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### ten On The Gas

Rationing Board Jam Calls For Extraordinary Measures

The Mecklenburg Rationing Board

The Meckinburg Rationing Board, dodness knows, has a tremendous, compared to the compared to t

le, are scrapping to make a living for mesleves and their families. It is easy to believe that the Ration-Board has been swamped with appealing for supplementary gasoline mits. Nevertheises, that is all the re reason why it should take extrainary measures to run these applicions through the mill and pass upon m. It is plain to see that present afters of the board are wholly inadette. But that is all the more crasson y adequate quarters should be found once, not in a week. To many salesmen and business men. tee (and their gassed-up competitors) into wait. And while it is easy for

I not wait. And while it is easy for m to call upon the Rationing Board heroic measures to meet their emer-ncies, and hard upon the Rationing ard, heroic measures would seem to required.

# drice To Voters

Better Not To Vote at All Than To Vote Willy-Nilly

Vote for Three," (or two or one or re as the case may be), the ballot dag, and many people take it as an anter, thereby frequently voling indisminately for candidates they know think about.

A ballot is invalidated by voling for the property of the prope

thing about. Valid by voting for the state of the state o

illifies by so much the votes which her citizens have cast with some dis-

rament.
Vote, by all means, provided you know hom you're voting for 12 you don't now, try to find out. If you, can't find it, don't vote blindly. Just skip it.

# Vo Blueprint

We Fight That We May Win That We May-What?

That We May—What?

Over-production of words and rationed eeeds have brought failure to many a romising generation of mankind and ungled many an opportunity when it as golden, Tomorrow, now hidden beind the black curtain of total war, omes, the awesome Second Chance of the Tender of Tender of the Tender of Tende

And Evening Chronicle

the United Nations give way before a

the United Nations give way before a fateful decision. Leaders and little men have planned for and talked of the world after war, but until now we have no weapons to fight a battle which, if not won, will make this killing struckle to have been in vain. Only Hitler and his heachmen have a workable post-war plan on their books. Only the enemy, if he should win, would have marked his trail before him, and we don't have to guess what that trail

Only the enemy, if he should will, while have marked his trail before him. And we don't have to guess what that trail would be. But for the rest of us. Great Britain, she says, would turn to dickering with her dominions, thinking of freedom for one, losser control for another, wher rule all around. But, as ever, the Empire must live. America will be accking a guaranteed peace, a tradeworld of lower barriers, tighter to-operation, the Four Freedoms for all people. Stalin's Russia, having been asked no questions, would surely fail for no world democracy. Its people fight for a more elemental cause, and when the time is theirs again, they will find democratic government in their path, and snaw, away at it as of old. As it turned out.

we had a far slimmer chance to win this we had a far summer chance to win tills war than we thought in the beginning, and this war is, for all its terrifying scope, only the first barrier. Should we win the war first and fail later, we'll backtrack over that dark, oft-traveled path of history, aimless, hopeless and lost.

Uncortainty

That, Not Actual Military

Service, Irks Draft Eligibles

For months it has been pretty obvious that most of the grumbling and gribing about the draft has been directed not against the idea of actually being called to the colors but at the dreadful uncertainties of (1) when the call was comling; and (2) passing the physical examination.

The draft process has resembled nothing more than a game of post office played in the grammar school closk room, with all the little boys shaking in their books leat they be called for a lictier; the next moment. It has seemed almost as if the Government were trying to be secretive, taking a sort of delicht in Keeping everybody on Interior

ing to be secretive, taking a sort of delight in keeping everybody on tenter-

Co-eds in the west are about to as-semble "the perfect man." They might as well be told that this, in practice, is bigamy.

If \$25,000 per unit a living wage for the film cuties with swimming pools, they are all fixed at least to take in one another's washing.

"In the South, a carmyal hand has been 25 years on the same merry-go-round." Haven't we all?

