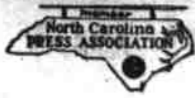


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YOU SHOULD DIRECT YOUR LIFE

No individual reader of The Duplin Times should get the wrong idea as to his or her importance in regard to the affairs of the world. The fact is the progress of the human race, when viewed through the centuries, reacts very little to the efforts of any person.

Nevertheless, the individual is charged with the responsibility of self-development and under most of our thinking, has an obligation for improvement that is transcendent. The idea that anyone of us has the right to absolutely disregard the effects of our acts and thoughts is repugnant, both to the ego of the individual and to the religions that we espouse.

With this in mind, the reader might take time to check upon his or her past development, to seriously question the value of some activities now engaged in and to redirect the energy that is expended in what we call life.

How much of our time is given to frivolous enterprise or dissipated in undertakings which if accomplished, are not subsistent endeavors toward a goal which, if attained, will leave in us new strength and abiding virtues that sustain the soul.

TO CORRESPONDENTS OF THIS NEWSPAPER This Newspaper is always glad to receive news items from the people that it serves. Each one will receive our careful attention, and we want the senders to realize that we appreciate their kindness in sending in items to the newspaper.

There is only one rule that we ask them to obey: To sign their names to each article sent in. This is no foolish or arbitrary rule, adopted out of curiosity to see who sends in the news. We wish to publish all the news that we can get, but it is a dangerous thing for a newspaper to print items that are unsponsored.

The need for this rule has been illustrated many times. An editor, in a rush hour, will print some item that has come to his desk without observing the absence of a name. Very often, it is all right, but too often, it is all wrong to subject others to unpleasantness by printing false news about them; this is the cause of the rule that has been universally adopted by the press.

So, to all our readers, we say: "Send us the news," but we add, "sign your name, not for publi-

cation, but for identification that shows the genuine from the spurious." We will not publish the names signed to these news items, neither will we publish items sent in without the name of the author.

RAYBURN ON "SOB SISTERS"

Speaker Sam Rayburn says something when he urges the women of the nation not to be "sob sisters" after the war saying that the poor people of Germany and Japan had nothing to do with this.

Just as certainly as the sun rises there will arise a vocal minority in the United States, when peace is concluded to defend the enemy peoples and to say "forget and forgive," basing their argument upon what they consider eminent scriptural authority.

What the fanatics will overlook is the necessity of punishment, not as revenge, but as a deterrent to some other self-deluded "master race" in the future. It is vitally necessary to the future peace of the world that the Germans and Japanese people thoroughly understand that aggression, under any pretext, does not pay.

LOAN YOUR MONEY TODAY!

The nation is now attempting to borrow \$14,000,000 from its citizens, with individuals as distinct from banks and corporations, asked to provide \$5,500,000,000.

Confronted with the necessity of waging two tremendous wars, across vast ocean spaces, the expense of warfare reaches fantastic proportions.

It is not too much to expect that the patriotic response of the people of the United States will likewise attain fantastic proportions. This means, of course, that every individual must make a special exertion to support the financial structure of the nation.

The expenses of the war will be much more than any amounts that can be secured through taxation, regardless of how many new levies the Congress decides to levy. To balance the books of the nation, as a going, solvent concern, it is vital that the people lend their money to the government.

It is not much to ask the temporary use of some money with the government paying interest on the loan. In some countries there has been no such procedure. The dictatorial governments ruthlessly confiscate property and funds, taking what they need without regard to the ownership of individuals.

MAIN ATTACK ON NAZIS APPROACHES

PRELIMINARY VICTORIES OPEN WAY FOR CO-ORDINATED OFFENSIVE AGAINST NAZIS IN 1944

BY HUGO S. SIMS

The course of the war has been favorable to the United Nations for more than a year but the victories gained have been important only as they prepared the way for decisive blows against our enemies.

More than six months ago both Germany and Japan assumed the defensive, relying upon their ability to wear down the endurance of their foes. In Russia this has been particularly noticeable and it has been pronounced in the Pacific.

Nazis Fight Defensive Battle

The fighting in Russia, since the summer of 1943, has revealed steady retirement of Nazi forces without disaster. The "entrapment" of hundreds of thousands of Germans so glibly predicted by news dispatches and radio commentators, has not occurred and there is no indication of such a victory in the immediate future.

The German high command has deliberately given up some captured territory, won at a high price in Nazi dead, waging a skillful retreat and seeking to inflict maximum losses upon the Red army. When a breakthrough was threatened the Teutons held and the evidence indicates that the Nazis have managed to save most of their fighting men.

