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New Bloc

Two Men Formed It: Wickard & Henderson

One of the chief complaints against the young Price Control Bill was that Agriculture Secretary Wickard would gum up the works with his red tape. The committee administrator Henderson put on farm prices at least 110 per cent of parity might be nullified by Secretary Wickard. Continued indication was to be expected while the whole price level moved up on the parity-plus elevator.

Defense Stamps Too Many of Them Are Being Converted Into Cash It is not enough to buy a defense stamp. To make his purchase effective, the buyer must hold his stamp until he has enough to convert into a bond. He cashes in his stamps for currency, the whole operation becomes a needless expense to the Government and to the volunteer organizations which are selling stamps without compensation and with some cost.

New Policy

County Commissioners Set a Precedent for Mecklenburg

It is a hopeful sign that at last a board of County Commissioners has resolved to go after the ever-increasing back taxes which make up so large an entry on the County's balance sheet. Not in Mecklenburg's history, at least in the twentieth century, has the County actually got tough enough with non-paying taxpayers to take title to a piece of real estate. Various boards have bluffed and threatened, but they have fooled nobody. As a consequence, more than \$600,000 is due the County for tax years prior to 1940-41.

Mystery Why Should There Be a Shortage of Cotton Cloth? For a couple of weeks we have been attempting—with the success to be noted in The Great Cotton Textile Mystery. The plot is almost elementary. For nearly a decade, cotton mills had been running on greatly curtailed schedules of production. Each time a rise in the cloth market came the industry to step up its output, even frantically, it found itself face to face with overproduction.

Mystery

Why Should There Be a Shortage of Cotton Cloth?

War came. America began raising an army of at least three or four million. When under the pressure of Government orders, the industry expanded to its fighting capacity, experts inside and outside the industry began to say that it would be impossible for the cotton mills to produce at capacity, to supply both soldiers and civilians.

That Wily Rommel

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON THE British could use a Rommel or two as a wonder weapon.

Hitler has made his last campaign a field marshal's campaign.

He sniped the British out of southern France, and almost immediately after his promising the British out of southern France.

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The Honor of Kings

By Struthers Burt

Mr. Burt is the distinguished author and possibly the founder of the "Southern Pines" column.

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Every American Is a King

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Transients Shipped In Reinforcements

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American Know-How

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Machine Magic

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Obligation Follows Every Privilege

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