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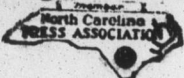
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It's true because the COURIER-TIMES says it,
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WORLD WAR TWO

A few weeks ago we all were talking about the war would be over, especially the European part of it. Some of us named one month while others thought it would last two months but practically everyone thought that the time was drawing rapidly to an end. Now you can hardly find a man that will tell you when he thinks that it will be over.

The war news looks much better now than has ever looked but the American people have about decided that this is no time to talk about the end of the war. They feel that many can hold out for some time to come. Although the Russians are rapidly approaching Berlin that does not mean that the end of war in Europe is about here. We have been told that Germany can hold out for some time even after Berlin has been conquered probably will.

Of course the meeting of the Big Three in Yalta in April indicates that the European War could be over by the time of this writing but it certainly does not mean that it will be over.

After talking to a number of soldiers who have been in the thick of the fighting we find that they are not expecting a sudden end yet. They know something of the power of the German army and they are inclined to think that these Germans are capable of fighting for a while yet.

But all of this does not mean that we are going forward rapidly. Our armies are being trained, really going to town and before Germany must fall.

Our point is this—Let's make no plans yet to celebrate the fall of Germany. That time will come, and soon we think, but it will not be too long to make plans just as soon as he gives up. In the meantime the thing to do is to buy war bonds and work at your regular job just as hard as you can.

ONE FOLLOWS ANOTHER

The tobacco season has just ended in January and as this one ends another starts almost right away. Farmers are now busy preparing plant beds for the coming season. As a matter of fact many have the beds ready.

On the plants will be of fair size and a later they will be put in the ground and the next crop will be on its way. Then will come the selling season.

As far as this writer can tell tobacco will be a good price this season. There seems to be no reason why it should not be as high as last year. No one can deny the fact that there is a shortage of tobacco and no one can deny the fact that there are no smokers more than usual if they get the tobacco to smoke.

We go into the new season with high hopes for excellent prices and with a determination to get the labor to work the crop by any means or the other.

STAGGERING LOSSES

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company announced that company computations showed approximately 8,000,000 men had been killed in World War II up to the end of 1944.

The exact figures are unobtainable, the report said, due to boundary changes, Russia and Germany suffered far heavier losses than in the previous war.

American fatality toll exceeds 200,000 compared with 53,000 in World War I, the report said, while Japanese fatalities have reached the 600,000 mark.

With the Empire and French battle fatalities lower than in World War I, the report said, Britain's current list at 325,000, compared with the former 900,000 loss; and Germany with approximately 150,000 against 1,700,000.

The above figures show that we are

paying a price for this war. Not only the United States but practically every nation in the world that is of any size. So far our losses have been small in comparison, and we hope that they will grow no more—but—

Practically every week brings more messages from the war department stating that another Person County boy has been killed, wounded or is missing in action. An awful message to receive and one that only those who have received one can know exactly how bad it is.

Over and above everything else that we might do as regards this war, we are of the opinion, that the people of this nation and every nation should fall down on their knees as often as they can and pray to the Lord that this war be brought to an early and just end. The price in human life and suffering is really staggering and we think that the Lord can help us in our problem.

LOOKING AHEAD

A few days ago it was the pleasure of this writer to sit in on a meeting of the county board of commissioners. Members of the board were in session for about two hours and they along with the county attorney did quite a bit of talking.

The thing that pleased us very much was that we found out that all of the commissioners as well as the attorney were looking ahead. They were not only concerned with the problems of today but were very much concerned with problems that they knew were bound to arise when the war is over. Right now they are trying to make plans to meet these problems and to meet them in an excellent manner.

Of course they do not know all of the problems that will come up but they do plan to be prepared for those that they know about and for this we wish to commend them.

Your business and mine, your church and mine, your club and mine is going to have many problems to face after the war. Are you, am I, making plans now in order to be ready to meet these in an intelligent manner? Are we building now for the future? If not, why not?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

IT SPEAKS WELL

Bladen Journal, Elizabethtown, N. C.

Figures recently released show that out of 304 boys at the Thomasville Baptist orphanage examined for the armed forces, only three have been rejected. This speaks well for the orphanage when one recalls the fact that a total of 56.8 per cent of the men called in the state as a whole have been rejected for physical reasons. It is a fine tribute to orphanage training, and while we have not seen the figures, no doubt the rejections from other orphanage-trained young men runs much lower than the state average. Based on the state average the rejections of men from the Thomasville orphanage would have been more than 150.

While it is pitiable for children to be denied parental care and association, children reared in a reputable orphanage in a great many instances are better prepared for life than those reared in the home and by their parents. The wholesome food, plenty of milk, physical activity, regular hours and spiritual training fit the orphanage-trained youth for a life of service, whether it be in the armed forces or in every-day activities.

