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## We Must Speed Up

We notice that during this month there has been a tendency to slow up in the purchase of War Bonds. This is a natural reaction, we grant, after the speeding up of the Third War Bond campaign, when every pocketbook was touched, many to the limit.

But this fact we must bear in mind, no matter how optimistic we may get over our victories, the war is not over. When we come down to the matter in cold hard facts, how much have we gained in Europe? How near to Berlin are we today?

While the current popular opinion is that before half of 1944 is gone we will have finished the job in Europe, it has not been done yet, and the strength of Germany is still flowing with amazing vigor and defense.

It will be a temptation at this season to let the drives slip by, but Christmas or no Christmas, we cannot afford to let the time pass by without buying a bond. It is the price we are paying to insure other American celebrations of Christmas to come.

## The Farm Women

Without any knowledge of what the Haywood County farmers have accomplished during the past few years, without having heard of or seen the fertile acres of Haywood under the production of food for man and beast in the 1943 war food production program, a few minutes spent in the meeting of the members of the County Demonstration Clubs would have told the story.

For in Haywood the men and the women have worked hand in hand during the years that represent the greatest agricultural progress ever seen in this section. The reports given at the meeting in the courthouse on Friday gave evidence also of the kind of farms on which the women are residing.

The women have cast off, as the men, obsolete farm practices in their part in the home production programs. They no longer run their homes hit or miss. They are doing their job scientifically, as the men. They still carry on the wise methods of doing things that their mothers and grandmothers did many generations ago, but old fashioned methods that science has out-dated are gone now. They have caught up with the times. They are streamlining their domestic jobs. They have more time for their families, for merely working every waking hour of the day, does not mean either a successful wife or mother. Work is the finest gift of God to man, but too much of it that crowds a person's life to the point of drudgery will in time kill or cause to lay dormant many of the better impulses that make life worth living.

We congratulate the farm women of Haywood on their well ordered lives, and the manner in which they are meeting this critical era in our local, state and national life.

## "Prone Is Right"

"Pedestrians are prone to carelessness," says a magistrate. And after they have been careless they are certainly prone.—The Humorist, London.

Maybe that genius in the Navy Department who re-arranged the typewriter keyboard in the interests of simplicity could do something for ours. The blamed thing can't spell.

## State Guard Duty

General James W. Jenkins, commander of the North Carolina State Guard, while in Hickory on an official inspection of the local battalion headquarters, took the opportunity to emphasize to folk on the home front that next to participation in actual warfare, no service is more patriotic than doing State Guard duty.

Both General Jenkins and Colonel Howell, in charge of the Second Regiment, of which the Hickory company is a unit, stressed the fact that those who become guardsmen do so at great personal sacrifice, and with full knowledge that they must stand ready at all times to undertake dangerous assignments if and when serious disturbances occur anywhere within the State.

Many of us who accept as a matter of course the protection which our State Guard companies assure us, are blissfully unaware of the serious problems which those in charge of the organization have had to face and solve.

With Uncle Sam taking first the boys of seventeen and eighteen, and now the fathers under thirty-eight, the State Guard is forced to seek recruits from the men over thirty-eight, or the younger men who because of physical handicaps are not eligible to be drafted.

Therefore, it is truly remarkable that all handicaps thus far have been overcome, and State Guard officers look to the future with determination and confidence in pledging Tar Heel people that they will somehow maintain a sufficiently efficient organization to guarantee our internal security.

The Record urges every citizen to become fully cognizant of this need, so that our general attitude will be sympathetic. It is our business to lend such help as we can, and probably no greater contribution can be made by the public than to create and strengthen a sentiment that all our remaining men who are eligible for State Guard service owe it to their community to volunteer for such duty.—The Hickory Daily Record.

## The Farmer's Self Reliance

"The danger of remote control or Washington absentee landlordism as relating to agriculture involves more than political or economic questions—it touches the well-being of our greatest source of social and moral strength," said Governor Broughton last week in address of the annual meeting of the National Grange held in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Governor Broughton brought out the fact that in a complex world of today, the farmers must rely upon governmental cooperation in working out his many problems, such as marketing credit, trade and experiment and extension services.

