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Devoted to the upbuilding of the farms and homes of Mecklenburg and contiguous counties, of which Charlotte is the natural center. It believes this is to be accomplished through the ancient American virtues of honesty, thrift, imagination, and independence, and by growing cows, hogs, poultry and the feed stuffs to be marketed through them.

### RUSSIA'S SUPREME HOUR

The New York Times says that in this hour of Russia's deadly peril one would have to be cold-blooded indeed to pause far an analysis of communism or an inquiry into the character of Joseph Stalin. One's hopes and fears are with the Russian soldiers who after nearly four months of terrific fighting are still exchanging blows for blow with Hitler's massed legions. A Nazi puts his quietus just as effectively from a Soviet as from a Jeffersonian bullet. Democracy has its respite, even though Stalin and his colleagues did not plan it so.

The Russia of today's firing line is manifestly not the Russia of 1914-18. It has progressed in industrial power and proficiency, or it could not have supported even four months of this mechanized warfare. It is probably less provincial and more nationalistic. These changes could have taken place without communism. Whatever happens during the next few days or weeks the fact that they have taken place is a fortunate thing for Britain and for the United States, and a bad thing for Hitler.

Even though the outcome of the present battles is the defeat and withdrawal of the Russian armies, the Russian soldier will still have won for the democracies the one essential of time. After the victory the democracies will be no more tolerant than they are now of the doctrines and practices of the Communist dictatorship. But they will owe a debt of gratitude to the Russian people, whose essential qualities will outlast communism.

### MEN IN UNIFORM

Any American, says the Christian Science Monitor, who has been in one of his Atlantic port cities on a day or an evening when several ships of the fleet are anchored in the harbor must certainly have been impressed by two things: first, the presence of so many men in uniform walking the streets or gathering in groups on street corners; and, second, the splendid type of American manhood represented by the sailors.

But when such energy is released in quantity, the even tenor of life on shore is very likely to be broken. Citizens can do one of two things in the face of the situation created by the increase in numbers and activity of our naval service. They can either anticipate a "blow-off" when the fleet is in and provide ample police protection against it; or they can look forward to such a time as bringing an opportunity to exhibit a mature understanding of the situation.

The United Service Organizations are doing the latter. Whole-some and healthful sports and social activities, provision for the individual to follow his own personal interest; these are contributions which must be offered increasingly for the boys in the service. And it is well to remember that a wise and generous execution of such a service program must know when to leave the "boys" alone. Few of us like to be "done good to." We do appreciate having available opportunities for doing good. Men in uniform are like that, too.

### PEACE FROM ONE SOURCE ONLY

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to a militarism as strong and lasting as that of Germany. The idea that Hitler, in full possession of Europe and the seas, could or would go his way and leave us to go ours is childish, and ignores everything that

has happened in the world since the first great war and even during that war. Wars are no longer matters of boundaries, but of world systems. Hitler defines the issue to be the destruction of his way or of ours.

So much for our relations with Europe. But the new world system, which is to take the place of our system does not stop in Europe, or on the shores of the Atlantic. In the east Japan sits poised now waiting for the complete success of her partners in Europe. So long as that conflict is undecided, fear of America and England keeps Japan from moving. With England overcome and we engaged in that mythical defense of our own borders on the Atlantic, with all our naval force pulled to this sphere, Japan proposes to immediately set up her new order in east Asia, for total collaboration with her partners in Europe, Asia and Africa. Among her first moves one would be for colonization in South America from the Pacific side to meet a like colonization and penetration of eastern South America by Germany.

The people of America who talk of making peace with Hitler are composed mostly of two classes, the simple minded people who do not look beyond the surface and the ideal conception of peace on the one hand, and the various classes who have some personal reason for talking that way. In this class fall the politicians who expect to make capital for themselves, the people who hate the one side or love the other so much that they are blinded to all other than their loves and hates, and the general rag tag and bob tail who expect or are already receiving some personal aggrandizement.

