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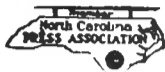
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## War Needs Money

The United States Treasury department has requested The Journal-Patriot to publish the following item:

"It will cost money to defeat Japan. Your government calls on YOU to help NOW.

"Buy defense bonds or stamps today. Buy them every day, if you can. But buy them on a regular basis.

"Bonds cost as little as 18.75, stamps come as low as 10 cents. Defense bonds and stamps can be bought at all banks and post offices, and stamps can also be purchased at retail stores."

The Journal-Patriot urges all Americans to support your government with your dollars.

## War News

In order to keep morale high, it is necessary that the American people treat war news properly.

Disregard rumors and hearsays and accept nothing as final until the last official word has been given.

All the reliable information of importance will be published in the newspapers. When you hear a grave rumor and find it is not substantiated by newspaper account, forget it.

Radio is also a wonderful source of news and in brief is often ahead of the newspapers.

But listeners should try to understand the news properly, and the same advice should go to readers.

Radio news announcers often tell what the enemy are claiming. Care should be taken to understand what the announcer says about the source of the news. If the source was by Japanese, Germany or Italian radio there is not much use considering the news at all because it is only enemy claims.

And care should be taken not to construe expressed opinions of radio commentators as established facts. That is one of the worst mistakes radio listeners make. They hear a commentator giving his opinion about what has happened and immediately accept that as fact, when it is only presumption or supposition.

The newspapers and radio are going to try to give information accurately, but the language, the wording and the source must be carefully considered in order to get anything near a full understanding of whatever subject is being discussed.

This is no time to lose our balance because of rumors and distorted news. Let us consider all the news according to its source and the reputation of the source for reliability.

## RULES OF THE ROAD ON BEING OVERTAKEN

Sec. 113, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina—"The driver of a vehicle upon a highway about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle."

In other words, when the driver of an overtaking vehicle signals his intention to pass, stay in your proper lane of traffic and continue at the speed at which you are traveling. Above all, do not speed up.

Early mailing of Christmas parcels is being urged by Uncle Sam's Postal Department this year because the largest flow of mail since World War One is expected. Even the efficient post offices have limitations, and will be taxed to the limit in handling outgoing and incoming mails. Shop and mail early in earnest this year.

## Borrowed Comment

### IT HAS HAPPENED TO US

(Elkin Tribune)

It was only a few weeks ago that officials in Japan were saying that if war came, Uncle Sam would bring it. Even with these words the day and hour had been set for an attack without warning, not only on our military forces, but civilian. That is proved by the torpedoing of two merchant vessels in the Pacific almost in unison with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines, because submarines would require that time to station themselves along the shipping lanes to carry out their orders.

It is significant, too, that the Japanese ambassador and special envoy called for an audience with Secretary Hull almost on the dot when these attacks were made—called to give answer to Mr. Hull's final statement of peace conditions, an answer that was better and more emphatically made by the fighting rather than the diplomatic forces.

But no matter about that. Our government is now fully on record as having tried manfully to avoid war with Japan. Since Japan has insisted that that was not to be, it is up to Uncle Sam to make the best of a bad situation. And we reckon that is what he will do.

Yet there should be no discounting Japan as a fighting force. She has a good navy—better, perhaps, than most of us realize. It can fight defensively and compactly, while Allied ships (for there will be allied ships) must necessarily protect various and widespread points. It will result in many disappointments to the American public, but this is a war that can only result one way. Americans know that, but it should be their purpose to so unite as to make victory, not only certain, but prompt.

It is hard to conceive that even Japan's military leaders could see anything else but defeat for their country in a war against the United States. Yet it could be that they have been reading Colonel McCormick's Chicago Tribune, and listening in on some of our isolationist brethren's ranting before the microphone about our unpreparedness—and believed them. In that case they will bump up against the surprising fact that we will be able to do right well at the war game, once we get started.

This war is right down Hitler's alley. It was planned while Adolf was telling the world that he soon would be in Moscow Japan believed him evidently.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,  
Hiddenite, N. C.