For months it has been pretty obvious

By Paul Mallon

Wallace

Vs. Hull



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WASHINOTON
MR. ROOSEVELT Jishtly rapped
the knuckles of Vice-Fresifeent Wallace and his mit-named
Board of Economic
late week and
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resching deeper
alives of State
Secretary Hull.

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FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT IS QUITE OBVIOUS

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The opposing forces do not yet admit that this fundamental conflict exists, but you can see it sticking out of their respective species as obvious as the Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial. There is no need to go beyond their spoken official words to prove it.

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o prove it.

In the first place neither size is thinking primarily about connoile warfare. Mr. Wallace's primary interest is to prepare a plan for the post-war world. A few weeks back (May 9) he made a apech caited "The Price of Free World Victory", which seems to be drawing considerable reactional in the size of the seems to be drawing considerable reaction in the size of the property of the pr

the time.

In this speech, Mr. Wallace said,
a lot about liberty with which
reversions arreed into one is against
world liberty anywhere in our
realm so this point can be accepted as unanimously adopted,
and then he filiastrated his postwar purposes with an anecdote as
follows:

"Half in fun and half se-riously. I said the other day to Madame Litymoff:

we stadame Litvinoff:

"The object of this war is
fo make sure that everybody
in the world has the privilege
of drinking a quart of milk a
day."

day."
"She replied:
"Yes, even half a pint."
"The prace must mean a
better standard of living for
the common man, not mergel
in the United States and Earlind, but also in India, Russla, China and Latin America
—not mercely in the Wilse
and Italy and Japan."

and Italy and Japan."

Inadequately but pointedly this instrators what Mr. Wallace and surrounded binself are driving at, its right hand men are Mill Perkins and Louis H. Bean, former officials and economic advisers in Mr. Wallace's former Agriculture look at the world through farmers' glasses, and to guide their vision along New Deal spending and social reform lines.

MALLACE WANTS COMMENT.

ing to be secretive, taking a sort of delicht in keeping everybody on tenter-tooks.

Rumors fiv like wastepaper on a windy Charlotte street. You hear that they are calling up maried men right and left in a certain South Carolina edition in a certain South Carolina city. But down in so-and-so, the single men are still crowding the available nature actill crowding the available nature still crowding the available to the still conserve the care of the uncertainty about when men will be called. The Senate is due to vate tomorrow on a fill that would divide draft clicibles into seven groups. Family men would be part in deferred groups and could not be called until all men without dependents had been enlisted. That will take care of No. 1.

There remains the second great uncertainty—that of men who never have a chance to learn whether they will be passed for military service until they are in earny for induction. How many draft clicibles, for instance, know the way or is it three? I vessight standards remained by the Army? And how many draft clicibles, for instance, know that to volunteer in the same Army, a man must see trice as clearly as the minimum standard for acceptance under the draft act?

Not only are the physical standards not made public, but, according to report suching us from men who have been indicted, the examining doctors wink at many of the regulations.

There is no reason why a man with permanent physical defects should not know officially months in advance of being called up whether he is eligible for service. Under the present set-up, all he can do is to wait, chewing his finered in the supplier for the hond in the plants of their hands. social reform lines.

WALLACE WANTS SPENDING
AND MOBAL REFORM
They want a New Deal of the
world to come out of this war.
They talk of diet in India and
China, working hours and needed
ease in Japan and Germany, the
necessity for industrializing small
and remote nations, a lot more
spending by us and a lot more
spending by us and a lot more
moral reforming by us to bring
these things about.
The sperches of Mr. Bull

these things about.

The species of Mr. Hall and this group of associated thinkers do not sound like thinkers do not sound like that. Around Mr. Hull are there Febr. economic adviser, Assistant Sales Febr. Assistant Sales and the secondary special assistant, and even Norman Davis sits in orazionally. Theirs seems to be the practical trade approach to the practical trade approach spending, social-reform visionary approach.

Of course, both sides occasional.

spending social-reform vision-ary approach sides occasional-to-work turn their public inter-medicine, but their emphasis is distinctly contrary, although they will concede so far that their ideas and "averlage", "duplicate", and intermings, "couple are heavily upon the Hull reciprocal trade means of establishing a new world, and their properties, and estretions to trade free second in any materials. And far it, their the world, as to make it work.

