

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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### Recruiting Almost Completed.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, speaking in London, said that the United States Army has "virtually finished recruiting" and is now engaged in training the largest and best trained army the nation has ever sent overseas.

Meanwhile, the Selective Service Manpower Division says that there is no need to issue a general draft call for fathers of children born before September 15, 1942, before October, at the very earliest.

There are now 9,300,000 men and women in uniform. This number is expected to grow to 10,800,000 by January 1st. Thereafter, the Navy will require some 500,000 men in the first half of 1944, but the Army's strength will be held to 8,200,000.

### Rome A Military Objective.

#### Bombing Fully Justified.

The bombing of Rome, the capital of Italy, was inevitable if the United Nations maintained any idea of knocking Italy out of the war.

Rome thus became the fifteenth capital of Europe to be bombed in the present war. Prior to the bombing, leaflets were dropped, "advising the inhabitants why certain sections of the city were military objectives."

The attack was made with every effort to avoid inflicting injury upon Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the capital of Catholicism.

Axis nations will undoubtedly see loose a flood of propaganda denouncing the "desecration" involved in the bombing of Rome upon the supposition that it will alienate some Catholics in the United Nations.

Naturally every civilized individual regrets that the necessities of war require an aerial attack upon Rome and the possible destruction of religious and cultural monuments.

However the monuments of Rome are not entitled to any priority over those of other capitals and sensible Catholics throughout the world will not be misled by enemy propaganda.

Rome, according to the experts, is one of the rail centers of Italy, with extensive aircraft plants and airfield installations. It is the seat of the Italian Government and headquarters for the Italian war effort. It represents a military objective of the first importance, in any attack upon Italy and will, no doubt, suffer heavy blows unless the Fascist regime surrenders.

### About Rationing Restrictions

Rapidly increasing supplies of coffee and sugar encourage representatives of the coffee and sugar trades to press for the removal of their products from rationing restrictions.

Apparently, the improved shipping position has permitted imports to increase stockpiles above current needs. However, nobody knows what the demands for ships will be in connection with the future events on the battlefields of the world.

The public may assume, we think, that restriction on all commodities, including sugar, coffee, gasoline and many other things will be removed as quickly as possible.

This means they will be abandoned when responsible officials reach the conclusion that the situation has improved to such an extent that the regulations are unnecessary.

### Against Public Interest

#### Petrillo's Unique Position

There is more than passing interest in the long-standing dispute between the American Federation of Musicians and the seven transcription companies that manufacture the records that radio stations and individuals play on their musical machines.

The position of the labor leader, James C. Petrillo, is that the records, now so widely used, result in unemployment of musicians and consequently he would ban the use of records unless the radio stations hire stand-in musicians.

In brief, the dispute involves the use by business and society of improved methods, resulting from scientific developments. Because music, in the past, could be secured only through the employment of live musicians, Mr. Petrillo takes the position that his union has the right to compel the employment of musicians, whether they are necessary or not.

We are disposed to side with labor in most of its disputes with business, but we cannot follow the reasoning of the Musicians' Union. Let us suppose that some new method of publishing a newspaper is developed, such as a home-cabinet that would make available the news of the day via radio television or some other method.

Would existing newspapers be entitled to prevent the adoption of the new scientific development? Would they have the right to insist that society not use the new method unless society supported the existing newspaper personnel? We think not; the same answer goes for Mr. Petrillo.

It may be that government will find it advisable to provide compensation for employers who lose through the utilization of new devices or methods. Pending such action by government, there is no reason for the people of this country to permit labor union to black-mail the public for the benefit of its members.

Take the example of electric refrigeration. This practically ended the business of many ice companies.

Would they have been allowed, under the law, to prohibit the use of electric refrigerators unless the owner paid a royalty to the ice makers?

Take the printing business, which has been revolutionized by the invention of the mechanical typesetter. Would it have been wise for hand compositors to have banned the new machines to have levied a tribute in the form of permanent support from those who used them? The fact is that the new invention brought about the greatest extension of the printing industry, opening the way to more and better jobs for those engaged in typesetting.

