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**Chaplain Cooper Praised**

Chaplain Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church now serving with naval forces in the combat zone of the South Pacific, was highly commended in a letter from Lt. (jg) Charles N. Stalker, and which was published in the Charlotte Observer Monday.

The letter told of the dedication of a chapel, and the worship of fighting men in the navy. The reference to Chaplain Cooper was as follows:

"We are proud to have such men as Protestant Chaplain Watt M. Cooper, from North Carolina, responsible for the growth of this and other chapels".

The letter also gave remarks of Capt. R. M. Fortson, base commander, at the dedication, in which the vital importance of worship was emphasized. His remarks were concluded with the following pertinent statement:

"In order to be good Navy men we must have courage — courage developed to a marked degree. The basis of all courage is faith—faith in ourself—faith in our country—faith in our cause, and above all—the fountain head of all faith—faith in Almighty God".

**For Their Security**

Out in the battle lines of land, sea and air, it is America's splendid youth that is bearing the real brunt of this war. By its very nature this war, above all others, demands the finest vigor of youth—youth which, in normal times, seldom envisions its own eventual twilight.

There are so many long and dark moments, we know, in which these boys, who probably never gave it such serious thought before, think of their future—of the days and the years they are so gallantly winning. The future must be made secure for them—that is the assignment of those of us safely left at home.

Their future security, in the end, boils down individually to have a job: in our American way of life that is the essential as well as the right. It is, then, of first importance that the National Association of Manufacturers, representing the bulk of America's employers has this forthright plank in its recently adopted "Program For a Better America". It reads:

"To achieve his own security, a man must have a productive job, and we have a program for creating such jobs through the increase of capital equipment and the full cooperation of Labor and Management.

"If America moves into the postwar period under sound laws and sound political and economic institutions the American citizen who is willing and able to work, or go into business, or otherwise service his country in a productive capacity, need have little fear of insecurity during his productive years".

Every time you guard your speech on military matters, you are guarding a soldier's life. Zip the lip!

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**  
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
 Hiddenite, N. C.

**THE REIGN OF LIQUOR**

The reign of liquor—that means, we know, The reign of poverty and woe; The reign of crime, with jails well filled, The reign of shame, with honor killed; The reign of heartache in the home, The reign of want where'er we roam; The reign of wretched hate and strife That wrecks the home and kills the wife.

It means the wreck of noble youth, The sacrifice of peace and truth; The wasting of one's precious time, And giving up the things sublime; The sacrifice, perhaps, of fame, The loss of manhood's noble name; The waste of money and of wealth, With loss of happiness and health.

When liquor reigns,—that awful curse,— O what could be to men much worse? It means along our highways great That multitudes will meet their fate; That men will drink and slay and kill, And bring their fellowmen much ill; That orphan children will be made When parents in their graves are laid!

It means the loss of life and soul, The sacrifice of Heaven's goal, With mansions fair and sweet and grand In all the holy, heavenly land; And then it means—we hate to tell— It sends vast multitudes to hell, Where they, too late, will count the cost And mourn their everlasting loss.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

**SMALL TALK**

The lady who told us last week that we were a wit was half right. . . . Some accidents are caused by the road being in a wet condition. Others are caused by the driver being that way. . . . Most is said in a spirit of womanly intuition, but it must be asking when she is trying to decide which way to run in traffic. . . . Some people really do observe traffic laws. It took an M. P. ever so long to make one old gentleman here know that he was supposed to drive through the red light when he said go. . . . Public notice to all public speakers we have to listen to: If you don't strike oil in ten minutes, quit boring. . . . A woman in New York called the OPA office and wanted to know the ceiling price on gasoline coupons. She said she had been offered from 40 to 50 cents each but wanted to be sure she didn't accept over the ceiling price.

**VERSUS EACH OTHER**— The linotype operator called us to task this week because we wrote up the marriage license with the word "versus", meaning against, or opposing. In other words, we had listed marriage license as being so and so "versus" so and so, instead of "and". Reason for that was we had just finished typing the superior court proceedings, which listed several divorce cases.

**REIGN OR RAIN**— Rev. Walter E. Isenhour's article today is about the deadly reign of liquor. We know some people who wish we could have a rain of liquor.

**SAFETY RHYME**— Here lies the remains of Percival Sapp, He drove his car with his girl in his lap, Lies slumbering here, one William Blake, He heard the bell but had no brake, Beneath this stone lies William Raines, Ice on the hill, he had no chains, Here lies the body of William Jay He died maintaining the right of way, John Smith lies here without his shoes, He drove his car while filled with booze, Here lies Mary Jane—but not alive, She made her car do eighty-five.

**Roaring River Home Club Holds Meeting**

The Roaring River Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting in the school lunchroom Tuesday, the 18th. In spite of the bad weather and much sickness in the community, a nice number were present. Mrs. Pardue gave a report on the last county council meeting, and outlined plans for the coming year's work.

