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At The Cross Roads

There comes a time in the lives of all men when they are standing at a cross roads. One way may lead him to becoming a useful citizen, the other may lead down the path that makes a hardened criminal. It may all depend on the directions given.

Last week in the court room at Southport Judge Henry L. Stevens told a seventeen year old boy to go. He was free to start out on the right road to citizenship without carrying with him the taint of prisoner, since the Judge could not very well follow and direct him, he could continue the path of crime that would ultimately prove his end.

While passing through this county several months ago the boy, whose home was in a distant state and whose father is serving as an enlisted man in the army, stopped and committed a robbery. Captured, he atoned in every way he could. He gave back every thing he had taken, freely admitted his crime and was cooperative in every way. On all sides it appeared he was no hardened criminal, he had simply gone astray.

Judge Henry L. Stevens listened to those who asked that the right directions be given the boy. He told him to go and choose a better course than the one into which he had strayed.

Getting Nearer Home

Up in Washington, D. C., Robert Templeton has a far from cheerful job. On him falls the task of preparing the lists of killed, wounded and missing in our war. He forwards the bad news to the folks at home. A dispenser of nothing but gloomy tidings, he toils day after day.

One day recently he was seated at his desk and among the list of the dead was the name of his own son, a boy in the Marines since a week before Pearl Harbor and who would not become nineteen years old until the 29th of next November. The kid served over two years and never got a furlough. His parents never saw him after the day he enlisted.

Here and there some family will get bad news concerning some loved one who has served at the front. When they do they bear in mind that the man who sends them the news has already had his, and can sympathize.

An Uncle In The Marines, The Nephew Does Hit Bit

A dog is a dog and to all dogs, regardless of class or breeding, there has often been applied the tribute that they are man's best friend.

The man who as a boy never owned a dog has missed much. It matters little to a boy what kind of dog he has. His dog is his dog, his friend and companion. There are no other dogs to compare with his, even though he may be only a flea-bitten mongrel.

When the dog which a boy owns happens to be a dog with both good blood and training well, no inducement, no amount of money can tempt the owner to part with his friend.

They had a war bond auction at Whiteville in the neighboring County of Columbus one day recently. Various things were auctioned off, going to those who bought the most bonds. In all, \$167,600 in war bonds were bought. A little dog, a Cocker Spaniel, owned by Phillip Weaver, a ten year old boy, was responsible for the sale of \$50,000 worth of the bonds.

The young "Soldier" took his dog, a beautiful little animal, to the auction, saying, simply, that he had an Uncle in the Marines and since he was too young to go and help him fight they could auction off his dog and give it to whoever bought the most bonds. He said the bonds would provide money to help his uncle

have not been able to fully understand what other peoples have learned out of a bitter experience. We in this country have not known the brutal savagery begun first by the Japanese over China and then by Hitler over Europe in the bombing of cities wherein thousands of innocent men and women and children were killed without a chance to defend themselves. We have not seen or smelled the ghettos where the concentration of human flesh has been among the foulest acts of brigandage ever inflicted upon civilized people. We have not heard the determined knock of the Gestapo upon the doors of our homes and the subsequent dragging of one or more members of the family out to concentration camps and execution walls.

We have no Lidtce to keep burning the passionate spirit of revenge in our hearts. We have not seen the sacking and looting of conquering armies. We have not had to stand dumb and awed by the arrogance of the conqueror whose chief delight has been in conquering and destroying by right of his boasted and infamous racial "superiority." We have not seen our country defiled by the madmen of a maniac tyrant to whom honor, respectability and common human decency are not even remotely among their possessions. We have not seen our children thinning and weakening and dying from the starvation brought upon them by the looting larceny of a barbarous system. We have been spared on all that.

But Poland has not. Upon her has been inflicted all the horrors of modern war. Czecho-Slovakia has not. She has drunk the dregs of deepest humiliation and direst suffering. Greece has not. To her has come famine and starvation and threatened extinction. Norway has not. From her has been taken the freedom native of her Scandinavian character, and upon her sons and daughters has been heaped the maltreatment of a tyrant's arrogance. China has not. She has known the pitiful suffering of her people who for more than six years have fought back with little stronger weapon than the courage of a Chinaman's heart.

America has not known that sort of suffering here. But yonder where the defender's of Bataan were tortured, that's coming close to the heart of every American. And through those acts of incredible indecency which the Army and the Navy have told us were inflicted upon American and Filipinos who for so long beat off the Japs on that torturous peninsula, we, like the downtrodden peoples of Europe and Asia, are coming to understand better the character of the enemy whom we must force to unconditional surrender before we ever lay our arms down again.

