

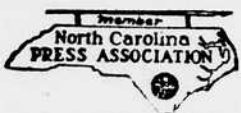
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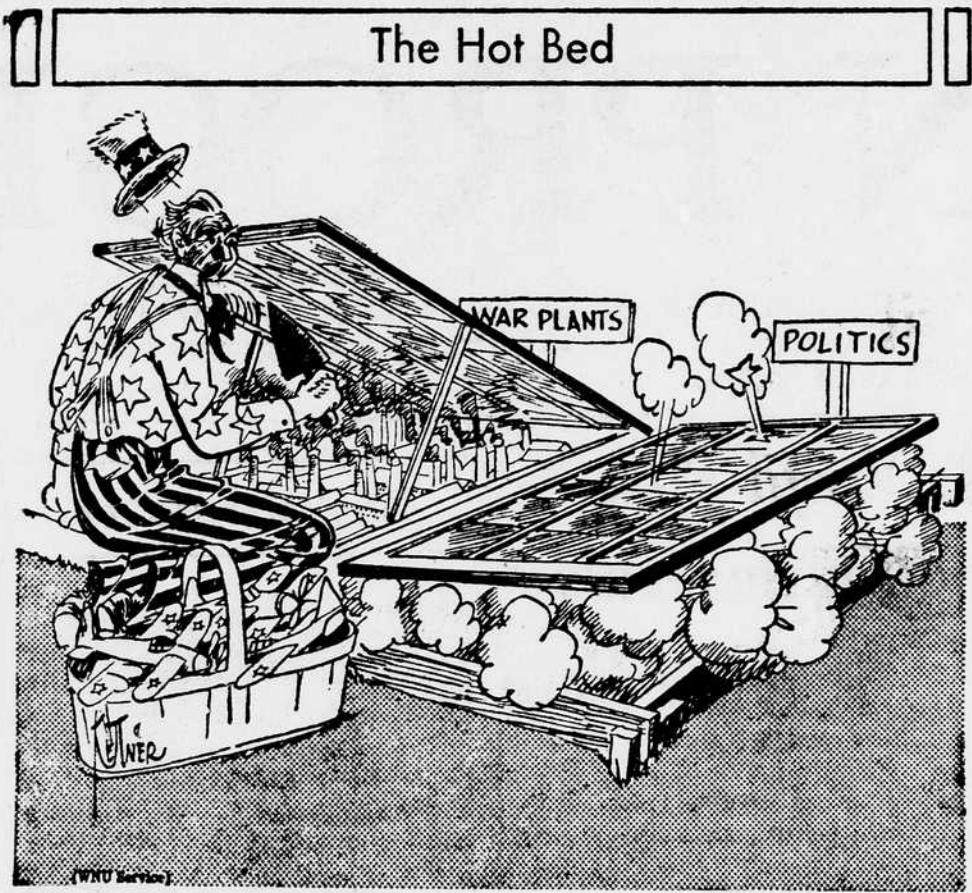
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BRITAIN'S WAR AGAINST JAPAN

ANOTHER WEEK AHEAD
National Family Week, scheduled for May 7-14, joins the ever-expanding list of special weeks that are to be observed by the American people. Certainly, it is highly proper for the churches and the public to emphasize the value of the family and the home and it is to be hoped that the observance of a special week will lead to greater appreciation of this institution.

We sometimes doubt the usefulness of special programs, allocated on the calendar to advertise worthwhile projects. The energy and enthusiasm concentrated in a few days might accomplish more good if expended regularly throughout the year.

This is not meant to criticize those who sponsor special occasions. Human nature is infinite in its variety and, consequently, there must be many efforts if all persons are to be reached. The special weeks probably stir up some individuals. Certainly, they can hardly do harm.

ACCIDENTS KILL PEOPLE

It may be useful to tell you again that accidents have killed twice as many people in the United States as the war since Pearl Harbor.

The National Safety Council says that accidents have reduced 350,000 war-time workers to industrial 4-Fs with permanent disabilities. In addition, 102,000 workers have been killed and 9,500,000 injured.

