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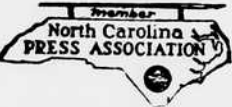
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THE END OF THE WAR

The war outlook of the United States seems to be summarized by recent statements made before the House Postwar Military Policy Committee. The Army, according to Chairman Woodrum, of Virginia, has "tentatively" set October 1st as the date for the end of the war against Germany.

While events in Europe indicate the possibility that German military forces will be decisively defeated by October 1st, the Army certainly makes no "firm" prediction. In fact, the end may occur earlier. It all depends upon the Nazi will to resist in the light of a hopeless military situation.

Regarding the war against Japan, Rear Admiral James H. Irish indicates the Navy expects to be fighting through 1945. He points out that the campaign in the Pacific "is being handicapped by the failure to obtain necessary ships."

The Admiral's observation emphasizes the dependence of our fighting forces upon adequate overseas transportation. Our job in Europe, where we wage war 3,000 miles from home, poses a minor transportation problem compared with that in the Pacific.

If any reader is interested in our opinion, it is that the Army is somewhat optimistic, and Admiral Irish a bit over-cautious.

HEAVY FLEET LOSSES

The British Information Service announces that from the beginning of the war until August 13th, the British Empire lost 561 fighting ships, including three battleships, two battle-cruisers, five aircraft carriers, twenty-eight cruisers, fourteen armed merchant cruisers, 124 destroyers, 64 submarines, seven frigates, twenty-three corvettes and 289 miscellaneous smaller craft.

The United States, despite far-fung naval warfare against Japan, has lost only 173 warships, including one battleship, six carriers, nine cruisers, and twenty-seven destroyers.

While losses do not necessarily reveal the relative contribution made by the two navies the heavy losses suffered by the British fleet indicates the dangerous task it performed in the days when the Empire stood alone against Germany and Italy.

The United States, at that time, was busily preparing for possible warfare and our stupendous success has been due, in part, to the time enjoyed while the British Navy stood between us and potential foes.

The British reveal that today their fleet is more powerful than when war began and everybody in this country knows that the United States navy has become the greatest fleet in the history of the world. If the two nations are wise enough to maintain their overwhelming naval superiority it will be a powerful force for future peace.

The shortage of paper is caused, in large degree, by the enormous requirements of our war effort. Save waste paper and serve on the home front.

In a little less than a month the people of McDowell county will begin sending Christmas packages overseas; this shows you how near Christmas is.

This is the time for the American people to exert themselves for the final effort of war. Give no enemy a breathing spell.

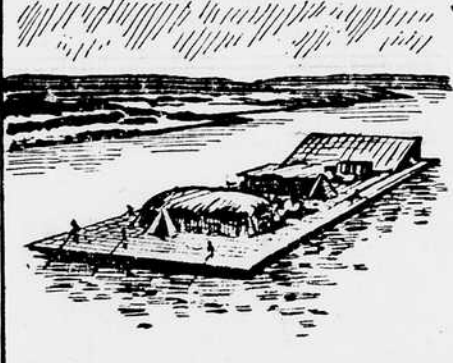
It might be a good idea to begin buying some wood and coal for use in the family furnace when the weather turns colder.

Unemployment has been practically abolished in two wars; it now remains to be seen whether we can do the same thing in years of peace.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

OUR WESTERN RIVERS — ALL RIVERS ULTIMATELY DRAINING INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO. — FEDERAL NAVIGATION RULES.

— SO CALLED BECAUSE THE MISSISSIPPI WAS THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE U.S. BEFORE THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE — AND THE FAR-WESTERN LIMIT OF AMERICAN COLONIZATION.



THE EARLIEST COMMERCE WAS IN GREAT BARGES... AN ACRE OR SO OF WHITE BOARDS, CREW OF A DOZEN MEN... THREE OR FOUR WIGWAMS FOR STORM QUARTERS... FLOATING FROM THE UPPER RIVERS DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS... TEDIUOUSLY POLED BACK BY HAND.
— FROM "LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI" BY MARK TWAIN.

IN 1811 STATELY STEAMBOATS- STERN-WHEELERS AND SIDE-WHEELERS - BEGAN TO PLY THE RIVERS, HELPED BUILD THE MIDDLE WEST. THE BULK OF TRAFFIC WAS STILL DOWNSTREAM.