POSTWAR RADIOS

Christian Science Monitor

Despite current objections from the radio manufacturing industry concerning the proposal of the Federal Communications Commission to move frequency modulation stations from their 42-to-50-megacycle band to a higher 84-to-102-megacycle band, the present would appear to be the best time for the reallocation—if it is ever to be done.

One Chicago radio manufacturer says that the FCC proposal would render obsolete approximately 500,000 FM sets "of the latest and most expensive design." The argument might have more validity if the times were normal and great quantities of receiving sets were to be made useless by such a move. It ought to be pointed out, however, that frequency modulation was only in its experimental stages when the war broke out. Possibly greater advances have been made in FM since 1942 under the spur of military development. But even the newest civilian FM receiver is at least three years old.

In the higher frequencies, there is room for many more stations. Growth of FM broadcasting was due, perhaps, in great measure to crowded conditions in the standard broadcasting band. The frequency-modulation band, with its promise of room for more stations with greater fidelity, was naturally and eagerly seized upon by the broadcasting industry for development. Moreover, it seems

ARE OUR GENERALS

Criticism of a few American field commanders because they are "too young" for capable leadership runs contrary to the lessons of history. Alexander is the classic example, of course, shedding no soldierly tears because at 23 there were no more worlds to conquer.

George Washington was 43 when he assumed command of the Continental Army under a Cambridge squire. Ethan Allen was 38 when he led his Green Mountain boys to victory at Ticonderoga. George Rogers Clark was only 25 when entrusted with command of the troops on the Ohio frontier at the outset of the Revolution.

At 34 Nathaniel Green was a Major General in the Revolution, while Henry Knox was just 31 when promoted to a similar rank for signal service at Yorktown. Anthony Wayne was in his early thirties when he gained the title of "Mad Anthony" by his daring and reckless exploits.

Ulysses S. Grant was 40 when commissioned Major General after the capture of Fort Donelson and a Lieutenant General at 42. Stonewall Jackson at 39 was one of the foremost American generals.

Phil Sheridan was 33 when he "saved the day" at Winchester by the 20-mile ride that is remembered in the classes of American poetry. Arthur MacArthur, the distinguished soldier father of a distinguished soldier son, was a Union officer at 17. Douglas MacArthur led a division himself in World War I at 28.

Wolfe was only 32 when he climbed the heights to Quebec and wrested half a continent from Montcalm in the engagement that forever ended French dreams of a New World empire. A general at 25, Napoleon had conquered most of continental Europe before he was 40 years old.

Wellington and Napoleon were both 46 when they met at Waterloo. Richard of England was in his twenties when he led the Crusaders against the Saracens and gained the story-book nickname of "Richard the Lion-hearted." Henry V was 27 when his English bowmen defeated the pride of French chivalry at Agincourt.

Hannibal was the leader of the Carthaginians at 26, and only 28 when he made his famous winter march from Spain through France and over the Alps into Italy. History has any number of similar examples to prove that generals need not be gray-haired to be successful military leaders.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Why haven't the Allies mopped up the 100,000 Nazi troops besieged in St. Nazaire, Lorient and other ports of western France? This "forgotten war" has apparently settled down to a sort of game with unwritten but accepted rules. The situation is much like that on the "quiet" fronts near the Swiss border in World War One to which both sides sent troops for training and for rest.

The answer doubtless lies in the fact that it would cost more than period.

likely that most of the future broadcasting will be of the FM type.

Possibly the FCC already foresees crowding, even in the present FM band, as it has already foreseen it in the television frequencies.

the use of the ports is worth to liquidate these garrisons. Simply to operate a prison guard which keeps the prisoners from running loose back of the Allied lines, and gradually starves them out, costs far less in casualties and munitions than would an assault on well-prepared fortifications. Likewise, the German garrisons could severely damage if not demolish the cities and port facilities before being overwhelmed. The Allies can now afford to wait.—Christian Science Monitor.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

It seems an American soldier came through an air-raid somewhere in France minus his shoe soles. There being no new shoes in stock his commanding officer gave him instructions on how to reach the nearest repair depot to get his damaged ones repaired.

The G. I. a "teen-ager," got out beyond the lines and hitch-hiked a ride on an ambulance. In time the ambulance reached its destination and started to unload its patients.

In the interval, the boy was automatically tagged as a patient. When he protested this procedure, a doctor wrote him up as a mental case. The G. I. protested again, vigorously stating that he had lost his shoe soles and had come to get another pair. He got gentle but firm treatment and was carted away.

