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## United War Fund Aids Service Men

There is not a citizen of Wilkes county who does not want to help the men in service who are doing the fighting, who face the danger, the only ones who are really making a sacrifice.

Through the instrumentality of the United War Fund, you have a chance to help the service man from your home, your community, your county, your nation.

A greater part of every United War Fund dollar goes to help men in service, to provide them with entertainment and recreation so badly needed in army or navy life.

The remainder of the fund goes for relief of suffering people in war torn lands of our allies.

In America we know nothing of the horrors of war. We do not know what it is to see homes blasted into nothingness. We do not know what it is to be hungry and starving. We do not know what it means to be suffering and have nothing to relieve pain.

We are wonderfully blessed, but just as surely as we are ungrateful, we shall see the day of suffering. And just as surely as we lend a helping hand to suffering humanity, wherever it may be, just as surely shall we continue to prosper and be a blessed land of plenty.

The United War Fund campaign, in which the people of Wilkes county are asked to give about \$18,000, is a big opportunity to show our appreciation to the men who are overcoming the enemy so surely and completely, but at great cost in lives and suffering. And it is the one big opportunity to share our plenty with the starving, helpless, suffering people of the war torn world.

Remember these facts when you are asked to give.

## The American Way

Much has been said about "The American Way". Just what is it? It is the way of living that we in America enjoy and are willing to fight and die to preserve.

You cannot put your finger on any phase or combination of words which tell all about the American way of life. To one it may be the opportunity to own and operate a farm and be the ruler on the land he possesses. To another it may be the right to hold a job at good wages. To another it may be the opportunity to carry on business. To another it may be the opportunity to render service in a professional way.

People of dictator nations cannot understand us. In waging war they called us "decadent", and not able to resist the military power which they thought was invincible. What they could not estimate was the power which freedom and liberty and opportunity put into a people.

The Greensboro Daily News in a most appropriate editorial tells some new thoughts about "The American Way":

"It is something to think about, this attribute of composite America which, in the midst of war, permits the nation, without missing a war production step, to fix a great share of its interest upon a baseball pennant race and then stand by for an annual world's series which mixes clean sport with high tragedy.

"Here is a manifestation of those traits which make America what it is and contribute to the inability of other countries, with special emphasis upon the axis politicians and psychologists, to understand our nation, its emotional admixture and its reactions.

"The American league pennant race which came to a close Sunday with the St. Louis Browns the winner was the sort that fans rarely get to see. It was the kind of scrap which aroused and held their inter-

est at the highest point. A ball club, given hardly a chance before the season started, fought courageously and determinedly through the long grind, overcoming the predictions of the experts and beating out clubs which were given greater chances, to win the first pennant in its history. No wonder a nation which invariably pulls for the underdog cheering the St. Louis Browns on, hailed their fighting qualities and heralded a new champ to break off the long train of championships which have been accumulated by the New York Yankees.

"While the political charges fly thick and fast and this country, along with the other United Nations, pours out its resources and its blood for the protection and preservation of those qualities and principles in which it believes, it is still reassuring to think of the citadel of democracy as a place where baseball fans vie in good-natured raillery and banter, cheer resolutely for the underdog, jeer at umpires, enjoy a grandstand and bleacher camaraderie such as is unknown anywhere else, guzzle peanuts, popcorn, hotdogs and soda pop, join in congratulations to the better team, whichever it may be, modestly catalogue the play-off a "world's series" and all the while tell tyranny, oppression and anti-democratic forces, painfully personalized at present by the axis, they can and shall literally and figuratively go to hell".

A robot machine that surveys and makes a map of a route as it is traversed is now being used by the army. A jeep's "My Day".—Greensboro Daily News.

"Nelson Gives Up Position With WPB", advises contemporary caption. Well, what could a fellow who returned from China to find somebody else working his claim be expected to do?—Greensboro Daily News.

China's resentment of the failure of the United States to send planes, guns and other munitions more promptly is understandable, but did China ever try to conduct a war 8,000 miles and several months from home?—Greensboro Daily News.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### WHEN OUR BOYS COME HOME

Millions of our dear American boys are now in service. They are in our training camps and on foreign soil. It is true that a vast host of them will never get back. Many have already lost their lives, and many more will fall in battle, or lose their lives in some other way. War always means the loss of life. It is indeed sad, but as long as men and nations continue to live in sin and wickedness and serve the devil we shall have war. Until our blessed Lord comes to fully reign upon earth there will be war and rumors of war.