This is a terrible indictment of modern man and his carelessness. While some of the accidents were inevitable, the great majority of them could have been avoided by more intelligent action on the part of those killed and injured.

The figures show that 61,000 persons have been killed in traffic accidents since Pearl Harbor and that some 2,100,000 have been injured. Certainly, there is no necessity for the death of approximately 2,000 persons a month in highway accidents. These casualties provide unanswerable argument for the stringent enforcement of traffic regulations and the inexorable punishment of those guilty of endangering the lives of their fellowmen on the highways.

SPEED IN THE AIR

Even in this day of familiarity with speed in the air, it is amazing to read that the Lockheed Constellation, a giant, four-engine transport plane, crossed the Continent from Burbank, California, to Washington, in six hours and fifty-eight minutes.

This means an average speed of around 350 miles an hour and sets a new record for transcontinental aviation. The Constellation carried seventeen persons and had room for forty additional passengers with luxury accommodations. Experts say that, as a troop transport, it can carry 100 soldiers with full equipment.

UP TO CONGRESS

It is well known that pressure groups hold the lives of many Congressmen in their hands and that it is political suicide to oppose their demands.

This being the facts it might be well for Congress to consider steps to drive the lobbyists out of the national capital. President Wilson did the job during the first World War and it is not too much to expect Congress to do it in 1944.

Every citizen can, and should, contribute to the spiritual growth and development of McDowell county, which is more important than many people think.

The victory that beckons the United Nations depends upon the production of food, as well as munitions, and our farmers will deliver the stuff as usual.

Pulpwood continues to be a prime necessity of the war program and it is up to farmers to remember it.

Prime Minister Churchill, in his recent radio address, pledged the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations to "fight side by side with the United States against Japan, no matter what it costs or how long it lasts."

No responsible British statesman omits the opportunity to reiterate this pledge which has been made upon numerous occasions in the past. Every time the statement is made, the news comes from Washington that the "assurance" is "encouraging."

Americans seem to overlook the additional fact stated by Mr. Churchill, when he said, "Actually we have suffered from Japan injuries even greater than those which have roused the armed wrath of the American Union."

This is a truth apparent to anybody who has a kindergarten knowledge of what has occurred in the Far East. If the British Government, for any reason, should take such injuries from Japan without making war, the British Empire would come to an end in short order.

WHAT MAKES IT EASY

The national income of the people of the United States in 1943 has been estimated at \$147,000,000,000 by the Department of Commerce.

This is one-fifth larger than in 1942, double that of 1939 and four times the depression low of 1932. It is explained that three-fourths of the increase over 1942 is due to larger industrial wages and salaries, Federal payrolls including the armed forces and farm income.

With this national income the people find it easier to carry a much heavier tax schedule. The taxes of 1943 are severe but they would be impossible under the \$40,000,000,000 income of 1932.

The average American should understand that the greater part of the increased national income results from the activity of government, not free enterprise or individual initiative. They will likely wonder why the government can stimulate production, during war, without economic disaster and be unable to accomplish the same end in years of peace.

The welfare of the average citizen depends very largely upon the ability of the American system to maintain a large national income, which will enable the people to bear heavy loads to take care of the national debt.

ACCURATE BOMBING

A party of newspaper writers, on a tour of our training camps, reveal that the Air Corps has "developed bombing with the accuracy of rifle fire and at almost the same angle."

This is interesting in view of the great build-up that has been given our pre-war bomb-sights, which are said to be able to drop bombs from high altitudes "into a barrel."

The probability is that the accuracy of bombing has improved with practice just like anything else undertaken by man. Moreover, the probability is that our Air Force, undoubtedly as efficient as any in the world, has developed equipment and techniques that are equal to or better than those available to other nations.

There is much isolationist sentiment in the United States and it crops out at times, in the Congress, where members make absurd statements.

Let's make Marion such an attractively friendly place in which to live that we won't have to hunt people to live here.

Plant a Victory Garden, even if you fail to get half of what the seed catalogue lead you to expect.