NOW, STEAMERS TOWING BARGES NOT ONLY RUN NORMAL LOADS DOWNSTREAM INTO THE MIDWEST AND SOUTH, BUT WARTIME CARGOES OF OIL, GASOLINE, COAL AND IRON ORE UPSTREAM — AND EAST TO PITTSBURGH AND BEYOND
— ONCE MORE — AS IN MARK TWAIN'S DAY CARRYING TREMENDOUS TONNAGE

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

We think it advisable to call attention to the report of a committee on juvenile delinquency and crime prevention, recently delivered at the conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Considering the problems of the post-war era, the special committee said: "The prevention of juvenile delinquency requires a total community effort to be participated in by parents, social workers, educators, clergymen, police, industrialists, labor leaders, business men and civic workers."

There is no reason to believe that the members of this committee, police officers with experience, are wrong in their conclusions. They warn parents and the public that the problem ages will range from twelve to nineteen for girls and ten to twenty-three for boys.

Marion has not been backward in attempting to provide recreational facilities for its young people if we compare what has been done locally with what is being done in other places of familiar size. Nevertheless, there is much that can be done in a community effort if the groups mentioned by the police chiefs get busy and put some thought on the job.

AMERICAN LOSSES LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED

The Navy announces the cancellation of some contracts for the construction of landing craft, infantry, large, and explains the order by saying that in the invasions of Sicily, Italy and France, losses were "far lower than anticipated" and that remaining craft, under construction and on order, will meet the needs for this type of vessel in future amphibious operations.

This emphasizes the unexpected low losses sustained in our invasion efforts. It is the same factor that caused a cut-back in the production of heavy bombers. Both in the air and on the sea, Allied losses have been lower than expected despite great gains made.

The same observation, we believe, applies to the casualties suffered by our fighting men. While many Americans have lost their lives, others have been wounded and some captured, the total is much below what experienced military leaders expected and, in consideration of the enormous strides made toward victory, far less blood has been shed than the people of the country feared would be necessary to defeat the enemy.

This is a good time to save some money in order to be able to take advantage of bargain opportunities in the post-war period.

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FOUR IMPORTANT FACTS IN MAILING BOXES OVERSEAS

Washington.—When you mail overseas Christmas packages during the next month, the post office clerks expect to ask you these questions:

1. Is there any written matter or personal correspondence? If so, the P. O. says you should enclose an address duplicating the "to and from" on the outside of your package. You are allowed to write simple dedicatory inscription on the fly-leaf of a book, but no long note of letter-like proportions.

2. Is there any fragile article in the package? You must cushion any breakable object with crushed newspapers or substitute.

3. Is there anything perishable? You cannot mail bonbons, fresh fruit, or crumbly cookies.

4. Anything inflammable or liquid? Matches cannot be mailed, nor anything else inflammable, the P. O. warns. Not over two ounces of liquid can be shipped, and that must be in a completely absorbent wrapping.

The P. O. begs you to tell the truth about what's in the package, if you expect your serviceman or woman to receive your gift.

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ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

North Carolina McDowell County
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Maggie H. Stroud, deceased, late of McDowell County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Marion, N. C., on or before the third day of August, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the third day of August, 1945.
MRS. SALLIE McNEELEY, Administratrix of the Estate of Maggie H. Stroud.



KEEP 'EM HAPPY

A useful gift, carefully chosen by someone he or she loves and sent early enough to be there to greet them on Christmas Day. Men and women in service in foreign lands like to know that they are being remembered and missed on this one holiday nearest to their hearts. Get yours in the mail Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Select your gifts now and get them started on the way. Come in and choose from our carefully selected stock gifts that service men and women prefer, and we'll pack, wrap and mail them for you in government regulation boxes made in our home town of Marion.

Gifts overseas must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

Bill Folds, Fitted Duffie Bags, Pipes, Tobacco, Candy, Soaps, Hair Brushes, Shaving Cream, Tooth Paste, Camphor Ice, Chap Sticks, Sewing Kits, Stationery, Ties, Handkerchiefs.

McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store

ANNOUNCEMENT

J. E. Neal, Jr., (now in the U. S. Armed Service) and R. M. Dark have made arrangements with the Marion Insurance & Trust Company to renew and service all Insurance Policies and Bonds, now in force, issued by this Company.

The Insurance records of each patron of the Marion Insurance & Trust Company have been moved to the offices of the McDowell Insurance Agency located in the Oasis Theatre Building, No. 20 South Main Street. Any information pertaining to your Insurance coverage or policies will be gladly furnished by this Agency without obligation. Come to see us or phone No. 9.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the business that has been entrusted to our care and are pleased to have the privilege of servicing your insurance requirements.

McDowell Insurance Agency

J. E. Neal, Jr., President

R. M. Dark, Sec.-Treas.

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