unobtainable. Despite the absence of young America as spectators from the Senate and House galleries, the lawmakers indulged in routine wrangling over foreign and domestic issues. Outstanding development of the week has been the marked increase in antagonism between the legislative and administrative branches of the government without regard to partisan considerations. Though Congress authorizes expenditures of billions for the war effort, it is noteworthy that the legislators are apparently trying to keep their hands off the actual military and naval operations. However, a junket to the war zones is a definite prospect.

The much vaunted "Congressional courtesy" has been thrown into discard lately. The House has just emerged from an exhibition of inter-committee quarrels about jurisdictional matters which will leave a mark hard to erase. The appropriation bill for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies was badly mangled in the feuds which raged without reference to party labels. The Congressional axemen centered their attack on money-grants to various farm agencies. It was reported that farm lobbies were active in the fracas.

The Farm Security Administration apparently flouted restrictions on their expenditures as devised by the lawmakers. The result is that the House Appropriations Committee singled them out as an example to other administrative groups which defy the solons. The functions were either abolished or transferred.

The action of this committee precipitated a battle royal with the House Agriculture Committee, which insisted its prerogatives for legislating were set aside by the group holding the money-bags. The outcome of this strife was the elimination of many important farm projects. The thoroughness of the House Appropriation Committee's study is revealed in 1700 printed pages of testimony covering more than a month of executive sessions. It is expected the fate of the F. S. A. will force a whole some respect for mandates written into appropriations.

Some banks in rural sections are seeking the aid of Congress in checking the competition from so-called production credit corporations financed by the Federal government. It is claimed that these Federal agencies are soliciting loans at rates of interest that these country banks cannot meet and remain in business. Officials have stated, however, that they have no intention of modifying their practices and, in fact, would like additional funds to extend their work. The Farm Credit Administration insists that they will require more than the allotted \$220,000,000 for farm loans. It is their contention that local F. C. A. representatives have been instructed to inform farmers to use all other means and avenues of credit before turning to the government.

The increased cost of operating farms was revealed in the Agriculture Department's statement that monthly farm wage rates are now at the highest levels of record. Department reported that the monthly rate with board was \$56.84, an increase of 37 per cent from April 1, 1942, while the monthly rate without board was 33 per cent higher than a year ago. It is estimated that on April 1, 9,308,000 persons were employed on farms, including 7,433,000 family workers and 1,875 hired hands. This represents a 7 per cent decrease in hired workers from a year ago but very little change in the number of family workers.

Automobile owners and riders, who have cherished the hope that the tire situation would improve within a short time, have received a deflating report from responsible sources. A compilation of various government agencies interested in the subject definitely states, "the great bulk of the nation's 27,000,000 civilian passenger car owners are not going to get any new synthetic tires before at least the last half of 1944. It is expected that some synthetic tires will be available for essential civilian driving by September, 1944, but how many is still an open question." The rubber situation has been a source of confusion to the public.

So many conflicting statements have been issued that most people assume that the shortage of tires are not real. They fail to realize that with the advent of synthetic tires only preferred classes of drivers would be in a position to qualify for these articles. Significant is the official summary which states, "But even with 100 per cent cooperation by car owners, there is a possibility that the rubber picture will be darker before it lightens." The outlook is not as cheerful as it has been hinted by many officials and tire owners, especially with regard to synthetic tires. Plants

have been built and are being built from scratch, so that the whole question of obtaining synthetic rubbers in adequate amounts in 1943 and 1944 actually hinges on the rate of construction of the plants, plus the rate of arriving at a realistic production point.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

EDITOR,  
STATE PORT PILOT,  
SOUTHPORT, N. C.

Dear Mr. Harper:  
On behalf of the boys and girls of Bolivia High School, and for myself, I wish to express through the press our very sincere grief in the death of our friend and counselor, Rev. Walter Pavy.

Walter Pavy, as he always insisted upon being called, was more than just a preacher. He was truly a friend of man, without regard for race or creed.

On his way to conduct his semi-monthly devotional in our school, he died of heart attack by the road side. I heard a colored man say of him while standing there beside his body, that "Mr. Pavy always said something to everyone he met." That was Walter Pavy! He touched the lives of more people by mixing and mingling with them than most any man I have ever met, and I believe that wherever he went and wherever he was he had a burning passion to cheer and lead humanity.

We shall miss his leadership in the Church, in the school, in the gymnasium, in the community and in the homes, but we shall not forget the man, and his admonitions to discard trivial grievances, and fears, and turn to the brighter, happier side of life, and into the fellowship of the Master.

Yours sincerely,  
GLENN M. TUCKER,  
Principal

McDonald To Run For Governor

Educator Resigns UNC Faculty Post To Make Run In '43 Democratic Primary

CHAPEL HILL.—Dr. Ralph McDonald, Winston-Salem educator, resigned today from the University of North Carolina faculty and announced that he would be a candidate for Governor in next year's Democratic primary.

His announcement said the University had requested him to continue his duties with its Extension Division until June 1. He added that he did not plan to begin active campaigning for several months.

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--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

There's a mild sort of agitation for another dance. The difficulty will be to get an orchestra, what with the draft and travel restrictions . . . And this leads us to wonder what, if anything, will be done about operating the beach this summer.

"The Courtship Of Andy Hardy" is the attraction tonight and tomorrow at the Amuzu . . . Looks like a shame not to have some kind of competitive sports program here this summer. For instance, there is a natural set-up for a baseball league, with teams from the navy, coast guard, army and the town. Or the same league could be used for a tennis program—if and when the courts are fixed up.

The soldiers stationed in this area literally had

their baptism under fire recently when they helped bring the blaze on the river above Southport under control . . . Mr. Fred Spencer, who has coon hunted up and down the swamp, says that the head of Lockwoods Folly is on the right side of the Supply highway just this side of Midway station.

From what the boys over on the Long Beach Station of the mounted patrol report, there ought to be plenty of material for some fox hunts on the Swain land. As a consequence, there is practically no small game . . . Eustas Russ had two of the prettiest fish we've seen this season last week. They were two of the three rock fish (striped bass) that he had just pulled from Shallotte river right there at the bridge.

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