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It may have been forgotten in the stress
of things, but Italy still has a king.

Taking due note of the potato bugs, one
thing Britain doesn't need to be dropping in
Germany is—ants for Hitler's pants.

An Excellent Edition

Having only recently published a special
edition in which we took much pride and
which, we think, deserved the praise it re-
ceived, we are in position to know something
of the trials and tribulations that attend
such an accomplishment—something of the
hard work and ceaseless planning that goes
with a special edition.

And so when one of these extra efforts
and evidence of progress comes to our desk,
we are able to sense the work and energy
required to make it possible. And there
have been several of these in recent months,
but none among them has caught and held
our interest and admiration more than the
twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the
Hickory Daily Record.

The Hickory paper is noted for its ex-
ceptional typographic excellence and this
108-page issue, crammed full of good read-
ing matter, liberally accentuated with cuts,
and well patronized by advertisers, was per-
fect in its typography and well-conceived in
its entire set-up as an anniversary number.

To the tireless, aggressive and resource-
ful publisher and editor, I. C. Gifford must
go the main credit for this achievement—
shared of course by those who worked with
him, and Hickory, Catawba county and the
State have plenty of reason to be proud of
an issue that would do credit to the biggest
newspaper plant in North Carolina.

It is right and proper to note that "Giff"
is a transplanted product from the Middle-
West who came and settled among us, not
long from the school room. But Hickory
folk were not long in finding that he was
there, first-off to give them a good news-
paper and to be a good neighbor and proud
of his decision to become a Tar Heel. His
editorial columns reflect a knowledge of
North Carolina history and traditions that
can only mean that he studied them. That
he has been upholding them ably every day
since he and his associates bought the
Record has been quite noticeable to his fel-
low publishers throughout the State. And
it is by virtue of his ability and success in
his chosen field that he was named presi-
dent of the North Carolina Press Associa-
tion's last meeting, a place he did not seek
but modestly accepted.

This special edition of the Hickory
Record deserves all the praise it has receiv-
ed from the State press, and we are adding
ours in the utmost sincerity, and with the
fervent hope that Gifford and his crew will
add to this achievement, another such a
quarter of a century from now.

**Maybe It Will Work Out All
Right**

Governor Hoey has come in for consid-
erable friendly criticism because of his
methods in naming the draft boards for the
various counties of the state. Or should we
say that the criticism has been directed
more at the plan of organization than at the
Governor, for few there be who would ac-
cuse Mr. Hoey of allowing politics to enter
into such an important matter as this.

And counting all men as patriotic beyond
the point of surrendering to political ex-
pediency, there is nothing in the plan itself
to criticize.

Governor Hoey, as head of the draft in
North Carolina, must name the personnel of
the three-man draft boards for the counties.
Naturally he cannot, even with his broad ac-
quaintanceship in North Carolina, make
these selections by himself. And so he has
announced that he will abide by the recom-
mendations of a committee composed of the
county school superintendent, the chairman
of the elections board and the clerk of the
Superior Court who will offer the names of
a lawyer, a doctor and a prominent private
citizen to be members of the draft board
with Governor Hoey's approval.

Obviously these officials are in position
to make wise selections, and in most cases
it is expected they will, but the gap is down
for politics, just the same, and there be
some in North Carolina who are slightly in-
clined to measure their patriotism by their
own accomplishments for their party. Two
of this nominating committee are elective
officials and the other is appointive. The
two certainly will be Democrats, and in the
main the third will be too. And so if they
are a-mind it will be a rare sight to see a
Republican on the draft board in any coun-
ty. We don't believe even a few of them

would work down that sort of groove in such
an important matter as this, but one need
not be surprised if there is raising of eye-
brows, just the same.

And certainly that ought not to be. For
in this conscription program it will be nec-
essary to take some and leave others, for it
is a selective draft in which various factors
will have to be considered, if there be equity
in the selection. It is clear to the naked eye
that it would be better if these county
boards were entirely removed from every-
thing that smacks of politics.

