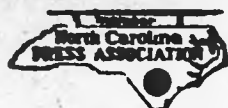


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WE CALL IT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

That system we call private enterprise—which is simply a system under which every man is free to go as far as his abilities, energies and ambitions can take him, no matter how humble his origin or how modest his bank account—made this country. Men labored and took risks, men dreamed and turned their dreams into action, and out of the labor and the risks and the dreaming came our institutions, our industries and our wealth. Under that system which we call private enterprise, wealth has been distributed far more widely and far more equitably, than under any other economic system the world has ever known.

Today this system that we call private enterprise is the source of our strength in the greatest war history has ever known. It is a war in which the acquisition of territory and resources is of only secondary consideration. Our enemies are fighting for far more than economic advantage—they are fighting to destroy, for all time, everything that we associate with such words as freedom, democracy, decency, our way of life. It has been the privilege of all to damn private enterprise, and that privilege has been indulged in widely. Some have denounced it because of honest convictions that socialism, fascism or some other system was better. Some have denounced it with political considerations in mind. But now the chips are down. Now we are fighting for our national existence. We are fighting for our lives and our principles. And where do we turn?

We turn to private enterprise in the field of manufacture—to the motor-makers, the steel-makers, the engine-builders, who are today achieving miracles of production such as Hitler never dreamed of in his most vainglorious moment.

We turn to private enterprise in the field of electric power—to the vast utility industry which must provide the energy that will keep our factory wheels turning 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We turn to private enterprise in the field of finance—to the banks which provide capital for industrial expansion, which buy and sell the obligations of the government which pay for the war, and which provide a thousand-and-one other essential services.

We turn to private enterprise in the field of natural resources—to the oil-producers, the coal-producers, the mines, the timber-producers—for an ever-increasing supply of the materials which feed an insatiable military machine.

We turn to private enterprise in the field of transportation—to the railroads and the other carriers which are achieving new and miraculous records of unflinching service.

So it goes, down the long list. It is private enterprise which supplies the instruments of combat to the brave men who fight for the United Nations on land, in the skies, and on and under the surface of the seas. It is private enterprise which attacks each new problem as a challenge, with never a thought of failure in mind. It is private enterprise which is dedicated to a single goal—victory, unqualified victory, in the war.

The record bears out all of this. You see it all over this country, wherever mines and factories exist, wherever arms are made. You see it in the fast-rising indexes of industrial production. And, in the end, you will see it in the defeat of our enemies. Private enterprise and freedom stand or fall together.

FIRE FIGHTS ON AXIS SIDE.

The rapid growth of volunteer civil defense groups is a fine thing for this country. It is showing people

that the responsibility for preventing and dealing with disasters must be shared by all. People who used to think of fire as something which was exclusively the fire department's business, are learning that it is their own personal business.

It is natural and right that fire defense is one of the principal purposes of the entire civilian defense movement. America, like England, may one day be showered with incendiaries from enemy planes. Enemy agents within our own borders will unquestionably attempt sabotage on a wide scale, and fire is their main weapon. Unless the people are trained and ready, those agents will succeed—at a terrible toll in American life, American resources, American war production.

There is a saying in London to the effect that "every house is a fire house." That is the goal we must try for in our own country. And we must not think entirely in terms of enemy-started fires. The greatest present danger lies in the "normal" fires—the fires that are the result of human carelessness, human indifference, human ignorance, human failure of a hundred different kinds. These fires strike homes—and labor and materials must be diverted from the war effort to rebuild and repair. These fires strike factories—and the production of vital arms may be delayed. These fires strike farms—and the production of food for our Allies and ourselves is affected.

Almost every citizen can become part of the vast "fire fighting army" we need. All can learn the simple lessons that will enable us both to prevent fire, and to deal with fire when it breaks out. The gigantic quantities of materials that are devoured by flame must be saved. Remember that fire fights on the Axis side!

Farmers Are Eligible For New Tires, Recaps

Farmers can qualify for new or recapped tires, providing they use their trucks or cars to haul produce to and from the market, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service, said in discussing the tire-rationing system.

"The farmer who uses his truck exclusively to transport farm products and food to market, and to carry needed home supplies to the farm, is eligible for new tires and tubes," the agricultural leader explained. "This includes the transportation of fuel for farm machinery, fertilizers, and feeds to the farm. On the other hand, no new tires will be sold to farmers for trucks that are used to carry products to housewives or other ultimate consumers."

