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A War of Production

Donald Nelson, the war boss, says we are picking up in production at a satisfactory rate, and this is encouraging news—the kind the American people are eager to hear.

In the final analysis, this war is one of production, one in which labor and management must join hands, and remain joined without strikes or walkouts, to deliver the needed goods to our men in the field, our boys rattling in tanks, and our sailors buffeted by the high seas.

Wars are not won with brave words, sponsoring plans, flag waving or brass bands. Wars are won with deeds. Wars are won with production. Wars are won through the full, uncompromising cooperation of government, of labor, of industry and of all the people.

This war will be won or lost on the home front. Victory depends on whether we can make and deliver the endless quantities of planes, bombers, ships, guns and ammunition that our troops and our Allies so sorely need. Look what happened at Bataan because we did not have the men and equipment.

Disgraceful labor disputes have cost our military forces untold quantities of weapons—and the lives of many men. Petty officialism has played politics while war rages throughout the world, and slowed production still more. Bogus reformers have hampered and reviled industry at a time when our greatest need was machines and tools, not ideologies.

This war will be won, and contrary to the views of many others, we do not expect it to be a long-drawn-out affair. But it can be won only by the people demanding in no uncertain voice that government, industry and labor cooperate so that productive enterprises of this nation—all as a unit—can turn the blueprints of war needs into realities.

The disasters in the Pacific show what we may continue to expect in the future unless we change our piddling policies of the past.

Depleted Farms

Ninety-seven-thousand fewer workers were employed on farms in the United States on April 1 this year than last, according to the Department of Agriculture.

In this state, as well as all others, farm labor has become a serious problem. The war, of course, is adding to the scarcity and to a greater prospective shortage in the future.

But long before the war situation reached its present status there was a general tendency on the part of labor to leave the farm. While this has been going on the Secretary of Agriculture has been appealing repeatedly to farmers to increase their production to help feed and clothe the world. But the farmer comes back with the inquiry, "How can we increase production without adequate labor?"

The present shortage of farm labor is due largely to a government competition with which the farmer is unable to compete. WPA with less work and more pay, has enticed labor to leave the farm. Workers have been lured to towns and cities in the expectation of being cared for by government, and they have not been disappointed.

WPA officials have been appealing to those on their rolls to go back to the farms but they laugh at such a suggestion. When this agency was set up the President explained that its object was to provide work relief for men who could not otherwise get any kind of a job. That time has long since passed. He said it was wholly an emergency measure. Now with a shortage of manpower pinching most on the farm, this employment agency is retained right on as a sort of fraternity and refuge for thousands who, having tasted city life, are not only unwilling, but refuse to go back to the farm even at increased wages.

WPA has become a permanent and political expense upon the American taxpayers. If it continues much longer it will put the farmer out of business if he attempts to meet even its minimum wage scale.

Good News From Japan

The bombers that carried the war for the first time to Japan's front door last Saturday (without knocking) brought a feeling of satisfaction and hope to this nation and her allies. According to the Japanese Imperial Command, the "flying squadron" attacked the seaport of Kobe, the industrial city of Nagoya, seat of the principal Japanese aircraft plants, as well as making telling raids on Tokyo and Yokohama.

While Washington and other capitals of the United Nations have remained silent on what happened and the amount of the damage done, the Japanese have insisted in broadcasts recorded in this country that the planes bore on their wings the in-

signia of the United States air force.

Nine were reported shot down.

The incendiary bombs started fires in Kobe and in Nagoya, and for several hours almost all of Japan was under air raid alarms. And to think, this unexpected "call" was made when the cherry trees were blooming and the natives out enjoying spring.

It was a pay-back with interest for the dastardly Japanese attack last December at Pearl Harbor. They asked for it, and they got it, only a forecast of what they may expect. Our aerial blows instantly stimulated Allied morale. They demonstrated the growth of Allied striking power—they were proof that America's accelerating war assembly lines (at last) are now turning out sufficient planes to make their weight felt on the battlefield in the Pacific.