Farm Ownership Meeting Of FSA

35 Farmers Who Purchased Farms Through FSA Plan Laud Farm Security Help In Annual Meeting

The annual Farm Ownership meeting of FSA farm owners was held Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the Whiteville FSA office for the 30 Columbus county farmers and the five Brunswick county farmers who have become owners of their farms through the Tenant Purchase plan of the Farm Security Administration. These former tenants, all of whom now operate family-sized farms, met to review their progress for the year and to plan for greater production next year. Tenant purchase loans have made it possible for these farmers to go all-out in war food production. The way these new farm owners are showing their ability to produce foods and fibers is concrete proof of what they can do when properly equipped with land and implements, it was pointed out at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and two small sons of Brunswick county were a big incentive for the other FSA families present. Mr. Brown stated that two years ago he came to Farm Security Administration as a tenant farmer and through the Tenant Purchase plan bought his farm. He stated that he had in December paid his obligation off in full and today is full owner. He gave high praise for the Farm Security help to him.

Recognition of the progress of these families and production goals set for the coming year were given by C. D. Pickrell, county FSA supervisor, Miss Hazel M. Taylor, home management supervisor, Bill Hooks, chairman AAA committee, James Warlick, chief clerk AAA office, Miss Genevieve Eakes, home Demonstration agent, and J. P. Quinerly, ass't. county agent. N. B. Stevens, state tenant purchase specialist, and several FSA district personnel were also present parti-

cipating in the open discussions with the families.

Service Men Of U. S. Volunteer To Cut Pulpwood

Some Of Them, Realizing The Need, Offer Their Services During Their Furloughs

American service men, who are in a position to judge the value of pulpwood in war, are volunteering to cut pulpwood during their precious furloughs.

Letters from men in several branches of the service have been received by the War Activities Committee of the Pulpwood Consuming Industries, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, asking for guidance to pulpwood operations. Some of the men cut pulpwood before joining the military service; others are new at it but are eager to try. One inquiry even came from a U. S. soldier stationed out of the country. It was written on V-mail stationery. His buddies, he said, were interested in the pulpwood campaign.

The committee also has had many applications for pulpwood cutting jobs from honorably discharged service men recently returned from combat zones. Most of these have been placed with pulpwood producers in areas they selected.

Pvt. William J. Wheeler, Jr., of Douglaston, Long Island, who has been undergoing the traditionally

tough Marine training at Parris Island, S. C., explained his interest was aroused by the idea that one average tree will provide enough smokeless powder to fire 7,500 rounds of a Garand rifle.

"That means at least 7,000 fewer Japs," he wrote. "That was all I wanted to know." Pvt. Leland E. Arness, stationed at Chestnut Hill, Mass., wrote that he wants to cut pulpwood during his furlough as he could not visit his family on the west coast. "I have had quite a bit of experience chopping and sawing wood in Southern Minnesota although it was a few years ago," he said. "Would like to work in either Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont so as not to lose more than a day's travelling time each way from Boston."

Corp. Joseph G. W. Cusson, of Manchester, N. H., suggested "I can use some of my passes and spend a few days cutting wood."

Some enthusiastic soldiers expressed a desire to cut pulpwood just as soon as they could obtain leave.

Up in Traverse City, Mich., a group of men connected with the local Navy air stationed volunteered to cut pulpwood on their days off.

The War Activities Committee was making arrangements with pulpwood consuming mills and pulpwood producers for the service men volunteers to cut pulpwood wherever they wished while on leave.

"The letters we have had from these men in service are inspiring," said Frank Block, director of the committee. "They are not satisfied with doing one full-time job for Uncle Sam — and that

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

J. J. McKoy, of Bolivia, has three of the nicest bird dogs we have seen. They are well fed and looked after. . . Lindsey Clemons, also of Bolivia, can always be seen with some nice bird dogs keeping him company when he is not working. He makes a specialty of training bird dogs for sportsmen.

The dam on the spillway at Orton Pond burst two weeks ago and the water level on the pond has been lowered about two feet, according to Jim Ferger. The damage will be repaired this week. According to State Engineers, who made a survey some years ago, the normal flow of water through this spillway is nine and a half million gallons daily. . . Same as elsewhere, the camellia buds at Orton were about all killed by the cold spells,

which also got the leaves of many of the azalea bushes. The bushes were not injured and are expected to put forth their usual wealth of bloom in the spring. For the next few months the Brunswick county forest fire wardens will be constantly on the alert, watching for forest fires and fighting to control those that get started. This is a work in which the public can give much valuable cooperation. Although there may not be much playing, Tom Morgan of the Coast Guard is doing a good job of keeping alive the basketball spirit by coaching the boys in high school. . . Seems to us that the Department of Conservation and Development at Raleigh was a little careless in crediting a picture of the Cape Fear light house to Hatters.

most important one — they want to help out on the civilian Home Front as well. If everyone in civilian life were equally as patriotic, there would be no production bottlenecks."