Dean Schaub said that the term "truck" includes pick-ups. Farmers are also eligible to get new tires for their tractors and other farm implements, providing they are not changing from steel wheels to rubber tires.

Turning next to the eligibility of farmers to receive recapped tires, the Extension director said: "Farmers who use their passenger cars to haul produce to and from market because they have no other practical means of transportation, are eligible to have tires recapped or to buy recapped tires. This eligibility also applies to farm workers and technicians who use their passenger cars to travel within and to and from farms essential to the war effort."

Dean Schaub said that farmers who use their trucks for important purposes other than those that make them eligible for new tires, also may qualify for recaps. "For instance," he stated, "a dairy farmer who delivers milk to consumers in an isolated area not having access to other sources of milk might establish eligibility if the local rationing board considers it vital."

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

BY JOHN BARBER

Man has adapted his mind and manner of living to this towering twentieth century civilization. However much he may appear to be at home with the whirl of this great machinery it is common knowledge that somehow man is a misfit in this world today. The former president of the Danzig State, Hermann Rauschning, said, "Not only has man been unable to keep pace spiritually with his technical progress, but his concrete institutions have caused him to withdraw inwardly. . . . Is it not true that, after all, even in these progressive days, that man can be improved only from within—that an inner transformation is necessary before an outer one can endure?"

This is the conclusion of practically all the thinkers of today. With one accord they cry that the great problem of mankind is a spiritual one but they cannot prescribe the remedy. The Bible does.

The great remedy is acceptance of Christ as personal Savior. This introduces God into the individual's life. We cannot be balanced and complete in life until we have right relations with the God who is the Author of Life and the Creator of all the abilities and powers of man.

Army Moderation Shown by 76% Decline In Alcoholism Rate Since Prohibition Peak

A decline of 76 percent in the alcoholism rate in the United States Army since its last peak in 1922, was recorded in 1940, according to the annual report of Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General, which has just been published by the U. S. Government Printing Office.

A graph charting the rate of hospitalizations for alcoholism shows that its last upsurge in the Army was exactly coincidental with the prohibition period between 1920 and 1932, and that there has been a constant and gratifying decline in alcoholism and a corresponding increase in moderation since repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

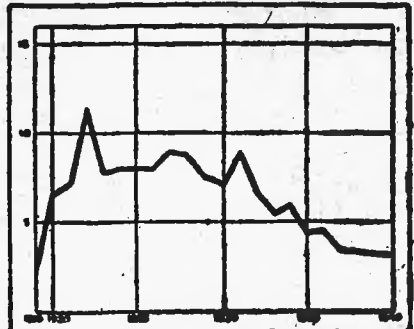
From a low of 2.3 per 1,000 men in 1919, the alcoholism rate in the Army jumped to 11.5 in 1922, and was over 6 per 1,000 in every year of the "Dry" era. It has been dropping since 1933.

Annual rates of Army hospital admissions for alcoholism follow:

1919	2.3	1930	7.2
1920	6.6	1931	9.0
1921	7.1	1932	6.7
1922	11.5	1933	5.6
1923	7.9	1934	6.0
1924	8.0	1935	4.5
1925	8.0	1936	4.6
1926	8.0	1937	3.5
1927	9.0	1938	3.4
1928	8.8	1939	3.3
1929	7.5	1940	2.7

Significant of the same trend among the citizens generally, are the alcoholism death rate statistics published by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, which show a decline from the high of 4 per 100,000 population in 1928, to 1.9 in 1940. Ranking officers of the Nation's

armed forces testify that the availability of beer at Army posts has been a valuable aid to morale and temperance. Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, in opposing prohibition Rate per Thousand, 1919-1940



legislation for the Army camps, said:

"The War Department is convinced that temperance cannot be attained by prohibition applied to its personnel any more than it can be attained by prohibition applied to the Nation at large, and experience has proven that the problem can only be solved by the application of practicable and tolerant measures applied in a logical manner.