However, when this war ends, which we believe it will, many of our boys will be returning home. But what will they find on returning? Naturally they expect to find father and mother, brother and sister, wife and sweetheart, friend and neighbor. But what else will they find? Unless a mighty change for the best takes place they are going to find much sin and wickedness. They will find the churches almost empty, at least thousands of them. They will find the theatres running at full speed with teeming millions flocking to them, wasting their money, spending their time and cursing their souls. They will find a nation cursed with beer and liquor, drunkenness and crime. They will find millions of our boys and girls enslaved with the cigarette habit, millions reading the most ungodly, trashy, adulterous, degrading, demoralizing literature in the history of the nation. They will find millions dancing, frolicking and committing adultery. They will find betting, gambling, cheating and defrauding. They will find crime, crime, crime, and our prisons filled with prisoners, or many of them filled. This is a burning shame. While they have been away to fight and shed their life's blood, many of whom will return crippled, halt, maimed and blind, or return with the loss of limbs, and with wounds they will never recover from, millions of our fellow countrymen and women have been on a wild career with the devil and the demon forces of hell. Oh, how it will hurt many of these precious boys and husbands to return to such a sad and deplorable condition! They ought to have the privilege of returning to good homes, family altars, kind and loving fathers and mothers, faithful, virtuous wives and sweethearts, godly friends and neighbors, churches well filled with those who sincerely worship and adore God, and a nation that is prayerful, humble, godly and righteous. Will you help to make it so? This is life's better way. Let's each do our part to make it so. Amen.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS



### WILKES HAS RANKS—

With the promotion of Captain Ernest M. Eller to his present rank in the navy, Wilkes is now represented in all brackets in ranking officers in the army and navy.

In the army there are, of course, many lieutenants and captains from Wilkes and there are also majors. Lt. Col. Ralph R. Reins represents that rank and Colonel John D. Hines the full fledged colonel. General Miles H. Cowles is the top ranking army officer from Wilkes.

In the navy we have ensigns, lieutenants and one Lt. Commander, J. H. McNeill, in the medical corps. Captain Ernest M. Eller is the next rank toward admiral and our admiral is Admiral Percy W. Foote.

### REUNIONS AND EATS—

This reporter took advantage of his privilege and visited the Walsh-McGee family reunion held at Beaver Creek church Sunday.

There was an excellent program, but we wish to tell about the eats. They had a table so long it took an hour to get around it—that is, of you did your duty to the dinner on the way around. Fried chicken, country ham, the best of pies and cakes, or should we hush before you get hungrier?

Anyway, it was one fine dinner, prepared and spread by plenty of as good people as you can find anyplace.

As for us, we don't have so awful many kintfoks, and still fewer who will admit it, so we have to have some excuse to attend the reunions with their big dinners. In which case, we are just a roving reporter.

### GLENN GOLLIBER WRITES—

Glenn Golliber, hospital apprentice in the navy and stationed at Balnbridge, Md., writes, in part, as follows:

"I'm getting a ten thousand dollar education up here. It is equal to a pre-medical course at any college. I think I'm pretty lucky. . . . When I finish here I'm going to try for an advanced school in (See Absurdities—page eleven)



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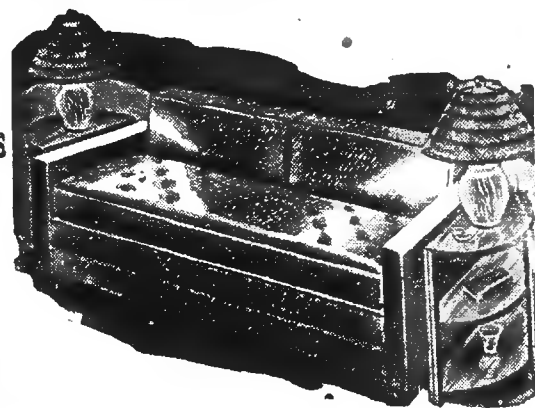
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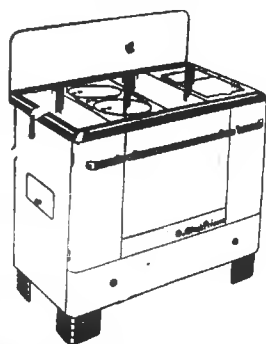


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