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DECEPTIVE

Don't be deceived by all this hullabaloo the politicians are raising over the soldier vote issue.

Those kicking up the most dust would have you believe other folks would deny the soldiers the right to vote.

We have very little patience with that "prattle prattle." We doubt if there are a baker's dozen thoughtful American citizens on the home front who would be willing to deny the soldier his right to vote, or any other right he has.

Our soldiers, with regard to voting, are just about like other folks—some will want to vote, some don't care a hoot about it and probably won't vote if they have the chance; and it's most not at all unlikely that many hundreds, yea thousands, of them won't have the chance to vote, regardless of all the provisions made for it. And probably not one in a hundred, among the rank and file, will know whom or what to vote for.

But, as we said at the outset, don't be deceived by the outcry about soldiers' rights. What these bellowing politicians are chiefly concerned about is, not the soldier's rights, but his vote. That's what they want, above all else.

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FEBRUARY 1st, 1944

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R. P. Holmes
 TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

If you don't think so, take note of the concern of these same politicians for the rights of the wounded soldier discharged from the army and returned home. See how skimpily they provide for his restoration to health and his rehabilitation economically.

Don't let the politicians fool you.

MUCH-A-DO ABOUT NOTHING

We won't argue the right or wrong of a national service law, as recommended by the President in his "State of the Union" message to Congress.

To be sure, there are reasonable arguments for such a law, and also the same against it—as usual about most questions.

The thing we most dislike about it is, that it would undoubtedly be another step in the direction of total regimentation of America; and, to our way of thinking, we have already had too much of that alienism.

But, as yet, we are not fearful that we will be so regimented, because we really don't think the President was very much in earnest in that recommendation, for two or three reasons; first, labor is against such a proposal, has been all along, and the President knows that, and it is generally well known that the President doesn't antagonize labor much because he thinks too much of the labor vote.

In the second place, he coupled recommendation for the national service act with other recommendations, principally "Realistic taxation", which he knows has no chance with the present Congress. And he doesn't want the national service act without the others; and since he can't reasonably expect the others, he doesn't expect the enactment of the national service act.

As a matter of fact, if we need such a law now, we should have had it at the beginning of our participation in the war; and it seems quite clear that the only reason for its recommendation now is the mounting public indignation over strikes.

Reports said Congress was "stunned" by that recommenda-

ENEMY : RONGE, NOW THAN AT WAR'S START

By
MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE V. STRONG
Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, U. S. Army



The German Army has nearly three times as many combat divisions in the field today as there were when the attack on Poland began four years ago.

The number of workers employed in war industries in Nazi-dominated territories has risen from 23,000,000 at the start of the war to a present total of 35,000,000 and the weapons which they are making are, in some cases, better than any which the United Nations have. One of their new weapons, a rocket gun, weighs less than 1,800 pounds and it has a fire power equal to six heavy field howitzers, weighing nine tons apiece.

Even with the loss of Italian aid, Germany's position has been only slightly weakened. The German food ration is higher in caloric content than at the outbreak of the war, and there is nothing in the German economic picture to justify confidence in the immediate downfall of the Nazi structure.

Once the United Nations' forces have reached the lines on which the Germans are determined to stand, the days of inexpensive victories will end. Further advances will be contested yard by yard and foot by foot, and by well-trained veteran troops.

Japanese manpower resources in and out of Japan are very great. The morale of both the armed forces and civilian population is excellent and geographic factors give her tremendous added strength. The Solomons are only an outpost, more than 3,000 miles from the heart of the empire. We have yet to reach any main Japanese line of resistance or any point which they are apparently determined to hold at all costs.

The Japanese are in a strong position today and their power in many respects is steadily increasing. The longer we leave them in virtual control of East Asia, the more difficult the eventual struggle will be.

The main advantage we have is our ability to produce the weapons of war. If, through our unwillingness to face the facts, we give up this advantage, we may find our opportunity for victory has escaped us permanently. To insure the accomplishment of our war mission—the defeat of Germany and Japan—demands the whole-hearted single-minded effort not only of every man, woman and child in the country, but also every bit of productive power, inventive genius and executive ability we possess.

she remained a true and loyal member until death.

Even though the last few years of her life she was unable to attend church, yet she remained true and bore her suffering, which was great, with much patience. Her life was an inspiration to her many friends who visited her. Many were the times during her suffering she would shout and praise the Lord, saying she was ready to go or ready to stay.

Her sweet, humble life showed her love to her faithful husband, children and friends, and to know her was to love her.

Although we miss you, Aunt Bertie, we realize our loss is Heaven's gain. And may we all live so as to meet her in that better world. Her funeral was conducted at the home, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. G. Crocker, of Pine Level, assisted by Rev. J. W. Lineberger, pastor of the M. E. church.

A large crowd attended and the floral offering was large and beautiful. And showed to some extent the love of her many friends.

May the dear Lord whom she served, comfort and bless her faithful, loving husband and children.

Written by a niece,
 Mrs. Granger Sutton,
 Route 1, Faison, N. C. 1c

THE FARM QUESTION BOX

Question: Why do I have to buy new hybrid corn each year?

