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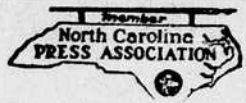
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SOUTH PACIFIC SUCCESS

Major General Nathan F. Twining, commanding officer of the Thirteenth Air Force, operating in the South Pacific, praises the wonderful way in which the Army, the Navy and the Marines cooperate under Admiral Halsey.

This is nothing more than Americans expect. The rivalry between the services disappears in the front lines and it is unexpressed except in relatively safe areas.

Gen. Twining says that the defeat of the Japanese is certain. "The only thing we don't know now is how long it will last," he says, but adds, "the Japs are slipping fast."

The General points out that our strategy does not contemplate any island-to-island battering at the vitals of Japan. He says we are pushing into position and "with bases established fairly close up" we can work on them. "We can sink their ships and since they're a maritime nation, they won't be able to keep going with their shipping destroyed."

HEAVIER AERIAL ASSAULTS

The aerial war has developed tremendously in recent months but there are indications that point to a much heavier assault upon our enemies in the year ahead.

The biggest war plant in the nation is now ready to produce engines for army bombers. Located near Chicago the main building is large enough to house Willow Run and have room left for twenty baseball diamonds.

The mass production of super-bombers is also about to begin. The plant at Marietta, Ga., and other plants, will produce the huge successors to the Flying Fortress at a rate that would astonish Hitler.

The 9,000 planes a month rate of production may not increase very much but the planes produced will be much heavier. They will transport more bombs, longer distances and with deadlier effect.

U. S. SUBMARINES AT WORK

Sixteen submarines of the United States Navy have been lost since this country entered the wars now raging but three of them were not destroyed by enemy action.

The thirteen "overdue" ships represent a part of the fleet of underwater warships that is sinking so many Japanese ships. These units leave ports for long cruises and nobody knows what happens, except that they do not return on time.

There is no publicity agent to describe the exploits of the submarines and their crews. They work silently, far from home, and out of sight. Only when the tabulation of enemy ships lost is reported do we realize what a valuable contribution they are making to the nation's war effort.

BERLIN'S FOOLISH THREAT

Evidently the aerial offensive is hurting Germany more than some people think. This seems clear from the "Huns of the air" epithet hurled at British and American aviators by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The threat of the Berlin radio that military courts will deal with Anglo-American prisoners "who are guilty of a serious breach of international law" indicates some cracking of German morale.

While it is extremely improbable that the Germans will invite retaliation there is always the possibility that the Nazis will take vengeance upon those within their power.

If unfortunately, the Germans adopt the Japanese conception of aviators, and execute American and British fliers, it will be up to the United Nations to exact a terrible penalty. We prefer not to think of such a scourge but, if it becomes necessary, we should not hesitate.

Hitler's secret weapon is the discord that he can stir up among the people of the United Nations.

ITALIAN CAMPAIGN SATISFACTORY.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, talking about the war in Italy, says that the campaign has well repaid all efforts. He seems to be satisfied that the best has been done under terrible adverse conditions of weather, logistics and terrain.

Apparently, the commander of the Allied forces considers that the capture of the port of Naples and the airfields of Foggia represent important acquisitions. He feels that the men in the Fifth and Eighth Armies have been fighting superbly and takes much pride in the way the various Allied forces have worked together.

The General and his assistants are conscious of criticisms launched by armchair strategists in the United States, who continually inform the world what should be done, with sidelights as to the why and how.

The military leaders are dealing with an actual campaign which has to be run upon lines which are different from those that succeeded only in glowing phrases on a typewriter.

HEAVY CASUALTIES AHEAD

The happy illusion of the people of this country that they can whip Germany and Japan without suffering heavy casualties is responsible for the warning from Washington, preparing the people for terrible battle casualties.

The Associated Press quotes one of the nation's highest executives as predicting that our casualties will jump from 132,000 to more than 500,000 in the next three months.

This means extremely heavy fighting is at hand. It also means that the enemy will be on the receiving end of some hard blows and that, come what may, the Axis casualty list will grow.

ACCEPT THE RISKS OF PEACE

The President's message to the people of the United States revealed high confidence in the organization of the nations for peace, after the war ends.

Mr. Roosevelt made it perfectly plain, however, that there can be no sure peace unless the nations are ready to use force to maintain it.

This is important. Any people willing to pour out blood and treasure, after being attacked, should be willing to act prudently and intelligently to prevent the attack.

We assume all the risk when aggressor nations seek to plunder the world. Is it too much to ask that we take some risk to maintain peace?

DON'T WORRY!

Don't worry too much about the people who insist that the world is more miserable than ever and speeding to suicide.

That is nonsense. Never before in the history of this globe have so many people enjoyed so much as today, even in the day of the terrible war underway.

The standard of health, intelligence and goodness was never so high. There are exceptions, good and bad, but the state of the average man, woman or child, all over the world, has never been excelled.

THE SECRET SUB

The liquor industry in America is sinking annually the equivalent of more than 200 boatloads of grain, 200 of fruit, and 13 boatloads of sugar.

The more than 4,000,000,000 pounds of grain and 165,000,000 gallons of molasses used in our alcoholic beverages would provide every one of America's 40,000,000 underfed with an extra loaf of bread and an additional quart of milk every day in the year.

The daily \$9,000,000 U. S. liquor bill would:

- Feed 1,000,000 Chinese refugee children for nine months.
- Pay for 180 bombers at \$50,000.
- Completely train 600 military pilots at \$15,000.