You hear people say the Communists are no better than the Nazis. Perhaps they are not. In this country both are the slum that have been floating to the surface by taking advantage of the freedom of America and the bewilderment of the simple minded, to do what they could to capture power in America. Both are servants of foreign masters and both are traitors to this country in which they have found shelter. But with Stalin the continued master of Russia America can still have peace and pursue its own way, while with Hitler master of Europe and the seas nobody could have any peace, except the peace of slavery and the total overlordship of Germany. Stalin is fighting in defense of his own system and his own country and everything he is able to do in crippling Hitler takes that much burden off our own shoulders for the future, because we can have no peace till Hitler is destroyed.

To falter in support of Russia on the ground that there is no religious freedom or other freedoms there is mere quibbling, following the emotions, not reason. There can be no peace till Hitler is destroyed. Any other talk is the prattle of children, not the conversation of men.

Henry Ford's naive proposal to "get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas" had more reason in it than is contained in any talk of a peace with Hitler. Then the conception of war was the old idea built up under international law. Then wars were fought by armies in the field, when one side was overcome a peace was made which each side would keep while returning to its own way of life. Hitler never has proposed a peace of this kind and could not make one if he wished to. Peace with him is only to secure advantage for another aggression. That is the only kind of peace he would or could make, and the moment his enemies laid down their arms it would be broken. No country that still has arms in its hands can lay them down until Hitler is destroyed.

### COMMENTS ON LIFE OF ARDREY

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Pineville. The Ardrey clan was of the old Scotch-Irish stock. Originally its members were Presbyterians but Captain Ardrey was a Methodist. He and scores of other Providence township leaders helped to build and maintain Harrison Methodist Episcopal church.

In writing about the Ardrey diary I just touched high spots, leaving enough facts to make an interesting history of a very fine old community.

### SILENT SHOOTING

There is the story, too, of an aged negro who was watching the cannoneers of a 155 mm. battery loading one of the big guns with dummy shell, then standing clear.

The gunner raised one, the other holding the firing lanyard. Lieut. Warren issued the command to fire. The gunner yanked the lanyard, and the firing mechanism responded with a sharp click.

## AS ONE EDITOR SEES IT

By R. F. BEASLEY

SOME ONE phones in to ask if Rev. Tom Bost, the Raleigh newspaper man, is a regular preacher and if so what church is he pastor of. The editor was able to give the information in a general way, saying that while Mr. Bost is an Episcopalian, he is generally regarded as what Mr. Archibald Johnson used to call a blockade preacher, that is, one who has no particular assignment and kind of runs his own show. While Tom can preach as good an Episcopal sermon as anybody, he is never short on effectiveness when he happens to be called to break the word for a Baptist or Methodist congregation. We don't know, of course, but we are inclined to fancy that should he find himself before a Presbyterian congregation, he might, as David did when he put on the armor of Saul, find the harness a little tight. If Tom were called to preach at Drumtochty, and Elizabeth McFadden, the sermon taster, were still in her place in the congregation, she might find some trouble in properly cataloging his firstly, secondly and thirdly. But Tom's preaching forum is larger than any pulpit from which oral discourses emanate. His real pulpit is the Sunday columns of the Greensboro News, which have carried a sermon with a scripture text for many years. We don't see the Greensboro News any more, but assume that Tom still preaches in it every Sunday. All of Tom's theology suits us but sometimes we have a little difficulty in lining it up with the text.

THERE'S MORE action and less news in the army maneuvers than anything of like scale that we have ever observed. The dailies are laboriously thrashing over old straw and trying desperately to give a news flavor to the army corps, army divisions, and army movements. But nobody opens the paper and says, "Gee-whiz, looks here." The fact is that what the armies are doing furnishes little more news than any other work-a-day business carried on in routine from day to day and week to week. They are doing the day's work in preparation and while the presence of the army and its vast machinery is highly interesting to people, no newspaper writer has yet been able to produce a striking story about it.

### STATE OF MECKLENBURG

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lenburg will hold its 154th stated session beginning at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, October 21st. Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, director of rural church work and Sunday school extension, will, at the request of Mr. Rufus A. Griener, preach the opening sermon.

Rev. W. H. Johnston, stated clerk, has released a docket which calls for the Presbyterian communion following the sermon. Rev. C. C. Beam, superintendent of the Presbyterian hospital, has been nominated for moderator. The following ministers expect to be present for reception in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. A. Brown and Dr. Lucy L. Little. Three candidates for the ministry will ask to be taken under the care of the Presbytery: Edgar C. Goodwin, Jr., Jack Thomas Moore, and Oren Moore, Jr.

