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TROOPS IN PACIFIC AREA.

For a long time it has been the opinion of most Americans that after Hitler is conquered the war against Japan will be mostly a naval and aerial affair. The United States alone has now gained distinct superiority over the Japanese fleet, without counting the powerful British naval organization. And so far as aerial forces are concerned our equipment is far superior to that of the Japs. Therefore it has been believed that we ought soon to be able to bomb the Japs into submission, especially if we can get the proper air bases in China and Siberia.

But now it is becoming more than possible that we may need a considerable ground force in the Pacific area too. The Japs, making progress while we are busy in Europe, have been penetrating further and further into China. The Chinese are becoming more and more desperate and are beginning to complain about the small amount of material help they have received.

Before the war against the Japs can be completely won they must be driven out of China as well as out of the Philippines and the East Indies. Whether destroying Tokyo and other cities on the Japanese islands will be sufficient to do this is problematical. It is possible that the Japs may dig in in China and fight foot by foot, using all the delaying tactics possible, including various forms of jungle guerrilla warfare at which they seem adept.

If this possibility turns out to be the true one then we are going to need much infantry force before the Japs are thoroughly beaten, especially if they succeed in thoroughly demoralizing the Chinese Army.

It is not at all sure, therefore, that finishing the Japs will be merely a matter of destroying their fleet and bombing their cities into ruins.

GET OUT AND VOTE.

At least one (maybe two) political party is passing word around through its avenues of intelligence, that the election may be lost because several million voters, it is feared, will stay at home. This writer can't figure out who can possibly get hurt if everybody gets out and votes, and we are in favor of every man and woman doing that very thing.

Under the American system all the people are supposed to be running this country of ours. And if the estimate of the Gallup Poll that the number of votes will be only 39,500,000 in 1944 turns out to be correct "the wrong man" may be selected by reason of the absentee voters—because that is 16,300,000 fewer votes than were cast in 1940.

Regardless of politics, no American voter should allow himself, or herself, to become a guilty party by failure to vote

in the election of a President. So, everybody should go to the polls and vote.

WHAT NEXT?

Mechanized manure removal is the latest wrinkle now being developed for dairy farms. Agricultural engineers are experimenting with a slow moving, endless belt conveyor placed in the droppings trough. It is designed to deliver its load direct to the manure spreader outside the barn. This is not all that has come to light of late in the line of farm invention. A New York farmer, tired of pitching in hay by hand, cut off the blower end of his threshing machine, put the discharge shoot in the loft, and did as much work with two men as five would normally do.

People wonder how the American farmer has managed to get along during the war, in the face of labor shortage. He has done it through determination and ingenuity. If it had not been for these assets plus the effective help of his marketing organizations, the farmer would have been out of business long ago.

The LETTER BOX

Z. B. RITCHIE WRITES TIMES
DESCRIPTION OF FLA. STORM

Z. B. Ritchie, who left Lincolnton last week for his winter home in Punta Gorda, Fla., has written the editor of the Times the following account of the hurricane which struck the state of Florida:

"We got here Tuesday evening, October 17, and on Wednesday as I went up town to have the water and lights turned on, the people began to tell me I was just in time for one of the worst hurricanes yet to hit Florida. It was heading for Cuba and Key West and the south end of Florida. It was raining some and the wind blowing all day, getting harder late in the afternoon. We got word the worst of the storm would hit here about 12 o'clock Wednesday night, then later we got word it would hit Fort Myers next morning about 8 o'clock.

"Well, dark came and no power or lights. We got a couple of candles, all we could get, to make a light. The dark clouds were moving fast and the wind and rain getting harder all the time. We put out a boy to bed and my wife and I never went to bed. About 10 o'clock we got the boy up and put on his clothes. I went from one room to another to get in one where I could not hear the wind so plain. We discussed what to do and finally decided to go to the court house, but when I looked out it was so dark and we had no lights. About 12 o'clock it was awful. A big palm tree blew on the east corner of our house, but I think it really helped to hold the house down. Our neighbor's house on the east side also protected ours. A big porch roof, about 12 by 30 feet blew off a two-story house east of our back lot and fell about 20 feet from our garage. Had it hit the garage I would have had a badly wrecked car.

"As I said this was about 12 o'clock, and really the worst of it, but we did not know it, as we had a report earlier that the worst would come about 8 o'clock the next morning.

"The hours passed mighty slow, and we longed for daylight to come so we could find a safer place, but by morning the wind had checked some and we went out about 9 o'clock to see some of the damage. Some buildings were wrecked, roofs torn off, some brick walls fell, some of the tin roof on the Charlotte Harbor Hotel rolled up like a scroll, trees were uprooted and broken down and the tops and limbs torn off hundreds of trees. All grape fruit and oranges blown off except where the trees were behind buildings.

"The wind changed some time after the hardest part was over. It came from the west and held the tide water back until it came out to Main street. But it is all over now except cleaning up the debris.

"No train in yet that I know of. The sun is shining and a nice day and I am glad to see it. I have been coming to Florida most every year since 1906 and this was my first tropical storm to experience. I must go out pretty soon and see if it blew all the fish away. I asked my boy how he liked the storm and he said, 'Pretty well, it gave me something to see.'

"They claim the wind was about 100 miles per hour and some of the natives claim it was as bad as any they ever had. I thought this might be of some interest to the readers of the Lincoln Times."

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Seaman Scoggins Veteran Of The Normandy Assault

Aboard the USS Maloy, France, Oct. 2. (Delayed).—Still on the job off the coast of France, this doughty destroyer escort of the U. S. Navy, a veteran of the Normandy assault, has been logging up a creditable record of war service.

