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UPWARD, COTTON

Credit defense buying with fact—so joyous to the South that cotton is now bringing 16 cents a pound is to oversimplify a very interesting situation. Cotton has improved to an amazing degree, says the Christian Science Monitor.

America, it now seems likely, will use 10,000,000 bales of cotton this year, an upturn in consumption over depression lows of nearly 60 per cent. And, according to Russell T. Fisher of Boston, president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, only 10 per cent of this unprecedented increase can be directly traced to defense orders.

FIRST OF ALL DESTROY THE MAD DOG

But it failed chiefly because of the fact that it was forced to operate, by those who dominated its councils, as a means of maintaining the status quo. It was never enabled to operate as its chief spokesman had intended, as an elastic and impartial instrument in bringing about peaceful and equitable adjustments between nations as a result of circumstances provided necessary.

A PRAYER

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strive to realize the great ideal of an association of nations through which the freedom, the happiness and the security of all peoples may be achieved.

"The word, security, represents the end upon which the hearts of men and women everywhere today are set.

"Whether it be security from bombing from the air, or from mass destruction; whether it be security from want, disease and starvation; whether it be security in enjoying that inalienable right which every human being should possess of living out his life in peace and happiness, people throughout the length and breadth of the world are demanding security, and freedom from fear.

"That is the objective before us all today—to try and find the means of bringing that to pass."

Home Notes

(By Miss Flora McDonald.)

With the entire resources of our nation directed toward a united defense program, the health and morale of the great American people is of utmost importance.

Food has always played a vital role in the winning or losing of war. It is equally vital in the winning and keeping of peace.

A well balanced diet of good, wholesome, nourishing foods is vitally necessary to buoyant health.

Because the women are now determined to meet the challenge that calls for an adequate diet the year round, they are turning to home canning with greater interest than ever before.

The amount of canned foods needed for one person for the non-productive months is as follows: 32 qts. of vegetables, 24 qts. of fruits, 10 qts. of canned meats, 1 qt. kraut, 1 qt. pickles, 1 qt. relish, 2 qts. preserves, 1 qt. jelly, 2 qts. jam, 10 lbs. dried vegetables, 8 lbs. dried fruits.

Canning Vegetables For canned tomatoes, select only ripe tomatoes. Blanch for one minute.

Be careful to remove hard part of tomato with sharp knife at stem end. Pack into cans as many whole tomatoes as possible, cutting them only when they are too large to slip in. Fill can to within one-quarter inch of top, press gently and shake down fruit to fill crevices.

A level teaspoonful of sugar and a level teaspoon of salt added to a No. 3 can of quart jars of tomatoes improves the flavor of the product.

Process No. 3 tin cans 22 minutes. When canning tomatoes in glass jars, fill quite full and process quart jars 25 minutes.

String Beans: To can string beans, select those that are young and tender and which have few strings. The green pod stringless is a good variety. If the beans are gathered when young and tender, and the strings removed, a good product results.

Five quarts of tomatoes, 2 quarts of corn, 2 quarts of okra or lima beans, 2 level teaspoons of salt. Soak the tomatoes, cutting out green and hard parts. Chop and measure. Cut young and tender field corn from the cob. Slice okra in rings. Place in an open agate kettle and boil until thick. Process quart jars 1-2 hours in hot water or 30 minutes at 10 pounds pressure.

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Stinson and Benton Reunion August 6th

The descendants of Cyrus Stinson of Mecklenburg county and of Washington Benton of Union county, will hold a family reunion August 6th at the D. B. Stinson old home place, two and a half miles east of Indian Trail. This is now the home of Mr. E. J. Stinson and he urges all descendants and collateral relatives to make their preparations to be present.

Immediately after the Civil War, D. D. Stinson and P. C. Stinson, sons of Cyrus Stinson, settled in Union county. They married sisters, daughters of Washington Benton. Mrs. Martha Ann Benton, widow of P. C. Stinson, is the only sister now living and she is 91 years of age. Her only remaining brothers are Messrs. W. A. Benton of Hamlet and Lennie Benton of Florida. Union county has never had better citizens than the Benton and Stinson families.

Mr. E. J. Stinson says he is expecting a large number at the reunion and he has already heard from a number of descendants living in other states who expect to attend.

