



**THIS BUSINESS OF Living**  
BY SUSAN THAYER

**A WOMAN'S PART IN DEFENSE**

The great question among women during these days of crisis continues to be—what can we do to help make America strong?

As our great industrial system expands and production of materials for defense mounts the tempo of our national life quickens and we ourselves want more to do. We long to have some part in preparing this country for whatever role it will be called upon to play in world affairs.

But what should it be? What service can we render to this country that has made us the freest, most fortunate women in the world? Should we offer to work in the busy plants and factories? Should we take up training for some emergency? Or must we . . . just knit?

A few months ago no one seemed to know the answer, as women rushed about organizing new committees, writing feverish letters, talking endlessly to each other. But today individual leaders and organizations are beginning to agree on what women should do for their country today. It's not exciting but it's fundamental and its effects will be far reaching.

Stay put, they're saying. Don't do any more organizing or flag waving or talking. But first, make an even better home for your husband and children. Feed them so they'll be well and strong. Instill in their children the love of freedom. Iron out family difficulties so home will be the best place in the world. And, second take a more active part in

your community government and affairs.

This is the advice of such organizations as the Parent-Teachers' Association and the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and of outstanding women. But what sort of community activities, you ask?

Take this vexing question of government spending that has reached such undreamt-of proportions today. If the women of each community in the United States get together and bring about a saving of even 10% in local spending there would be a saving of millions of dollars for the country as a whole, because in normal times more than half of our tax money is spent in local, county and state governments.

And take our belief in the democratic system of government that is under fire today. We can't change the world but we can see that every one in our own community, children and foreign-born especially, realize how important it is for us to keep our free press and free radio—our right to go to church where and as we like—our system of electing the people who run our government and our time proved system of free enterprise in business. If enough communities discover what Democracy really means and make it work better than ever, then the nation as a whole will be safe from all inroads against freedom and we shall be able to pass our "ancient liberties" on intact to our children.

**Beer Industry Big Contributor To Tax Offices Of State**

The Beer industry has contributed \$8,149,604.76 in taxes to the State of North Carolina and its various political subdivisions since it was legalized by the 1933 legislature.

According to figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, the State collected \$6,777,854.76; the counties accounted for \$993,750; and, the cities and towns \$337,500 for the period ended March 31.

For the first quarter of 1941, the State collected \$306,275.80 in taxes, distributed among these three months as follows: January, \$75,615.41; February \$92,802.70; and March, \$137,857.69.

These totals do not include the taxes paid by the North Carolina legal beer industry to the federal government. Federal taxes amounted to \$1,657,333.42 for the calendar year of 1940, and it is probable the total taxes paid the U. S. government since beer was re-legalized in North Carolina exceed \$7,000,000.

The tax on beer has become an important source of income for the State. It has risen from \$183,102.37, which was collected in beer taxes by the State for the calendar year of 1933, the first year beer was permitted to be sold under the Francis act of 1933, to its present important economic status.

**CROSS ROADS NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans, of Raleigh, spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Evans.

Miss Marguerite Asbell, who taught at Contentnea, has arrived to spend the summer months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Asbell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., and children visited Mrs. Hollowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, Sunday.

Atwill Felton spent the week-end at his home at Roduco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hobbs and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Goode and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Newport News, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, of Greenhall; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hollowell, of Corapeake; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Welch, Jr., and daughter, of Washington, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hollowell, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. T. W. Asbell, of Gates County, and Mrs. Tom Asbell visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Leary is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Welch, Jr., in Washington, N. C.

Mrs. Raleigh Hobbs and son, of Hobbville, visited Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell visited Mrs. R. C. Bunch Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Asbell and Miss Marguerite Asbell visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott and Miss Esther Elliott visited Mrs. H. D. Epting Monday evening.

Mrs. W. D. Welch, Sr., Mrs. Drew Welch and son visited Mrs. W. H. Winborne Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. E. Lane, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Z. W. Evans Sunday at-

**Federal Program Will Raise Prices Of Eggs**

A nation-wide drive to produce every possible egg from present poultry laying flocks should interest North Carolina farm people, says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. The U. S. Department of Agriculture will make purchases of poultry products in connection with the Defense Program in such a way as to support prices of eggs at a level of 22 cents per dozen, on a Chicago basis.

"This does not mean," Dean Schaub stated, "that all North Carolina farmers will receive 2 cents per dozen for their eggs. In the first place, farm prices of eggs are lower than prices quoted on the Chicago market; transportation problems enter into the picture. Also, the prices throughout the country will vary according to seasonal variations, and according to grade.

"But it does mean," the Extension leader continued, "that farm prices of eggs will increase. Perhaps not immediately, but certainly by fall. For this reason, North Carolina farm people should keep their poultry houses filled to capacity where they have home-grown feed to spare."

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard has launched the National egg-production campaign, and he says the goal is to increase egg production for the whole country in the next 15 months about 10 million cases.

Dean Schaub said that North Carolina poultry raisers can wisely take three steps: (1) Eliminate hens which are brooding; (2) cull out hens which are not laying; and (3) sell or eat birds which are overly fat.

"Egg prices are seasonally low now," he said, "but instead of selling out, farmers will do well to cull out poor producers at this period of the year. It is wise to keep all pullets because fall production of eggs this year will provide the poultry raiser with the most money."

