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A SUBSTITUTE FOR HOME

Everyone would like to do something to show our appreciation of the men in the fighting services. Most of us are not situated so that we can extend them our hospitality or do them some other friendly turn. But there is a medium through which all of us can do these things. It is the USO—United Service Organizations—one of the bright spots in this war for the men in uniform.

The USO is co-operatively operated by national welfare agencies representing all faiths. It has set up service clubhouses near Army camps and naval posts, lounges in railway stations and other gathering places and mobile units in the field. The USO provides a center of entertainment, a comfortable place to relax when off duty and friendly helpers in meeting the many personal needs of men away from home. It follows the American soldier and sailor wherever they are called and its clubhouses are found in all of our overseas bases. Its mobile units carry food snacks, smokes and other comforts to the men in the field.

The USO is a substitute for home. It is able to perform all its welcome services only through the support of the folks at home. A campaign is now under way to raise the funds needed to carry on its work, which must be expanded with the increase in our fighting forces. Helping it along is the one way we can all do for those in uniform some of the things we would like to do directly if we could.

WHEN IT PAYS TO BE SOLID

Here is more news about the Solid South, the provincial South, or whatever South your own particular prejudice, pro or con, has made most acceptable to you.

It is told by The Chapel Hill Weekly after that journal had made a careful examination of the chart published by the magazine New Republic showing how each member of the House of Representatives voted on war measures over the past three years. The Chapel Hill paper thus sums up:

Neutrality revision, lend-lease, draft extension—it can be truly said that the South saved all these and the other measures affecting the country's foreign policy, for, if the South had split on them as other sections did, they would have been lost.

Had there come defeat for lend-lease, for neutrality revision, for lend-lease appropriation—not to mention any of the other measures—there would have been no help going to the democracies from the United States, and the war against Hitler would have been lost before now. So, if the world is saved, the saving of it will be in large part due to the fact, that in the crisis, through all the storm of controversy, the South voted unanimously and steadily on the right side.

When one has explained fully why these Southern House members saved the day, and civilization, say also why the men of the South have led those of other sections in enlistment for fighting the war which their representatives saw coming.—Asheville Times.

Every American should strive to prevent waste during the war emergency; the outcome of the struggle may depend upon the scrap material that becomes available.

When you say good things about people, tell it to their faces. There's already too much behind-the-back talk.

Buy your goods from the merchants of Marion. When you need help, you won't get it by mail.

Going to church may not be your habit, but it would be a good habit for you to have.

GERMANY KILLS AND STEALS

European official and private sources estimate that the Nazi process of looting conquered areas has produced \$36,000,000,000 in cash and goods, and Glen M. Stadler, United Press correspondent recently returned from Germany, says that this is equal to the whole cost of Germany's seven years of rearmament.

Under Hitler's "New Order" a gigantic squeeze is being applied to the 175,000,000 persons in the occupied countries. The Germans resolutely seized supplies of all kinds and managed to acquire quasi-legal title to industrial facilities. With the standard of living down to a subsistence level, the Nazis do not hesitate to rob the conquered people of their food resources, blandly asserting that it is not the duty of the conqueror to feed the conquered.

In connection with this process, Hitler's firing squads have been busy since the fighting began in Poland. Mr. Stadler estimates that nearly 400,000 Europeans have been executed. He says that 80,000 Poles were slaughtered after the fall of Warsaw in reprisal for the alleged murder of 56,000 minority Germans by the Poles. The Yugo-Slav Government in London charges that Hungarian soldiers have killed more than 100,000 persons in Northern Yugo-Slavia, that Germans have killed more than 65,000 in Serbia and that Italian and German soldiers and Croatian terrorists have killed 300,000 persons throughout Yugo-Slavia.

With these reports in mind, and allowing for the exaggeration of war, the American people have a clear-cut pattern of what a Nazi victory will mean to the world. The Germans will be the masters and other peoples will have no right to property or life itself.

"FOR A BETTER WORLD"

An audience of bankers was recently warned by Walter D. Fuller, president of the Curtiss Publishing Company and chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, that "the people of this country are fighting this war for a better world in which to live."

Mr. Fuller says that "they would like it through democracy, liberty and free enterprise," and he adds that "they are determined to have this better world of greater security one way or another, and if they don't get it through present principles, they will look elsewhere."

This is what we call a realistic appraisal of the present situation. The people of the United States are interested in a "better world" and not in worn out phrases about principles which do not bring them the liberty, security and opportunities they are entitled to.

Mr. Fuller's conclusions approximate a considerable advance over the ideas of many big business men at the time of the great depression. When millions of people of the United States were willing to work and unable to find employment, it was utterly foolish to remind them of the virtues of individual initiative and private enterprise. Nevertheless, the principles were thoroughly exhibited for years, with the result that the nation experienced one of its greatest political and social upheavals.