The place to defeat Japan is on her own doorsteps. Their buildings and homes being poorly erected, largely of straw and light construction, can be easily and quickly destroyed once they are set on fire by deadly bombers.

Japan, sooner or later, is a doomed nation. When the Japanese stooped to the lowest depths of treachery in their attack upon us, although as a nation we were their friends and customers—they made it inevitable that we strike back and keep on striking until they are destroyed.

This war, which the Japs started, will be waged more and more in the future on their own soil. They opened the fight. We will see it through. They have a good beating coming to them by superior fighters they challenged while they were getting ready for war, and pretending for peace at the same time.

What This War Means

Two well-dressed young women were riding on a bus. A middle-aged man sat behind them and overheard snatches of their conversation each time the bus stopped.

"I get so sick of all this war talk," one of them said. "Why does everybody worry about it when it's thousands of miles away. There's no more chance of it getting to this country than there was in the last war."

"Yes, and it's such a nuisance—all these priorities, and shortages and things," said the other. "Why, already some of the dresses the stores are trying to sell are a sight, and I wouldn't be surprised if they stopped selling us silk stockings altogether pretty soon."

"Well," said the first young woman, when the bus stopped again, "as far as I'm concerned it's all right with me if the war goes on indefinitely. I'd rather you wouldn't talk about it; but, confidentially, my husband is making more than three times as much money from the war as he ever made before in his life. I'm beginning to like this war!"

The man sitting behind could not stand it any longer. He rose from his seat very deliberately. He stepped alongside of the young women, looked her straight in the eye, raised his hand slowly and gave her a resounding slap in the face. "That for my son who was killed at Pearl Harbor," he said. "And that," as he slapped her a second time, "for my son who is fighting for you in the Philippines."

How many Americans there are who are so cold-blooded as to admit wanting the war to go on because it is raising their living standards or making them rich—we do not know, but there are such persons. There was a big crop of them in World War No. 1. Business concerns, skilled workers, individuals of all kinds—who would condone this war to bolster up their income, deserve public contempt. They should be made to understand what this horrible wave of destruction means—that it is a struggle for life and freedom, not wealth. Such a selfish, unpatriotic attitude as cited in the above "story" could never win a war.

America is at war. It is not a carnival or dancing frolic to be carried on by proteges of Mrs. Roosevelt. It is not a debate, or bazaar, or pink tea. It is not a money-making, grab-bag for business concerns or individuals. To the contrary—it is a deadly peril we are engaged in and from which politics, huge profits and excessive wages should be banned for the duration.

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NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE MCGEE

A Correction Is Greatly Desired
 dear Mr. editor:

please correct the statement that was carried in this column last week which said that miss sadie lou simkins was going to get married within 3 weeks. It was all a bad mistake. She says she has not had any such of an idea in her head for 3 years. It is true that a certain widower has been going with her off and on and it is also true that he is well-fixed with 4 good tires, but matrimony is not in sadie lou's hat at present.

miss jennie veeve smith, sadie lou's second cuzzin, wants this report corrected also. She is the one who started it and gave a shower, and she do not know what happened betwixt them, but whatever it was—was very serious. Anyway, there won't be any nuptials as set forth and if anybody has bought any presents, they can either keep them for somebody else's wedding or return them back to kress and woolworth.

sadie lou is terribly upset about this malicious report. She knew the shower was given in her behalf, but she thought it was on her count of her birthday which comes off in the middle of June. She has never cared for the man in question and she did not have her eyes on his 4 tires as was stated. everboddy in flat rock hates it about the wedding getting out when, as a matter of fact, no wedding was in sight or expected. The man who was referred to got married last Friday to another girl ansforth.

you can't blame this carry spondent for sending the news in. it was garnered from miss jennie veeve smith as a truth and she seemed very happy over the prospects of her cuzzin finally at last getting married. she will rite a peace herself next week if this is not printed. she wants the whole thing dropped and forgot forever more.

