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the centuries are to be preserved. There is one extremely important reason why our arms program is lagging. That reason is the unwillingness of certain labor leaders to permit a working day and a working week which is sufficient to perform the gigantic tasks we have undertaken. Coal is a case in point. Today coal miners work the 7-hour day and the 35-hour week established during the depression. And that is imperiling an adequate supply of coal for the industries which make our weapons and our tools of peace, alike. A coal shortage would bring the arms program virtually to a standstill. A 40-hour week would probably eliminate all dangers of such shortage—yet the 35-hour week is maintained. What is true of coal, is true in many other fields. The majority of America's workers are willing to do more. But shortsighted labor leaders won't let them.

RULES OF THE ROAD
 Turning At Intersection
 Sec. 115, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"Except as otherwise provided in this section, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the highway, and in turning shall keep as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway, and when intending to turn to the left shall approach such intersection in the lane for the traffic to the right of and nearest to the center of the highway and in turning shall pass beyond the center of the intersection passing as closely as practicable to the right thereof before turning such vehicle to the left."
 In other words, when you want to make a right turn, get in the extreme right-hand lane of traffic; when you want to make a left turn, get in the traffic lane immediately to the right of the center of the street. And don't cut too short on a left turn.
 In connection with the section of the motor vehicle laws, local authorities in their respective jurisdiction may modify the method of turning at intersections by clearly indicating by buttons, markers or other direction signs within an intersection the course to be followed by vehicles turning there.

It is never wise to judge a woman by the clothes she does not wear.—Brunswick (Ga.) News.
 In twelve weeks of war, the nazis have not found anything loatable in the U. S. S. R. The Russians have given up nothing but geography, of which they have too much.—The New Yorker.
 Two million women in this country, says a statistical note, are supported by alimony. We didn't realize there were so many men who were comeacrossed in love.—Boston Herald.
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LIFE'S BETTER WAY
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
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SING ME A SONG, O BARD OF THE HILLS
 Sing me a song, O bard of the hills,
 Sing of the flowers, sing of the rills,
 Sing of the meadows, sing of the glade,
 Sing of the pools in the pleasant shade;
 Sing me a song of the gentle breeze,
 Sing of the sunshine, sing of the trees,
 Sing of the morning, sing of the noon,
 Sing of the stars and sing of the moon.
 Sing me a song, O bard of the hills,
 Sing of the roads that lead to the mills,
 Sing of the orchard, sing of the bees,
 Sing of the birds in the leafy trees;
 Sing me a song of my sweetheart days,
 Sing, sing of the thrill that never stays,
 Sing of the little old school house dear
 And classmates gone for many a year.
 Sing me a song, O bard of the hills,
 Sing till my heart with rapture thrills;
 Sing of the church that stood in the dell,
 Sing of the path that led to the well;
 Sing of the Savior who left His throne,
 Came to the earth, forsaken and lone;
 Sing of the time when he saved my soul
 And started me toward the heav'nly goal.
 Sing me a song, O bard of the hills,
 Sing, sing till my heart shall lose its ills;
 Sing of the winter, sing of the snow,
 Sing of the fireside of long ago;
 Sing of the dear ones here and away,
 Sing of them gone forever to stay;
 Sing of our gath'ring on Heaven's shore
 When again we meet to part no more.

Abnormal Absurdities
 By DWIGHT NICHOLE, et al.

MAYBE CAN USE HIM
 After calm thoughtful reflection we have decided that maybe we have been too hard on Harold, the Ick, Secretary of the Interior and shortage creator deluxe.
 Maybe we should beg his pardon and play up to him like nobody's business because we have decided that we can use a man like him and that he can help us plenty.
 No one can create a shortage like Ickes and for that reason he can do us a lot of good.
 Winter is coming and we want a shortage of cold blasts which blow out of the northwest; we want a shortage of ice on the streets and highways; we want such a shortage of bitter cold that it will have to be rationed out on a percentage of what we have had before—and we don't want rationing based on the winter of 1939-40.
 After winter will be spring. We don't want any shortage of spring. After spring, unless Ickes changes things too much, will be summer and there is where the shortage creator can really do good.
 We want a shortage of mosquitos, and we want one of the shortest shortages of house flies that has ever been heard of. We want Ickes to outdo himself in making a shortage of house flies.
 We want a shortage of daylight saving time and a shortage of having to get out of bed before daylight.
 We don't want any shortage of earthworms. Last time we went catfishing in the Yadkin, worms were scarcer than service station men who like Ickes.
 We want a shortage of people who say "I told you so," especially those who didn't tell us so in the first place.
 We want a shortage of weeds in the garden. On second thought, let it be more severe than a shortage; let's have a scarcity of weeds.
 At Christmas time we want a shortage of firecrackers and a

shortage of people who buy them in lots of 11 and 13 at night.
 We want a shortage of motorists who will double park directly across the street from another double parker.
 A shortage of head colds and of having to cough or sneeze when the telephone rings would be a major accomplishment, Mr. Ickes.

