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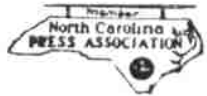
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Within Prison Walls

The war effort made by the 3,000 inmates of San Quentin prison, despite the stains of sin on their lives, should as far as outsiders are concerned soften our condemnation of them.

They have made cargo slings, submarine nets and assault boats. They exceeded their Third War Loan bond quota by 900 per cent. With no more cash for the current bond drive, it looked as if they might fail to meet the obligation, but according to the warden, they have found a way, a substitute for money with which to buy bonds.

They are pledging three fifty-gallon barrels of blood plasma for the Red Cross.

Curfew Law

We read with interest a recent letter to the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer in which the writer urged a curfew law for all school children, so that by 10:30 or 11 o'clock they would all be off the streets in bed at home.

The writer stated that in his vicinity children from 10 to 17 started out directly after sunset every night in the week, and stayed as long as they liked.

There is much to be said for such a law in view of the increasing amount of juvenile delinquency reported throughout the country. To keep children off the streets at night after a certain hour, would no doubt keep many an idle youth out of trouble.

Of course in this day when hours are wide open, it would suggest the tyranny of the Victorian age to most youngsters, who might rebel at such a restriction as being hopelessly outdated.

Win War Units By Cutting Pulpwood

Minimum production requirements for deferment of farm workers have been doubled by Selective Service headquarters in Washington. This means that 16 full war units, instead of 8, are necessary to qualify as essential agricultural workers entitled to deferment.

Farm workers who are below the 16 minimum now have an opportunity to add to their essentiality before the farm season gets into full swing by cutting pulpwood.

Pulpwood production is specifically listed as an essential occupation in Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 7 issued by Selective Service headquarters. Fifteen cords of pulpwood are equal to one war unit, and agricultural workers may earn for such units under present regulations.

As Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, has indicated that there will be a prompt review of all agricultural deferments, there is no time to be lost. A delay until the farm season offers full opportunity to earn all the war units required may be too late.

Pulpwood not only can be cut now. It should be cut now. The military services need all that can be produced to provide and package supplies and equipment for the men overseas.

Prove you are an essential war worker by cutting a cord today.

Forward looking architects, we understand, are working out plans for a garage with a home that folds into the door.—Arkansas Gazette.

Red Cross War Fund

Maybe we are overly optimistic. Maybe we are so completely sold on the idea ourselves that we cannot be a fair minded judge in sizing up the situation, but the call for funds for the American Red Cross this month needs no selling to those who are going to give their money, according to us.

From all parts of the world since America entered World War II, the men in service have been writing their families of the services of the Red Cross. Even at home we turn instinctively to the Red Cross for any aid we wish regarding our boys in the service. We know that the Red Cross will leave nothing undone to grant our request.

There are too many of us who have had actual contact with the humanitarian ideals practiced by the Red Cross not to put this drive over with enthusiasm and speed.

When we give to the Red Cross we are giving comfort and courage to that boy out in the Pacific, to that soldier in Africa, to those fighting in Italy, for we know that side by side with them the Red Cross workers stand ready to give any and every aid.

We are not going to suggest that you give until it hurts to this call for the Red Cross. We feel that we know your answer. You are going to give so generously that our local goal will be reached long before the end of the campaign period.

Such is our faith in the Red Cross and in your appreciation of its services to mankind.

Stricter Rationing

During the past week C. W. Kitchen, deputy director of the Office of Distribution, War Food Administration, announced that civilians will have to manage this year to eat with 43 per cent less canned fruits and 19 per cent less canned vegetables than last year. The supply of the first, comprising twelve items, will be limited to 17,000,000 cases and of the second, comprising fourteen items, to 104,000,000 cases.

At the same time there is a warning regarding a meat shortage. With the record food productions asked these figures would not appear consistent, but the lend-lease shipments to the Allies and the mounting needs of the armed forces are continuing to drain food from the dinner tables of the civilian at an increasing rate.

Most of us eat too much as it is, so certainly in this area we have no cause to get alarmed, for the majority of housewives in our county stated that they have been but little inconvenienced by the rationing of food.

Farmers Versus Draft

Ere this appears in print the matter may be settled, but at the time of writing it is a burning question, that of requiring farm production of 16 war units per farmer for draft deferment.

North Carolina is putting up a vigorous fight against new National Selective Service regulations. The fight has been taken to Washington by Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott, the assistant commissioner, Harry Caldwell, master of the State Grange, and others.

It is claimed that if the requirements are not amended 60 per cent of Class 2-C men from North Carolina farms will be drafted and that the farm food production will be reduced even more than 60 per cent. W. Kerr Scott is asking that the present 12-unit requirement be upheld "at least for North Carolina."

