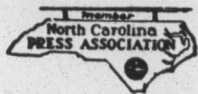


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Responsibility .....

Occupation of Iceland by forces from the United States navy, supplanting men sent there by Great Britain, is a logical development of the American policy of aid to Britain. It is so logical that not even President Roosevelt's declaration of accomplishment of occupation carries with it any sense of shock, although there are in the United States many people who will regret that this ultimate extension of the Monroe doctrine had to take place.

Granting that Great Britain does not at this time have sufficient manpower reserves to keep control of the formerly Danish island, no other choice presented itself to the United States, for under no circumstances could the President sit on sidelines and watch this island on the edge of our western hemisphere slip to Axis control, as it most assuredly would have slipped.

We have no fear that the people of Iceland, approximately 100,000 in number, will regret the decision of American intervention, an intervention arranged by the independent Icelandic government, in collaboration with the British, but we hope that the United States will be able to keep its promise of withdrawal of armed forces whenever peace becomes more than a dream.

And in any case, occupation of Iceland follows closely establishment of American bases in Greenland and in British possessions under the lend-lease agreement. Possible danger that American participation in the war will have to become more completely military than it now is, is a danger to which we must become accustomed.

Person's Part, USO .....

Those Person residents who on Monday night attended the unit organization meeting of the United Service organization will, we think, have little difficulty in establishing for themselves a belief in the organization or in the principles for which it stands: wholesome recreational facilities for American men now in military service.

Masses of men act in the mass much as men do as individuals, but action is in masses intensified, so that what would not in individuals amount to evil, takes on in mass attitude an increased tendency toward evil. Men must dance, play games of chance and indulge in athletics (not to mention questionable practices) and in camps and in cities and towns near camps recreational problems are being met, not always wisely, but as well as they can. Greatest problem is to awaken the general populace to the necessity of thorough cooperation with all recreational programs.

Military men have little idle time to devote to the "Devil's workshop", but if all parents and brothers and sisters and wives and sweethearts of men in service could for a moment realize that "their man" may be the one in need of strength and morale, there would be no question of the worthwhileness of the USO program.

The remoteness of this realization, coupled with the fact that the war itself is not yet a reality to the majority of Americans, may slow up the success of the USO drive, but we hope Person people will do that little part which they are called upon to do, cheerfully and with spirit.

Rains From Heaven .....

Published Sunday in the Times was an item from I. O. Abbit, City Water department boss, to effect that Roxboro in the past three months had had less than six inches of rainfall. No sooner was the story in type than longwithheld rain began to fall, and has been falling ever since, so that we must suppose that persons who believe in influence will be wanting an Abbit calculation in reverse before their tobacco and other crops are "drowned" by excess of moisture previously lacking.

From Wilson, where much rain also has fallen within the week, comes official pronouncement that tobacco will be more damaged by rain than it has been by drought and we judge that farmers here can be rendering an identical opinion, unless there is progress toward moderation between sun and rain, two individualistic quantities in nature over which all the federal,

state and county farm-control agencies in the world have not as yet developed control. Which last thought we might leave with those people who are concerned over the increasingly enlarging bureaucratic red-tape being created in the good name of farming.

It has been observed that increased knowledge of whys and wherefores of social problems, call it sociology if you will, has helped but not mitigated completely the problems attached, and it is common knowledge that religion is at times most ineffective in places where it is preached loudest, but these imperfections are only less imposing as symbols of weaknesses of the world than wholesale killings called war, economic cruelties and disparities between rain and sun.

Where Does Elizabeth Live? ....

Slightly in a dither the other day was a certain Person county social service unit. The collective telephone had been humming with conversation concerning Elizabeth, small Negro girl, a patient in a hospital and now ready to come home, provided her mother, who lived in this county (or another, the hospital didn't know which) could be notified, by (1) a Person representative of the department concerned, or (2) by the representative of a similar department in another county.

At last report Elizabeth was still at the hospital, and Elizabeth's mother was presumably waiting at home, while the officials here were trying to find just where the mother lived. Now it so happens that we have no concern with the departmental two-county controversy as to who should go after the mother, an affair that will probably be properly settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, but we do on occasion get work up over the confusion of names employed to designate county places, roads and Roxboro streets.

To a native-native it may be good that Chub Lake is also known as Loch Lily and as Barnette's Pond, and it may be easy to know that Moragan street (in Roxboro) is also High School drive at one end and Oak street at the other, but we think that clarity demands some common agreement on names hereabouts, both in county and city. It was and is and always will be confusing to have a multiplicity of place-names, many of them ear-marked by the fact that the road turns at so and so's store, or that the house is near Baker's or Cavel, or Jaylong or Longhurst, or Timberlake or Helena. As for a complete numbering of houses in Roxboro, we are still prayerful, if not hopeful.