Other examples can be cited. No labor union, or manufacturer, should be allowed to bar human progress by prohibiting or penalizing the use and development of a new process which opens the way to a larger life for all people. Certainly, this is true of electrically-transcribed records which have done much to make the best music available to all classes of people.

### Other Accidental Meetings

#### Might Work Out Well

The news from Washington is that the differences between the WPA and the Maritime Commission, over ship construction policies, will be settled very soon.

The information is that Donald M. Nelson, WPA chairman, and Vice-Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, met accidentally and arranged for a conference to settle their controversy.

Without going into details as to differences of opinion regarding the construction of Liberty and Victory ships, we suggest that the outcome of the conference be watched closely and, if it succeeds, that the President appoint a Director of Accidental meetings.

It seems rather peculiar that the settlement of a controversy depends upon a fortuitous meeting of the heads of the agencies involved. Both Mr. Nelson and Admiral Land are doing good work and it is surprising that they did not plan a meeting to discuss the issues involved.

### Synthetic Rubber Future

#### Will Plants Pay In Peace?

"Synthetic rubber is here to stay," declares William M. Jeffers, Rubber Director, who maintains that, after the war, the product will be able to hold its own against natural rubber, from the standpoint of use and cost, "without tariffs or subsidies."

Reminded that the Government owns the synthetic rubber plants now, Mr. Jeffers expressed the opinion that private industry should be given an opportunity to purchase the plants and to run them. He is a "great believer in private industry."

We are in agreement with Mr. Jeffers that private industry should be given an opportunity to purchase the plants, provided private industry is ready to pay a fair price to the Government. Moreover, private industry should give assurance that, in operating the plants, it will not ask for tariff protection or subsidies from the Government.

While the Government has constructed the synthetic rubber plants in connection with war demands, it would be foolish to sacrifice them to private industry, especially if operators of the plants follow the example of other industries and seek tariff protection for their product or a subsidy from the Government on the ground that it is in the national interest to keep the plants available for another war emergency.

### Success Without Bloodshed

#### Martinique Policy Scores

About two years ago there was a great clamor among the armchair strategists for prompt action to abate the danger that threatened this country through Vichy-control of Guadeloupe and Martinique.

There was, as the President points out, a great many people, including isolationists, who insisted that the Navy go down immediately with a great fleet and landing force for the purpose of wresting these islands from the control of Vichy France.

Early this month, Admiral Georges Robert, the pro-Vichy Commandant of the Islands, terminated his regime and was succeeded by a delegate appointed by the French Committee of Liberation. The danger to our security was thus removed without bloodshed.

President Roosevelt points out that he wished to avoid bloodshed and the large-sized headache involved in the running of the French Islands. Consequently, this nation adopted a waiting attitude, without landing an expeditionary force, and, eventually got what it wanted.

### REMARKABLE EXPLOITS OF

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## Feed Cull Potatoes To Fattening Hogs

Cull Irish potatoes should be fed to hogs because four pounds of potatoes are equal to a pound of corn and they can be used to good advantage to help offset the existing feed shortage, says Ellis V. Vestal, Extension Swine Specialist at State College.

He advises that the potatoes should be cooked before they are fed to the hogs and that they should compose about half the ration, with the other half of the ration being the usual grain, protein supplement, and mineral mixture. Not only should potatoes be fed but also other waste farm residues like peanuts and soybeans left in the field.

Vestal warned that decaying or musty soybeans and peanuts can cause digestive troubles and that hogs should be removed from the fields in the late fall when the winter rains set in.

The swine specialist particularly recommended the use of cull sweet potatoes in hog feeding. He gave the following feeding mixture for a 100-pound fattening hog: 6 pounds of sweet potatoes, 2 pounds of grain, and one-third pound of either cottonseed, soybean, or peanut meal. He also pointed out that the mineral mixture should be kept before the hogs at all times.

## Weather Helps Tomato Troubles

Vegetable gardeners have been having all kinds of troubles with their tomatoes this summer and abnormal weather conditions have made the situation much worse than normal, says H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist at State College.