Mr. Scott argues that the new requirements are "unfair" to sections where tobacco, cotton, truck crops and peanuts are grown since these crops necessitate hand cultivation. He feels that a standard unit cannot be required for labor deferment throughout the United States without working "irreparable injury to at least one-third of the farmers of the nation."

A survey recently completed by the State Department of Agriculture of draft-age farmers in North Carolina shows that there were 34,771 draft age farm workers classified as 2-C and 43,066 classified as 3-C. If these men were drafted into the armed forces, the department estimates that a large number of the 296,620 cultivated tracts of land in the state could not be farmed this year.

We hear on all sides that the labor shortage will be more acute this year than last, which stands to reason, yet our food production goals are going up. From the face of things it would appear that the deferment of the man who handles the plow will be a necessity if crop and food quotas are to be reached.

A man who wouldn't lie to a woman has little consideration for her feelings.—Scuttlebutt News.



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Some weeks we have many suggestions offered by readers and friends about what to write in this column. This week we had a half dozen ideas advanced, but we had to turn them down. In fact, we practically had a "column" written, but we could not get the Red Cross War Fund drive off our mind, so we took the unfinished copy out of our typewriter, and folded it away for another week. It will have to wait. We feel so strongly the urge to add our bit to the great cause of the Red Cross and its present call for money to carry on its work . . . that we are dedicating this space to the War Fund campaign . . . and are giving snatches here and there from appeals . . . for your contribution.

There are now eleven million men in the service, yet the army, or the navy or the air corps, or the marines, may mean more to most of us because of one certain person serving with them. "Through every dreary day you are buoyed up by thoughts of him. The long lonely nights are a little less lonely when you can read his letters, see his picture upon your bedside table. And yet there is so little you can do for him. If only you could be sure of helping him, when he needs you most. But you can be sure, for you give to him when you give through the Red Cross. Wherever he may be stationed . . . in camp or abroad . . . in desert, in jungle or icy waste, the Red Cross is there. Your Red Cross is there with coffee and when he finishes a long exhausting march. Your Red Cross is there when he is lonely and lost in some strange city on leave. Your Red Cross is with him, well or wounded. The blood you gave goes to him, thanks to the Red Cross. Wherever he is—wherever he may go, he will never be out of your reach. For you gave to him when you give through the Red Cross."

"Is he slogging along some muddy road . . . or huddled beneath a lousy tent? Do you see him now, thirsty beneath a broiling sun? Or is your boy fighting a wintery blast in the land where winter never ends? Yes, millions of people worry tonight for the men in far-off but not forgotten lands. But if your heart is sick with longing for some special boy, remember and find comfort, wherever he may be in the frozen wastes of Iceland or the jungles of New Guinea, you can reach out and give your boy some little comforts that speak of home. He will sleep between sheets when he gets his furlough, in a town ten thousand miles from home . . . thanks to you. Even should he be a prisoner of war, he won't be condemned to live on alien bread. For wherever the Red Cross can reach him the Red Cross will send him a carton of food, the kind you used to give him at your own table. The Red Cross is your blood and bandages, the sweaters you knit and the gifts you pack. And the Red Cross is your money too. This year when your Red Cross has a bigger job than ever before to do. This year when your Red Cross is serving your own sons in every corner of the globe, this year you will want to give more, more of your time, more of your work, the blood from your heart . . . and more of your money to help the work go on."

"Every year you have given to the Red Cross . . . willingly and with a free heart. You helped millions of people when the floods struck . . . when earthquakes came . . . when famine devastated some far-off land. It was your habit to give . . . the great proud habit of thirty million American families . . . proud that they could give . . . proud of the great Red Cross, that made the giving worthwhile. But this year it is going to be different. When you dig into your pockets and purse it won't be just your "regular contribution." This year it is your own boys the Red Cross serves. Eleven million of them in every land from Sicily to Chungking . . . on every ocean and in every sky.

Stop and make the appeal a personal message. "Could you rest content if lack of funds prevented one single pint of that blood from reaching its goal, from saving a life?"

"Could you sleep easy if but one American boy, your own son perhaps, should lack some comfort the Red Cross might have given him? Would your conscience be clear if some prisoner of war failed to receive his weekly Red Cross food carton. You know the answer. Of course you do. There is only one investment in humanity . . . and Give to the Red Cross."

Inside WASHINGTON

Record-Breaking Production Of Ships, Planes This Year | Jap Fleet's Reluctance Clash With Us a Real

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Looking ahead into this new year of Washington can promise the American people continued record-breaking production of planes and fighting ships, about the amount of food they had in 1943, and at least a slight easing of tight supply of consumer goods.

The heaviest accent on war production as the nation enters third full year of conflict will be that on planes and naval vessels which will account for about two-thirds of all battle-manufacture.

