

Implicit Belief In American Prowess May Be Very Costly, Power Official Tells Kiwanians

Enemy Would Like For Us To Believe We Are Infallible, Lucas Says

"All people are patriotic, and all believe in American principles, which is right and just — but believing in the super-ability of the American nation may be extremely costly to us as a nation," John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, told the Brevard Kiwanians at their bi-weekly dinner meeting here Friday night.

"Victory is bound to come," is the belief of most people, Mr. Lucas, who is vice president and public relations official for the Duke Power company, told his intensely interested listeners. "This is dangerous, and could be the means of costing thousands or maybe millions of lives ere the war is over," Mr. Lucas declared.

The enemy would like for us to believe that we are safe, secure, and infallible, the speaker pointed out, for in this subtle way the average person may and probably is being lulled into a sense of near-false security, and every effort is being made by enemy forces and American-haters to make us believe just such a story.

A concerted plan of action, with a co-ordinated spirit and a co-operative method, unified in thought and action are necessary if the American people are to see half or more of their boys return from the world-wide battle field unscathed, the speaker pointed out.

What Japs and Nazis Want
Mr. Lucas said that the average American had the general misconception that the "war will be over by fall, maybe not later than

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HARVEST DATA ASKED TO SPEED PLANS FOR 1944

Operators Of Threshing Machines Requested To Send Information To Board

Farmers of Transylvania county who operate combines or grain threshers this year are being asked by the County USDA War Board to make complete reports of acreages harvested by their machines and the amount of grain obtained, according to T. J. Wilson, chairman of the board.

These reports, chairman Wilson said, are needed in planning distribution of feed and food crops among processors, equitable rationing of farm machinery, crop insurance programs and withholding of sufficient supplies of seed for use in 1944.

"In the present critical agricultural production program, complete data on crop production is essential to mapping of an efficient plan of production and handling," he said. "We are anticipating an acreage of threshed crops in 1944 larger than ever before, and it will take careful planning to get these crops harvested and handled without losses. These figures also will be helpful in setting up federal buying programs for the purpose of assuring support prices to producers."

The acreage and yield reports are wanted for the following crops: oats, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, clovers, lespedeza, rye, barley and cowpeas. To be of most value, reports should be filed immediately after harvesting season on forms available from the county register of deeds.

Under North Carolina law, all operators of combines, threshers and peanut pickers are required to file an operations report with the county register of deeds. Complete data from both commercial and private operators is necessary in order to give a State-wide picture, the chairman said.

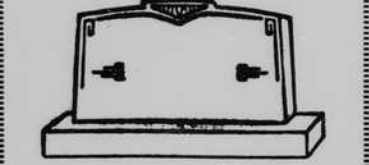
Sister of Local Man Buried Last Week

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning of last week in Lexington for Mrs. Ruby McCrorie, 37, who died suddenly the previous Sunday at her home in Charlotte.

Surviving are one brother, G. M. Lookabill, of Brevard, and one sister, Mrs. L. B. Castevens, of Lexington.

Mrs. McCrorie had visited Brevard a number of times, and had many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Lookabill and children attended the funeral service in Lexington.

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WAACs Lose 'A' And Net Full Rating In United States Army

Washington — Congress completed and sent to the White House during the past week a bill making the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps a part of the army of the United States.

The official name is changed to "Women's Army Corps." The members thus still will be called WAACs.

The bill says the Women's Army Corps and the Army Nurse Corps shall be the only women's organizations of the United States, but it specifies that neither corps is a part of the "regular" United States army.

Elimination of steel springs in furniture saves 30,000 tons of steel annually.

It is reported that stocks of most rationed foods, together with prospective production, probably will be adequate to maintain the present level of consumption until the end of the year.

Tomato Juice Good Source Of Vitamins

Tomato juice is a healthful drink and, if properly prepared, is an excellent source of vitamins "A" and "C", says Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Home Economist in Food Conservation at N. C. State College.

She suggests the use of fully ripe, firm tomatoes of a bright red color, which have been washed and cut into small pieces, after the removal of the core. To preserve the natural flavor and color in the canned tomato juice, Mrs. Morris says that knives of stainless steel should be used and that utensils of copper, brass and iron should be avoided.

The conservationist advises that one to two gallons of tomatoes should be handled at the time and that there should be no delay in any step of the canning program. The tomatoes should be precooked at about 170 to 180 degrees Fahrenheit or, if no thermometer is available, let the tomatoes simmer until softened. They should not be boiled.

Foreign consumption of cotton has declined each year since 1939. Consumption in this country has increased from 6.9 million bales to 11.2 million bales.

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