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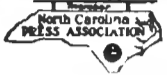
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Work For Victory

Often we find some genius has written something with which we heartily agree and because his powers of expression are more forceful than ours, we quote him directly. This time the following parts of an article written by Roger W. Babson are quoted and endorsed without reservation:

"Sleeping Sunday mornings will not win the war with Japan. Our World War efforts will be of little avail until we all think less about having a good time and more about doing a good job. From the Southwest, there comes an editorial which has the right idea. A Texas newspaper editor in San Augustine writes that there is not so much wrong with the country as there is wrong with the people in it. Too many have gone "good-time" crazy and are working just to get money for playing. Too few are playing with the purpose of building up energy for work.

These crazies and manias go in cycles just like everything else. Since World War II this "goodtime" bug has spread like an epidemic.

"We adults talk and act as if we were going to live forever. We forget that in a few years we must turn our government, banks, and businesses over to these youngsters who we are now neglecting.

"Subsidies and doles never yet won a war. A dole is nothing more than dope, like oil of cloves for aching teeth. The worst dole cases, however, are not among the poor, but among some of the self-styled upper classes. I refer to the recklessness and wastefulness of young people who live on doles supplied by foolish parents. This spectacle gives more encouragement to communism than to patriotism. It also greatly handicaps law enforcement when criminals see the lawlessness of children of ostensibly best families. This profligacy, according to one analysis, is creating "more economic waste than all the supposed inefficiency of government and all the alleged corruption of politics."

"The present generation of young people may be just as sound fundamentally as my own generation; but if so, surely they have worse parents! Today's parents have invented and are giving to their children most dangerous doles in the form of automobiles, radios, taxis, speedboats, movies, roadhouses, dinner dances, and clothes that would have made Croesus and Midas feel like village school teachers working on part time. This would not be so bad if we increased character training to counterbalance these temptations; but most fathers are too busy making money to spend their time training children.

"I don't blame John and Mary so much as I do their "Santa Claus." Perhaps the only reason why, as a young man, I didn't drive my father's horse sixty miles an hour was because he couldn't go that fast even I stepped on him! But if I had attempted such feats, I surely would have been made to throw my work into high gear likewise so as to earn the money to pay the piper.

"The greatest difficulty confronting young people today is that they have the spending power of giants and the earning power of babies. Their costly whoopees, as mendicants existing on the charity of their families at a time of world-wide calamity, seem outrageous to those who know that World War II can be won only by intelligent budgets and worthwhile work. Anyone who is mature enough to be out all night is mature enough to work all day. We have had wars before; but when the history of World War II is written, economists will record our unexampled wastefulness of money, time, and health among the boys and girls who have not yet been drafted for war service.

"The chief crime of families who are now indulging their children's mania for having a good time is not that the world

is deprived of their children's services; the services of young folks of the jive type are not likely to be especially valuable. The damage they do is in the bad example they set and the unrest they develop within the great army camps of the United States and Canada. Furthermore, dissipation does not "make jobs for men." Employment—in the long run—cannot be helped by patronizing dance halls or brewers. The need today is not for more fool jobs, but for better men to handle real jobs. The solution of our employment problem awaits the raising—not the lowering—of our character.

"When young and old alike give their thoughts and energies, not to having a good time but, to doing a good job; then, and only then, will we bring the Japanese to their senses and help win World War II."

Borrowed Comment

TOUGH GOING FOR A WHILE

(Washington News-Herald, Dec. 12)

It looks to us like a long war and a tough one, but with an Allied victory waiting at the end of the rocky road. We think it is going to get worse before it gets better, and that all of us would be wise to steel our minds to that probability.

The Pearl Harbor raid gave us, it is now known, a severe setback, but not a fatal one. Tokyo's claims to have just about destroyed America Pacific sea power are highly exaggerated. Our Government at this writing is still withholding details, on the principle that to tell the story prematurely would give the enemy information which he badly wants.

The sinking of the British battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse off Malaya Bay before yesterday did us no good, either.

Because of our somewhat shrunken naval strength in the Pacific, we must reconcile ourselves to the likelihood of further setbacks there.

But if the Japs landed one painful punch on our national nose last Sunday morning, the Russians have been handing punch after punch to Hitler for almost six months now. It still looks as if Hitler made the mistake of his life when he tore into Russia last June—the mistake which should at last send him to some fate like that of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Current news from the Russian front, in case you've been skimming over it in the excitement of our own war, is that Hitler is pulling in his claws all along that front, and at least claims to be digging in for the winter. The Russians, however, are not letting him settle down for the winter in peace, but are harrying him with local offensives and air jabs all along the line.

Our boys in the Philippines continue to make a superb showing, under Lieutenant General MacArthur, their most notable achievement to date being the sinking by air action of the 29,000-ton Japanese battleship Haruna. The Wake Island garrison at this writing is also doing itself proud.

However, our sea shield has lost some of its shielding quality, because of the Pearl Harbor stab. Therefore, for the time being, we'll have to put added reliance on our Army and Air Force. There are already in very fair shape, and can be built to strength sooner than can a Navy.

