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## The Passing Show Of Nineteen Forty-Two

### THE IRREPRESSIBLE ISM

Worthy of notice is that a religious revival recently closed in Danbury was participated in by seven denominations—Danbury being noted for the multiplicity of its denominations.

Now as we conceive it, here is an indication of shrinking ism, of deteriorating prejudice, of widening intelligence.

The question often arises in the minds of fed-up, blase individuals:

Why so many churches, anyhow, why so much divided opinion on the way to go?

Why so much emphasis on ism? If we are all sold on the destination why so much turmoil on the route, what t'ell is it all about anyhow?

The things on which we all agree are so large, and the things upon which we disagree are so infinitesimal and insignificant, will the grand total be affected in the least degree?

The discovery has long since been made that creed is largely greed, and that theological dogma is only an ignis fatuus, a will-'o-the-wisp or a jack-'o-lantern generated by gases floating across the pond and dissolving after a while into thin air.

A doctrinaire is always a fanatic whose convictions are subject to change, and are smiled at.

Sometimes we find churches holding themselves in an absurd aloofness, unwilling to hear other viewpoints. It is like the conceited clique that believes in marrying only within itself to hold the traditional property in the family.

Such family scions often velocipede into the State institution for the mentally decrepit. Such church atrophies, dying with stagnated corpuscles.

In the reign of universal light there is no place for fool isms that arrogate to themselves a monopoly of salvation.

Even as the Duke Power Corporation chases away the encircling gloom of countless households and knowledge precipitates archaic illusions among

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### THE CREDIT

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Every town and county in the state is doing its best to raise its own quota.

When you buy, buy from a home point—so that Stokes county will receive its due credit, and so that the name of your home county may receive the honor which it deserves.

### QUEEN OF THE ETHER

The American B-17 flying fortress is the acknowledged mistress of the skies.

On all fighting fronts this invincible air machine, carrying the Norden bombsight, flies at incredible heights, drops its bombs with eerie precision and dreadful destruction, and returns to its base.

Eight forays have been made by the B-17 over Germany without a single loss. Maj. Paul W. Tibbets of Miami, Fla., guiding a B-17 says:

"The Germans have got to get something better than they have got if they expect to shoot down a single fortress."

Lieut. Frank R. Beadle of Grand Rapids, Mich., a 24-year-old bombardier chief of one of the raids on Germany and France, says:

"At least 70 per cent. of the bombs dropped by the fortresses so far have hit the target."

Tibbets declared:

"The B-17 is built like the Brooklyn bridge. Sometimes the Germans shoot us full of holes, but they can't shoot us down. That old baby can take all they've got and still get home."

In the Pacific the flying fortress lets go its terrific destruction on Jap ports, bases and air fields, and comes back home almost invariably.

The war will be decided when American production fills the elements with these devils of the skies—and that time is coming.

The B-17 is the queen of the ether. It is destined to be the total despair of the Axis.

### BETTER PAY FOR THE TEACHERS

Seeing such a large intelligent and attractive body of teachers as are here today attending a pre-school meeting called by Superintendent Carson brings to mind the scarcity of teachers now in the nation—reported to be more than 50,000.

In this county it is stated there is a very troublesome shortage of instructors.

The condition is due to the war industries, government service and the draft.

Teaching is probably the poorest paid of all the professions when we take into consideration its comparative value to the public.

Young men and young women can earn more money at most any other avocation than their own life profession of teaching.

Especially is this so now during war times when fabulous wages are being paid.

It is said that upwards of \$20,000,000 is in the State's surplus fund now.

A part of this gigantic fund should certainly be diverted to the better payment of our teachers in order that they may the better prepare themselves for their work, which is so vitally important to the present and coming generations.

### TOBACCO AVERAGES NOT HURT

The ceiling placed on tobacco by the government price administration will not seriously affect the prices on flue-cured tobacco of the Piedmont North Carolina belt.

This is the expressed opinion of warehousemen and tobacconists, and of the State Agriculture Department.

The farmers of Stokes who will soon begin to market their tobacco crop, may be assured of high prices.

### THE HARVEST MOON

Soon you will see the harvest moon, the gorgeous moon of September, the full moon nearest the autumnal equinox.

It rises at dusk, a great wheel of gold that rolls away the night's restful hours. No other moon of the year shines so brilliantly and long.

It sets at dawn just as the doves begin to sing and the partridge is whistling from the stubble field.

Sleep with your window open to the beautiful harvest moon and let its glamorous beams play on your pillow. It engenders dreams—dreams of the long ago when you sauntered with your senorita down the sequestered path of Lover's Lane, when she avowed she was yours for aye and evermore.

The harvest moon is a concession from the happy season spent when the last rose of summer laments her lovely companions that are faded and gone.

### A TIP TO THE STOREKEEPERS

On account of war conditions it will be hard for merchants to buy new stocks this fall and winter, and many stores that have been overloaded with hard stocks can clean up and get the cash for merchandise that has been stored away in their basement or under the counters.

As the buying power of the people will be at the highest level for many years when the crops begin to move, now is the time to clean up.

Advertise in the Danbury Reporter the bargains you have to offer. Everything will move this time.

### A LITTLE KINDNESS

That boy of yours—far from home, homesick and lonesome in a foreign land.

Write him a letter once a week and tell him the news from home.

But a letter contains but limited space. Send him the Danbury Reporter, the old home paper. He will appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

For one dollar the Reporter will be sent to any address wherever the armies are located, on land or sea, anywhere.

Two or three pounds of tobacco will pay for it. Will he be glad to get the news from old Stokes? We believe he will.

### HITLER'S SHORT SHRIFT

The tragic spectre of the North—the terrible Russian winter—impends on the German front.

Hitler is using his full power to crush Russia before the middle of October when the inexorable Frost King moves south.

Will Hitler conquer unconquerable Russia in time to meet the colossal power of England and America on the second front?

We do not believe he will.

The German armies caught between the Russian come-back and the western avalanche, must inevitably be crushed unless the signs fail.

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