Play Ball!

baseball is in the air around flat rock. Mr. slim chance, the capting of the flat rock mud-cats, has rote a letter to the secker-terry of the war at washington and asked if he felt that baseball ought to be played enduring the duration. he has not heard from him as yet, but the poleman told him that he read in the newspaper where the war department wanted baseball and county fairs to be hell as in the past.

slim chance will be the capting and secker-terry and treasure and pitcher for the mud-cats. he is a left-winger. he struck-out 47 players last fall in a single game and not even a pinch hitter could tetch a ball that he throwed. he pitches a over-hand and a under-tow curl ball and when it leaves him, it looks like it is going to hit the batter, but sometimes it goes round him twice befor the ketcher ketches it.

slim hopes to get in a big league within the next year or so. he has not contacted anybody up to now and won't do so till after this season is over. he hopes some spotters will be at some of the games with a eagle eye to see what he can do. he would like to jine the yankees, but would be willing to start off as a full-time pitcher for the jints. he says he will never hold out for higher pay like some of the other big players have been doing.

the flat rock mud-cats will be in the whirl-a-gig league. it will include cedar lane, punkin hill, rocky ford and the home team. they will play every saturday at flat rock. monney is being raised now to buy 2 batts and 2 balls and a mit to go over the ketcher's face and also some gloves. it will take about 12\$ to buy these things. the undersigned will attempt to raise the monney for ten per cent commission.

yores trullie,
 mike lark, rfd,
 mannager.

TODAY... TOMORROW

By Don Robinson

COLUMNS—Seventh
 I want to suggest a group to be known as the "seventh column" which will include all of those people who accuse others of belonging to the "fifth column" or the "sixth column."

When the term "fifth column" was first used to define a large force of residents of Norway who helped the Nazis to gain control of that country, the term had a real meaning. It was accepted as applying to any person pretending to be a patriot who was actually aiding the enemy in the conquest of his country.

The term quickly broadened in this country to include anyone who was engaging in any action which might be interpreted as being of help to the enemy, even though he might not mean to be aiding the enemy.

Then as the term became more popular, a great many of us began applying it to most any man in public office, or to our acquaintances, who committed the unpardonable sin of having an opinion which differed from our own.

For a few months speech-makers throughout the country scarcely ever made a speech without accusing someone of being a fifth columnist and radio announcers blasted forth each night about prominent members

of society who were newly nominated for fifth column membership.

Finally the term became monotonous and meaningless and gradually the flurry of accusations subsided. The great majority of the people accused of anti-American activity were acquitted by public opinion and it was evident that a new term was needed to make the headlines.

BRANDS—Sixth

That new term, rather unoriginal in name, was created recently by Richard C. Patterson, Jr., chairman of the New York state defense savings staff and former assistant secretary of commerce, who won public fancy by referring to a large group in the United States as being the "sixth column."

Mr. Patterson's term became famous overnight when President Roosevelt, at a press conference, expressed hearty approval of the term and its definition.

Public speakers began making last minute revisions in their talks to make sixth column accusations, writers began scratching their heads to decide who they would brand with this new slur and many people reclassified their acquaintances to see which might fit into Mr. Patterson's definitions of the second line of unpatriotic Americans.

I do not want to make light of the groups Mr. Patterson condemned, for I agree with him that the four categories of people he mentioned as belonging to the sixth column are weakening our war program, but I think it is unfortunate that he resurrected that "column" idea which already had once been run to the ground.

UNITY—Attacks

The categories which Mr. Patterson included as belonging to the sixth column are "gossipers," "skeptics," "fault-finders," and the "let-George-do-it" crowd.

The definitions given for each category are:

Gossipers: Those who, in a very important and confidential manner, tell startling news about the armed forces or government operation of the war, thus repeating some rumor without real foundation that in many cases was planted in their minds purposely by some enemy fifth column.

Skeptics: Those who spread the propaganda of fear, as though the war is already lost and our efforts to combat the enemy are futile.

Fault-finders: Those who, from clubs, safes or country stores, criticize—and perhaps even sneer—at the deeds and decisions of the President of the United States or other high government executives.

The let-George-do-it-crowd: Those who, either from laziness or an inferiority complex, want to put their share of the burden on the shoulders of others. While shouting for victory, they refuse to make any sacrifices to insure that victory.