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TRAME. FOR SOCIAL IPLLET,

IS THE PURPOSE.

Presumable they would not fimance industrialization of Ghlma
for instance, but would swap our
typewriters, automobiles and industrial products for what the
Chitices already have so that the
Chitices are for the consecution
included the control of the control
whether a Belthan worker would
have a live, four, three or two-day
work, or whether he drinks milk
used of his labor in return for
some of ours.

It seems true the way Hulfa

some of our.

It seems true the way Hull's how are thinking might rost us considerably less money than the about it, but the new concealing theory is not to be cotless. One of his men is working of an international long-term credit, lian in which some organization like the EPC would invest large writing a grant of the produce.

A Bird in the Hand



### Letters to the Editor:

# "Let There Be Light"

Editors, Tuz News:

Editors, Tir. News:

Columbia had its first blackout
on Friday night. This blackout
lasted for one-half hour. This
blackout was physical. These
blackouts over the country are due
to a prior blackout which is ethical and spiritual. On Tuesday, cal and spiritual. On Tuesday, May 19, the Rules Committee of May 10, the Rules Committee of the State Demoratic Party in re-fusing to grant the Negro citi-rouns of South Carolina the right-mary announced another blackout, this one as suggested is ethical and spiritual. Nor is It confined to Columbia for the duration of one-half flour. It is state-wide years.

one-half, flour t t is state-wise and unfortunately may last for years.

One reason why we have been forced to rehears so many pinforced to rehears so many pinmany so many so many

hefore we are iishered into some I Stygian darkness. The newly-elected president of B the Southern Baptist Convention be made a passionate plea at the closing session in San Antonio, Treas, and that to be Americanism. It is passing strange that we can recognize Facsism at such long distances but cannot detect it at home.

recognize Fascism at such long distances but cannot detect it at home.

For day's ago the Secretary of the Treatment of the duration are dangerous. We need to add that "politics" as usual to unwise for the duration are dangerous. We need to add that "politics" in the duration are dangerous. We need to add that "politics" it would seem that he is also eligible to 'tight at Pearl Harbor, it would seem that he is also eligible to yote in South Carolina prophetic voices from the white and Negro pulpits of South Carolina will take this opportunity to help of the the thing of the things of the things of the der any illusions about. "advantage the deep any illusions about." advantage the things of the

#### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

A good mother will never de-sert her son in distress, so be worthy: Standing by the cross of Jesus his mother,—John 19:25.

#### Side Glances



"I'm pleased to see Doris entertaining boys from the Army and Navy together, and I know you two are going to become great friends."

I suggest a careful reading of "Black Reconstruction" by W. E. B. Dulbois, God said, "Let there be light."
"There is a destiny that makes us brothers.
Note gors his way alone.
All that we send into the lives
Comes back into our own."—Edwin Markham.

—L. M. TOBIN.

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Morris College.

Sumter, S. C.

#### Says Food Prices Are Too High

Editors, THE NEWS:

I will do on half to win the war, but I don't want to give it to the greecery man.

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I want to the rationing of gas, if they live in town, let thren walk will have to do that to win the war.

In 1911 I worked and walked five miles every morning and live miles a day and I made a dollar a day. We make more now, but the groccry man gets it all.

Now if Mm. Leon theaderson, when the greecy man each but made a dollar a day want in made a dollar a day. We make more now, but the groccry man gets it all.

