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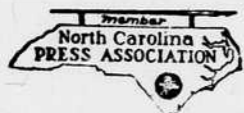
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NO SUPER-INVASION LIKELY

The people of many communities of the United States, including Marion are making plans for special prayer services when the invasion of Europe begins. Such services, in our opinion, are eminently proper and it is right for us to seek the favor of God for an enterprise designed to protect us from tyranny and oppression.

It might be well, however, to realize that the much-heralded invasion of Europe may not develop in exactly the way most of us expect. Some of us have an idea that on a given day, the full striking power of the United States and Great Britain will be ferried across the Channel to launch a terrific all-out attack upon German positions.

Actually, the prospects are that no such operation will be attempted. The invasions will likely begin on a small scale, compared to the popular conception of the massive offensive, and will be enlarged progressively by other relatively small-scale operations.

The strategy of General Eisenhower has not been revealed but it seems safe to write off the idea that the decisive battle of the war will begin everywhere at the same time.

It is much more probable that the Anglo Americans will attack at a given point, take advantage of overwhelming sea and air superiority and make good a considerable beachhead. This will be repeated elsewhere under the protection of overwhelming sea and air support.

Practically everybody recognizes the great role that the Air Force will play in the invasion of Western Europe. Certainly, wherever the Anglo-American army strikes, it will be accompanied by adequate power in the air. This is generally accepted as the first requisite of a successful operation.

What a good many Americans do not recognize, however, is the important role that will be played by warships. The guns of the combined fleets will undoubtedly deliver broadsides of unprecedented destructive power. They will blast the enemy defenses and give to the landing-barges an explosive barrage that cannot be excelled by ground artillery.

There are many advantages to be secured by the slow and gradual development of our offensive. Obviously, if the invasion begins along a wide front, there will be a dispersal of naval and air support. If selected beachheads are established, one at a time, full aerial and naval support will be available in each locality during the critical initial period.

After men, machines, material and equipment have been safely landed and the fighting expanded into the interior, our forces will be able, if necessary, to adopt a defensive role until other landings make it possible to increase the pressure upon the foe.

COMMENDABLE ACTION

Group Captain Whittle, inventor of the jet-propulsion engine, has given the British Government his sixteen per cent interest in a company which pioneered in the building of gas turbine, jet-propulsion, aero engine.

The gift is explained by the fact that the officer has been officially lent to the company for whole-time service and, therefore, feels it to be incompatible with his duty as an active officer in the RAF to retain any commercial interest in the company.

While not familiar with all the facts involved in this donation, the action of the inventor deserves commendation. It is refreshing to see a citizen, who happens to be an officer, give away something as a matter of principle.

A Victory Garden is one from which the operator gets more food than the insects.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



A SALUTE TO OUR MOTHERS
MAY 14, 1944.



**YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE CENTER OF OUR LOVE,
OUR EXAMPLE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD,
THE SYMBOL OF OUR FAMILY LIFE —
THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY.
WE THANK YOU FOR THESE THINGS AND
FOR ALL THE EXTRA EFFORTS YOU
ARE PUTTING FORTH TO HELP IN
PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY.**

PEOPLE PERMIT "BLACK MARKETS"

Shad Polier, Director of Gasoline Rationing, says that illegal transactions are draining off almost 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline daily and that "black market" operations "may force a reduction in civilian gasoline rations."

This warning should interest motorists whose driving is curtailed by the use of coupons. It is to their interest to assist in stamping out the illegal operations of "thieves and counterfeiters, who steal, print and sell gasoline coupons" and "chiselers who buy them or buy gasoline without coupons."

Mr. Polier says that big-time racketeers have gone into the counterfeit gasoline coupon business, which is more lucrative and easier to handle than the counterfeiting of currency. He denounces them as saboteurs, no better than the man "who blows up a refinery."