### EMPTY LIVES

We see so many empty lives  
Throughout the land today,  
Where nothing great and noble thrives,  
Nor goodness seems to stay,  
Until we wonder what to do  
To help the sinful throngs,  
That they might have a higher view  
And overcome their wrongs.

They're empty of the love of God,  
Or grace that is divine,  
And so the path of sin they trod  
Where glories never shine;  
Nor where true values fill the soul;  
Nor beauty's found the most,  
But where the germs of life are stole  
By Satan and his host.

They're empty of the finest traits,  
Of righteousness and truth,  
But take the way our Master hates  
That wrecks them in their youths.  
They're empty of uplifting aims,  
Or purposes most great,  
Who oft resort to idle games  
That bring them to their fate.

O empty soul and heart and mind,  
There is a pathway bright,  
And if you'll seek you'll surely find  
The road to some great height,  
Where you'll be filled with noble thoughts  
Your hands with deeds most kind,  
That where life's battle you have fought,  
You'll leave your mark behind.

Local merchants are prepared to serve your every need for Christmas gifts and for wanted winter merchandise. No matter from where comes your livelihood, you'll be bettering yourself by shopping here at home because the dollars will be put to work in your own county. We don't ask you to trade at home as a duty—but we know you can benefit yourself and community by doing so.

# Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

### LETTER TO SANTA

With so many writing to Santa Claus, we are reminded that there are many things we would like for Santa to take or bring, as the case may be, to certain people.

In consideration of these desires, we have decided to pen our letter to Santa Claus as follows:

North Wilkesboro  
December 18, 1941

Mr. Santa Claus,  
North Pole  
Universe No. 1

Dear San'a Claus:

To begin with, we haven't been perfect during the year but since Christmas is near we have been trying to do better in the hope that you can fill some of our numerous wants and needs.

We have written things which made some folks fly a few degrees off the handle but mostly in fun, so please excuse that.

We have failed to write many things which should have been written but we are only human. So, Santa, for once please look over the aforesaid faults and fill some of the following orders:

We want you to take Hitler and Mussolini some powerful time bombs which will go off any time, sooner, or later, and the sooner the better.

Please present the Japs with one spank-fired good licking.

Bring Duke University football team a decisive victory in the Rose Bowl game at Durham. You may wait until January 1 to fill this order.

Present the coaches of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro with good material for next year's football teams, including some of the husky youngsters who don't play for varied and sundry rea-

sons. Some lines or other lines or about the time this war is over bring North Wilkesboro an army company here. (And please throw in a municipal playground for good measure).

Bring a flood control dam on the Yadkin river just as soon as such construction would not hamper our victory efforts.

Bring some of our people a desire to be really helpful to their country, their state, their county, their town or community regardless of whether or not they have axes of their own to grind. This, Mr. Santa Claus, is of major importance—so please do not overlook.

We'd like to have less belly-achers.

Don't bring us any toys made in Japan, especially the kind which fall to the earth with great speed and a whining sound and go BOOM when they hit.

London, Dec. 8.—The Free French national committee meeting under the leadership of General Charles DeGaulle, declared that a state of war existed between all Free French territories and Japan.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 8.—Haiti joined the Latin-American nations today which have declared war on Japan and pledged the United States its full assistance.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Bynum C. Price, late of Wilkes County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present proof of claim to the undersigned Executor on or before the 12th day of November, 1942, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover.

All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate settlement.

This the 12th day of November A. D. 1941.

DEWEY BROYHILL,  
Executor, of the Estate of Bynum C. Price, deceased.  
A. H. CASEY, Att'y.

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## Christmas Play At Traphill Church

The public is cordially invited to attend a Christmas play to be given on Sunday evening, December 21, seven o'clock, at Traphill Baptist church.

Capetown, Union of South Africa, Dec. 8.—The Union of South Africa cabinet discussed the Pacific war situation today and his dominion was expected to join

other members of the British Commonwealth in a declaration of war against Japan shortly.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

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# APPLES

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## Virgil M. Church

PURLEAR, N. C.



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