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## War Tempo Increasing

All of us wish that the war could end, and that it could end in complete victory for the Allied Nations, which is the only way to make sure an enduring peace.

And while the tempo of the war is increasing, there seems to be no sound reason to believe that the end is near. On the other hand, we may expect more violent conflict on every front.

And if a belief that the war is nearing its end has caused any hereabout to slacken their home front efforts toward victory, the number of men whose names were printed in this paper Monday as going for examination and subsequent induction into the services should stop any such wishful thinking.

The end is not in sight and there will be other bond drives, other salvage campaigns and numerous other activities which must be carried out successfully here at home to back up and support our fighting men.

## No Atheists There

Men returning from the fighting fronts say there are no atheists in the foxholes, and flyers who have penetrated the flak over Berlin have no atheists in their midst.

In the apparent security and comfort of your homes you may be tempted to doubt the existence and power of a real Deity, but when death lurks in every second, there is no doubt, you know there is a God.

And the men who return from the far corners of the earth, and who are fortunate enough to escape death, are going to expect to find religion at home, in their churches, and in the lives of their relatives and friends. If they do not find in their associates at home an abiding faith in God they are going to be sorely disappointed.

We are all familiar with the story of the young man who returned from the South Pacific to find that his own family had become too busy to attend church services on Sunday, and of the disappointment he openly expressed in talking to his father and mother. Such experiences should have a sobering effect on the people at home.

## Tired of Being Teacher's Pets

Representatives of the six hundred thousand workers of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of the American Federation of Labor, have condemned the labor policies and the "over-all paternalism" of the present Washington Administration as a "stealthy threat to the continued freedom of organized labor".

The union issued a statement demanding the following six-point program from both national political parties: The preservation of free enterprise, the abatement of bureaucracy, the halt of paternalism, the creation of postwar jobs through private industry, the maintenance of labor's social gains, the protection of our national interests.

The leaders of organized labor can be a powerful force in upholding faith in American institutions and in restoring the independence of American workmen, both of which have been dangerously weakened by attempts to use the Federal government as a shield for union abuses. The unions have, in effect, been "teacher's pets". Some are beginning to realize the unpopularity of that role and are moving to get out of it.

### Borrowed Comment

#### NOTE ON WASTED MAN-HOURS

(Greensboro Daily News)  
Just at the moment when the manpower situation reaches a new and perhaps its most acute crisis the New York Herald Tribune produces a statistician, we

wouldn't attempt to say from where, who estimates that 900,000,000 man-hours were sacrificed by individuals, lawyers, corporate accounts and internal revenue employes to the preparation of income tax returns this year. And that, it is further submitted, is the equivalent of energy required to produce 40,908 four-motored bombers.

The figures which this statistician used, however, must not nearly have exhausted the other diverted man-hour in this same field. What about those spent in evolution and printing of the tax forms before they were distributed to internal revenue bureaus and the general citizenry? And what about the man-hours to be consumed now in receiving, filing and checking them, especially against the estimates previously sent in?

We are hoping that the tax situation as herein referred to is definitely on the way out as a result of the simplified tax measure which has already been worked out by the house ways and means committee. But even with tax simplification, the drain which other governmental agencies make upon man-power, in their own offices and amongst the citizenry, remains almost beyond comprehension. Reports, accountings, records and questionnaires come out of Washington more heavily and frequently than showers out of an April sky. The total hours spent in their preparation, distribution, checking, if any, and filing by governmental employes must represent a calendarful of time; but that total, in turn, is inconsequential when compared to the expenditure of time and of energy by the individuals, organizations, businesses, et cetera, who are asked, and in most instances required under pain of the law, to gather, keep and supply the data for which they ask.

Of course, Washington may figure the whole thing as a mere paper loss; which, so far as the publishing industry is concerned, merely adds insult to injury.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### THE ATHEIST

There are not many atheists when we compare their number with those who believe there is a God, a Creator, an intelligent Supreme Being. And many of those who claim to be atheists are not, really and truly, for when they face death they call upon God, though it may be too late. However, to claim to be an atheist, and never give one's life and soul to God, is a serious thing.

The definition of atheist, according to Webster, is: "One who disbelieves or denies the existence of a God, or supreme intelligent Being." The synonym of atheist is infidel. Someone has said that an atheist is "a fool gone to seed". Also the meaning of atheist, in some language, is ignoramus. He may have learning, but he is absolutely ignorant of the right interpretation of the Bible, and ignorant of the power of God and of Christ to save from sin and unbelief. He lets the devil put it into his mind, heart and head that there is no God, therefore lives on this low level as he goes through life.

God calls the atheist a fool Himself, or inspired David to call him that, when he write: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God". (Psalm 53:1). Regardless of how much book knowledge the atheist has, or how many colleges and universities he has graduated from, God's blessed Word, which is the greatest authority of any book, or of any source of information, declares him to be a fool. No one has any right to deny it. He is fool enough to give his life and soul to the devil, curse his country, then die and go to hell.

No community, no country, no nation appreciates an atheist, or infidel. This is an absolute fact. They are afraid of him. Even vile sinners know he is wrong, therefore won't accept his unbelief in God and the Bible. If there are those occasionally who accept his ungodly, wicked teachings and views, and claim to follow in his footsteps, they don't think enough of him to name their children after him. Who ever heard of parents naming their sons after atheists and infidels? That shows plainly they do not respect them very highly. How many namesakes do Voltaire, Tom Payne and Bob Ingersoll have? They are among the most outstanding atheists and infidels in the world. I've never heard of a child being named after either of them, have you? Then I have never heard of an atheist dying happy, but they die an awful death, or while dying express their regret at having so lived. Reader, pray for the atheist. His soul is precious.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
**DWIGHT NICHOLS**  
et al

### MUCH IN COMMON—

Cpl. Ross Church, former youth of the Furlear community now stationed at an army camp in California, finally met up with someone else from Wilkes county after two years in the army.