**An Old Word With a New
Meaning**

President William P. Few, of Duke Uni-
versity, in an address before the student
body of that institution, said the people of
this country must learn to speak some old
words with a new accent, and one of these
words is "work." And further:

"We must try to build again a nation of
workers. It will not be safe to commit the
destinies of a great country into idle hands;
but the destiny of any nation is safe in the
keeping of people who think straight and who
work, either with their hands or in other
creative ways."

Every athlete knows that he cannot long
play the game without keeping in physical
trim; that he must exercise his muscles
judiciously and continuously if they are to
make him efficient. And that goes for the
body politic too.

Germany is strong because men have not
been afraid to work, even when made to.
And the German economy is strong far be-
yond the conception of outsiders, simply be-
cause her men at work were content with
meager pay. If Germans can be content to
toil for such an unworthy objective as has
been theirs for the past five years—the
building of a great war machine to destroy
other people, how much greater is the in-
centive for Americans to knuckle down to a
productivity that will serve a holier cause.

There are too many parasites in this na-
tion—too many who live and have their be-
ing at the expense of others, and we are
breeding more of them every day. One gen-
eration plants and grows the tree in the
shade of which their children sit in comfort.
Some of them even destroy the limbs that
shade them.

No matter how rich the parent, the boy
or girl is being tragically neglected if he
or she is not taught to work, either with
their hands or mind—to contribute something
to the society that has made their path rosier
than that of some of their fellows.

Right now it is related that in a national
emergency there is a dearth of skilled work-
ers. That we can't get going in our defense
program until workers are trained for their
jobs. That is because of our preference for
white collars. Bricklayers are among the
highest paid workers, yet you seldom see
even a high school graduate willing to take
up such a trade as this. The result is that
bricklayers are scarce in the presence of
plenty of soda-jerkers. Yet the one can
earn more in a day than the other can earn
in a week. Dr. Few has something on the
ball, no mistake about that.

**The Real Threat to Free
Enterprise**

Wendell Willkie, campaigning for the
presidency, has a lot to say about "free en-
terprise," and it listens well. He wants this
country to go back to the good old do-as-
you-please days; the days of long profits
and holding companies that can cover them
up, and when rugged individualism was in
flower. And that listens well too.

But what Mr. Willkie and the rest of us
should be remembering is that if Germany
conquers Britain, "free enterprise" in all its
variations will be doomed, even if Hitler
does not take it into his head to try the
German goose-step in this country. For it
will be his purpose to organize Europe and
do business on a barter basis. There will be
no free enterprise in that case, for the con-
quered peoples he holds in his hands will be
but slaves producing at slave-wages the
things he would swap for what he gets from
the rest of the world.

Last week there was a meeting in Rome
at which Von Ribbentrop and Mussolini are
said to have parceled out the British col-
onies ahead of time. They also discussed
the terms under which France will become
a vassal state, and they held a tempting
morsel before Spain which must be accept-
ed or else. If Britain falls Hitler and Musso-
lini will work together in unison until such
time as Hitler decides he needs Musso no
longer. But make sure of this Europe will
be under German domination and the new-
fangled economic system will be pressed.
And there is no place for the individual in
the German economic philosophy. Every-
thing must be done through the state and
with its permission. In order to secure and
hold foreign markets there is exchange con-
trol, import limitations and export subsidies,
and no private business in the United States
can compete with such a business competitor
in the markets of the world.

And mark this: The world cannot en-
dure, economically, half-barter and half-
free. Either it must follow one pattern or
the other. Heretofore we have held to the
theory of individual initiative, with as few
government controls as possible. If Germany
wins we will either have to adapt our
economy to the Hitler program or face ec-
onomic disaster. And if we in this country
really are interested in "free enterprise" we
should look to where it is threatened—and
for the moment concern ourselves with
whatever contribution we can make to re-
move that threat.