According to the specialists, the extreme dry weather at one period caused the leaves on the lower branches to curl up and some growers thought the crop was suffering from wilt. He points out, however, that when the Southern Bacterial wilt or the Fusarium wilt attacks the plant, the whole plant is affected and death follows.

In commenting on this point, he says that the pathologists have found more wilt than usual this season in the tomato crop and that weather 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.

### WHITEVILLE GROVE

#### W. M. S. MEETS

Mrs. C. T. Rogerson was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society of Whiteville Grove Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The devotion was conducted by Mrs. W. T. Smith, and Mrs. M. D. Lane offered prayer. Mrs. C. T. Rogerson was in charge of a very interesting program, using as her topic, "The Witness of the Lifted Lamp." After the song, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Maud Chappell.

During the social hour, the hostess served a delicious ice course to the following: Mesdames T. R. Ward, M. D. Lane, C. V. Ward, W. T. Smith, Maud Chappell, J. J. Jessup, T. M. Twine, F. E. Smith, C. T. Rogerson, C. T. Rogerson, Jr., and two visitors, Mrs. Curtis Chappell and Miss Grace Chappell.

### HOSTESSES AT MISSIONARY

#### SOCIETY MEETING

The July meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Piney Woods Friends Church was held at the home of the Misses Clara, Margaret and Lucy White. "More Love to Thee" was used as the opening hymn, and Mrs. L. L. Winslow conducted the devotional, using as the topic "A Reasonable Service," and reading Romans 12:5, 9-18. At roll call, the members answered with texts from the Book of John.

Mrs. L. J. Winslow was in charge of a most interesting program, "A Visit to Our Foreign Fields," including Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Palestine and West China. Those taking parts on the program were: Mrs. T. C. Perry, Mrs. H. P. White, Mrs. Carrie Gregory, Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Mrs. Callie Copeland and Miss Grace Chappell.

The meeting was closed by all repeating in unison Matthew 28:19-20.

The hostesses served delicious fruit punch and cakes to the following: Mesdames S. M. Winslow, Warren Spivey, L. J. Winslow, George Carver, Ervin Spivey, H. P. White, T. C. Perry, L. L. Winslow, Carrie Gregory, J. M. Copeland and Callie Copeland.

## MR. AND MRS. CHAPPELL HONOREES AT SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodwin entertained at their home on the evening of July 14 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell, Jr., of Elizabeth City, Route Two. Mrs. Chappell, before her recent marriage, was their daughter, Marie Goodwin.

Many out-door games were enjoyed. Miss Lucy Forehand won the contest prize and gracefully presented it to the bride.

A sweet course consisting of bride's cake, ice cream and mints, was served.

The honorees were the recipients of many gifts, which they opened, acknowledging each one.

Those present and remembering the bride and groom included Mr. and Mrs. W. D. White of Greenville; Mrs. Josephine Ward of Newport News, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Underwood of Carrollton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howell and Mrs. Tommy Griffin of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell, Sr., of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dail, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Griffin, all of Tyner; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Levi Goodwin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gregory and son, C. B., of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Junior Winslow of South Mills; Mrs. H. V. Baker, Mrs. M. M. Elliott, Mrs. Freeland Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ores

Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. William Copeland and Mrs. W. W. Copeland; Misses Elizabeth Copeland, Marjorie Forehand, Lucy Forehand, Cassie Winslow, Hilda Chappell, Velma Chappell, Viola Skinner, Mary Lee Perry, Polly Baker, Syble Lane, Anna Mae Perry, Thelma Elliott, Mary Elliott, Marjorie Perry, Lillian Goodwin, Edna Earl Griffin, Josie Ann Underwood, Alice Gray Elliott, Ruth E. Goodwin and Janice Faye Goodwin, and O. B. Williams, Albert Skinner, Joe Elliott, Calvin Chappell, Jarvis Elliott, Hubert Elliott, Elton Skinner, Vermont Perry and Ray Goodwin.

## FORGET TABLE MANNERS, SAVE VITAL FOOD!

Because of the war emergency, experts on deportment now agree it's correct to chew meat bones, tip your soup plate, ask guests to bring their ration cards and chuck customary politeness out the window. Read the new rules for wartime etiquette in the August 8th issue of

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