Last reports say he received care in a first aid station, a field hospital and an evacuation hospital. At this latter point he finally got his shoes repaired, but was put to bed.—Shoe Service.

Ration Violation
Costly To Woman

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Verna Mae Bihn, Poughkeepsie resident, yesterday received the heaviest sentence ever imposed on a woman here for rationing violation—a year and a day in the Federal Reformatory at Alderson, W. Va.

"I think she deserves more," Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz remarked, "but I'll make it a year and a day."

George Wesley Bennett, former grocery salesman who was convicted with Mrs. Bihn on charges of conspiring to steal 37,500 ration coupons, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Assistant United States Attorney David Hartfield, Jr., recommended a two-year sentence for Mrs. Bihn, former clerk in the First National Bank of Poughkeepsie, from which the coupons were stolen.

Newspaper Boys
Sell Stamps

Washington, Feb. — Newspaper boys sold more than \$128,000,000 worth of War Savings Stamps from May, 1941, through October, 1944, the Treasury said here.

The newspaper boys have sold 9.16 per cent of all stamps sold in this country during the three-year period.

The New World

However big the headlines, let us not pretend that the communique on the Big Three conference reports any revolutionary results. The joint statement does place fresh emphasis on military co-ordination to clean up Germany. It is encouraging to know that Messrs. Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt are talking about the three great political problems—joint control of Germany, the stabilizing of liberated countries, and a world-wide peace organization. But we have no real hint as to the shape of solutions.

The American people still have much to learn about living in the world community of which they have only lately come to feel themselves an integral part. Many do not realize that Russia feels she is only reclaiming the portion of Poland north of the Curzon Line and that since this was incorporated in the Soviet Union when the Atlantic Charter was put forward, her claims do not violate it. Again few know very much about Britain's part in helping Greece win independence more than a century ago and the special relationship that has existed since.

Learning these facts need not end American hopes for more reliance on effective joint action and less on spheres of influence. They should end the belief that the United States can win the world to such reliance by refusing to express itself. The process should help Americans to see better how to make their participation in a world peace system intelligently active.—Christian Science Monitor.

The common cold has more effectively sabotaged our war production efforts than all strikes put together. In cost to employed persons and lost industrial production the loss runs to about one billion dollars.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
PERSON COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Bertha T. Harris, deceased, late of Person County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of January 1945.
D. L. Whitfield, Administrator
Lunsford and Burke, Attorneys.
Jan. 15-22-29, Feb. 5-12-19.

SALE OF FARM LAND

We will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the courthouse door in Roxboro at 12:00 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1945, the following described tract of land:

Containing 130 acres, more or less.

less, and lying and being about seven miles south of the Town of Roxboro and about one mile west of the Roxboro-Hurdle Mills Highway and being bounded on the North by lands of H. Jack Rice just acquired from C. C. Wilkerson, said tract of land having been formerly owned by A. J. Dixon and Wilkerson & Lipehitz, on the East by the lands of Mrs. Lizzie Villines, on the South by lands of H. Jack Rice and on the West by lands of H. Jack Rice, formerly B. Frank Pettiford, and also C. C. Wilkerson. Said tract of land is known as the Push Place of the late J. R. Gooch, father of Myrtle G. Gentry and Blanche G. Brooks, and the same was acquired by J. R. Gooch, under deed from James T. Gates and wife dated August 21, 1910, and recorded in the Person County Registry in Book 18, page 333.

There has been surveyed and cut off from the entire tract of land a portion of the same cut off from the Northeast corner which contains 10.5 acres, according to survey made by T. C. Brooks on February 7, 1945. Plat will be available for examination on day of sale. The 130 acres, less the 10.5 acres, and the 10.5 acres will be offered for sale separately and then the 130 acres will be offered for sale as a whole. Sale will be confirmed upon the basis of the method which produces the higher sale price.

This tract of land is owned jointly and in equal shares by Mrs. Blanche G. Brooks and Mrs. Myrtle G. Gentry. The sale of the one-half interest of Mrs. Myrtle G. Gentry is being made under the authority of a special proceeding in the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, entitled "J. Roy Gentry, Guardian of Mrs. Myrtle G. Gentry, vs. Bernard Gentry et al" and the guardian has been duly authorized by the court to sell and convey said interest. High bidder at the sale will be required to deposit 10 per cent of bid price as evidence of good faith. This Feb-

ruary 12, 1945.
MRS. BLANCHE G. BROOKS
J. ROY GENTRY, Guardian of
Mrs. Myrtle G. Gentry,
R. P. BURNS, Atty.
Feb 19-26 — March 5-12.

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