Mr. Stinson has some family relics which he will exhibit. One is a box with glass cover in which are examples of this father's handicraft. Also there is his parole, given at Appomattox Courthouse on April 10, showing his discharge from Co. R. 15th Regiment N. C. Troops with the Army of Northern Virginia, immediately after Lee's surrender.

His father, D. D. Stinson, was a prisoner during the war and while in prison employed his time partly in making small articles of bone, which was the only material he could get. One article is a snuff with a jagged heart and one is a star and crescent. One is a small piece of turning which was done on a little lathe made by Mr. Stinson for the purpose.

THE MIDGET OF RIDGECREST To some this may seem like a broad statement and some might think I'm merely speaking well of our Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, but others like myself are struck with the truth that it's wonderful.

It's a beauty spot of our nation, there on the mountain top where you receive spiritual blessings, a vision and an inspiration to help carry to every human heart the message of Jesus.

I wish it was possible for every officer and teacher to be there next year for the south-wide Sunday school week.

In the general and departmental conferences are educational aid help, and the sermons are the best. The general atmosphere is such to you, that it is a reassuring thing to have people always look like they are interested in you and glad to have you. Upon such a commendable spirit has the reputation of this assembly grown among the Baptists not only in North Carolina, but almost every state.

It was very thrilling to meet and be in conference with the writers of our Sunday school literature, also to talk with folks from New Mexico, where my brother has been for 18 years, and to send greetings to him, and the friendly folks from Tampa, Fla., who took a message to my son there. Everywhere praises are heard of the friendliness and fellowship. I feel like it is a long sought for spot where one could stay for a long time and leave with reluctance.

It was at one of the wonderful dinners they feed you that I met the midget of Ridgecrest. He attracted my attention as soon as he sat down at the table, because he had the body of a child of about 7 years and the face of a grown man. Some one at the table asked him why he was so small and he said, "I'm 18 and one of the staff." Well, I just couldn't believe but that he was joking, but I was so impressed I had to leave the table and hunt him up and get his story for the Journal, and here is what he told me.

His name is Dan Turner, was born at Ridgecrest August 28, 1922 and weighed 9 pounds at birth. His parents are normal, as are his three brothers. He now weighs 60 pounds and is 44 inches tall. He began school at the age of seven and finished at 18, and if possible, will go to college. He has been working at Ridgecrest five years, four of which he has been on the staff. He wears a No. 10 shoe in a child's size and seven-year size boy clothes. He has never shaved and won't unless it becomes necessary.

He has been examined by different doctors and all say he won't grow any more.

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AS ONE EDITOR SEES IT

By R. F. BEASLEY

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, the playwright that people have been talking about and arguing over for many years, was eighty-five years one day last week. He said he had been trying to die for a long time but couldn't. The old bouncer is of course, fibbing. When he gets sick he will get all about dying and try to get well. We all talk big about being so many more years young and not expecting to die as long as we feel well. I went to call on an old friend the other day who is 85 and he never said anything about trying to die. He was trying to live, because he is sick. Sam Jones used to say that people told lies about being ready and waiting to go to heaven. Every one of them, he said, would run for the paragonic bottle at the first touch of pain. Life is a tragedy any way you look at it. No one escapes. And death cannot be laughed off even by George Bernard Shaw.

I THINK THAT Senator Burton K. Wheeler is about the most detestable man in the United States. He has been violating the spirit if not the letter of the postal laws in using the franking privilege to send out all kinds of attacks upon the President of the United States, even postal cards to men in the army asking them to violate the military rules by writing letters demanding that the draft period be not extended. Wheeler hates Roosevelt so bad that he would apparently turn this country over to Hitler or anybody else if only it would hurt Roosevelt. We are arresting men in this country for sabotage, but we apparently can do nothing about any sabotage a United States senator chooses to practice.

When Andrew Jackson was president and some senators were acting about like Wheeler is now Jackson turned loose a grapevine telegram that since there was such a thing as treason, people could be tried and hanged on the charge. It had a good effect. He did not except United States senators.