We call these facts to the attention of law-abiding and loyal Americans, who should not hesitate to express their contempt, not only for the racketeers but for so-called respectable citizens who make it possible for the racketeers to operate. Every illegal coupon limits the amount of gasoline to be distributed, under the rationing system, to honest and patriotic Americans.

JAPANESE LOSSES HEAVY

Prime Minister John Curtin, of Australia, en route to Britain, referred to the heavy toll that has been exacted from the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific theater.

Mr. Curtin pointed out that the gains have been made with relatively little loss of life and the minimum of frontal assault. Enemy strongholds have been by-passed and their supply lines severed, first by air attack and then by naval forces.

The Japanese, it is estimated, have lost more than 100,000 troops, 140 to 170 warships, 200 to 270 merchant ships and from 5,000 to 6,000 aircraft.

The successful campaign in the Southwest Pacific, which includes the hard fighting on the Solomon Islands, offers conclusive evidence that the much-maligned "island hopping" is the only strategy to be pursued in such an area.

BUY WAR BONDS

It is the desire of everyone to hold down the cost of living during the war days. One way in which all can help is by sending less and putting the money into War Bonds.

Civilian goods simply can't be produced in the volume to maintain our usual living standards. If all of us compete on the market for the limited supply of things offered for sale, prices will be forced upward rapidly.

Hence we can protect ourselves and help our country by buying bonds to the utmost of our ability. In later years we'll have the bonds, and when the country again needs civilian purchasing power, we'll have the money.

Everybody is for price control that does not interfere with profits.

METHODISTS FIND SUNDAY SCHOOLS LOSING STUDENTS

Kansas City, May 4. — Although the church has shown gains in almost every other department, Methodist Sunday school enrollment has dropped about 800,000 in the last decade, a report to the church's general conference disclosed yesterday.

Bishops Paul B. Kern of Nashville, G. Bromley Oxman of Boston and H. Lester Smith of Cincinnati, who headed the committee preparing the report, pointed out that Methodist Sunday schools had 5,806,781 members in 1934, but the figure had dropped to 5,488,939 by 1939 and to 5,040,511 by 1943, a 13.8 per cent loss for the ten years.

Nearly all Protestant churches from which figures were available showed similar losses, the bishops said. The Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., for example, was down 19.5 per cent, and the Congregational Christian church lost 20 per cent.

A variety of reasons have been offered for this failure of the Sunday school to hold its own, all the way from a decline in birthrate to too much Saturday night partying, the bishops said. But they felt that the rise in secularism and a corresponding drop in spiritual life, the inferior quality of work in many Sunday schools, ineffective pastoral leadership and lack of evangelistic zeal all contributed to the decline. Furthermore, the bishops said, the figures were somewhat deceiving since much of the work formerly done exclusively by the Sunday school now is done by other organizations.

Boosting Sunday school attendance was one of the five objectives of a \$25,000,000 "crusade for Christ" adopted by the conference today.

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**Give Our Soldiers
The Opportunity
TO VOTE**

To Relatives Of Persons In The Armed Forces:

Under the North Carolina Election Law all persons in the Armed Forces are entitled to vote in the primary of May 27, 1944, and the General Election of November 7, 1944, and this notice is published by the McDowell County Board of Elections for the purpose of giving proper information to interested persons.

A person serving in the Armed Forces can vote, provided:

1. That he or she is 21 years of age, or will become 21 years of age on or before the General Election of November 7, 1944.
2. That written application for ballots is made by the wife, husband, brother, sister, parent or child of the voter to the County Board of Elections.
3. A soldier home on leave can vote absentee ballots while at home by applying in person to the Board of Elections.

Applications can be had by applying to the Election Board in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the ballots will be mailed direct to voter.

The families of all service men and women, regardless of party affiliation, are urged to make application AT ONCE in order that our boys and girls in the armed forces shall not lose their right to vote.

T. W. GOWAN, Chairman
McDowell County Board of Elections.