Planes are expected to reach a rate of 10,000 in production a year for a 120,000-a-year total, compared with 85 to 86 thousand built in 1943. Artillery ammunition and heavy trucks production will be up.

Production of equipment for the ground army will be reduced in 1944, according to plan, and construction of Army bases and installations will drop to a third of the 1942 rate because most of this work now has been done.

As for food, the war food administration insists that American diets in 1944 will equal nutritional and quantitatively that of when Americans remained the best fed people in the world. They will be slightly less meat, butter, cheese, canned fruits and vegetables; about the same amount of fluid milk, more eggs, poultry, potatoes, sweet potatoes, citrus fruit and cereal products.

The WPB has promised that any time critical metal becomes available it will be turned over in 1944 to civilian uses. Electric washing machines and mechanical refrigerators, have been produced in strictly limited production this year and the WPB office of requirements is expected to do something about the lack of clocks.

AS SHIPS OF ALL TYPES slide down the ways and the United States Navy in unprecedented numbers, American fleet preponderance in the Pacific becomes more marked day by day.

Refusal of the Japs to come out for a major engagement of main fleets has served to aid the American Navy. Even the authorities admit there could be no major engagement without losses on both sides.

Thus, under a building schedule that allowed for losses that not occurred, the Navy has expanded faster than expected. Japanese, of course, are probably building, too, but experts say they can build, launch and commission combat ships as fast as United States does.

The Jap high command must know this, but apparently is bent on doing anything about it. Meanwhile, the American fleet is bent on the final, big show-down battle—any place—any time.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, the Office of Price Administration is in quite so bad with the people as it was some time back. Price Administrator Chester Bowles himself is authority for "While the public still dislikes rationing," Bowles says, "beginning to ask itself what conditions would be without rationing of any kind. Complaints against rationing are on the down-grade. But mail complaining about prices has gained."

The Voice Of The People

In view of recent events in the Pacific do you think there is any possibility that we might finish the war with the Japs before the collapse in Europe?

Mrs. Edith P. Alley—"No."

Mrs. Ruth Albright Beatty—"I don't believe it would be possible."

Robert Boone—"I don't much believe we will. We seem to be moving slowly in both areas."

Tom Campbell, Jr.—"No, I don't think so, because there is so much to do before the real fighting starts in the Pacific. We have only done a little naval fighting so far we have yet to fight on land."

Grover C. Clark—"Yes, I think there is a chance that we are considering how slow we are moving in Europe."

Linwood Grahl—"I believe if the Pacific command had half of what they should have in the way of supplies and men would have already whipped the Japs. If half of the men and supplies being sent to England out in the Pacific I believe that in that area would soon be done."

Theodore McCracken—"No, not."

O. H. Shelton—"Yes, I think might, if what we read in the papers is true."

W. L. Hardin—"My opinion is that it is possible and if that the way open to China, it is possible."

Alvin Ward—"I don't have idea when the collapse will place in Europe, but I think we whip the Japs in 1949."

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

THE FIRST NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WAS HELD IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1850, AND NOMINATED JOHN C. FREMONT FOR PRESIDENT

IS ARSENIC PRESENT IN THE WATERS OF MANY OF THE FAMOUS MINERAL SPRINGS? YES

ST. SIMON'S ISLAND, THE STRAITS OF ASCEIC, LIVED ON TOP OF A 60-FOOT COLUMN FOR 30 YEARS WITHOUT DESCENDING

ELECTRIC COOKING WAS ONE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S EXPERIMENTS

ROPE-TIRED ALFONSO - 1899

THE OLD HOME-TOWN

By STANLEY

YOUNG MAN! YOU'RE WORKING ON TOO MANY FRONTS - LAST NIGHT I FOUND AN INVASION BARGE AND SOME MARINES IN MY TOBACCO CAN - AND NOW IT'S A MACHINE GUN AND A JEEP HIDDEN IN MY BREAKFAST FOOD!

ON THE HOME SWEET HOME FRONT -

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to date of This Week)

Beaverdam Township
 Thurman Stamey to Miss Stamey
 Ellice Parris.

Fines Creek Township
 Harley Haynes, et ux to B. Haynes.

Pigeon Township
 L. W. Garner and Arthur Garner to Dehas Garner and Pearl Garner.

Waynesville Township
 Mrs. Berdie V. Moore to R. Moore
 Turnipseed.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Park
 Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a daughter at home on Feb. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore
 Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter on Feb. 27th at home.

Prof. and Mrs. James T. Moore
 of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, announce the birth of a daughter on Feb. 27th at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lanning
 Waynesville, announce the birth of a son on Feb. 22nd.

Back The Attack - Buy War Bonds And Stamps.