JAPAN HAS been coddled by this country and England for years. That country is the one which started the wave of aggression ten years ago by robbing China of Manchuria. Now both England and America seem to be ready to stop the coddling and talk business. Why is there no outcry about our stern attitude towards Japan while some are bursting their lungs against aid to England and defiance of Hitler? The Pacific coast hates the Japanese and that closes the mouths of some United States senators. Yet it is perfectly well known that Hitler is the man who is instigating Japan to more and more aggression. Through his pressure on the French government, which is his puppet, Japan has been given a free hand in the French territory in China. France calls upon Japan to protect her possessions on the fake charge that America and England are preparing to take them. That is simple pure Hitler politics.

THERE IS ONE THING that this country should put a stop to. That is all these various societies and organizations of people in this country who still hold allegiance to foreign countries. When in former times men came to this country from Europe they came to escape those countries and to be transformed into Americans. Now they appear to come to America only to continue to be something else and to exert pressure on this country to cease to be America.

Westbrook Pegler contends that only natives of America should be allowed to vote. Foreigners come here now, often lie about their naturalization papers, and waltz into our politics and put pressure on our officials in behalf of the country they came from. No German-American bond should be allowed to exist, nor any Communist party. We are so wasteful of liberty in this country that pretty soon we shall have none. No man who splits his nationality ought to be allowed to vote in this country, and all naturalization ought to be put on a probationary status.

Faster It Runs, More it Burns — STARTS ON PAGE ONE —

A United States flag and warning against possible serious curtailments to gas sales unless motorists voluntarily watch their gas tanks, there will be greater response to conservation from the driver who jams the accelerator down to the floor-boards, forcing potential energy into the cylinders that must either be blown out of the exhaust or released from the engine in the form of heat.

Likewise, quick stops force gasoline into the cylinders which cannot be converted into power. The driver who henceforth tries to emulate Sir Malcolm Campbell will not only be considered a menace to highway safety and an extravagant spender, he will now be looked upon by fellow motorists as a potential ally of the dictators.

The car traveling 70 miles an hour

sums gasoline at twice the rate of the car covering 30 miles an hour. Whereas the motorist going 30 miles an hour might average 19 1/2 miles to the gallon, Sir Malcolm made one-half mile to the gallon in only a previous world record of 272 miles an hour.

The patriotic driver will use first only to get his car rolling. Then he will shift into second quickly and into high at 20 miles an hour. By following this rule, the Association declared that jack rabbit getaways would be automatically abolished.

Other points of interest to the patriotic, safe and economical car operator are these: Setting the motor idle for long periods is hard on consumption and wasteful on pocketbooks. Underinflated tires mean a harder drag on the wheels and more gas for the engine. Faulty spark plugs can waste up to 10 per cent of the fuel. Overheated engines steal power from the gasoline. A carefully checked car-cooling system is a symbol of patriotism in these times.

Every car has a speed at which it functions most smoothly and economically. Any driver with a feel of his car can locate that speed and find the key to maximum economy. It won't be over 45 miles an hour.

Parking in the sun evaporates the gas faster than the average driver thinks. And filling the tank to the top may mean the spilling of dollars and fumes for the pleasure of Britain.

Trying to force the car into high speeds before it has been adequately warmed up is like asking a baseball pitcher to throw his best curves with a cold arm. The patriotic driver, according to the Association, will drive with his head and not his foot.

But that is not all the national motor group advises for the war against wastefulness intended to discount any threats of hardship through gasoline conservation. The statistics show that out of 22,000,000,000 gallons consumed in a year, 3,210,000,000, or 14.7 per cent constitute "sheer carelessness" or neglect in keeping motors up to standard efficiency.

If to this substantial saving possible through attention to the condition of the car itself, the Association stated, "is added the saving possible through improved driving practices, it can be seen that conservation of 20 to 30 per cent of the Nation's gas consumption is a matter of improving habits rather than restricting operation of cars."

Voluntary Action It was largely the factual evidence of potential gas savings through action gathered by the Association that caused Mr. Ickes to withdraw his early threats of gasless Sundays. The Secretary was willing to give motorists a chance to prove themselves patriotic.

The Association's findings are the results of actual tests made in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Standards. Car corrections had to do chiefly with cleaning and adjusting carburetors, cleaning fuel pumps, checking, adjusting ignition systems, and timing, checking wheel alignments, brake clearances and tire pressure.