ELECTION—Dangers

The most frightening thing about this epidemic of name-calling, its the fact that our nation's major name-calling debacle—a national election—is just around the corner.

Even though congressional candidates have pledged themselves to make the coming election a non-partisan and strictly patriotic affair, it is almost certain each candidate will be charged by his opponent with being a so-and-so "columnist" of one number or the other, if these terms are still being banded about when the campaigning gets into full swing.

That's why I think it is important that we decide now to delegate to a seventh column, those who upset all attempts at unity by being too free with their fifth and sixth column accusations.

After all, if we really have some worth while accusations to make, there are still plenty of good English words which we all understand which will do the job nicely. "Public enemy" and "traitor" are two appropriate examples—but they must be handled with great care.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Carnation Club of Goldville will apply to the Secretary State, Columbia, S. C., on April 27, 1942, for a charter for said club.

J. H. Davenport, Jr., Secretary,
 Carnation Club.

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Notes From The County Agent's Office

Farmers To Vote On Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum

The secretary of agriculture, under an act of congress, is calling for a referendum on wheat marketing quotas due to the total supply of wheat on hand beginning of the marketing year, commencing July 1, 1942, will exceed by more than 35 per cent a normal year's domestic consumption and exports. Such quotas will be in effect unless more than one-third of the farmers voting in the referendum oppose them.

Any farmer engaged in the production of wheat for harvest in 1942 on a farm on which the normal production of the acreage planted to wheat of the current crop is 200 bushels or more, and on which the acreage planted to wheat is in excess of 15 acres, who is entitled to share in the proceeds of the 1942 wheat crop as owner, landlord, (other than a landlord of a standing-rent or fixed-rent tenant), a tenant or sharecropper, shall be eligible to vote.

No wheat farmer shall be entitled to more than one vote in the referendum, although he may hold two or more worksheds or is interested in wheat on two or more farms.

Only the head of the family or the person who has entered into the lease or cropping agreement shall be eligible to vote.

No voting by proxy or agent, or in any manner except the eligible voter personally depositing his ballot marked by him in the ballot box, but a duly authorized officer of a corporation, firm, association, or other legal entity or a duly authorized member of a partnership may cast its vote.

There will be only one place for balloting, which will be at the Agricultural building, Laurens street, in Laurens, Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The committee in charge of voting will be James B. Speake, Kinards; C. R. Bobo, Gray Court, and J. Ben Hunter, Lanford.

Local Members Attend Beta Club Convention

Miss Carolyn Murphy, secretary, Miss Roslyn Cason, treasurer, and Miss Annie Lou Boatwright of the local Beta club, attended the annual state convention in Columbia Friday and Saturday and the banquet on Saturday evening. They were accompanied by A. T. Ferguson, of the high school faculty, sponsor of the Clinton high club. About 650 representatives from clubs throughout the state were present.

Book Truck Schedule For Week April 27

The Laurens county library announces the following truck schedule for next week:

Monday: New Prospect school, Mt. Pleasant school, Hill's home, Mt. Olive school, Mt. Gallagher school, Martin's store, Poplar Springs school.

Tuesday: Bailey school, Lydia Mill scout house, Providence school, Academy Street school, Florida Street school, Wadsworth school, Brown home, Thornwell orphanage.

Wednesday: Jones store (Mountville), Mountville school, Cross Hill school, Waterloo school, Bethel Grove school, Center Point school, Elmore home, Williams home.

Hopewell Club To Meet

The Hopewell Democratic club will meet at the Wadsworth school house Saturday, April 25, at 3 p.m., to reorganize and elect delegates to the county convention.

J. L. Dickert, President.

SAY, "I SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE." THANK YOU.

FINAL SETTLEMENT
 Take notice that on the 13th day of May, 1942, we will render a final account of our acts and doings as Administrators of the estate of Dr. Jack H. Young in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from our trust as Administrators.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven or be forever barred.

**DR. J. LEE YOUNG,
 HOMER D. HENRY,
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April 9, 1942.—30-4c.

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