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1944: THE DECISIVE YEAR

The beginning of a New Year has been the occasion, since time immemorial, for human beings to consider their progress and to make plans for the future.

It is generally featured, in the present age of the printed word, by reviews of what has happened in the year ending and by prophecies as to what is about to occur.

These psychological pauses in the process of existence serve a useful purpose, provided the individual understands that the calendar year is a device of man to record the cycle of life and that what men and women think and do are more important than the current season.

As Americans await the fruits of 1944 there is one thought uppermost in the minds of the nation. We know that, in the next 12 months, thousands of young men must buy, with their lives, the precious heritage of liberty, which has been bequeathed to us by the past.

Many families, in this land, will mark 1944 by the loss of loved ones, slain in the areas of combat, scattered throughout the world. They will be grief-stricken and ponder the poignant pain that stabs into their hearts. They will wonder, no doubt, if the sacrifice is vain.

Many other Americans will not have this sad experience but they have a tremendous obligation as loyal patriots. It is their task to make certain the gains of freedom and to guarantee, by their conduct, that no American shall die on the battlefield for naught.

It is not a pleasant prospect that looms before us, as Americans. In other years we could expect pleasures and prosperity. Now, we must await inexorable fate that will scatter sorrow and

death among our homes. It is time for us to rededicate ourselves to the faiths and hopes and the promises of real Americanism.

1944 is not a year for profit-making, self-seeking. It is destined to belong to those who suffer, sacrifice and serve. Its gifts will include death and sorrow to many thousands and life and liberty to many millions. Besides these fruits, what else matters?

This New Year we're beginning may be the decisive year of the war. The Pacific offensive already is under way, aimed at the heart of the enemy -- Tokyo. In the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Allies are poised for a concerted attack upon Hitler's European Fortress, are even now administering their first shattering blows.

In hundreds of ways and on scores of fronts, pulpwood is hastening the day of reckoning.

Flying Fortresses rain destruction over Nazi Europe; their



"DIAMOND HORSESHOE". Glamorous Virginia Mayo, an alumna of Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe night club in New York, now as a Samuel Goldwyn contract, and will make her screen debut in the producer's lavish musical "Up in Arms." She is a St. Louis girl.

Native Of Duplin Dies In Wilson

H. Moseley Hussey, 58, died at 12:45 o'clock in a hospital in Wilson following a short illness.

He was the son of Mrs. Alice Sloan Hussey of Duplin County. Mr. Hussey was born in Duplin County March 2, 1885. He had been a resident of Wilson for the past 30 years, and a member of the Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Lt. H. Moseley stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., and James Charles of Wilson; his mother, Mrs. C. E. Hussey of Kinston; two brothers, W. L. of Wallace, and C. E. of Wilson; and four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Carter of Kinston, Mrs. L. N. Boney of Wilmington, Mrs. M. E. Shepard of Monroe, and Mrs. A. H. Carter of Wallace.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11:00 from the Catholic Church in Wilson by Father Raccetti. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery.

Remove hens from your flock that are 'eating their heads off' yet are not laying, means increased profits.

The greatest crop losses in N. C. are caused by growers not doing farm jobs at the proper time, says R. W. Shoffner, specialist in farm management at State College.

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HERE ARE THE HARD FACTS ABOUT WAR

Indian King Tavern Famed As Capitol Of New Jersey



Indian King Tavern at Haddonfield, N. J., and (inset) Dolly Madison, wife of our fourth President. Mrs. Madison, niece of the Inn's host, was a charming guest at many of its receptions.

Rich in memories as Revolutionary capitol of New Jersey and scene of many of Dolly Madison's social triumphs, the Indian King Tavern at Haddonfield, N. J., is now settled down to the retired life of an historic museum—the property of the New Jersey Historic Sites Commission.

The tavern's historic record is commemorated by a bronze tablet placed on a side of the building by the Haddonfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1901. It reads:

"Within this building, then a tavern-house, the Council of Safety for New Jersey was organized March 18th, 1777; wherein also, in September of the same year, the Legislature unanimously resolved that thereafter the word 'State' should be substituted for 'Colony' in all public writs and commissions."

The state's adoption of its first Great Seal is associated with Indian King Tavern. Francis Hopkin-

son, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was authorized by legislative act in 1776 to select an artisan to execute the Seal. He chose Pierre Eugene Du Simitre of Philadelphia. The Seal was delivered to the Legislature at the Indian King in May, 1777—an historic event re-enacted on the tavern lawn in 1915, by a pageant marking the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town by Elizabeth Haddon.

