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Do Farmers Want It?

We remember some years ago when the farmers of the nation were greatly interested in some form of crop insurance.

The experiment was first tried with wheat and subsequently extended to cotton, the great staple crops of the nation.

Now, the Congress of the United States, has declined to appropriate the funds necessary to continue the experiment. Undoubtedly, crop insurance would be a godsend to many farmers. If they want it, they might get busy and tell Congress.

Will Hitler Outlast Kaiser?

In the first World War, Germany, under the Kaiser, lasted four years, three months and two weeks.

There are many differences between this war and the last but there are some people who doubt if Hitler will last much longer than Kaiser Bill.

While the German armies, outside of Russia, have not had the fighting that they experienced in the first World War, the Kaiser did not have to worry about aerial bombs that blast industry into bits.

It is a difference and it may prove enough to make up for the lack of what the Russians call a "second front."

No Synthetic Tires

The rubber industry has not yet licked the problem of synthetic tire production, declares J. B. Seiberling, who predicts that "there will be very few" new all-synthetic tires for civilians this year.

The President of the rubber company which bears his name says that the first all-synthetic passenger-car tires are just coming off the lines in limited quantities, that no satisfactory all-synthetic truck tires have been built and that no satisfactory all-synthetic tubes have been built as yet by any one.

The industrialist urges motorists not to relax in their vigilance against tire abuse, saying that it will be the middle of next year before civilians can get the tires they need and that unless care is taken of existing tires, there may be an enforced lay-up of thousands of cars and trucks.

Exit Benito

After twenty-one years of bending the Italian people to his Fascist machine, of sword rattling and bragging, Benito Mussolini has bowed from the scene of European politics. It may be that Mussolini, the teacher, can blame his downfall upon being too good a teacher for his pupil, Hitler, for in the last analysis it was Hitler who rose to greater power and overshadowed the puppet Benito to such an extent that Italy was but a pawn in the hands of the Nazi.

The tight censorship now closed about Italy prevents any foresight of possible future moves on the part of Italy in making peace with the Allies, but it is likely that the Italian people, who have had no heart for this war, will force any government to take Italy out of the war.

Mussolini came to power in Italy when most countries of Europe were seeking a balance following World War I. Every nation in Europe at that time was in a state of reconstruction and the people grasped at the strongest looking straw. On assuming power in Italy, Mussolini pursued a program of strengthening the home-front and welding the people to the ways of the Fascist regime, which included a strong military machine with which Mussolini hoped to recapture the glories of the Holy Roman Empire.

This military machine, however, failed to achieve the greatness Mussolini sought and as a final resort, when it seemed Hitler would conquer Europe, Mussolini jumped on the band wagon, hoping to gain territorial advantages he could not win himself.

The end for Mussolini came when the might of the Allied Nations cast its shadows over the homeland of the Italians, proving in spite of the lies and propaganda of the Fascist, that the forces of freedom are greater than any human being.

Repeating Tunisia

The sweep of the American forces through the western half of Sicily, capped by the capture of Palermo, is rapidly reducing the campaign to a siege operation to clean up the Nazi divisions penned in the northeastern corner. This German force, aided by the natural defenses of the Catania-Mt. Etna area, have staved off a complete collapse of the Island defenses, but now face a hopeless situation.

The capture of orders from the Commander of the Hermann Goring Grenadiers, complaining of panic when the Allies landed and sternly threatening punishment, discloses that in the first hours of the invasion the British and American troops came close to achieving an utter rout of the defenders. The Germans apparently averted a debacle that would have been completely demoralizing. But their position now is much like that of the Axis armies which tried to hold Tunisia. They face the bitter choice of attempting to get back to the mainland or standing and being overwhelmed.

General Montgomery's Eighth Army is again firmly pressing the Germans northward along the coast. American and Canadian troops are sweeping in on the other flank and the center and may cut them off from Messina as Rommel was cut off from Bizerte. The Germans have little or no air cover. Their communications both by land and sea are being systematically pounded as far back as Rome and Turin.

Hard fighting may still be in store for the Allies, but so far they have repeated the story of Tunisia, where they not only outmaneuvered, outgunned and outplanned the Germans, but outfought them. As that history becomes better known—and it is repeated in Sicily—its effect in weakening the Germans and strengthening the peoples of occupied countries will be something to watch.—Christian Science Monitor.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips and Mrs. Phillips' mother, Mr. and Mrs. Vashti White and children, and Mrs. Jodie Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs visited their daughter, Mrs. Lucius Butt, on Sunday. Mary Lou and Calvin returned home with them.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson and children

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffer spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer, at Sunbury.

Miss Lucille Cartwright spent Sunday with Mrs. Mason Sawyer, at White Hat.

The Rev. Luther Booth and Mrs. Booth, of Kentwood, La., were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, a few days last

THIS BUSINESS OF Living

BY SUSAN THAYER

And now comes a call for bottles. Imagine that! Milk bottles, beer bottles, beverage bottles that weren't worth the trouble of returning a year ago. Bottles that collected under the sink and in the basement. Bottles that poured from factories somewhere so profusely and inexpensively that nobody ever thought about them twice, except how to get rid of them. Of course we were supposed to give milk bottles back to the milk man and the few cents profit on beverage bottles made them worthwhile to small boys. But for the most part we thought no more about an empty bottle than we did about a piece of used wrapping paper.

This was typical of America in pre-war days. There was such an abundance of everyday necessities in this big country of ours that we wasted things thoughtlessly. Not only containers but the foods that came in them. We didn't wear our clothes out and we took dubious care of our household equipment because it was so easy to get more.