He pointed out that the true function of the government in relation to the farmer is to aid him in matters beyond his control, and on the other hand leave him free and unrestricted in all other respects. He stated that the American farmer is traditionally self-reliant, and that it will be an "evil day" for our nation if this rugged trait of character should be extinguished or even diminished.

He said that the farmer is rooted to the soil by virtue of his very existence, and that he is naturally provincial-minded and is disturbed by so many rules and regulations.

"It is easy for superficial critics to squawk about bureaucracy and there are some who imply that a bureau is wholly a New Deal product, although as a matter of fact, it is a governmental antique," said the Governor in defense of the many agencies now assisting the farmers.

He also wisely pointed out that the problems of the farmer will not be over with the ending of the war, as world rehabilitation will include a program in which the farmer will have a major part. In view of these facts, he stressed the point that no international agreement can be soundly made that does not comprehend the American farmer. Toward the attainment of this goal "there should be the fullest cooperation on the part of the farmer, the state and the Federal government."

Residing as we do here in this county in a rural area, we appreciate the facts that the Governor tried to bring before the national organization. The American farmer has today a major role and will continue to do so during the harrowing days of readjustment when peace comes.

## Does He?

Columbia professor wants to make marriage more difficult. Does the man think it is easy now?—The Dallas Journal.



## HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

It is a funny thing how Americans are beginning to believe anything they hear about rationing... at first they seemed to think that the very idea of the rationing of any common item that they had been able to get all their lives was a joke. They felt confident "it couldn't happen here"...

the source of your being and rest on the only solid foundation affording a foothold now left in this world. Pray at any time about any thing. Thing continually 'God is with me.' Apresence will come that will never leave you.

We had a couple of contributions to our column during the week... one, which follows is a "Prophecy" which is a reprint from Putnam's Monthly Magazine published in 1853 and alludes to a strange prophecy, published in Paris in 1698, over three hundred years ago.

"Comfort is a drawback and not an essential to the virility of man—men get their strength in building, not enjoying. So fear the future not at all.

Part of the prophecy has been written on the pages of history... we hope that the day is not far distant when the latter prediction will come to pass.

By request we are reprinting the following letter which appeared in the Macon Telegraph (Ga.)... of a very wise mother to her son in the armed forces: "My Dearest Son: "I don't know where you are, but wherever it is my heart is with you day and night. I know that telling you that things won't be too bad won't help you in any way—You are going to be called upon to do tasks beyond your experience and strength. Prepare yourself spiritually before you go. No war ever demanded so much courage, pitting the body against engines of steel. More indestructible than steel, however, is the immortal soul of man.

# Inside WASHINGTON

Marshall Goes to Britain Early Next Year, Report Fighting to Date Seen as Just Brilliant Skirmishes

WASHINGTON—By comparison with what is to come, the military operations of United States forces have only been brilliant skirmishes so far. The real mass fighting is to start in 1944. Military timetables call for beginning the great Anglo-American invasion of Western Europe next spring or early summer. Semi-official confirmation of these plans has already appeared in the Army and Navy Register, a usually reliable service publication. The Register says Gen. George C. Marshall, who will command the invasion personally, will not go to Great Britain until some time after the first of the year. "This," the publication says in its current issue, "is in accordance with the disclosures that the projected movement of forces from the British Isles to the lowlands and France will not be undertaken until some time in the spring or early summer."