Mr. Fuller says that this country cannot return to "the good old days" after the war, because those days "just weren't good enough." They were the days, he adds, of idle money, idle men and idle plants, when 28,000,000 people were receiving some form of public assistance, when there were 10,000,000 unemployed and when there was want amidst plenty.

Mr. Fuller continued by pointing out that even in 1929 there were more than 6,000,000 families—twenty-one per cent of the population—with incomes of less than \$20 a week, and more than forty-two per cent with incomes of less than \$25.00 a week. He warned the bankers that "the handwriting is on the wall" and said, "We either must cut the cloth to that pattern or the reformers and demagogues will."

While there are some people who refuse to pay their debts when they have the money, the vast majority of citizens gladly pay when the cash is available.

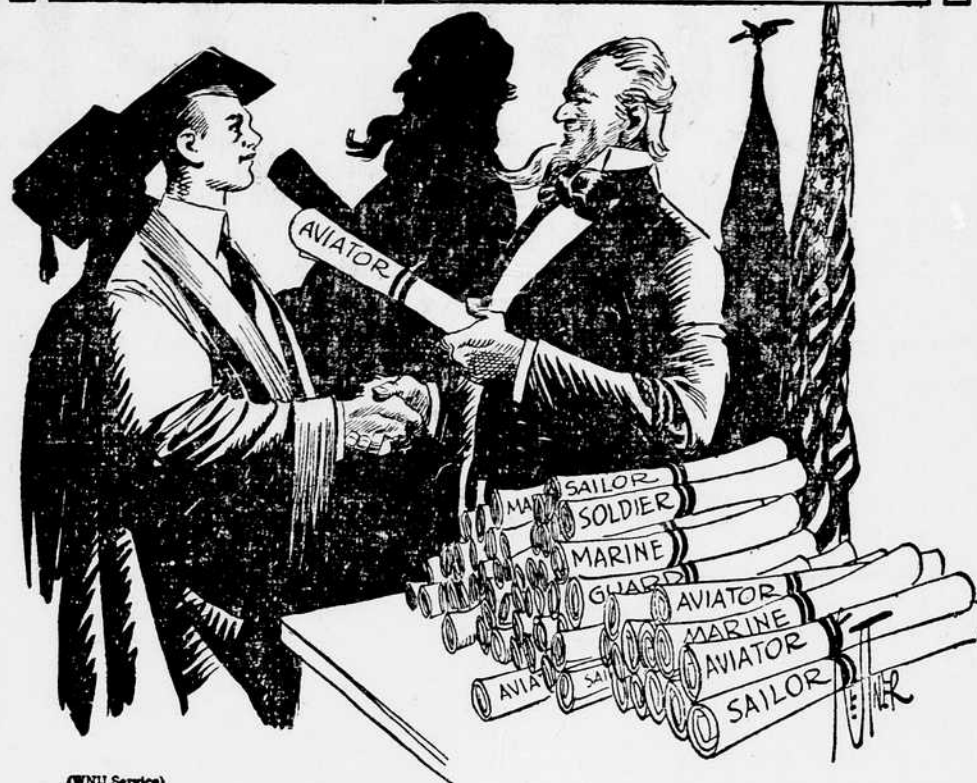
A visitor said the other day that Marion was the friendliest place he had ever been in. This is a nice compliment to our people.

Unfortunately, the average school child does not mind the closing of schools for vacation days.

Before the war ends, you will be doing without more than sugar and gasoline and liking it.

Buy coal now or be cold later.

Class of '42



WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

In America there is no Gestapo to suddenly appear, destroying people's property and sending them to concentration camps or before firing squads merely for being a Christian or Jew, or maybe saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Here they can worship as they please—no one can take this privilege from them. In Germany instead of the Bible, Hitler's "Mein Kamp," is substituted.

In America there are public schools in which all children, no matter how poor, can attend. In American schools, instead of the children drilling with toy guns, saluting, or marching around in dull uniforms, they study history, mathematics, civics, geography—almost anything which is needed through life. Then, after completing high school, the boys can join the U. S. Marine Corps and enlist in the Marine Corps Institute, selecting the subject or subjects they want to study—aviation, automobile, radio, engineering, and many others.

In America the people can vote as they please, without a gun in back forcing them to say "yes." The government of the United States is for the common good of all people. They won't be arrested because they disagree with the party in power. They do not have to belong to any certain political party, whether Democrat or Republican.

In America the people can dial any station on the radio, see any movie, and read any newspaper, book or magazine. The freedom of press, speech, and assembly enable us to hear all sides of a question.

