

**LOOKING AT WASHINGTON**

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amid the praise bestowed.  
We have a faint idea of what most of these orators mean by their words, but we are utterly unable to comprehend the idea that present war production represents private capitalism at its patriotic best.  
The facts of the matter are that, without immense governmental contributions, the vast production would not be underway. The government has been a partner in practically every industrial accomplishment of the present war. It has contributed

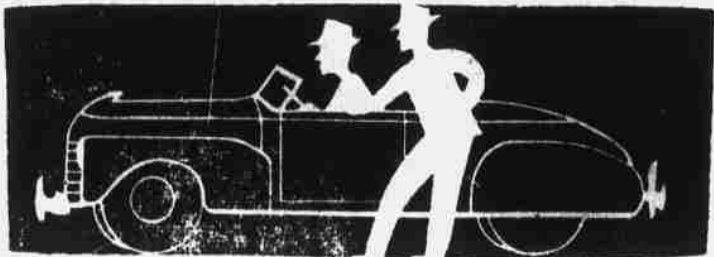
the money and, in many instances, the ideas. It is entitled to some of the credit for what has been done.  
**Price Control Protects Us**  
The American people are spending about ninety billion dollars a year for living expenses, according to Jean J. Carroll, of the OPA, who says that twenty-seven billion dollars goes for food.  
Along with these figures, Chester Bowles, Price Administrator, predicts an increase of ten per cent in living costs if Congress abolishes food subsidies. This would add nine billion dollars to the cost of items customarily bought by American families during a year.  
Mr. Bowles believes that the OPA

has done a "fair job," asserting that on the basis of a comparison with what occurred during the first World War, its program of price controls has saved the Government about seventy billion dollars in the expense of fighting the war.  
The OPA chief estimates that food subsidies can be held to a maximum of \$1,250,000,000 a year. This, it seems, is a cheap enough price to pay for saving nine billion dollars for American consumers and much more than that amount for the Government in connection with its war purchases.  
Whatever is saved for the Government is, of course, saved for the taxpayers of the nation, who will have to pay for the war long after it is over.

**Good Legume Hays Produce More Milk**

An abundant supply of good, legume hay with a reasonable amount of grain is invaluable in milk production, says John A. Arey, in charge of dairy Extension at State College.  
He points to the record of the Holstein herd of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, which produced an average of 12,462 pounds of milk per cow in 1942 with an average of 456 pounds of butterfat. This was the highest record in the State for twice a day milking as measured in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association tests.  
"North State Bonita 1808540" of the State Hospital farm has just completed a 365-day record, with twice a day milking, and the production was 20,013 pounds of milk and 791.9 pounds of butter fat.  
The dairy animals at the State Hospital were not given any special attention and no attempt was made to set any records. The excellent record of this herd can be chiefly traced to the fact that the animals are given plenty of high quality legume hay with a reasonable amount of grain. At the present time the farm has 435 tons of lespedeza and other legume hays and this feed supply will go a long way towards maintaining good milk production during the coming year," Arey says.  
In addition to an abundant supply of good hay, he urges all dairymen to develop good permanent pastures because over the years it has been shown that they furnish a cheap source of valuable feed.  
"The 'Food For Freedom' fight is calling for the largest possible supply of milk and all growers should seek to produce more home-grown feeds of high quality to help increase milk production," Arey points out.

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**Charge It To the War**

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Already there is considerable speculation as to the fate of the synthetic rubber industry when the war is over and natural rubber becomes again available.

So far, the synthetic rubber has not demonstrated competitive qualities in the tire and tube market, which normally utilizes three-fourths of the rubber imported into the United States. Apparently, a return to the use of natural rubber for tires and tubes is inevitable, regardless of price.

There is something of a demand in the country for a subsidy to enable the synthetic product to compete with natural rubber after the war. Even if the nation adopts this doubtful plan, the failure of synthetic rubber to provide satisfactory material for tires and tubes will limit the use of synthetic rubber.