**This
Week
IN
WASHINGTON**

Washington, Sept. 23—Of the
most immediate importance
to almost every family in the United
States is the final disposition by
Congress of the Selective Train-
ing and Service measure which
requires the registration of every
man between the ages of twenty-
one and thirty-five for possible
drafting for military or other de-
fensive service under the Govern-
ment.

There are about 16,500,000 men
who come within that age limit.
All are to be registered by local
boards, beginning October 15. The
selection of 400,000 for the first
draft is to begin November 15.
Choice of the individuals drafted
will be by numbers drawn by lot,
as was done in the World War.

There are no exemptions pro-
vided by law except that con-
scientious objectors may claim
exemption and the Department of
Justice will pass on the truth or
falsity of the objector's com-
plaint. If it is decided that he is
exempt from fighting service he
is still liable for any kind of non-
combatant service.

Students Exempt
Students who entered college
this year, if drafted, may have
their service deferred until after
the completion of the present col-
lege year.

The drafting of men after their
numbers have been called will be
in the hands of local boards, on
which no Army or Navy officer
may serve. If any man whose
number is called attempts to
dodge the draft he will be sub-
ject to trial before a civil court
and not by a court martial.

Each man drafted will undergo
a thorough physical examination
at the beginning of his service
and another when he has finish-
ed the one year term of training,
so that no false claims may later
be made against the Government
for injuries or physical deteriora-
tion resulting from the training.

Drafted men will be assigned to
duty either with the Army, the
Navy or the Marines. If a man
is taken out of a job his em-
ployer is required to give him his
job back, or another job equally
good, at the end of his year's
training. Each drafted man, if a
registered voter, will be allowed to
go home to vote on election day,
if that requires no more than a
day's journey; otherwise he may
send his ballot by mail.

Each man drafted for service
will receive, in addition to lodg-
ing, food and clothing, \$21 per
month for the first four months
and thereafter a minimum of \$30
per month with a sliding scale of
increases as he develops special
ability or technical skills, until he
may be drawing as high as \$85
per month.

If a previous employer wishes
to continue paying a drafted man
all or part of his salary, all laws
which would forbid that are re-
pealed. Employers are required
to consider all selected men as on
furlough or leave of absence; and
an employer may not fill any
drafted man's place with mem-
bers of the Communist party or
the German-American Bund.

Service Limited
The service of men drafted un-
der this law is limited to one
year's training, unless Congress
declares the national security re-
quires an extension of that pe-
riod.