Reports from permanent committees are scheduled to be heard as follows: Assembly's home missions, Rev. M. R. Gibson, chairman; Synod's home missions, Rev. J. P. McNeat, chairman; Bible cause, Rev. E. V. Wiley, chairman; educational institutions, Dr. C. E. Whitley, chairman. There will be a popular meeting in the interest of the Orphan's Home, the report being presented by Dr. J. M. Walker, chairman.

The stewardship committee will make a partial report. It is expected that a petition for the organization of a new Presbyterian church in the Selwyn Avenue-Club Colony section of Charlotte will be presented.

Rev. J. E. McJunkin is the pastor of the host church, the Howell Presbyterian church, located on the Beatty's Ford road eleven miles northwest of Charlotte. Those coming from some sections of the Presbytery will find it good to come by Davidson, the pastor states.

Mecklenburg Presbytery is composed of Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Richmond, Montgomery and Stanly counties. There are within its bounds 94 churches consisting of 18,553 members.

### APPLES AND LIQUOR

All about over Charlotte you may see truck loads of apples parked for retail sale. One truck load was no so innocent as it looked. Federal revenue men evidently had a scent on it. They pointed down on it, arrested three men in charge and unearthed 70 gallons of liquor hid away under the apples. During the same day Judge Webb's Federal court disposed of 20 liquor cases, most of them from Mecklenburg.

### REPUBLICAN LEADER

Right on the eve of the visit here of Minority Leader Martin of Massachusetts, the Republican Women's club of Charlotte passed a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's foreign policy.

Mr. Martin will speak at other points in the state Friday of next week and come to Charlotte on Saturday and will speak at a rally at three o'clock and at a dinner in Charlotte Hotel at seven o'clock.

## AUNTIE PUT OUT THE WHITE FLAG

Had Nothing To Do With This War; Good Stories of Soldiers in the Field

(Special To The Journal)

First Army Public Relations Division, Camden, Oct. 9.—Some folks take these I Army Corps maneuvers pretty seriously here in the Carolinas.

Members of Co. M, 117th Inf., were advancing toward a cotton field, calling out "Don't let 'em get away!" and she "I wasn't mad at nobody," and was figuring to remain strictly neutral.

And that she had been praying most of the night she wouldn't be shot, and was going to go "right on a-prayin'!" Although the soldiers carefully pointed out that there was to be no shooting in this "war," on the following morning the flag was still there.

The door opened slowly — and a rather aged, and visibly shaken colored mammy peeked out. Questioned about the flag, she explained: That she had put the flag there. That it was there to signify that she wasn't "doin' no scrapin'." And that she "I wasn't mad at nobody," and was figuring to remain strictly neutral.

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SQUIRREL DRAFTEE Pvt. "Chubby" Squirrel, draftee, likes Army life so well you couldn't induce him to go "over the hill."

Pressed into military service by men of the 117th Inf., when he was pulled from the top of a pine tree near Camp Jackson, Pvt. "Chubby" now has a free leash wherever the outfit happens to light during its march.

Presented as a pet to Maj. Paul R. Brooks of Knoxville, Tenn., 1st Battalion executive officer, the little fellow has been given over to the care of a Chattanooga, Tenn., selectee, Pvt. Carter Glass.

"Chubby" is pulling through the I Army maneuvers rather comfortably, thank you.

He spends most of the time in Pvt. Glass' left shirt pocket or at the bottom of the major's sleeping bag.

### OLD LADY MADE HAPPY

A lady from Rock Hill, S. C., who recently visited the base camp of the 60th Inf. Regt., touched the heart of an officer to whom she spoke as she was leaving the camp.

"My boy left for the army last month," she said with a catch in her throat. "I have been crying myself to sleep very nearly every night since. Today was the first chance I have had to see what the army is really like, and you can't know how relieved I am. I talked to your general, and a kinder man I have never met."

"I looked at tents just like the one my boy is sleeping in, and they were neat and clean and comfortable. I tasted the food and it was good. And just now I found a boy who looked like my Joe. I took him off to the side."