Today the food processors of the country are asking for bottles complete with their metal caps. Those millions upon millions of them standing idly in kitchens and pantries and basements and garages from Maine to California, because even bottle factories have important war jobs to do. Today we're taking meticulous care of refrigerators and vacuum cleaners and garden hose and lawn mowers because we can't replace them. Today we're wearing our clothes until they're shiny, having our shoes half-soled and mending our stockings because there's a limited supply of all these things in this nation at war.

And isn't it strange that now, while we save and mend and go without, we appreciate as never before the abundance that used to surround us? We know now how efficient and prolific our industrial system has been and we see how important that was. Because it was by the creation of this unprecedented wealth of everyday necessities that our free industry acquired the skill and the strength that made it possible for America to astonish the world with her war production during these past eighteen months.

So turn in your old bottles and caps, and gladly! We're making history in all kinds of factories these fateful days.

week. Mr. Booth has been pastor at Kentwood, but has been accepted in the Navy and is attending the chaplains' school at William and Mary College, before being assigned to duty. Mrs. Booth is visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell and family spent Tuesday in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Jordan and family are spending their vacation at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harrell and family, of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whedbee.

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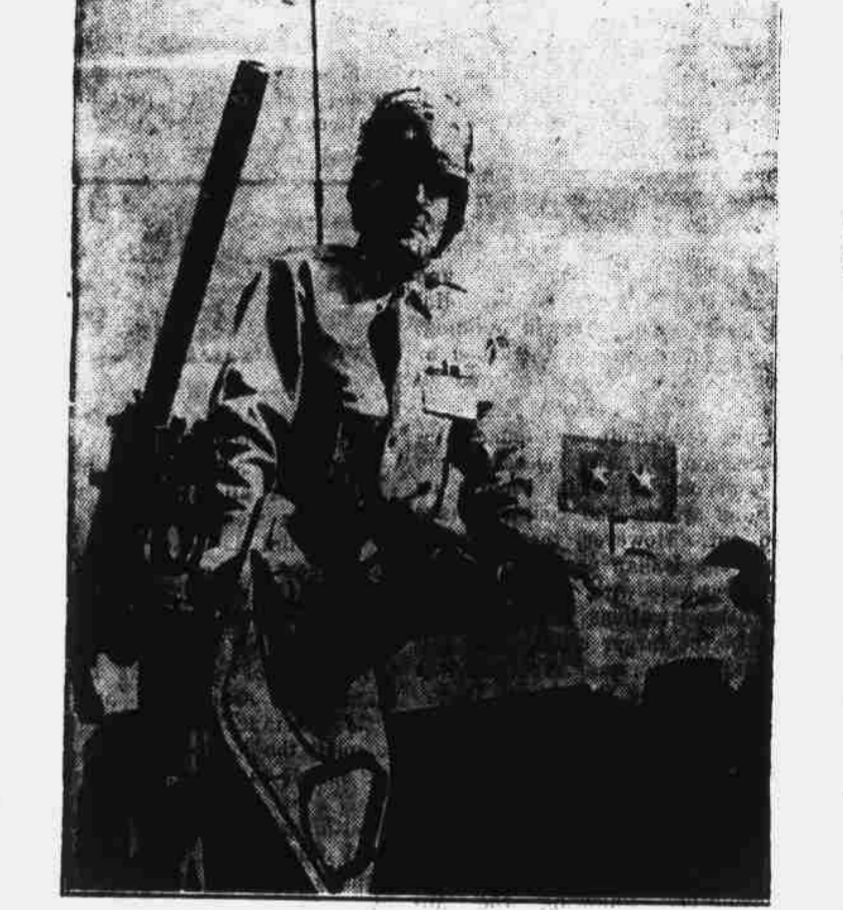
Conditions have favored the damage caused by this disease.

Many growers have also reported that their tomatoes failed to fruit properly. Niswonger says that the extended period of dry weather prevented the plants from setting much fruit and this was followed by excessive rains which also affected the setting of fruit. Some growers also applied relatively large amounts of fertilizer and when the plants began their rapid growth, they were unable to fruit normally.

Because the wet weather encouraged the growth of fungus diseases, leaf spot troubles developed in many gardens, according to the specialist, and serious damage resulted. The tomatoes could have been sprayed but most small gardeners just did not find the time to do this or the continued rains interfered.

Professor—Oxygen is essential to all animal existence. There could be no life without it. Yet, strange to say, it was discovered only a little over a century ago.

Student—What did they do before it was discovered?



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TANK GENERAL ON INSPECTION—In his command tank Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, commanding the 11th Armored Division, inspects the 41st Training Regiment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Since the days of Richard the Lion Hearted Godfrey and Richard warriors have been pictured reviewing their troops on horseback. In modern warfare we are going back to the custom of the ancients, but instead of the great-wheeled chariot, the generals of today use armored cars and tanks.



Do you know a fellow like Joe?

JOE'S MY KID BROTHER. We've always stuck together and I've sort of watched out for him these last few years.

Well, Joe's in Africa now. His wife gets her allotment from him, and I guess when that's taken out of his check he doesn't have much left. Privates don't get paid much you know.

I figure this way. Here I am, making more money than I ever did before. You bet I work for it! But Joe's working hard too . . . and not just from 7 to 5, either.

We've been taking 10 percent out of my

check every week for War Bonds . . . they're going to come in mighty handy when the War's over, we figure. But I got to thinking about Joe. What's he going to have after the War?

So we talked it over, my wife and I. We think Joe should get a cut of the bigger money, too. So now I'm buying an extra bond every month—in Joe's name.

Maybe you've got somebody in the War, too. If you have, couldn't you squeeze out an extra bond now and then, for your "Joe"?

YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT --- NOW DO YOUR BEST!

BOOST YOUR BOND BUYING THROUGH THE PERQUIMANS SAVINGS PLAN

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