COCKROACHES KILLED BY SODIUM FLUORIDE

Sodium fluoride has been recommended for cockroach control for many years and is still the most effective material available for this purpose, says J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist at N. C. State College.

The effectiveness of the sodium fluoride treatment depends upon the method of application. Maxwell recommends that the powder be dusted very thinly over the surfaces where the cockroaches may run through it. The pests lick the material which sticks to their feet and thus they are poisoned. If the powder is left in piles, the cockroach will avoid walking through it. A small garden duster may be used for applying sodium fluoride. If a duster is not available, Maxwell recommends that about 1/4 teaspoonful of powder be placed in the center of a piece of cloth about 12 by 18 inches. Sift the powder through a cloth by striking with a stick.

The powder should be applied around baseboards, under the kitchen sink, and on cabinet shelves. It is not effective when applied to wet surfaces. The material acts rather slowly but in about five days many dead cockroaches should be found.

"Sodium fluoride is poisonous, but there is little or no danger of the cockroaches carrying sufficient sodium fluoride to any food product to be harmful for human consumption. It should not be sifted directly on any food product which is to be eaten," Maxwell says.

CHERRY OUTLINES 20-PLANK PLATFORM

Raleigh, April 21.—Gregg Cherry a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, has outlined a 20-plank campaign platform.

And high on the list is a state-planned program for medical care and hospitalization, with special provisions for care of school children. Cherry's platform also emphasizes adequate state provision for education and vocational training of returned war veterans, and a post-war construction program to support the rehabilitation program.

The candidate said that the neglect of health in the young people has caused a grievous loss in the state's manpower.

One of these days the world may be peopled with folks who always do right, but we're afraid we won't live to see it.



WAR BONDS in action

Over the top in Italy! One more ridge, one more mile on the road to Berlin. As in victorious military campaigns, people on the home front must sacrifice to provide all the sinews of war. One of these is the regular purchase of War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

TO BUY SURPLUS WHITE POTATOES IN W. N. C.

Raleigh, April 22. — Randall B. Etheridge, chief of the marketing division of the state department of agriculture, announces that a large surplus of Irish potatoes exists in Western North Carolina. He said that the Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase almost four million pounds of these potatoes in the next few weeks to alleviate the surplus.

Etheridge says the total purchase will amount to 79 carloads of U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes at \$2.20 a hundred pounds. The sale will bring a return of more than \$75,000 to potato growers in the area.

Guy W. Capps of Creeds, Va., will be in charge of the purchasing program for the CCC. Four state department of agriculture inspectors will be on hand to assist the growers in grading, packing, inspecting and loading the crop.

The people of McDowell County deserve commendation for their support of the Red Cross but one contribution is not the individual's share in this war.

Chaplains are not provided on U. S. war ships smaller than heavy cruisers.

Cherry-For-Governor

To My Friends:

No doubt you are familiar with the fact that R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia is a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary, May 27th.

I was born and reared in McDowell county, but have lived in Gaston county for the past 27 years. During my residence here I have known R. Gregg Cherry and I consider it a privilege to recommend him to you. I can attest to the fact that he is a good citizen, a successful business man, an able legislator and, in fact, he possesses the qualifications necessary to make us a good governor. Through his experience as a legislator in Raleigh for the past seven terms Gregg has intimate knowledge of the affairs of the state and will, I believe, when elected continue to practice good business in government. He is a man who can be trusted to give us a just, impartial and honest administration of the affairs of the state. I consider it a duty to my state and my friends to do anything I can to assist him in winning the nomination.

During the first World war R. Gregg Cherry saw active service in France as captain in the 115th machine gun battalion, 30th division. By reason of his work with the American Legion and veterans since that time, he is able to lead the State in the solution of service men and women's problems when they come home.

Gaston county is backing Gregg Cherry to the limit and I can vouch for the fact that his training, experience and qualifications merit your confidence and support, so I seek your vote for CHERRY-FOR-GOVERNOR.

Yours very truly,
W. P. GILLIAM,
Gastonia, N. C.

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