Mr. Snipes explained the importance of planning farm work ahead of time in order to get the most done. He illustrated his work by an interesting explanation of a map which he had placed upon the wall, showing the hours to be done in the various farm jobs each day in each month during the year. Mrs. Greene then followed Mr. Snipes, showing on a map the work planned by a family of six—man and wife and four children. She, too, showed by illustrations, that it is much better and by far more economical to plan the farm work ahead in order to save time and to be able to save the different crops as they come in. Their discussions on "It's Time for Team Work" were very helpful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the social hour, Mrs. Freas, assisted by two of her home economic students, Misses Mary Alexander and Earline Ward, served delicious cookies which they had made in their class work. They also served coffee, this being made also by the girls and furnished by the club women.

We feel that aside from our club work we got an insight of what our school is doing along the line of teaching our girls to be better home makers. It has been said that "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach." These delicious cookies, proved to all present that their work has not all been play, but that instead they have been accomplishing something that is worthwhile.

Mrs. G. W. Scroggs was appointed to conduct our February meeting in the absence of Mrs. Greene. The theme will be on "Gardening". All clubs in the county will conduct their gardening meetings in


order to give Mrs. Greene a chance to contact other communities that do not have a Home Demonstration Club. Give more power to Eisenhower save jobs!

Columbus farmers who have conducted demonstration using the new wide-narrow row method of growing tobacco like the plan and will continue it, says J. P. Quinlan, county agent with the State College Extension Service.

**COLD 666**  
 USE 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

**"Here's How To SAVE RUBBER The HAPPY ELECTRIC Way"**

—MRS. REDDY KILBWAYT



Today we must save rubber For a plane, jeep, or gun. But with plenty of light In our homes each night, It really is lots of fun!

There's unlimited enjoyment on the home front! exciting games with the children, good reading, radio, and bridge for recreation, and war work for victory. Why not enjoy "short-rations" for Uncle Sam?

**Duke Power Co.**

**PLAY. SQUARE... DO YOUR SHARE**

**HE DID!**



**WE BOUGHT EXTRA WAR BONDS**

**4TH WAR LOAN**

**Display your colors now!**

Do you remember that soldier you saw on the bus with his arm in a cast? Do you recall that sailor you saw hobbling down the street on a cane? Have you noticed the list of casualties printed from time to time in this newspaper? What you are asked to do, compared to the boys who are really in it, is easy. But your job is mighty important, too. Once again you are asked to BUY AT LEAST ONE EXTRA HUNDRED DOLLAR WAR BOND. A Series E War Savings Bond will cost you only \$75 and you get back at maturity in ten years \$4 for every \$3 invested; this is the least you can do. Invest more if you possibly can—\$200, \$300, \$400. Remember, it all comes back with interest. So play square—do your share. HE DID!

**Let ALL BACK THE ATTACK!**

**Forester Beverage Company Forester Ice Cream Company**

**BUY EXTRA BONDS**

**4TH WAR LOAN**

**Buy More Bonds**

There are many people who have purchased a few bonds and have dismissed further thought of war bonds from their minds with the thought that they have done their part in the war effort.

While you may have purchased several bonds, it is your duty now to place every dollar you have and which you do not need into war bonds.

Those who have money or who are earning more money than they need for necessary living expenses should remember that there are many who are not earning enough money to meet increased living expenses and have anything left for bond buying. There are those working at the same salaries they did three years ago. Inflationary living costs already have them in a vice and they can't do much toward financing the war.

But millions of wage earners and farmers have more money and are earning more money than they ever did in their lives. This excess money must go into bonds for three reasons: to finance the war, to prevent disastrous inflation, and to provide future security for the people who do the investing.

After the war you can use the bonds to purchase that which is not available now, and there may be a period of economic stress when you will need that money to buy the bare necessities of life.

During this Fourth War loan the appeal is not only to "buy bonds", but to "buy more bonds".

**Must Be Crushed**

The Japanese military machine and militaristic government of the Japanese empire must be entirely crushed if there is to be lasting peace.

It has been pointed out that there is a danger in this country of a pacifistic movement which would accept a negotiated peace with Japan.

Such would ultimately mean that the nations now allied at war would have a bigger and even more disastrous war with Japan at some future date.

The Japanese are a crazy-mad race of people, determined to set apart the part of the earth richest in natural resources for their own use and to enslave millions and millions of people.

If peace were negotiated with Japan without crushing the evil and terroristic ambitions of the Japanese people, the yellow dogs would immediately set about to build up a war machine of greater magnitude than ever before.

To thoroughly and completely defeat Japan to the point of unconditional surrender means a great cost in lives and resources. But if nothing else convinces the American people that the job must be done thoroughly, the account of the death of 5,200 American war prisoners on the Philippines should solidify us as nothing which heretofore has happened has accomplished.

Any military powers on the face of the earth who would torture and murder war prisoners must be obliterated—completely and finally.