Cleave M. Scoggins, 20, seaman, first class, USNR, of Lincolnton, N. C., thus summarized his experiences as a crew member of the Maloy:

"We got off to a good start on D-Day by knocking down a JU88 with our guns," he said. "And since then we've seen plenty of action."

While on patrol off the Nazi-held Channel island, the Maloy came under the fire of heavy shore guns. Although the German gunners fired 38 rounds at the vessel, she maneuvered so quickly and the heavy shells splashed harmlessly in the sea nearby. On another occasion, Scoggins said, his ship went in close to one of the islands and again the shore emplacements opened up on her.

"Their first salvo straddled us, showering shrapnel along our starboard side and hitting some depth charges," he related. "It was close enough for me."

Later the Maloy stood off St. Malo, France, within sight of the bombing and subsequent surrender of Cezamora, a fortified island which held out long after German forces on the mainland gave up.

"That was some show," Scoggins declared. During the initial assault on France the Maloy carried the flag of Commodore Campbell D. Edgar, USN, of Canastota, New York, who commanded an important phase of the invasion. Scoggins' home address is 211 N. High Street, Lincolnton. He previously participated in the invasion of North Africa. After attending Ruth High School, he was employed by the Ideal Chair Co.

Legumes Increase Pasture Production

Responses to fertilization on pastures at the Lower Coastal Plain Station in North Carolina depend on what kinds of plants are growing in the pasture, says the sixty-sixth annual report of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

With Dallas grass and carpet grass sod, without legumes, the yield on the unfertilized plot was 1,590 pounds of forage. Additions of limestone, phosphate and potash did not increase the yield, but the application of 200 pounds of nitrate of soda raised the yield to 2,165 pounds.

However, when low hop clover was added to the grasses, the yield was 1,444 pounds when unfertilized; 3,008 pounds with limestone, phosphate and potash; and 2,673 pounds when nitrogen was added to these fertilizers.

Kent wild white clover, benaved in much the same way as hop clover. The yield of this clover and the grasses was 1,371 pounds on the unfertilized area, 3,175 pounds with limestone, phosphate and potash; and about the same yield with the addition of 200 pounds of nitrate of soda.

Eight grass-legume combinations were tested under six fertilizer treatments, but the use of low hop clover or Kent wild clover in the mixtures, with applications of limestone, phosphate and potash, produced the most economical forage.

Soldiers Attending Religious Services

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16.—Soldier attendance at 5,465 religious services conducted in chapels at Army posts, camps and stations in the southwest states was nearly 250,000 in September, according to a report released today by Chaplain (Colonel) Ralph W. Rogers, chaplain, Fourth Service Command.

There were 2,221 Sunday services with a soldier attendance of 192,170, while 57,391 soldiers attended the 3,244 weekly services. In addition, chaplains stationed at the various Army installations in the southeast conducted 1,410 services of their posts, attended by 76,623 civilians, in which connection Chaplain Rogers explained that it is the practice of Army chaplains to conduct services at community churches upon invitation, whenever possible.

Post chaplains made 5,752 hospital visits, speaking to 75,358 patients and held 2,853 interviews with prisoners on 540 guardhouse visits. A total of 1,208 welfare cases were handled.

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Consider Rotations In Fertilizer Plans

In determining what fertilizer to use for a particular crop, most farmers consider the needs of the crop and the type of soil on which the crop is grown, in selecting the fertilizer needed.

This plan provides only two legs for the stool, and sometimes it topples over. Dr. Emerson Collins, in charge of Extension Agronomy at State College, suggests that growers plan their fertilizer programs so as to keep them in balance with the particular rotations that are followed on the farm. This plan provides a third leg for the stool.

The requirements of cotton on land that has been in small grain and hay crops for two years, for example, may be quite different from cotton in a three-year rotation of corn, cotton and small grain, with a crop of lespedeza turned under the third year.

How the various crops in the rotation are fertilized has an important bearing on working out the program so as to maintain the proper balance. Does the corn crop receive a complete fertilizer, and a nitrogen top-dressing or only a nitrogen top-dressing? If the corn receives only nitrogen, what about the phosphates and potash needed to maintain a proper balance?

In his December Suggestions Sheet, which will come out next month, Dr. Collins will give the plant removal of fertilizer materials by various crops. This information may be obtained at the office of the county agent in December and will serve as a basis for planning the 1945 fertilizer program.

Dr. Collins suggests that every farmer ask himself the following question: "Are the fertilizers applied to the various crops maintaining soil fertility?"

Keeping six or seven dairy cows on the farm to fully utilize labor and bring in a cash income throughout the year is a good plan for many farmers, suggests T. J. W. Broom, veteran county agent of the State College Extension Service.

Democratic Campaign Meetings Scheduled

Raleigh, Oct. 22.—Campaigners of the Democratic party will wind up their 12 congressional rallies this week with meetings at Burlington in the Sixth district Tuesday, and at Lumberton in the Seventh district Wednesday. William B. Umstead, state chairman said today.

B. Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for governor, will speak at both rallies, and former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate, will speak at the Burlington meeting. At each place, the respective congressmen from the district are expected to be present and to make addresses.

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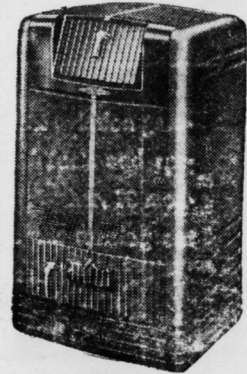
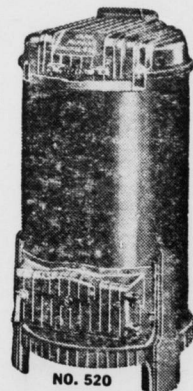
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