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Red Cross Work

Reports given in the annual meeting of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross Thursday showed that the chapter has been very active.

The Red Cross is something more than an organization to administer to service men at the front. Every chapter must have many volunteer workers on the home front to provide the necessary materials for use on the fighting front. There must be kit bags, surgical dressings and various items of comfortable clothing. These must be made at home.

And the Red Cross is the go-between, the liaison, between the family at home and the man at the front. It is the Red Cross that provides for emergency furlough. It is the Red Cross which helps families get in touch with service men.

The Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross rendered different types of service to more than 1,500 families of service men during the past year.

Keep these facts in mind the next time you are asked to support the Red Cross with your dollars.

Where Is Inflation?

Every time the farmer has an opportunity to get some increased income in the form of prices high enough to be in line with what he has to buy, bureaucrats paint the dangers of inflation. It is then, and often not until then, that price control is brought into effect and made a reality—for the products the farmer has to sell.

The owner of a large agricultural enterprise told us that his labor cost this year will be \$40,000 as compared to \$10,000 in 1942. His feed cost, an enormous figure, will be up one-third over 1942.

And he said further that the prices he would receive would not be greater than the prices he received in 1942.

The cost of his products has increased greatly, but the prices he receives are held under the iron heel of one-sided control.

A congressman in Washington a few days ago began an inquiry on the right track when he was petitioned to do something about the low price of eggs. Farmer groups had told him they were receiving 24 cents per dozen for eggs. Eggs were retailing in the city of Washington for exactly 48 cents per dozen the same day.

Yes, price control is very much a necessity, and we must have price control, but when we say control we mean both ends of whatever transaction is involved in the controlling process.

If a farmer receives three cents per gallon more for his milk it brings about inflation which would ruin the country. But it doesn't hurt a thing—there's nothing wrong—if his labor cost jumps 400 per cent, or if the cost of the feed he must buy goes up one-third. That is the interpretation one gets from the price control system now in so-called effect.

It is inflation if a farmer gets five cents per dozen more for eggs, but it is o. k. for a laborer to jump from \$18 to \$100 per week.

Gardening Time

A national survey shows that only 18 million people plan victory gardens this year, which is four million less than was anticipated.

There are several factors which contribute to this disappointing showing. One is that more men have gone into service, and another is that more housewives are working in war industries. But perhaps the principal reason is that some new gardeners failed to have big success last year and don't want to try it again.

Chances are, if you have any reasonable success with your garden, it will show a

financial profit. But that is not the point. The main thing is that what you produce will be that much added to the overall food supply, and the nation needs food as well as ships and guns and planes. It is time to get busy in the garden.

Church is where indifferent Christians go each Sunday to get bawled out.—Winston-Salem Journal.

Borrowed Comment

OUT OF OTHER CHEEKS (Greensboro Daily News)

If Rev. Emerson S. Schwenk, of Bridgeport, Conn., cannot preach or otherwise help to conduct religious services in a church decorated with service flags, he does well to resign as pastor, and we think his congregation is to be felicitated.

It is easy to understand and even to sympathize with Mr. Schwenk's distaste for war, and we concede that he should not be asked to drab himself in a service or other sort of flag while in the pulpit.

But his congregation also has its rights. If it wishes, as a group believing in and contributing to the promotion of human brotherhood, to extend recognition on the premises to fellow Christians it conceives to be doing more, it is well within its rights.

We wonder if Pastor Schwenk also asked the choirmaster to refrain from singing "Onward Christian Soldiers", or if he would have walked out on

The Son of Man goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain;
His' blood-red banner streams afar—
Who follows in His train?

We have heard that the Christ Himself, though He rebuked Peter for resorting to the sword to remove an ear from the servant of the high priest, notwithstanding founded His church on the most militant of His disciples. Civilization turned the other cheek to Hitler at Munich—and look what happened! There comes a time when the most devout of Christians run out of cheeks.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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AHAB, THE TROUBLE MAKER
Ahab, king of Israel, was one of the most wicked kings that ever sat upon a throne. His kingship followed that of a number of other wicked kings, but we read in I Kings 16:30: "And Ahab, the son of Omri, did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him".

At this time the prophet Elijah was sought by king Ahab as the trouble maker of Israel. Elijah had prayed for God to stop the rain on account of Ahab's awful wickedness, along with that of Jezebel, his wicked wife, who was one of the most ungodly queens the world has ever known perhaps. However, Elijah had revealed the fact that there would not be dew nor rain for "these years", and naturally that brought on a tremendous drouth, followed by a famine. In the meantime God took care of Elijah, although Ahab had sought for him throughout all his kingdom, or kingdoms. He blamed Elijah, God's holy prophet, with the drouth and the sore famine.

One day God told Elijah to go and show himself to Ahab. "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but thou, and thy father's house in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." The fact I want to impress upon your mind, dear reader, is that wicked men oftentimes blame God's people with the judgments that God sends upon the earth on account of their wickedness. Oh, the awful wickedness of Ahab and Jezebel! On account of their sins God sent the drouth and famine, but they blamed Elijah for it.