How long must this sabotage go on? — Oneonta Messenger, South Pasadena, Calif.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Manufacturers of children's clothing have been given additional materials and manpower to overcome existing shortages. The WPB has allocated 18,000,000 yards of cotton fabrics for two million dozen items of children's clothing in the first quarter of 1944. Yarns for five thousand dozen knit underwear garments and 1,903,000 dozen hose have been provided. Special emphasis has been laid on the production of low-cost articles which should reach the retail counters in February or March.

Motto for All-Americans: United to Win the War and to Preserve the Peace.

Sending The Progress to a relative, at home or abroad, makes a year-round Christmas.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home



NEWS HAPPENINGS FROM BOB'S CREEK

On New Year's eve the young people of the community and of Harmony Grove church were invited to a party and buffet supper at the home of R. P. Ball. Mrs. Sam Marlowe and Mrs. R. P. Ball were joint hostesses. After the group had grown tired of singing and playing games, the guests were invited to come to the kitchen where a delicious buffet supper of weiners, cake, and hot cocoa was served. All of the guests had a very enjoyable time.

Friends of Mrs. Charles Dayberry will be glad to learn that she is greatly improved after a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marlowe and family visited Mrs. Marlowe's mother recently.

Miss Lola Ball, who is employed in a chemical laboratory in Savannah, Georgia, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ball, during the Christmas holidays. The family also enjoyed a short visit from Mr. Ball's nephew, Sgt. Conley N. McKinnish, of the air forces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliam and family have moved to the Haney farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wilson, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Pfc. Elbert Wilson, of San Diego, California, are expected to arrive here about the middle of January to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Emma Marlowe, who is employed in Asheville, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Marlowe.

to C. B. Hogan, a cooperator of the Catawba soil conservation district.

In order to have the materials necessary for the war effort a heavy demand is being made on our woodlands. The better quality stands of timber are rapidly disappearing in localities and should be of prime importance to the people of McDowell county. This is especially true since a large percentage of the population depend on the woodlands for all, or a part of, their annual income.

In harvesting mature timber especially shortleaf and white pine, which are valuable species in this county, it is advisable to follow the practice of leaving from three to five seed trees per acre. These trees should be selected and marked before the stand is cut and leave them scattered over the area. Only trees with a well developed crown and producing a large number of cones should be left for seed trees. If the area is protected from fire a new crop of seedlings will be produced within a few years.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How does our present army compare with that of 1917-18?
 2. How many men are in the Army Air Corps?
 3. How many men are in the Navy?
 4. What is the aircraft strength of the Army and Navy?
 5. How do munitions' output now compare with Nov. 1941?
 6. Can you give approximate tonnage of merchant ships built in 1943?
 7. How does lend-lease aid to Russia compare with aid to Great Britain?
 8. What ocean-borne tonnage leaves U. S. ports in a year?
 9. The Army pilot training program turns out how many pilots a year?
 10. Has the U. S. had above-average food production since 1940?
- (See "The Answers" on Page 7)

Conservation News

By L. B. Hairr

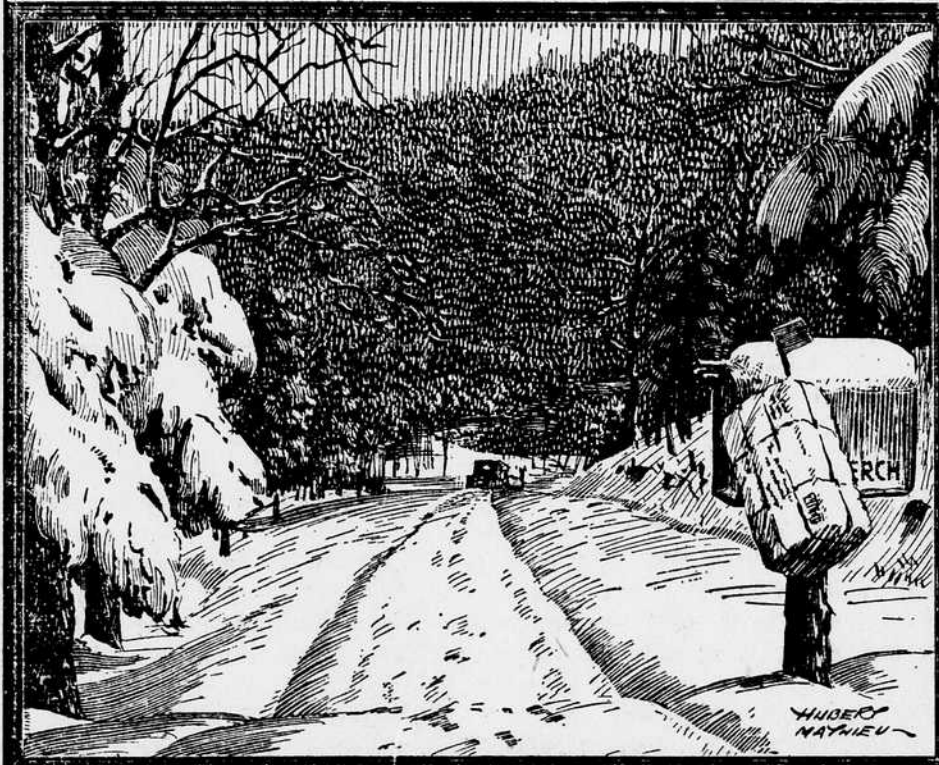
Setting tree seedlings in understocked and cut over woodlands is a good way to help nature insure a future supply of timber, according

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN NOR HEAT NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT STAYS THESE COURIERS

FROM THE SWIFT COMPLETION OF THEIR APPOINTED ROUNDS.

— QUOTATION FROM THE GREEK HISTORIAN HERODOTUS — USED AS A MOTTO FOR THE U. S. POSTOFFICE.



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