The Kind Of Heroes .....

High Point Enterprise

If the divorce suit entered by the wife of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, is of any more public importance than any one of many thousands of similar home disruptions the difference lies in the fact that the Negro fighter is the idol of millions of his race.

Joe has been a good champion, decent in behavior outside the ring as far as we have heard, and a good sportsman in the ring. It will hurt some of his admirers to note that he answers his wife's charge of cruelty by appearing to confess that she may have come within range of the "shadow-boxing" he does at home.

If the Negroes make a hero of Joe and pay small attention to G. W. Carver, we must remember that their white neighbors set them an example in hero-worshipping. We play up and admire our muscular athletes and are blank of face and memory when the name of some really great individual is mentioned.

Treasure For Breakfast .....

Christian Science Monitor

The little boy who is sorry he could not eat ten dollars' worth of strawberries even if his parents gave him permission has found a friend down North Carolina way. This man has just shown that it is possible to eat \$10.40 worth of strawberries and still like them.

For the little boy's further encouragement we would add that the financing of this gargantuan delight was possible with the round sum of 15 cents. It just shows that a thing that may sound too good to be true is still possible, if one's intentions are proper.

But let's not get complicated. The recipe for this Elysian dessert is simple:

Every time you convey a berry away from the dish along the line of least resistance, you think of a little boy in London. Any little boy will do, provided he is having strawberries (fortunate little boy!). And you tell yourself—for it is absolutely true—that every time you open and close your mouth (leaving out the time you do it just to say "Or" and "Ah") you are having twenty cents' worth of strawberries. For that is the cost of every single berry that the little boy in London eats.

Yes, you are right. It is better than the Mad Hatter's tea party. For at that party it was jam yesterday and jam tomorrow but never jam today. And this is strawberries right now. And what strawberries! We wish we could tell Alice about it.

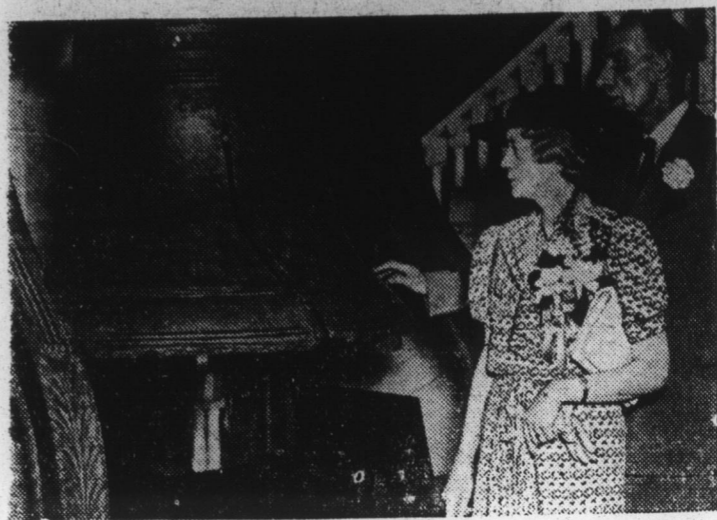
Potatoes

Irish potato yields in Beaufort County are about one-half of what they were last year but better than was expected when digging started, says Assistant Farm Agent A. L. Eagles.

Sheep

B. C. Pennington of Sturgills, Ashe County, says money invested in sheep will pay \$2 to every \$1 of money invested in cattle, according to Assistant Farm Agent H. D. Quessenberry.

British Ambassador Inspects Liberty Bell



Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, and his wife are shown examining the Liberty Bell in Independence Mall, Philadelphia, Pa. The bell, which cracked in 1935 while being rung for the death of John Marshall, was tolled on July 4, 1775, on the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence.

Fort Bragg General Declares Youth Facing Threat of War

Negotiated Peace Could But Defer Settlement, He Says In Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill July 9—"I see no possibility of any negotiated peace that will do more than defer a final settlement of the fundamental issues involved in this war," Brig.-Gen. Ed. F. Harding of Fort Bragg said in an address at the third convocation of the University's Summer Session in Memorial Hall.

"Any peace that does not leave Germany powerless to make war will be only an armistice," he declared. "In view of the ominous uncertainty of the future we face, the youth of the land must be trained in the realization that they may be called to participate actively in this conflict."

"The call for them may come either at the end of a protracted period of continuous warfare or after an interruption in the form of a few uneasy years of armed truce. We share the hope that it may never come, but we must recognize the possibility and prepare of it."

General Harding was introduced by Professor Guy B. Phillips, Executive Secretary of the Summer session. Preceding his ad-

dress he was entertained at a dinner at the Carolina Inn by a group of faculty members.