"Experience has proven that the present policy of the Department is the most effective way to insure temperance and it would be regrettable indeed should the Congress, in its effort to assist in the matter of attaining temperance among military personnel, enact legislation which would destroy the advancements made and return to the Department the difficult problem of combating bootleg operations. The War Department is firmly of the opinion that the armed forces need no such prohibition."

Men Classified 1-A May Still Enlist In Navy

Young men who have been classified as 1-A by their Selective Service Boards still are eligible to enlist in the U. S. Navy up until the time of their induction into the Army.

This announcement that the Navy is taking men although they are subject to immediate call by their draft boards was made this week by Sixth Naval District officials to refute erroneous reports that men in 1-A classification could not enlist.

All branches of the naval service are open to men who can meet the qualifications. This includes the aviation cadet class and the general seamanship classes.

Unmarried men between the ages of 19 and 26 years inclusive who can qualify physically and who had one or more years in college are eligible to become aviation cadets, even though their draft classification may be 1-A.

Only upon actual receipt of Army induction orders does the young man lose his privilege of enlisting in the Navy or Naval Reserve.

Wheat Quota Vote Set For May 2nd

Enough wheat on hand to supply the nation's normal domestic needs and exports for two years is the prospect wheat growers are facing as they prepare to vote on marketing quotas for 1942 on Saturday, May 2, according to W. Herbert White, Caswell County farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee.

Mr. White said the nation's wheat supply on July 1, 1942, is estimated at 1,423,000,000 bushels, on the basis of a July 1, 1942, carryover of 630,000,000 bushels and a 1942 yield of 793,000,000 bushels. This is the largest supply of wheat on record, almost 100,000,000 bushels more than a year ago, he said.

"American farmers never have produced less than 500,000,000 bushels of wheat in any year since 1890," he said. "Last year we used about 700,000,000 bushels of wheat, including exports. Our surplus of wheat has been increased within the past few years by sudden and drastic curbing of exports by tighter war and economic blockades and per acre yields above normal. Present indications, therefore, are that we need not worry about having wheat to supply our demands and those of our allies."

Mr. White pointed out that the quota program provides for production of enough wheat which, together with carryover, will supply domestic and export needs with a 30 per cent margin for safety. Under existing legislation, quotas must be proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture on any of the basic crops whenever the total supply exceeds a normal year's domestic consumption and exports by more than 35 per cent. To be in effect, however, quotas must be approved by at least a two-thirds majority in a national referendum.

He declared all wheat growers who have planted for harvest more than 15 acres of wheat and whose normal production is 200 bushels or more are eligible to vote in the referendum.

Details of places and time of voting may be obtained from AAA committeemen or at county AAA offices, he said.

Baptist Church Notes

Rev. J. E. Reamy announces the following services for his church Sunday, April 26th.

Sunday School 9:45. Morning worship 11:00. Subject: "Some Appointments Christ Makes With Men." Text: Matthew 28:16. Evening service 8:00. Subject: "My Times Are In Thy Hand." Text Ps. 31:15. Mid-week service of prayer and praise Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Herskal Walker, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stanton.

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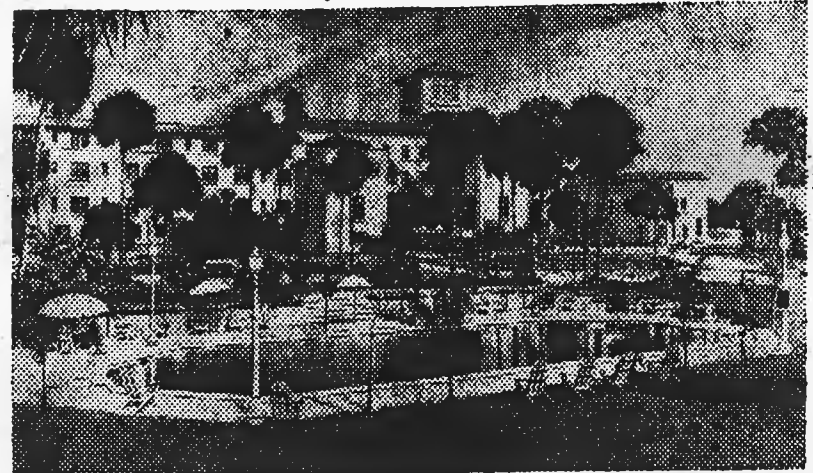
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