Wage Statement Not Yet Ready

Don't ask your Social Security Board field Office for a state-

ment of your 1943 earnings for income tax purposes, N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington field office requested today. The Social Security Board cannot help you because your employer's return will not have reached the Board in time to permit it to make available a statement of your annual earnings for income tax returns. Manager, N. A. Avera said today that each year, "come income tax time," hundreds of Wilmingtonians request statements of their annual earnings for use in

making out income tax returns because they know that the Social Security Board keeps records of wages paid to workers in jobs covered by the disease and survivors insurance system. It is on the basis of these records that benefits are calculated for the insured worker or his family. The exercise the cook uses the dough affects both the shape and texture of baking. A little knowledge makes the best biscuits.

Will you be showing this Badge of Honor in your window?



It's the sign of a well-financed farm or ranch, too!

The Fourth War Loan is on! Every farmer, every rancher in America is called to the greatest offensive yet . . . the buying of more War Bonds than he has ever bought before.

There are lots of other places we could be putting our money, sure! And there are lots of other places our boys could be than in foxholes and slit trenches. But none of those other things we'd rather be buying or doing amount to anything right now. The boys are doing their job. We've got ours to do to take every cent we can scrape together and buy War Bonds with it!

And what a lot of sense it makes, after all. War Bonds are the safest and best

financial reserve ever offered us. We will have buildings to repair, machinery to replace, and improvements to buy later on. Where's the money coming from if not from today's earnings? And where's the money coming from for that long vacation, for the children's education, for the new car?

Take a look at the types of War Bond investments that are offered. Pick the type that fits your particular needs. And then write out the biggest check you can and order Bonds today from your postmaster, your bank or your Production Credit Association. You will look back on this day as the wisest day you ever lived!

Your choice of investments Pick the one that fits your needs!

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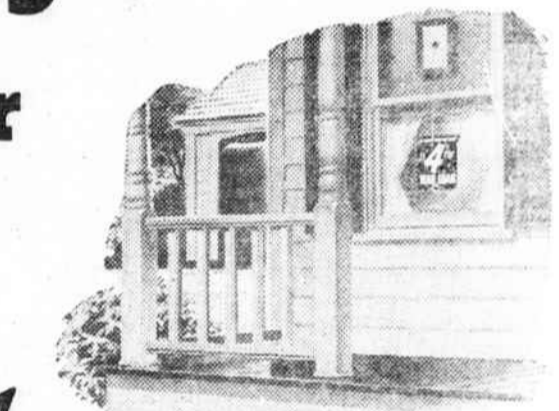


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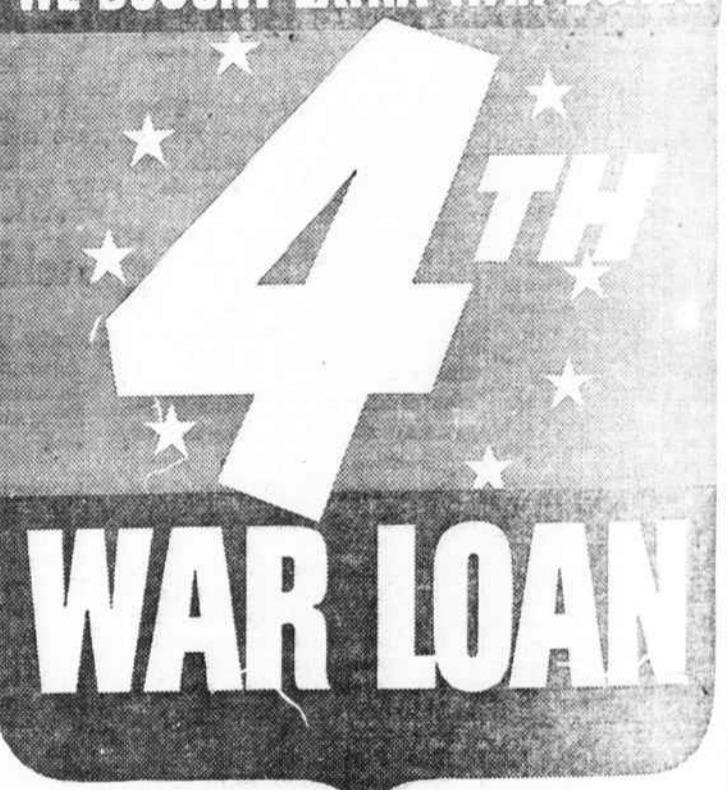
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