"Tell me, son," I said, "do you like the army?"

"Lady," he replied, "it's swell."

"God bless you, sir, for making an old lady happy."

### ROUTED BY GOBBLER

A turkey gobbler succeeded, during the opening battle of I Army Corps maneuvers this week, where artillery barrages and machine-gun fire had failed. He stopped the advance of Co. E.

Sgt. Eddie Girtman of Co. E, 121st Inf., was leading his men past a wooded area when they chanced upon a flock of turkeys with the big fellow at their head. Both sides halted to size up the situation. The turkey, as it transpired, was a character of action. He charged, bending his initial offensive upon Pvt. Joe Griner.

Joe swung a lusty riflebutt, yelled for help, and the battle was on. Five minutes later Brother Gobbler triumphantly strutted from the field of battle, with his flock of hens in front of him. Co. E was in a mass rout.

Sgt. Girtman rallied his patrol and pushed on, wondering why they could not stimulate turkeys in this man's "war."

### HITLER AND THEM

One story going the rounds of the Carolina maneuvers area illustrates the realism which the I Army Corps is putting into its practice "war." The tale comes from the 38th Field Artillery, a Fort Bragg outfit, commanded by Col. Walter W. Hess, Jr.

Five-year old Binnie Grover Roof was watching Capt. George E. Halliday lead his battery of 155 mm. guns into position near Blackstock, S. C. The roar of the heavy tractors frightened Binnie; he ran into the house of a neighbor, Mrs. J. C. Forr, and hid behind the stove.

"What's the matter, Binnie?" asked Mrs. Forr. "I'm scared," Binnie quavered. "Hitler and them is done in the pasture a-fightin'."

### SODA POP CASUALTY

All that Pvt. Jack McLoughan's generosity brought him was a severe case of cramps.

Private McLoughan, of Somerville, N. J., with fellow members of Battery E 38th Field Artillery of Fort Bragg, is encamped for I Army Corps maneuvers near Chester. The other night he offered to go after cold drinks for himself and four tent mates. McLoughan, a generous lad, bought two for each, ten in all.

An hour later, one of his tent mates, Corp. Bill Fiedlerlein, found him doubled up in agony, outside the camp.

It seems that a hardhearted military policeman had refused to let him into the camp area with his ten opened soda bottles. Rather than throw away ten drinks — Private McLoughan feels better today.

A jeep — Army midget car — has joined automotive exhibits in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

At some British clinics, children are given a special black current syrup, reported to contain five times as much Vitamin C as orange juice.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. H. C. PENINGER

(For October 19, 1941)

Our lesson for next Sunday is taken from four different scriptures, all relative to the same subject, the work of the holy spirit and the new birth.

My readers of course remember that for the last two lessons much has been said about the first and second persons of the Godhead. In this lesson we are to study the holy spirit who is the third person of the Trinity. In beginning I will say that we hear very little said from the pulpit these days about the holy spirit. Just why our pastors say so little about it, I don't know. Not many of them mention it in their public prayers. I feel like this is one part of the Holy Trinity that people should be taught and told about. But we must not think of it as an influence which God has sent abroad out into the world but as a distinct person which has come forth from God for he possesses the same attributes as God the Father and God the Son. He is just as much divine as God the Father and God the Son.

The Holy Spirit has been in the world since the day of creation. At that time he brooded upon the face of the waters and had a part in the work of creation. In the days of the prophets he was among men to lead, guide and direct the affairs of the kingdom. He was also present when Christ was in the world among men. On all of these occasions the holy spirit was present and had his special office to fill. Since the day of Pentecost, he has been in the world every minute and every hour of the day, 365 days of the year. This time he is here as Christ's representative among the people and he is the person through whom the power of the Godhead is transmitted. It is by and through the holy spirit that you and I get to God. Vain and sacrilegious is that person who tries to approach the Father in any other way.

In this present lesson we first see him in the office of regeneration. It is through him that sinners are born into the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, these are the words of Christ and they show plainly that the new birth which is the birth of the spirit is absolutely essential to soul saving salvation.