We desire a shortage of men who block public progress because of prejudice or because they want to grind their own axes in order to chop the heads off their neighbors.
 We want a shortage of Hitler and Mussolini.
 Last, but not least, we want a shortage of Ickeness.

LACKEY GOOD FELLOW
 The following clipping from Rev. N. C. Duncan's "Highland Flings" column in Highland Churchman will be of interest here:

The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, rector of St. James, Lenoir, is a good pastor, a most likable fellow, and endowed with a generous amount of humor.
 This column has known him for quite sometime. In fact, he remembers too well the time when as boys we led him into a humble bee's nest, and howled with glee when we saw a large bee sting him on the back of the neck. He is much beloved in his large field, but he can get into more humorous situations than any one whom we know. Sometime ago his wife was in the hospital, and when he called to see her she gave him a list of things to bring to her on his next visit. He left the hospital to go straight to a service at one of his charges, and he wanted to make some sermon notes on the way. The only

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piece of paper which he had in his pocket was the one on which his wife had written that list of things she wanted. Friend Lackey forgot about the list, and some of the listeners were curious as to some interpretations of St. Paul. For, it seems that St. Paul had said, among other things, "Bring two slips, two pair undies, and two pair hose."

Use the averaging columns this paper as your shopping guide.

Miss Eliza Johnson Claimed By Death
 Last rites were conducted today, two o'clock, at Antioch church for Miss Eliza Johnson, age 87, resident of Antioch township who died Saturday night at her home. Rev. Edw. O. Miller was in charge of the service. The only surviving member of her immediate family is one sister, Miss Peggy Johnson.

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Navy and Defense
 The United States Navy has placed the job of securing navy recruits right in the laps of newspapers. And unless we miss our guess, newspapers will help secure additional men to man the United States navy, which is rapidly becoming the most powerful organization in the world. With the European war on the east and Japan fussing to the west across the Pacific, it is expedient that we have a two-ocean navy for protection. The navy is the first line of defense. If it is sufficiently strong we will have little fear in the way of invasion threats. The navy needs men, plenty of men, and good men. The navy is calling the youth of America. It offers a life of adventure, of travel. And it offers training. Any young man may take one of numerous courses and secure training easily worth from one to two thousand dollars. He may fit himself for a profitable job when his term of service is completed. The navy offers opportunity for advancement in rank and pay to those who would get ahead. To those who would choose it as a career there are many opportunities. A youth at age seventeen can spend 20 years in the navy and retire at 37—while he is still a young man with the best of life ahead. Retirement carries pay according to the amount received before retiring. That income will continue regardless of what the retired navy man wishes to follow in civilian life. It represents a big measure of financial security. Because the navy is the first line of American defense, we can think of no more patriotic act than to enlist now.

Doing Good Job
 Occasionally we congratulate a contemporary newspaper on a special edition or some extra piece of work, but this time we would call attention to what one paper is doing day by day. The Statesville Daily Record, which belongs to the smaller daily class, apparently is making good progress in our neighbor county on the south. The paper started years ago as a weekly, went to semi-weekly, had several ups and as many downs and finally leveled off as a daily under leadership of C. E. Middlesworth, publisher. The paper is deserving of its increased patronage because it is getting out an edition every day which carries the news and some excellent features. We hope for the paper continued success.

Let's Go To Work
 Anthony Eden recently said that help from America is not yet reaching Britain in sufficient quantity—that shipments of war supplies must be speeded up if Hitler is to be decisively beaten in the shortest possible time. In a recent talk to the nation, President Roosevelt said that our military production is still below the necessary level. He called upon all America to labor unstintingly for the defense and perpetuation of democracy. Basil Manly of the Federal Power Commission, recently said: "We are now entering a period in which no individual or corporation can reasonably or properly expect to maintain unabated the economic status to which it has become accustomed. Everybody will sooner or later have to make sacrifices for the common good." These statements are typical of what men in high positions believe today. That belief adds up to this: The United States is not doing enough. It must do more—indefinitely more—if the liberties gained over

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