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#### Not Losing Any Sleep Over Bob

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Editors, Tita News;
Have Just read the interesting letter from "Somebody's" Bob Reymonths of the Interesting letter from "Somebody's" Bob Reymonths of the Interesting Interesting the Interesting Interest

# The Meticulous AP

Editer & Publisher
Ten centa still is en cents to
the Associated Press, The Oklahoma City Times points out.
A recent Washington Treasury
statement hardly had arrived before a correction flashed over the
AP when, being brought to the imtention of hardler delitoric a tention of hardler delitoric as tention of hardler delitoric as tention of hardler deli-

mediate attention of harried eqi-tors," "Correction: Washington, Treas-ury statement, gross debt, please read \$70,341,369,200.26, not 36 cents,"

### No Tires For Public

By Raymond Clapper †

WASHINGTON WASHINOTON

For You and me, the main fact
about the big synthetic rubber program is that it won't mean the alightest
easing of the tire situation for noncessential uses. Every
pound of synthetic
that can be made in
the next two years
tury.

must go to the millitary.
Officials want to emphasize that. They are afraid the public may think the attuation will improve because we are going to have more rubber, or because efforts are being made to increase gasoline transportation into the 
East.

East.

The situation won't improve so far as civilians are concerned. Rationing almost certainly will spread throughout the country within a few weeks—not to save gasoline but to save rubber. Gasoline rationing is the best method yet found for reducing the use of auto-mobiles, which is considered imperative.

# GOVERNMENT MAY NEED

PRIVATE CARS

The Government is, trying to make the present stock of automobiles now in private hands last for the duration. No more tires can be supplied and-present ones must run through. Furthermore It is easily possible that many private cars will be needed by the, Government before the war is over.

iovernment before the war is over.

For instance, officials here have heard of one enormous war plant, 40 miles or so from the nearest big city, which needs 12,000 passenger automobiles now to haut defense workers from their homes to the plant. Busees and other forms of public convergance cannot be provided in sufficient form. That particular situation may be overcome without having to appeal to private owners to sell their ears. But others like to sell their cars. But others like it will be coming up from now on.

It will be coming up from now on.

It might be destraible for the Government to begin now buying up automobiles from awarers who wish to self.

Let it form a defense workers' transportation corporation, buy up cars, assign them to local operating companies
for filling gaps in defense plant transportation. I have a car in good condition that they can have. Thousands
of people are in the same position. Cerg
lainly most two-car families might as
well set rid of one car at least. It
would be better to put auch cars into
needed use than to allow them to deteriorate while standing idle.

# PRIVATE CAR OUTLOOK IS GRIM EVERYWHERE

IS GRIM EVERYWHERE.

No responsible official takes anything but a grim view of private car transportation. Joseph B Essiman, director of defense transportation, deer. He is even worsted whether there will be enough rubber to keep busses, going, Leon Henderson, in his capacity as WPB director of civilian supply, and Donald Nelson, the man fluadly responsible for war production, are in complete agree-

It isn't a matter of seiring your tires. What we are short of is transportation. The tires go with the car and both need to be conserved for imperatire use. That is the basic consideration. It applies all over the country, whereas the gasoline shortage arises from oil transportation difficulty in the East.

transportation difficulty in the Lat.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER PLANTS

TARE TIME TO BUILD

That we can produce synthetic rubber in conormus volume may be taken as a certainty. But time will be required to construct the plants. Some are under construction now. The technical processors are established. The planch comes in finding steel, copper, special machinery such as compressors, and transportation facilities for the manufaction of 1,000,000 tons a year perhaps.

That requires delicate balancing

That requires delicate balancing of many other demands for these restricted materials. Large quantities of copper are needed and copper is so short that it is more valuable than gold in the sense of use.

This synthetic rubber program for his year and next is the biggest job f chemical engineering ever undertaken of ciemical eighnering ever undertaken in the world. To crowd it into the tight situation with regard to construction materials will require one of the most ingenious jobs of puzile-solving that American industry ever faced.

# Visitim' Around

(3) Years Ago Hem, Davie Record)

Davie Record)

While getting in a buggy flunday afternoon, the horse became frightened and threw William LeGrande over the back of the buggy bruising him a little, but not seriously.

but not seriously.

Rob Tulterow, of twor Center, was
thrown off a mule lest Tursday and
suffered a broken collar bone.

Master Gilbert Kurtees, of R. 1, who
was kicked right bad by a colt one day
last week la getting along nicely at the
writing.