**One Out Of Five Depend On Cotton**

One out of every five people in North Carolina is employed in the production and manufacture of cotton, says H. W. Taylor, marketing specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

That's why this State should place a special significance on National Cotton Week when it is observed the country over May 16-24, he continued. In 1940 Tar Heel growers produced 740,000 bales valued at \$35,150,000 and 329,000 tons of cottonseed valued at \$7,370,000.

According to the 1940 census, cotton was grown on 103,248 of the 278,276 farms in the State. With an average of 5.6 people on every farm, this would mean that 600,000 are engaged either directly or indirectly in the production of cotton.

To that may be added the 175,000 textile employees engaged in the manufacture of cotton. The two groups together mean that about one-fifth of the State's population is dependent in some way on the outcome of each cotton crop.

The State College Specialist pointed out that many organizations have been enlisted in promoting Cotton Week. Among these are the National Cotton Council and the Southeastern Chain Store Council. T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the Cotton Council, has enlisted the support of all farm and home agents and Chambers of Commerce.

P. D. May of LaGrange, State representative of the Chain Store Council, says that dry goods and variety stores, as well as some food chains, are planning to feature cotton goods in their sales and advertising campaigns during the week of May 16-24.

**TAYLOR THEATRE**

EDENTON, N. C. WE HAVE THE SHOWS

Friday, May 2—Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray in "VIRGINIA"  
Filmed in Beautiful Technicolor  
Matinee 10c and 25c  
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Saturday, May 3—Wild Bill Elliott in "NORTH FROM THE LONE STAR"

Sunday, May 4—Roland Young, Joan Blondell and Rochester in "TOPPER RETURNS"  
March of Time "Australia at War"

Monday and Tuesday, May 5-6—Mickey Rooney and Spencer Tracy in—"MEN OF BOYS TOWN"  
Matinee 10c and 25c  
Night 10c and 35c This Show

Wednesday, May 7—Double Feature—10c and 20c  
Lionel Barrymore in "THE PENALTY"  
Frieda Inescort in "SHADOWS ON THE STAIRS"

**Cotton For Profit**

By H. L. Meacham, Agriculturist of the Arcadian Grower

Planning for production pays—and planning for a bale of cotton to the acre or better long before it is actually produced is wise thinking. Why? Good seed is needed, properly balanced fertilizer is required, and a well prepared seed bed causes the other factors to work their best.

Spring rains—how hard they beat and pack the soil—yet the moisture puts the fertilizer under the cotton to work and with plenty of nitrogen in the mixture, the cotton has the urge to grow and push up from the ground and do its best for the farmer who treats it right.

Nitrogen, the growth element, should be applied in abundance, and, with proper cultivation, six per cent in the mixed fertilizer produces healthy stalks with well developed root systems. After chopping, the cotton is given the "go" sign for fast growing.

Quick acting nitrogen is the answer, with 100 to 200 pounds of Nitrate of Soda per acre applied as a side dressing. Without nitrogen, the plants lack the framework with which to support bolls—straggly stalks—yellow leaves—a few small bolls—and no growth—these are the signs of nitrogen starvation.

Nitrogen applied at the proper time as a side dressing causes the plants to work day and night to pay a big profit. Last year cotton demonstrations conducted by the distributors of Arcadian, The American Nitrate of Soda, with the cooperation of County Agents and Agricultural Teachers, produced 2,208 pounds of seed cotton per acre when fertilized with 500 pounds of 4-10-6 and side dressed with 100 pounds of Nitrate of Soda. The check plots strained hard, but made 775 pounds of seed cotton per acre without fertilizer and without nitrate.

Study your crop! When the pale yellow color begins to appear in the

**TROUBLES OF A GLAMOUR GIRL HEADED FOR THE MOVIES**

Adela Rogers St. Johns, noted Hollywood commentator, explains difficulties of introducing socialite refinement in the movies. One of many features in the May 11th issue of

The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American On Sale at All Newsstands

leaves, the cotton is sick—starving for nitrogen, crying for help—and you, above all, are able to come to the rescue and cure the ailment by applying quickly available nitrogen at the proper time.

**Kitchen Helper**

A new maid has just arrived from the country and her mistress was giving her a list of household requirements.

"And don't forget, Florence," she said, "we want a new griller for the kitchen."

Florence stared vacantly. "You know what a griller is, I suppose?" inquired the mistress.

"Course I do," returned the girl. "It's a big hairy monkey, and if you want one of those in the kitchen, I'm leaving."

Mistress: "I forgot to put a stamp on the letter, Ann. I hope you didn't post it without."

Ann: "Yes, I did, ma'am. I thought you were economizing."

**Cars Damaged In Collision Saturday**

Automobiles owned by Ralph White and R. S. Jordan were badly damaged late Saturday night when White, who was returning to Hertford from Suffolk, Va., evidently went to sleep while driving and collided with the Jordan car which was parked in front of the Jordan home in Winfall.

Mr. White escaped without injuries to himself, aside from being badly shaken and bruised.

**TOO TALL FOR ARMY**

Cumberland, Md.—One way to get exempted from the draft is to "out-grow" it. Louis C. Kapf was recently exempted because he stands 6 feet nine and a half inches tall and the tallest one of Uncle Sam's soldiers can be is 6 feet six.



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