Red Army Engages Bulk of Foe

The withdrawal in Russia was not voluntary. It was compulsory in view of the strategic situation confronting the Germans who were required to prepare themselves for the coming offensive in western Europe.

While not successful, as yet, in materially shortening the front line the retreat has brought the fighting German army much closer to their supplies, thus relieving transportation problems. The same statement applies to the front in Italy, when compared to the battle line in North Africa.

The vast struggle in Russia continues to dominate the activities of the combatants. This will continue until large-scale Anglo-American operations begin in the west. Then it will be a matter of what happens, with some experts professing to believe that the Germans will prefer to wage desperate war against the Russians, even at the cost of inviting disaster in the west.

Some Progress Seen in Italy

The new Allied landing in Italy, reported about 30 miles below Rome, outflanked the German forces further south. It caught the Germans by surprise, the Nazis evidently believing that no such enterprise would be undertaken in view of plans and preparations for a cross channel invasion.

Initial Nazi opposition was ineffective and Allied troops advanced rapidly. If the early gains can

be consolidated the Nettuno landing may have important results, including the withdrawal of the Germans from positions south and, unless the enemy stages a successful stand, the capture of Rome may be earlier than expected.

Orthodox Strategy Expected

Meanwhile, everything that happens in Europe is preparatory to the offensive for which Allied armies are being readied in England. American troops are being sent to the island bases in great numbers and, while no one knows the date of the attack, the first great bid for victory over the Germans is certain to come within the next few months.

It is idle to speculate upon the landings in western Europe but it is reasonably certain that the necessity for aerial supremacy will keep it within the range of fighter planes operating from English bases.

The Allied high command has exhibited considerable concern about the safety of soldiers and there is nothing in their past record to suggest that they will undertake anything except orthodox warfare, depending upon overwhelming force to acquire success at a minimum loss of life.

Slow Progress in the Pacific

In the Pacific the process of consolidating bases proceeds, with bombing attacks designed to soften up the Japanese in the Marshall islands, where a new advance is likely to occur at any time.

The Japanese continue to use Rabaul and exhibit some intention of fighting it out for aerial control over vital points. Despite heavy aerial losses the enemy manages to reinforce depleted air bases and, at times, to make minor bombing attacks against American positions.

Nothing of much importance has happened in Burma and China. The possibility of a major naval battle exists and it may occur any day, although there is reason to believe that the enemy will attempt to reserve a "fleet in being" rather than take preliminary risks.

It is useless to speculate as to just what is the strength of the Japanese in the air and on the sea. Heavy losses in shipping and planes have undoubtedly weakened our enemy but, without accurate figures, it is impossible to do more than guess at present Japanese strength. Whatever it is, however, it is not enough for the job that confronts the Tokyo militarists.

TRACTORS

More than 20,000 farm tractors were produced in Dec. as compared with 4,200 in the same month in 1942, reports the Office of War Information.

State Pre-Induction High School Driver Education



A TYPICAL high school classroom session of the Pre-Induction Driver Education Course recommended by the Army and urged by State authorities in pre-induction training of military motor vehicle operators. High schools throughout the State are now setting up these courses, which will save the Army vitally needed time and hasten victory.

NOTICE OF SALE

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at my residence in Kenansville township near Wesley Methodist Church on Saturday, February 12th, 1944, beginning at the hour of eleven o'clock A. M., all my personal property, consisting of one mule, one farm cart, one cultivator, and all other farming implements I now own; all my corn, hay, and a corn sheller, tobacco trucks, household and kitchen furniture.

NOTICE OF SALE

By Judgment of the Superior Court, Duplin County, in civil action of Duplin County against W. O. Parker and Mrs. W. O. Parker and others, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Duplin

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Last year 1,000,000 tons of Chilean Nitrate of Soda were used on U. S. farms. This year every pound that can be brought from Chile will be needed - and every pound possible will be brought in time for your '44 crops.



IT'S IN THE AIR. You can feel it, every time the Axis is struck. This is the climax year, the year of decision. In history, 1944 will be the big year of the war—every stroke for victory counts more now. That's why it's vitally important for every American to beat his post, doing his part right now. You, personally, have an important job in winning the war—buying War Bonds. It's not glamorous—no, not even a sacrifice, really, because you are only lending your money, to be returned with interest. But it is essential to complete victory. Your part in this year of decision is at least one extra \$100 Bond, above your regular Bond buying. That is your minimum individual quota. But don't stop there. Remember wars are won only by all-out effort. So buy \$200, \$300, \$500 worth—buy more than you can afford. And buy your Bonds where you work—at the plant or at the office. Your country is counting on you—let's make the year of decision OUR year!

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