Meanwhile, Allied commanders will step up the bombardment of Nazi industries, and military and naval installations, during the long winter nights. Enemy defenses will be weakened as much as possible before troops start across. The Germans, naturally will have to guess the exact time and place of the invasion across the English channel. But from six to seven months hence, the German defenders will be awakened by a pre-dawn visit of vast masses of American, British, Canadian, French and other troops. The air war will have left black, smoking ruins along the stretches of continental coastland. The invasion will be protected by the greatest air umbrella the world has ever seen. The attack will be made under the most stupendous naval bombardment in history. The Allied forces will suffer losses such as Americans have not been accustomed to since Gettysburg—and the home front must be prepared for this. But Allied commanders mean to save all the lives they can by hitting the Germans with the most terrible array of mechanized killers that modern science can devise.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden are believed to have told Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov that spring or early summer will see the fulfillment of the "second front" commitment. But the United States and British governments insist that the job is wholly military in nature, and that neither Russian desires nor American politics shall influence it.

RANDOLPH PAUL, general counsel for the treasury department, is talking freely of resigning after congress passes the tax bill now being prepared by the house ways and means committee. Paul has borne the burden of presenting the administration's tax program to congress, and he is frankly tired of having these revenue proposals turned down.

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE REASON for gasoline rationing on the home front. A primary reason, of course, is the use of gasoline in mechanized equipment on the fighting fronts. But there are a great many other military uses for gasoline. Gasoline is used in field hospitals to heat sterilizers for surgical instruments, to light the lamps in tent operating rooms, and to power refrigerator units in which blood plasma is stored. It furnishes fuel for transport planes flying the wounded from field to base hospitals and in many instances to hospitals in this country. Soldiers in the Arctic regions depend on gasoline for cooking and keeping warm and even mechanical dough-kneaders in field kitchens are run with gasoline. This all-purpose fuel is put to hundreds of other vital uses and that is expected to grow as the war goes on.

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to Monday Noon Of This Week) Beaverdam Township Nova B. Sharp to O. L. Sharp, Clara Sharp Smith, et al. Nova B. Sharp to Aurelia Sharp Seaman. Nova B. Sharp to C. L. Sharp and Clara Sharp Smith. C. G. Hipps, et ux to Frank A. Cope, et ux.

Cecil Township J. N. Warren to Harris Warren.

big way in buying war bonds. Such things as that really builds a guy's morale to know that the people at home are doing their part in winning the war. I have come from the States to Africa and from Africa to Sicily and then on over into Italy. And was I glad when I ran into a couple of fellows from Waynesville? I have been with B. E. Cutshaw and Carl W. Duckett. We have had lots of fun together. They are also getting the paper and send their regards and appreciation to your staff. Sincerely, GLENN CURTIS Somewhere In Italy November 4, 1943 (Via V-Mail)

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

COME ON, JIM. ONLY TEN MINUTES TO CATCH THE BUS—AS LONG AS I'M FOREMAN IN YOUR DEPARTMENT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ONE GUY THAT'S NOT SLOWING UP MY WORK BY THIS ABSENTEE STUFF!!

## Voice OF THE People

Do you think that war pictures showing men dying in battle has the desired effect of impressing the conditions on civilians, or do they repel the public and make them turn away from reality? Mrs. J. L. Cannon—"I feel so, times we should see these pictures as they bring war home to us." Adjutant Cecil Brown—"Personally, I do not like to see war pictures. I think most of us realize what is going on and I think war picture makes one really suffer." Chas. George—"The picture may look bad to us, but they help us realize what the boys are going through and it should make us know more how much the home front should do." Mrs. Frank Ferguson—"I think war pictures repel people generally, and people turn from war realities. I don't like the war commercialized anyway." Mrs. C. T. Francis—"I think you should see such pictures, for they make us know what is actually going on." Mrs. Jack Rogers—"I like to see them. But I always come away depressed, so I don't suppose they really help." Rev. H. G. Hammett—"My personal reaction is that they repel one, and leave you depressed." C. N. Allen—"I think they help bring war closer home." Thad O. Chasin—"I doubt if it is a good thing to show that kind of picture, for we can learn of the war in other ways." Hugh J. Sloan—"I think the public should see such pictures and realize what is happening." Teacher—Junior, what are the two genders? Junior—Masculine and feminine. The feminine are divided into frigid and torrid, masculine into temperate and intemperate.