The tests were said to provide a striking commentary upon the waste and friction of "our national economy" and the lavish habits of a democratic people. Had every car owner used 14.9 per cent gasoline in 1940 (which does not mean a curtailment of mileage under the adjustment program), the Association stated that each owner

FLOWERS OF YESTERDAY

First of a series of unique paintings by the eminent artist William Crowder—reproduced in FULL COLOR—depicting beautiful blossoming plants and trees that were popular in ancient days. Look for this feature in the August 10th issue of The American Weekly Magazine distributed with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN On Sale At All Newsstands.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. H. C. PENINGER

(August 3, 1941—Rom. 3:21-31) The lesson we are to study August 3rd is of great importance to every sane and rational human being. Indeed, it is the heart of the gospel and concerns mine and your personal salvation and our eternal well being while in this probationary life. No man who has ever lived in the world has more clearly presented it than Paul in his epistle to the Romans. To him justification by faith is all things and everything.

As a devout Jew and Pharisee he had for many years tried to justify himself by the works of the law, but the harder he tried the farther away from God he strayed, until one day he discovered that the only way was by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This new discovery soon became the subject and theme for his gospel message and continued so until the end of his life. And today there is absolutely no other way by which you and I can have salvation from sin. When you and I with the saints of all ages stand before the throne of God we will be there because of justification by faith and not of works.

If we wish to understand clearly what Paul is teaching in this lesson it will be necessary for us to study the subject of justification as believed in and practiced by the Jews before the coming of Christ. To every strict and devout Jew justification meant the keeping of the law right down to the letter with the observing of all the outward forms of ceremonialism that their righteousness might be imputed to them. As time passed this outward righteousness of theirs became more binding and legalistic. This was the same righteousness that Paul was trying to live when he had his experience on the Damascus Road. It was there and then that he learned that the Jews were mistaken and that his own belief was wrong. But like an honest man he made a clean and honest confession which revolutionized the faith of the entire Jewish religion.

Paul was not antagonistic in his surrender, for he still thinks that the law had served a useful purpose. For by it sin had been held in check until the coming of Christ. All along the dark years it had made men conscious of their sinful condition and their need of a Saviour. Not only that, but

would have saved \$20 for his own pocket, or a composite saving for the Nation of \$651,000,000. This would have been enough to buy gasoline for 60,000,000,000 additional miles. Plans are also proposed for adopting a "good neighbor" policy whereby three to six intown office workers living in the same neighborhoods might team together and ride to and from work in one automobile rather than three or six. And the patriotic car owner, according to the motor group, will use his car less for random driving, finding relaxation in pursuits that will not interfere with the Nation's emergency task of European aggression.

WHY WE STAND PAT WITH JAPAN — STARTS ON PAGE ONE —

have the big armies in Europe. But in the Far East Japan is alone, surrounded now, by its own folly, with powerful Nations all thoroughly out of patience.

License System Meanwhile there is still much uncertainty here as to what proportion of Japanese trade with the United States will be permitted to continue. The technical effect of the order freezing Japanese assets is not to stop trade, but to put trade under complete government control. A licensing system has already been set up. What licenses are granted and how much trade is licensed becomes a matter of administrative policy.

It is perfectly possible for the government here to grant licenses today for the export to Japan of aviation gasoline or fighting planes. Imports are equally controlled under the licensing system. There will be no trade if no licenses are granted. As yet there has been no announcement of official policy on licensing. It is assumed that trade will be permitted to continue for the time being in commodities which because of character or limited value can give Japan no appreciable military strength.

It may also be a matter of policy to let Japan continue to purchase some gasoline and oil. Official quarters have not committed themselves on these points. Mr. Welles, when asked at his last press conference about oil policy, replied only that every request for an export license would be weighed and decided on its merits. How each request will be decided will be largely a matter of circumstances of the moment. The government here is now in a position to close or open the oil faucet, and all the other trade faucets, in whatever manner will be most helpful to foreign policy.

Incidentally it is obvious now why Japanese ships were barred from the Panama Canal during the two-week period preceding the move into Indo-China. And while no one has officially said so, it can be taken for granted that no Japanese ships are likely to be going through the Canal for some time to come.

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