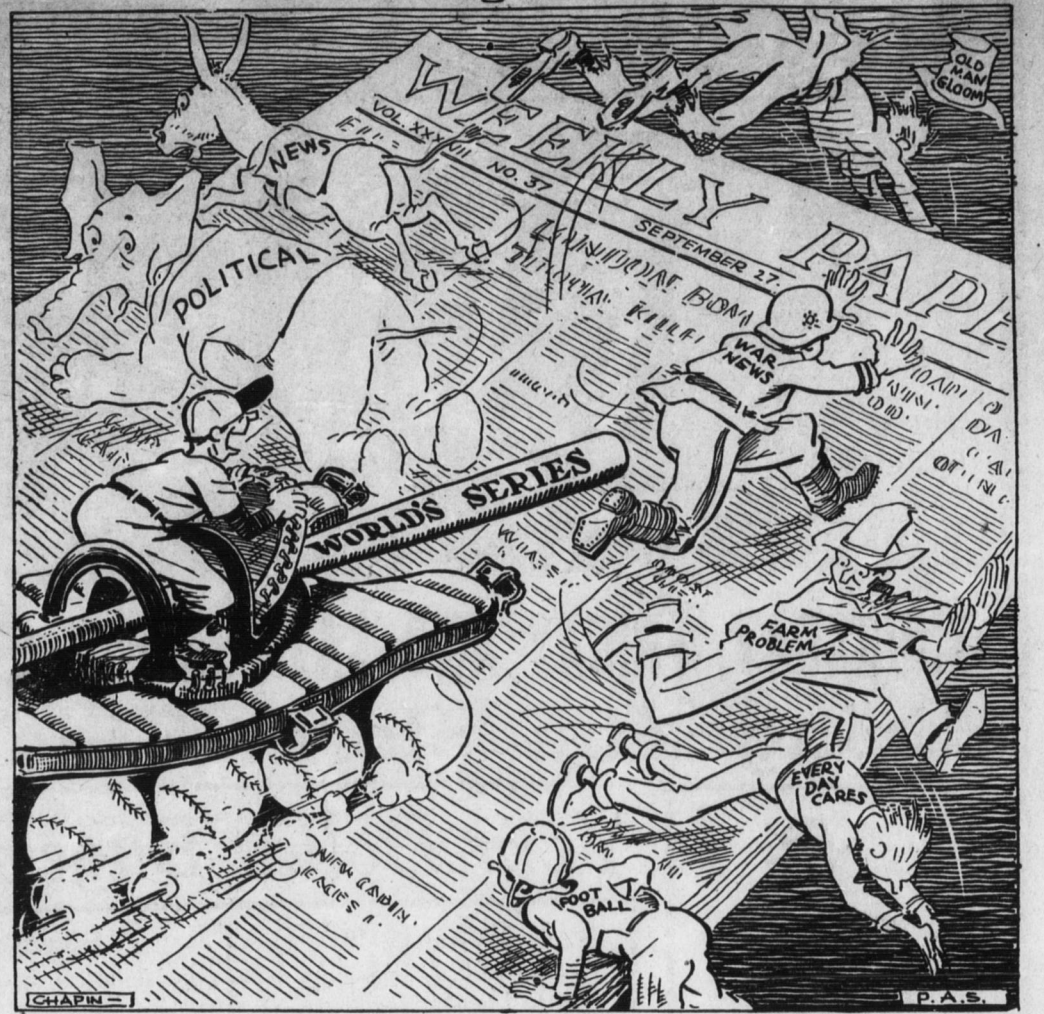
In all, the plan is to make two
drafts of 400,000 men each in the
course of the next six months, or
as soon as proper housing facili-
ties can be provided for them.
These added to approximately
250,000 members of the National
Guard already called or about to
be called into service, and about
the same number of soldiers in
the regular army, will give the
nucleus of a military force of 1-
300,000 men.

It is not expected that any-
thing like complete military
training can be given in one
year's time. The men will learn,
however, how to handle firearms,
to obey orders, and will develop
sound and rugged physiques and
gain experience in the discom-
forts of a soldier's life, even
though they do not become ex-
perts in handling tanks and anti-
aircraft guns.

Attached to the selective ser-
vice act is a tag which, in effect,
renews and re-emphasizes the
provisions of World War legisla-
tion authorizing the Government
to compel any manufacturing es-
tablishment to fill Government
orders for defense materials.

Tax Supplement
Supplemented by the new Ex-
cess Profit Tax legislation this is
calculated to satisfy most of the
people who have been complain-
ing that it is unfair for the Gov-
ernment to draft men without at
the same time drafting industry.
There are still some gentlemen
with Communist leanings, both
inside and out of the Govern-

Front Page Invasion



LONGTOWN

Mrs. Lois Radcliff and children,
of Narrows, Va., spent last week
with Rev. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Settle
and small son, Tony, of Elkin, are
spending this week with Mr. and
Mrs. Raymond Harpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell and
small son, of Arlington, were the
Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Long.

Rev. John D. Shore, of Dur-
ham, visited relatives here last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harpe, of
Cycle, spent Sunday with his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hobson
had as their guests last week Mrs.
Hazel Stackleather and daughter,

Patty, of Taylorsville, and Misses
Ruth and Lillian Hobson, of Win-
ston-Salem.

Mrs. Mamie Seagraves, of Win-
ston-Salem, spent the week-end
with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle
Shore.

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