Poiting out that modern warfare demands brains as well as brawn, General Harding said "our Army leans heavily on you teachers for the early education of the men who come to us at times like the present. Essential as is the part we play, your part is equally important."

The general said that he believed unless "you have conditioned him properly for the service, we of the service cannot altogether make up the deficiency. Yours is a grave responsibility, not always appreciated in the past, thanks to our wishful thinking and the efforts of well meaning idealists who, a while back, had some of us practically convinced that the day when the lion would lie down with the lamb was just around the corner."

General Harding said he believed teachers in the United States today should put more emphasis on the duties of being an American citizen rather than on the rights and liberties enjoyed by American citizens.

"If the youth that grew up in the twenties had been thorough-

ly conditioned after some such pattern of teaching I don't believe we would be having so many strikes in defense industries today or so many instances of disorders brought on by those who do not hesitate to sabotage essential production in their determination to wring gains for themselves or their "class" from the urgency of our defense program."

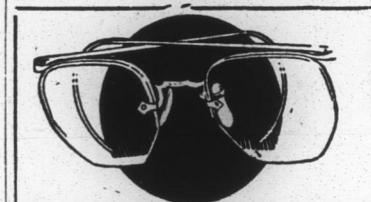
General Harding said it should be impressed upon American youth that "our liberties and benefits of the Government we enjoy were won by fighting and may have to be maintained by the same crude process.

"And considerably more than is being done could be done toward fostering the military virtues—courage, fortitude, discipline, willingness to suffer hardships and make sacrifices for our country. In times like the present, education should be designed to put iron into the soul as well as knowledge into the head. And I feel sure that all of you will agree with me that the rising generation in America and ours, too, for that matter, could do with a little more iron in its make-up."

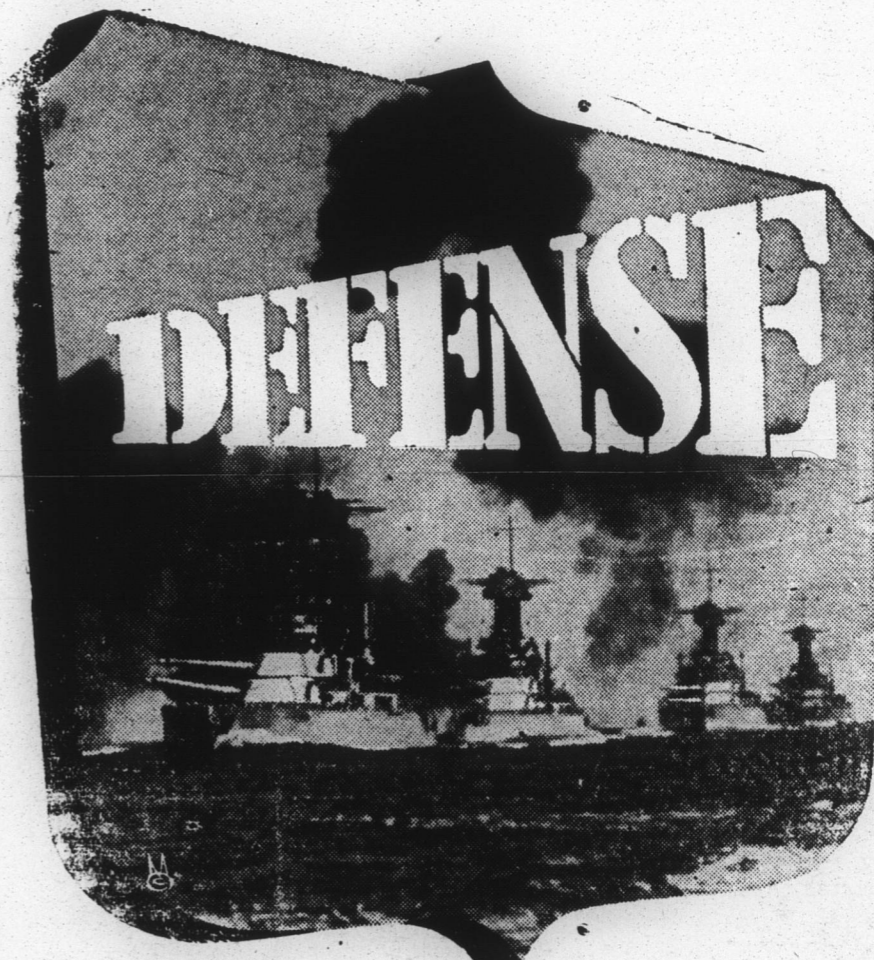
Slag

Where he applied basic slag in the spring of 1940, John Phillips of Cullowhee, Jackson County, says his red clover was at least 50 percent better than on untreated land.

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