God's people are never to blame for the outpourings of His wrath upon sinful rulers, sinful men and sinful nations. The Wickedness of the wicked is the cause of it all. Sometimes God's people see the woeful consequences of sin and then pray for God to do something about it, and He answers their prayers by sending dreadful judgments upon the wicked. But realize this: the wicked are always the trouble makers, just as Ahab and Jezebel were in their day. They both went down to defeat and despair, while old Elijah went to Heaven and to eternal glory. Millions honor Elijah, and many name their children after him, but nobody honors Ahab and Jezebel, neither do they name their children after them. They are dreadful trouble makers.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al



LAMBASTS US

With regret we note that we have misplaced a lambasting letter from T. Sgt. Robert O. Joines, who is in service with the marines in the South Pacific.

But we can tell the substance of the letter. First of all we wish to convey his thanks as expressed in the letter to the home demonstration club at Pores Knob for the box of good eats, etc., which he received at Christmas time. He stated that the box arrived somewhat late, but that he appreciated it very much.

Among other things, T. Sgt. Joines asked whom we thought we were, Walter Winchell? He said our efforts at writing must make Shakespeare and Kipling turn over in the graves. Probably they are calling Shakespeare "Whirling William" by now. And he called attention to our boast of having 12 readers, and offers to bet ten to one we can't find 12 people who will admit reading our stuff. Our boast at having 12 readers does not by any means mean that 12, or any of the 12, would publicly admit reading this column. That would be asking too much. And he said further that the main thing about this column is that it makes the paper shortage more acute.

Far be it from us to argue with a marine. We'll agree with anything he says. Anyway, we're glad to make room for him among our 12 readers. He's practically admitted reading this column. If not, how could he size it up so well?

WAS COMING BACK

A drunk on a train was making a nuisance of himself in more ways than one. He was using profanity and vulgarity to such an extent that a minister in the same car decided to try to improve the drunk.

"Do you know where you are going?", the preacher asked. "Don't know and don't care," was the drunk's indifferent reply. The minister in a firm and sol-

emn tone said: "you are going to hell". "Don't give a —", said the drunk, "I got a round trip ticket".

MORE CHATTER

The way to cut an apple in thirds, said the little girl, is to cut it in halves, then cut the halves in two equal pieces each and throw one away. . . . It has been said that some people will believe anything if you whisper it to them. . . . Little Jimmie said he knew the devil was dead, because when a funeral procession passed the house his father said, "The poor devil is dead". . . . Poor people often don't want others to know they are poor, and rich people don't want others to know they are rich. . . . A Wilkes man with a large family went to a city not so far away and a policeman asked him as he walked along what he had been doing. "Nothing", replied the head of the large family. "Then what's the crowd following you for?" the cop wanted to know. . . . Men, they say, are similar to kerosene lamps—not very bright, usually turned down, smoke all the time and generally go out at night.

Scouters Training Course Progresses

The second session of the Scouters Training Course was held Friday evening, April 14, at Reins-Sturdivant Chapel with a splendid increase in attendance. There are now more than 25 men enrolled in the course.

The class is being conducted as a Scout troop with four patrols which are named as follows: Bulldog Patrol, Crow Patrol, Jackass Patrol, and Bob White Patrol.

Each patrol is conducting and carrying on such work as would be done in a regular Scout Patrol. Knot tying, bandaging,

chatting over the quarrel as if it were a kind of joke. "Shucks," says Ed, "them hens didn't amount to much now-how." And Lem says: "Just the same I'm bringin' you a barrel o' apples to pay for 'em."

From where I sit, it would be a lot better for the world if folks would settle their arguments peaceful-like—sitting around over a friendly glass of beer—instead of going off half-cooked, and making mountains out of molehills.

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Scouting Scout oath and law, and many of the other features of the regular Scouting program offered to all Boy Scouts.

The next regular class will be Saturday evening, April 22, and will be held in the Presbyterian scout room beginning at 8:00. Everyone who is enrolled in the course is urged to be present for this third session. There are still a number of other men in the community who should be taking the course.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Lem Martin's dog went on a rampage last week...killed four of Ed Carter's best hens.

Naturally, Ed was pretty mad. Went around yowling he was going to get his shotgun and blow the blazes out of Lem's dog when he saw him. And Lem says, "Let him try it and I'll blow the blazes out of him. Ought to keep his chickens locked up, anyhow."

But Ed and Lem are really mighty sensible fellows. And the whole thing was settled when Lem invited Ed over for a glass of beer, and they sat around

"Let us do this Training Course in the usual North Wilkesboro way of doing things", T. E. Story, leader, said in reporting progress of the course.

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FOOD IS VITAL WAR MATERIAL

The production soldier on the farm is stepping up quotas in eggs, milk, meat, and produce of all kinds. Quotas MUST be stepped up to the limit! And as the HIRED HAND leaves for the wars the WIRED HAND must do double duty.

In the dairy this means water pumping—ten gallons a day for every cow! It means proper refrigeration. It means feed grinding for economy and increased milk production. This year the Carolinas must exceed last year's milk output by over 110,000,000 pounds!

The poultry farmer will meet the challenge of 10% more eggs and 15% more poultry by forced production methods — lighting in laying houses, ultra violet radiator, water warmers, and electric indoor and outdoor brooders, many of them home-made to recommended specifications.

Potato curing houses, heating cable in seed beds, and other equipment for milling, churning, sawing, grinding, lighting, and heating will further energize the whole farm program and help us to win!

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