As a reminder for a time which seems sure to be a sad one for Americans for quite a while to come, we reprint some statistics:

The United States produces 70 per cent of all the oil that is produced in the world, 60 per cent of all the wheat and cotton, 50 per cent of all the copper and pigiron. Because of these basic resources and our long determination to make them work for us, we have 53 per cent of all the railroads in the world, 81 per cent of its motor cars, and 60 per cent of its telephones and telegraphs.

We also have 130,000,000 people who habitually wrangle with one another in peacetime, but who close ranks practically to the last man and woman when other nations make gestures at taking our national heritage from us.

It looks like a long war. But in the end, on account of our superior resources and human assets, we will win.

A vulgar man is captious and jealous; eager and impetuous about trifles. He suspects himself to be slighted, things everything that is said meant at him; if the companion nappens to laugh, he is persuaded they laugh at him; he grows angry and testy, says something very impertinent, and draws himself into a scrap, by showing what he calls a proper spirit, and asserting himself.—(Chesterfield)

Defense Bond Memorial Fund

Wake Forest, Dec. 13.—Contributions began pouring in today from the Wake Forest College student body for the purchase of a \$1,000 defense savings bond which will be presented at maturity to the college administration as a memorial to Wake Forest students who serve in the war.

The student body unanimously approved a resolution at a college convocation yesterday which pledged themselves to the country's war efforts, and concluded: "We pray God that our sacrifices shall not be made in vain."

They went on record as being "wholeheartedly behind our government and our country in this its hour of greatest crisis. We realize that the great blessings of liberty and happiness which have been ours were bought at the price of sacrifice and blood by those who have gone before. Strengthened by our realization of the value of these blessings and keenly aware that an hour of the greatest trial is at hand, we are willing and anxious now to pay our share of the price of liberty.

"To that end," the students declared, "we hereby pledge our time, our money, and our lives to the service of our country and its great leader, our commander-in-chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Henry A. Gill Passes At 71

Statesville, Dec. 15.—Henry (Hal) A. Gill, 71, member of the Iredell county board of education, well-known Iredell county farmer and cotton gin operator, died suddenly today at his home on the Turnersburg road, after a heart attack.

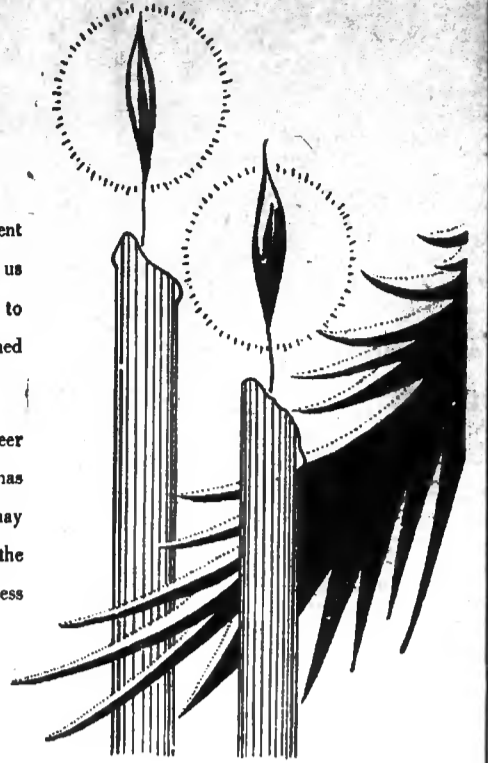
Mr. Gill was born at Olin, a son of the late Henry L. Gill and Carrie Tatum Gill. He lived on the farm at Olin for many years, moving to his present home near Statesville on the Turnersburg road in 1930. For several years he has been manager of the Statesville cotton gin.

Surviving Mr. Gill are his wife, the former Miss Myrtle Holland; a son, John Tatum Gill, and a brother, Dr. W. H. Gill of Lander, Wyoming.

Ads get attention—and results!

APPRECIATING to the fullest extent the cordial relations existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to cordially wish you an old fashioned Merry Christmas

May the Happiness and Good Cheer which we hope is yours this Christmas never cease in the days to come, and may the New Year bring each of you the Prosperity, Health and Real Happiness you so much deserve.

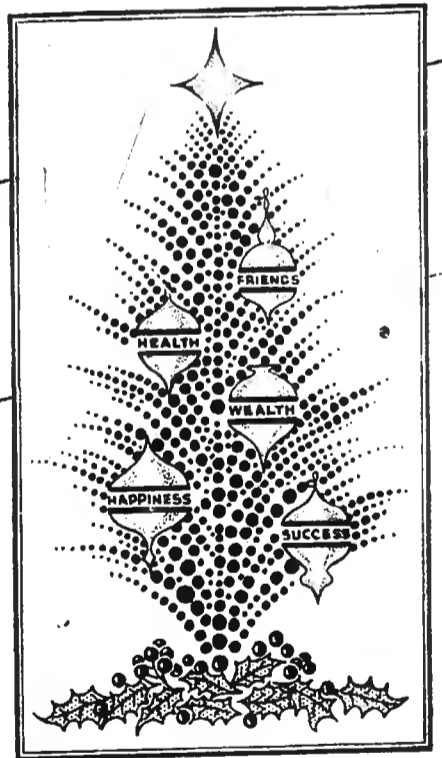


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