America means freedom, justice, education prosperity, cooperation—America, means everything!—By Archie Miller, in North Wilkesboro Newsworld.

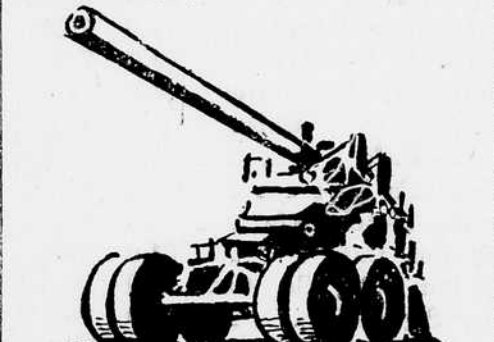
AAA PROGRAM INCREASES YIELDS FOR WAR NEEDS

The widespread use of winter legume and grasses, use of green manure and cover crops, application of lime and phosphate, and other soil-building practices of the agricultural conservation program have helped prepare North Carolina farms for wartime production, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the AAA Committee.

Pointing to results of the program, Mr. Scott said the state average yield for cotton had been increased from about 250 pounds per acre during the 1928-32 period to more than 350 pounds during the past three years. Tobacco yields were increased from 685 to 980

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The 155-millimeter gun is the modern version of the old "GPF" of World War I days. It has a range fifty percent greater than the old gun, having a 95-pound projectile approximately 15 miles. It is capable of high road speed and each one costs \$50,000.



Arsenals of America are working at terrific speed turning out this long range, effective weapon for our armed forces. You and your neighbor working hand-in-hand in unity can make possible the purchase of an adequate number of these guns by buying War Bonds. Put 10 percent of your income in War Bonds to help reach your county quota, every pay day.

pounds per acre. Corn, oat, wheat, and hay yields per acre have been increased 15 to 20 percent, and the grazing capacity of pastures also has been improved greatly.

"High production yields cannot be overemphasized during this important agricultural year," Mr. Scott said. "Every acre of cropland must produce to its maximum capacity for our farmers to contribute their full share to the nation's war effort."

The 400,000 tons of limestone used by North Carolina farmers last year under the agricultural conservation program was about four and one-half times the 1936-39 average, and the amount of superphosphate was about six times the 1936-39 average. Both are furnished as conservation materials under the AAA program without an immediate outlay of cash.

25 Years Ago In Marion And McDowell

Marion Progress, May 31, 1917

We are delighted to see the tannery at Old Fort fast regaining form and to know that the entire plant will soon be back in operation, which means much to Old Fort and McDowell county.

The Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association held a pleasant and profitable meeting in Marion last Friday and Saturday.

A distressing accident occurred at the home of John Wilson here last Sunday morning when his daughter, Eula Wilson, aged 14, accidentally shot and seriously, if not fatally, injured her cousin, Lizzie Presnell, aged 16, with a .38-calibre pistol.

Work on the highway between Ridgecrest and Old Fort is making satisfactory progress.

Secretary of Labor Wilson announced today that he had decided to lease the Mountain Park hotel at Hot Springs for the use of some 5,000 or more interned Germans and that the first consignment of the prisoners of war will be sent to Hot Springs within ten days.

Miles P. Flack of Vein Mountain, who represented McDowell county at the recent session of the Legislature, was in town Tuesday. Since returning from Raleigh he has been confined home with rheumatism.

NORTH CAROLINA BIRD BOOK WILL BE ISSUED

Raleigh, June 2.—An official, authentic and comprehensive book on birds of North Carolina—the first to be issued since 1919—will be ready for delivery in June, Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott announced today.

Authors of the book, "Birds of North Carolina," are C. S. Brimley, H. H. Brimley and T. Gilbert Pearson, nationally-known ornithologists.

The publication, sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture, will cover 440 pages, including 20 full-page color plates, 17 full-page black and white plates and 140 text figures of individual species.

"The issuance of this book will be welcome news to the bird and nature lovers of North Carolina and other States," Commissioner Scott said.

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A Word of Thanks

I take this means now of personally thanking every Democrat in the county who supported my candidacy for sheriff.

For all the consideration, influence and support given me during the campaign and for your vote in my behalf in Saturday's Democratic primary, I desire to offer a sincere expression of my gratitude.

Grady Nichols



Don't Take Chances on a Cold House

There is no shortage of coal in the mines, and Stamey's Coal and Wood Yard has all the coal you want right now. However, if you wait until the peak season to order, delivery may be delayed due to transportation tie-ups. Industrial loads on the freight systems will be extra heavy, so do your part by filling your coal bin now and keeping it filled.

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