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FUTURE OF FARMING

THE National Farmers' Union to-day publishes an interim report on post-war food production. It is, in effect, a declaration of union policy, and contains a number of far-reaching proposals, which set out quite clearly the farmers' view of the measures which must be adopted if the nation is to maintain a healthy, well-balanced agriculture. The report lays down what the industry considers to be minimum output figures to be maintained under a "mixed farming" economy.

Discussions on agricultural policy are shortly to be initiated by the Minister of Agriculture, and the proposals submitted in the report will form a useful working basis. Each of the three major political parties have agreed that Britain's post-war policy must include the permanent rehabilitation of home farming, but any plan must take into consideration the thorny problem of exports and imports. The N.F.U. gives full recognition to the immensity of the task, and advocates action on an international scale to regulate the production and marketing of food. It will be for the Government to work out a practical compromise.

TO SAVE LIFE

THE annual report of the organisers of the blood transfusion service for the northern region shows that Hull and East Riding has played a creditable part in achieving a result, which has fully satisfied those responsible for the scheme. From the whole region more than 26,000 bottles containing plasma or serum have been despatched to civilian hospitals or those controlled by the Army and Navy, a gift from 95,000 Yorkshire donors. No one can visualise the result. Perhaps in some desert tent or in a ship rolling in the waters of the Atlantic some man or woman will be eased of pain, or even have their life saved as a result of this voluntary movement, which deserves, and has received, such rich support.

Not one of us would hesitate to make a little personal sacrifice to save life, but in these days it is necessary to make the gift in advance, so that the medical fraternity and

HUMBERSIDE ECHOES

HULL Y.P.I.'S GREAT WAR WORK

EVEN those who used the Hull Y.P.I. in George-st. a few months ago, let alone habitues of years gone by, will not be able to recognise the interior of the building in the course of a week or two, when the workmen now busy in the place transport themselves and their scaffolding elsewhere.

A renovation and extension scheme in progress includes the provision of a new section off the present canteen to provide places for a hundred more troops, and while this is on the kitchen and cooking service is to be brought as up-to-date as possible. Since the service canteen at present supplies 17,000 meals a week, it will be realised that an extension is needed.

Doors Never Closed.—

Staffed by a rota of voluntary women workers, members of the W.V.S. and under the supervision of Mrs L. Simpson, the canteen is open 24 hours a day for Service men and women. Even in the worst days of air attacks the building was never closed, tea being served from the front steps. How many men have found a sleeping place there I do not know, but Mr Ward, the general secretary, himself an ex-Serviceman with a M.M., estimates that the number approaches the 100,000 mark, while since war began over two and a half million meals have been served.

Another estimate he gives is that the cost of the alteration and painting will come to approximately £1,000. More thoughtful is his statement that the official opening of the extension will be on Saturday, April 3, when it is hoped that a man distinguished in national affairs will grace the ceremony.

Woman of Courage.—

Mrs Phyllis Yeomans, the Hull A.T.S. lorry driver, whose exciting adventure during an aid raid was reported in the "Mail" on Wednesday, is the daughter of Mrs Miles, of 4, Prince's-ave., Hull.

Many Hull people will remember Phyllis Miles as a star pupil of Miss Alice Pickles, and the performance she and her husband gave as the Ugly Sisters in Cinderella, in a pantomime



RED CROSS CADETS.—The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull (Al J. L. Schultz), with the Rev G. Redmond and some of the cadets of the Cross Youth Detachment, 502, at a presentation of first-aid and home nates at the St. Vincent's Parish Hall, Hull.—"Mail" photo.

PRISONERS OF WAR



Gen. Netherton R.A. Middleton



Tor. Thorne Lt. Col. Lyons

After having seen without news of the son, Gen. John H. Netherton, for over a year, Mrs Netherton, of 26, Parliament-st., Genoa, has received information from the War Office that he is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in Burma.

Gen. Netherton, who is 51 years of age, joined the Forces in April, 1939, and went overseas in December of the same year. His mother last heard from him in March, 1942.

As a boy he attended the Gothic Bootlebury-st. school, and before being signed up he was a chester on the L.M.S. Railway at Gloucester.

Since the Japanese invasion of Malaya, Mr and Mrs G. Middleton, of 57, Preston-st., Hull, have not had any further news of their younger son Frederick, of the R.A.

After a lapse of 12 months they recently received a telegram saying that the International Red Cross have received information that A.C.L. Frederick Middleton is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, and that a letter will follow in due course.

Middleton has been abroad for almost two years, and in civilian life was in the ranks of Needham's, Ltd. As how he attended Southcotes, 1, Brights-

Mrs. Thorne, of 1, Brights-grove, Northumberland-ave., Hull, has received news that her son, Tor. H. H. Thorne, aged 24, of the Lancashire Yeomanry, was in Stalag

Hull Airman's Death

Mr and Mrs Francis Kenny, of 72, Langtoft-gr., Hull, have been officially informed that their only son, Sgt. Observer M. F. Kenny, R.A.F.V.R., has lost his life during air operations abroad.

Sgt. Kenny, who was 20 years of age, joined the Royal Air Force, joining the Grammar School in 1940.

He was an outstanding athlete, and was a school champion in 1933-39. In the latter year he performed the remarkable feat of winning all eight events in the school championship, setting up a new school record in the high jump.

In the same year he won the Northern Counties Athletic Association championship in the javelin event, setting up a new northern counties record.

Died on Service

One of the six sons of Mrs I. Wilson and the late Mr Wilson, of 76, Tanfield-gr., Bilton

Grange, has died in a military hospital in South Africa, after sustaining injuries in the Middle East.

He is Guardsman Arthur Wilson, aged 26, a member of the Cold

Gdsmn. Wilson's regiment, Guards. Two of his brothers are also serving with the same regiment, and another with the R.A.F.

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Sgt. Bailey
are in the Forces in the Merchant Marine mentioned for services in Russia.

Her eldest son is in the R.A.

All three were in the Thursday Club. Mrs M. staying with r Southdown - of Moss Estate, M

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Mrs Stanhope Gloucester-st. received news band, Chief Charles W. S. R.N., is miss killed sea.

An old friend of mine was employ man for the K Trawler Co., b the R.N.

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