The Indian King knew Dolly Madison as a charming hostess even before she became mistress of the White House, for the tavern host was her uncle, Hugh Creighton, whom she frequently visited as Dorothy Payne Todd and later as the wife of the President.

The Indian King was built in 1750 by Mathias Aspden, but was acquired by Creighton before the Revolution. He was its host for many years. In 1916 the State purchased it as an historic memorial.

deadly bombs contain explosives made of pulpwood. Allied fighters inch their way through South Pacific jungles; aiding their advance are supplies packed in paper products and dropped by parachutes made from pulpwood.

If you can swing an axe, you can speed victory this year. Every cord of pulpwood you cut means more smokeless powder, more blood plasma containers, more shell casings. Every cord cut now brings victory nearer.

As the tempo of our attack increases, so does the need for pulpwood.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Administrator on the estate of E. T. Britt, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned duly verified, on or before the 29th day of December 1944, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, will please make immediate payment.

This December 29th, 1943. S. H. Britt, Jr., Administrator. 2-11-64, R.D.J.

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WBT - Charlotte . . . . . Jan. 7 - 6:55 A. M.

WEIL'S FERTILIZER WORKS Goldsboro, N. C.

ANGLO-AMERICANS ACCEPT GRINDING THEORY OF WAR - PLAN TO WIN BY EXTERMINATING ENEMY

BY HUGO SIMS.

The objective of our military operations in Europe is the destruction of Germany's ability to wage war. The locale of battles and details of strategy are important only in relation to the prime objective.

The annihilation of a German division promotes the end in view, on whatever front it may be. When enough divisions have been destroyed the enemy will be whipped and not until then will the war end.

The aerial bombardment of Germany is useful only to the extent that the blasting of production promotes front-line weakness. The collapse of German morale on the home front means nothing unless it affects Nazi fighting power.

The probability that the steady retirement of the Nazis in Russia has, and will, strengthen the German power of resistance. The supply line of the Red Army becomes longer and longer and that of the Germans shorter and shorter.

The Red Army, continues to press the retiring enemy, forcing them, while the Nazis would prefer to avoid losses.

The grinding process in Russia is due only to the determination of the Russians to press the battle and to inflict losses upon the enemy. Eventually the grinding will wear down German strength to the breaking point and the Hitlerites will be unable to resist successfully. The war will be over, even if the Russians fail to gain another inch of ground.

Plainly, if the war can be won only by destruction of German fighting power, which involves the slaughter of enough German soldiers to disrupt all Nazi armies, the rate of the killing process depends upon the extent of our battle contacts.

This year will likely see new fronts designed to provide additional grinding, to involve Germany's entire manpower and to afford better opportunities to kill Nazis in greater numbers.

The immutable lesson of warfare is that victory belongs to the best killers. It is a principle somewhat revolting to the Anglo-American mind but the Soviet has accepted its implications. They understand the human cost of operating the grinders. The stage is now being set for Anglo-American forces to operate on the same ruthless basis.

When the new offensives begin we must not overestimate the value of geographical advances. The only factor of supreme importance will be the losses suffered by the German units—the casualties in-

licted upon the foe. These alone can bring about the collapse of Nazi fighting power that must precede victory.

This is the hard aspect of war but it is the only safe assumption. Upon it is based recent warnings to the American people, designed to prepare them for heavy battle losses. Gradually the conviction spreads that our fighting men will have to buy victory with blood. The two year dream of ours that the enemy would collapse is fading as the nation awakens to the task ahead.

We have written the hard facts that must be faced if we are to prepare for the worst. However, the worst does not always happen. There is still a chance that the enemy is weaker than we suspect, that the Nazi military machine is

now tottering and that the western invasion of Europe will provide the push that will send it into oblivion.



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Now, as we enter 1944

It is clear that a serious pulpwood shortage will continue. But farmers have learned that pulpwood cutting is good business as well as sound patriotism. Now is the best time to thin woodlots when pulpwood prices are at their peak. And recent rulings of the War Manpower Commission encourage farmers to cut pulpwood in off seasons by counting it as war unit credits toward deferment.

And so the farmers of America are asked to make pulpwood cutting an important part of their 1944 work program. It is off-season work; profitable work; patriotic work. Do all you can. Your country needs every cord you can cut. Keep in touch with your local pulpwood committee.



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