Corporal Church did not disclose the name of his chance acquaintance from back home, but did find out they had much in common—perhaps too much.

But let's get the whole story from Cpl. Church's letter:

"After being in the army two years I met the first one I had seen from my home town. It is like seeing your brother. This fellow and myself were sent out to do a job, which we did, and we sat down to get a little rest. I said to him: 'There ain't no place like home. I sure wish I was back in good old North Carolina'. And he said: 'Sure wish I was, too'.

"I asked him then what town he was from and he said 'North Wilkesboro' the best d—n place in the world'. I said 'Brother you ain't joking. Is that your home town, sure enough?' He said: 'Yes, do you know where that is?' I told him I oughta know, because it was my home town.

"Then I asked about his girl friend. He told me her name and asked if I knew her. I told him I guess I should know, because she was my girl friend, too. He asked how often did I get a letter from her and I told him I got one every two days and he said he got them at about the same rate.

"I told him I guessed we'd have to do something about that. We studied for awhile and I said if she wanted to do like that that he could write the letters and I would mail them. He said it was a deal and now I wonder what she will think when she receives a letter he writes with my name and his both on it. As for us, we don't care now, and we are the best of friends.

"What we want now is for this war to end so we can go back to North Wilkesboro, the best town in the United States; and the more bonds you people buy the sooner we will be at home again. Thanks, all of you, for what you have done".

Cpl. Church's letter would have made a much better story if he had revealed the name of his soldier friend, and perhaps the girl friend, too. But anyway, it is a most interesting yarn of triple coincidence.

### REMEMBERING NAMES—

Often we have much trouble in remembering names of persons to whom we were introduced. It is awfully easy to be too self-conscious at such times and not remember the name of the other party. Trying to get over that, we hit on a plan to get around the awkwardness of having the name repeated. Almost every name has an "i" or an "e" in it somewhere. So we would ask: "Do you spell it with an 'i' or an 'e'." It worked splendidly until one time we were introduced to a person whom we wanted to know better. Her name was Hill.

A man by the name of Joe Skunk went before the judge asking a court order to change his name. He wanted it changed to Charlie.

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## Summit News Of Past Week

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Mrs. Louise Church spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Coy N. Church, at Parlear. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Benge and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Church.

Mr. Eldridge Blackburn spent Thursday and Friday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Greene.

Mr. Claude Phillips and sister, Miss Maudie Phillips, went to Boone Saturday to visit their sister, Mrs. Bine Behears.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mikeal spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Greene.

Mr. Zeb Baker, of Lenoir, visited his father-in-law, Mr. J. C. Waters, Sunday.

Messrs. Lawrence Church, Johnson Church, James Mikeal and Raleigh Church visited Mr. Elisha White, Saturday night.

Mr. Presley Church and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. J. A. Keys.

Amusement lovers will be delighted to know that they are to have the pleasure and privilege of witnessing that distinguished dramatist, New Albert's latest effort, a play based on the most famous of Mary J. Holmes' novels, "Tempest and Sunshine".

The play is to be presented in the auditorium at Mountain View school Tuesday night, March 28th, at eight o'clock.

The cast of characters include: Joshua Middleton, a Kentucky land owner, Ralph Johnson; Nancy Middleton, his wife, Iva Lee Felts; Julia Middleton (Tempest), their high-spirited daughter, Christales Anderson; Tanny Middleton (Sunshine), her lovable sister, Virginia Cothren; Aunt Judy, a servant, Mildred Anderson; Uncle Luce, another servant who loves to pester Aunt Judy, Body Ashlin; Ambrosia, a colored maid, Reba Pruitt; Dick Wilmot, a Northern school teacher, Ray Brown; Mrs. Ida Carrington, a society matron, Johnnie Gentry; Kate Wilmot, Dick's sister, Fern Kay; Dr. George Lacey, in love

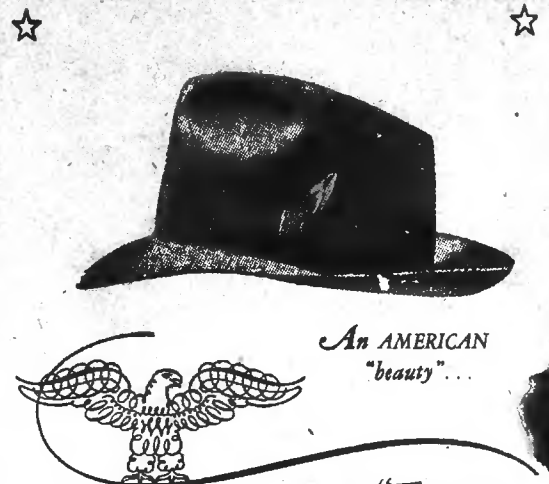
with Sunshine, Ralph Peardy; Susan Middleton, Joshua's old maid sister, Edith Rhodes.

The story is too familiar to be told here. Suffice it to say that it hinges around two sisters and their experiences in their lovely Southern home just twelve miles from Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Albert has caught the true spirit of the book and transformed it into a play wherein the laugh and tear are skillfully blended.

The performance here is certain to be of high merit and will mark a new high in amateur presentation. Don't forget the date and tell all your friends to reserve

the evening for "Tempest and Sunshine".—Reported.

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