Answer: Hybrid seed does not breed true like a purebred variety of corn and in the second generation undesirable qualities that were covered up in the hybrid may show up with decrease in yield, says Dr. R. P. Moore of the State college experiment station. He points out that the N. C. Crop Improvement Association is carefully guarding basic seed stocks of hybrid corns and that these hybrids are undergoing thorough tests by the experiment station. He urges growers to buy hybrid seed corn only on performance records in North Carolina, which are given in Circular No. 134.

Question: Can I produce cabbage seed in North Carolina?

Answer: Research horticulturists of the State college experiment station are testing several methods for producing cabbage seed here and the results of these experiments will not be available until the summer of 1944, says J. Y. Lassiter, State college extension specialist in horticulture. "We think cabbage seed can be produced in North Carolina successfully by growing a fall crop of cabbage, harvesting the heads for market, and selecting and saving the stalks that are true to variety over the winter so as to produce seed from them in the spring," Lassiter reports. The stalks should be fertilized and cultivated just as if you were growing a spring crop of cabbage.

Question: When is the best time to seed lespedeza?

Answer: Korean or Kobe should be sown between February 1 and March 15 in the Coastal Plain, between February 15 and March 15 in the Piedmont, and between March 15 and April 15 in the Mountains. Seedlings before these dates must run the risk of being killed by spring freezes, while later seedlings may be destroyed by dry weather, say State college extension agronomists. Volunteer stands often suffer from freezing but there are generally enough seed left on the land to produce another stand.

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NEW BADGES FOR AMERICAN DOUGHBODY—U. S. Army

Infantrymen who achieve a stipulated standard of proficiency will now receive a new award, the Expert Infantryman Badge. The design depicted in the accompanying illustration (lower) is a miniature silver munit mounted on an infantry blue field with silver border. For Infantrymen whose conduct in combat is exemplary, or whose combat action occurs in a major operation, the Combat Infantryman Badge will be awarded. It is similar to the former except that it is superimposed on an elliptical wreath (upper). When 65 percent of the personnel of an infantry unit win either of the awards the unit guidon, color or standard will carry a streamer proclaiming the award. The badge will be worn above the left breast pocket in the same position as the wings of an aviator.

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Farm News

"If the laying flock does not show 50 per cent or better egg production at this time, it should be carefully culled. Some commercial egg producers cull almost every day," says C. F. Parrish, State college extension poultryman.

Buy certified sweet potato seed stock and improve the yields and quality of the crop, suggests J. Y. Lassiter, Extension horticulturist at State college.

Twenty-one cars, containing 1-143 dairy heifers and costing \$57,891.00, were distributed to Negro farmers in North Carolina during 1943, reports J. W. Jeffries, assistant Negro state agent for the State college extension service.

If farmers will use a wet bulb thermometer along with a dry bulb thermometer in curing tobacco, they will not need to guess at the amount of moisture needed, reports research men of the State college experiment station.

THE LOW DOWN HICKORY GROVE

I guess by now, everybody knows we are getting weather reports. We been without these reports for a year or so, but we still had weather. She seems to me like maybe we had better weather when we had no reports. And in the second place, anybody interested in the weather could go out on their back porch, put a wet finger in the air and tell just as much about it as if he read an official report. If it rains, or does not rain, the store open up, and the trains run. A farmer sows, and plows, and reaps, on his own signs. He gets along good.

The weather bureau, all joking aside, is about the best bureau we have in the government. What I'm getting at in this essay, is the 100 other bureaus, all of which have for their main aim, the making of rules covering things which we cannot do. This latter bunch is an irksome lot. Nobody likes them.

Congress, if it wants to do something about these foxy bureaus just talk, and has any interest in the elections next fall, can start a housecleaning there in old swivel-chair-town on the Potomac.

Yours with the low down,
 JO SERRA

A Beloved Woman Passes Away

Mrs. Bertie Honeycutt Weeks, wife of B. K. Weeks, passed to her reward at her home about 6 miles of Newton Grove, on Sunday a.m., December 19th, at 4 o'clock. Making her stay on earth 50 years, 11 months.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two children, Mayon B. Weeks and Mrs. Lorenza Whitfield, both of Newton Grove, and five step-children, L. F. Weeks of Kenansville, James and Gordon Weeks of Newton Grove, Clayton

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Report of Condition of the BANK OF MOUNT OLIVE of Mount Olive, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business on December 31, 1943

ASSETS

Loans and discounts	\$ 206,010.68
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	743,200.00
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	93,842.55
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	1,146,509.14
Bank premises owned \$4,788.15, furniture and fixtures \$3,422.22	8,210.37
Other Assets	6,280.57
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,206,083.31

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$1,398,444.61
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	391,612.25
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	75,558.58
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	209,932.78
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	4,455.05
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,080,001.25
Other liabilities	5,840.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$2,085,841.89

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	\$25,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	45,191.42
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	120,191.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,206,083.31

This bank's capital consists of common stock with a total par value of \$25,000.00.

MEMORANDA

Fledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):

(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$884,900.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$899,900.00

Secured and preferred liabilities:

(a) Deposits secured and pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	260,489.34
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law, but not secured by pledge of assets	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$285,489.34

On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was \$ 272,318.66

Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to \$1,146,509.14

I, E. C. Casey, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct.—Attest:

E. C. CASEY, Cashier.

C. C. HENDERSON, W. P. MARTIN, D. H. OUTLAW, Directors
 State of North Carolina, County of Wayne.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of January, 1944 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

My commission expires October 14, 1944. D. F. ODOM, Notary Public

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