The feeling that takes place in the heart as a result of the new birth is far more than a psychological, mental and physical experience. I know it is true that psychology can sometimes do wonderful things. But it cannot do for a man in a lifetime what the new birth can do in one second. Training, education and psychology may control a man and thus lead him along the paths of a better life, but it can never transform his nature and bring him into a complete submission to the rule and will of

God. It takes the transforming power of the holy spirit to remake a man. The office of the holy spirit does not rest with regeneration. But as on the day of Pentecost, he cleanses and fills men with power both for service and for testimony. The holy spirit also helps us to pray. Apart from him we cannot pray aright. The holy spirit helps us to pray according to the Father's will. He also helps us to pray with faith, believing that God will come to our rescue and answer prayers that are in reason and according to His will.

We now come to the second part of the lesson, which is taken from Christ's conversation with Nicodemus. I must say here and now that almost every church creed in this day of modernism has its way and plan of accepting Christ. But these words of Jesus to Nicodemus forever bar any other plan or method of entrance to the kingdom of heaven. Every sane person who comes to God must come by way of a transforming experience. It is the only possible approach to the kingdom of God. The man who would enter must be born of water and of the spirit. As I study this great lesson it occurs to me that the mind of Nicodemus was unprepared for this kind of teaching on the part of Christ. The same thing is true today. When I talk to people about the things of the world they hear me. But when I mention the new birth or say anything about the welfare of their souls they at once become silent and dumb and look off some other way.

At first Nicodemus misread the Master's words and took them to mean a physical rebirth at which he showed great astonishment at this most unusual thing. Then Christ warned him against allowing himself or his faith to be impaired by the reality of such a birth. Since my spirit is growing short I can not finish the lesson. I was called on once to explain the new birth, or being born again. As I close this lesson I will do this now to the best of my ability and with the help of the holy spirit.

First, before anyone can get to God he must be convicted of his life of sin. In other words, a man must see his need of a Saviour. He must see himself away from God, ruined and lost. In other words, he must become scared. He must be afraid to live any longer in sin. This is conviction. Reader, were you convicted this way, if not then something is wrong. Then you must sanctify. That is, you must clean up your life. You must be willing to quit all your bad habits. The Old Bible term for sanctification was to clean up, clean off, and clean out. Neither Christ nor the disciples ever changed or washed in meaning. Church members, have you sanctified? In other words, have you

cleaned up? Then you must pray to God for pardon for sin. Now here it is: has the burden rolled away? Is their joy in your heart? Do you feel at peace with God? Are you ready to die tonight? If so, then you have been born again. If there is any doubt about these things then you had better settle it before the sun goes down today.

### ROB POSTOFFICE BY MISUSING THE FRANKING RIGHTS

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Viereck utilized certain congressmen for free dissemination of his anti-British material, and had their assistance in getting into the Congressional Record.

Said to be named in the grand jury records are Stephen A. Day (R) of Illinois, congressman-at-large; Rush D. Holt, former democratic senator from West Virginia, and Ernest L. Dean, the late farmer-labor senator from Minnesota, killed in an airplane crash in August, 1940.

Mr. Viereck prepared, revised and edited documents and manuscripts for members of both houses of congress, it is charged, and is alleged to have financed and controlled the publishing house of Flanders Hall, Inc., located in New Jersey, from which a stream of anti-British, pro-German material flowed.

Mr. Viereck's connection with Mr. Dennett came in his alleged help in organizing the Make Europe Pay War Debts committee, with which Mr. Dennett, head of a Washington press service and publicity agency, is connected.

Mr. Viereck, born in Munich and brought to America at 11, where he was naturalized automatically, admitted before a congressional committee in 1934 that he had received \$2,000 in the World War from a German consul to do public relations work favorable to Germany. Christ present question is where his immediate funds

### Human Interest

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Russia should not be included. Morgan Blake, columnist on the Atlanta Journal, sums up much that is going on as follows: "Once more the fearful legions of the Hun. Are sweeping on with fury and with might; Once more each daily sinking of the sun. Finds more domains a victim of their blight; Our allies reel again 'neath blow on blow. In vain they fight to stop the hated foe; The skies are dark and grim disasters stalk; While over here we talk and talk and talk."



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