**48-Hour Work Week Applicable To All Employers Of Eight**

The 48-hour work week, which was established in the Elizabeth City Area on November 15, 1943, applies to all employers of 8 or more employees, according to an announcement made by P. B. Pollock, Area Director, War Manpower Commission. Therefore, employers in this category should be making plans and arranging their schedules so that the 48-hour week can be adopted as quickly as possible.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 9301, issued on February 9, 1943, the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, ordered that, "For the duration of the war, no plant, factory, or other place of employment shall be deemed to be making the most effective utilization of its manpower if the minimum work week therein is less than 48 hours." In accordance with this Executive order, and since the Elizabeth City Area has been declared critical by the War Manpower Commission, it is the responsibility of all employers to comply strictly with the order and establish the 48-hour work week in their place of business. The Elizabeth City Area consists of the counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Perquimans, and Pasquotank, and all employers in the seven counties are affected by the requirements of the 48-hour work week.

**SNOW HILL NEWS**

Miss Elizabeth Nurney has returned to her home in Washington, D. C. after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Kermit Benton.  
Mrs. Sidney Young, Jr., of Nixonton, spent several days last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffer, Jr., spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Baltimore, Md., with his sister.  
Mrs. W. M. Mathews spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Overman, in Elizabeth City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer and family, of Bayside, visited Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell Friday evening.  
Mrs. Bessie Nurney and Miss Elizabeth Nurney, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright.  
Miss Maudie Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents.  
Sgt. Alton Barclift, of Fort Dix, N. J., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell recently.  
Mrs. Mamie Cartwright and Mrs. Ashby Jordan spent Saturday morning in Elizabeth City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long, of near Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood and J. T. Wood on Sunday afternoon.  
Mrs. W. M. Mathews spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mathews.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell visited relatives at Nixonton Saturday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wesley Harrell and family spent Thanksgiving Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harrell, at Eure.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregory, of Woodville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell Thursday afternoon.

**Training School News**

The N. F. A. boys of the Perquimans Training School were assessed \$15 as a gift for the Colored Orphanage at Oxford. The boys over-subscribed their quota.

The school sent out 63 baskets to the unfortunate for Thanksgiving.

The Masonic Hall, which has been used as part of the P. T. S., burned on November 26, and since that date the first grade has been sharing its department with the science and English classes.

A contest is now being conducted by the school and prizes will be awarded on December 17. Those participating are: Sarah White, Naomi Turner, Myrtle Turner, Katherine Burke, Doris Armstrong, Ethel White, Georgia Overton, Mattie Jones, Ephigenia Miller, Zelma Winslow, Blanche Norfleet, Donnie Lilly and Doris Frierson.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Asa E. Stallings, of Delvidere, Route One, announce the birth of a daughter, Janie Elizabeth, on November 15, 1943. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Stallings is the former Miss Sue Stallings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stallings, of near Sandy Cross.

**CHAPANOKE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Robbins spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis.  
Mrs. W. H. Elliott spent Wednesday in Suffolk, Va.  
David Lewis, U. S. N., Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis.  
Miss Janet Quincy, a student at Peace College, will arrive Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy.  
Mrs. Earl Wilder spent Thursday in Suffolk, Va.  
Mrs. John Symons and Mrs. Leroy Nixon were in Elizabeth City Friday.  
Miss Shirley Perry, a student at the University of Alabama, is expected home Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. F. Garrett, and Mr. Garrett.  
Calvin Wilson is a patient in Albenarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, as the result of a broken leg.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitehead and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brothers, of Elizabeth City, were dinner guests of Mrs. Bertha Whitehead on Sunday.  
Miss Susie Mae Wilson, of Norfolk, Va., is spending several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.  
Mrs. Irma D'Orsay is on the sick list.  
Among those visiting Mrs. Bertha Whitehead Sunday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Howell and family, of Beech Spring; Wilbert Kemp and Miss Doris Lewis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Howell, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. J. C. White on Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Crafton Russell spent Sunday in Elizabeth City with relatives.  
**NEW HOPE SOCIETY MEETS**  
The Minnie Costen Society of Christian Service of the New Hope Methodist Church met on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. W. C. Barclift was in charge of the devotional, and Mrs. S. T. Perry was in charge of the program and the business session.  
Ten members were present.  
The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. G. D. Banks.

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