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### BIBLE THOUGHT

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.—St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, 4:7.

To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with those who die  
We shall not sleep . . .

From "In Flanders Fields," John McCrae

### Keeping Faith

**D**URING the past week there has been a primary election held in this county. Upon those who will be chosen by the majority of the voters of the county to serve as stewards of the people's affairs for the coming terms rests a trust which, in these times of all others, may not be betrayed in even small measure. We hope this thought will not only sober the winners but will impel them to give more and better service than even the letter of the law requires.

Also, during the past week there has been a preaching mission in Franklin. Some may wonder how these two events are connected. It is possible to tie them together in a surprisingly opportune way. The preacher, Dr. Mangum, in presenting great truths that all must live by, if they keep faith with those who live as well as "those who die", turned the thoughts of his hearers to the vivid timeliness of the teachings of that great Apostle and martyr, Paul of Tarsus. The times in which he lived and fought and wrote and died were amazingly like these.

Dr. Mangum, who has visited Paul's cell in the Mamartine prison in Rome, asked his hearers to read the last letter he wrote to Timothy from that dungeon. For practical help to politicians and office holders we pass this recommendation on to those who have won out in this election. In the brief four chapters of II Timothy, every public servant, from United States Senator to members of the Board of Education, can find advice which will help him be a better officer as well as a better man. We wish there were space to select the verses which, in our humble opinion, would be particularly appropriate to each one. There are some verses which will "convict some of sin." To each we recommend the 15th verse of the second chapter: "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman who needeth not to be ashamed."

So we ask you, winners in a race, to read II Timothy.

### New Credit Ruling—A War Measure

**B**Y request of some of the business men of Franklin, we are printing for a second time the advertisement explaining the new regulations issued by the government in regard to charge and installment accounts. These do not discourage all buying on credit, but aid all to avoid long term credit.

It is the purpose of those who have signed these two advertisements to inform the public of the requirements of this important ruling and to emphasize its importance as a war measure.

The first point to be understood by all who have received credit in the past and who are in the habit of running charge and installment accounts is that the merchant and others who sell to the public have no choice in the matter. There will be penalties upon any who do not carry out the requirements of this order of the government, which comes directly from the Secretary of the Treasury and the President of the United States.

Public opinion is that this is one of the best moves the government has taken to stabilize the finances of the "little man" in business and the average citizen.

The great majority will meet this regulation cheerfully. Everybody in these parts appears to be of a mind to help the war effort in any way they can. To those who are unavoidably in debt, there will be given due consideration.

However, every community has a few who either carelessly or selfishly have little regard for the long-suffering merchant who "carries them" so they may indulge themselves beyond their means. These will have to change their ways. If there are those enjoying plenty in security who try to evade this new credit limitation by seeking credit in new places, no doubt the law abiding and patriotic business men will find a way to protect themselves.

## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

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SANDRAGES, WIDELY USED IN MODERN WARFARE, ARE NOW TREATED WITH ASPHALT, WHICH ENABLES THEM TO HOLD THEIR SHAPE AND PLACE WHEN THE SAVES PUT ON ARE TORN.

ONE LARGE AIRPLANE PLANT WILL SOON BE TURNING OUT A BOMBER EVERY TWO HOURS.

TO SPEED ITS OUTPUT OF MERCHANT SHIPS, ONE COMPANY HAS SUCCEEDED IN USING AN ASSEMBLY LINE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE, BORROWED FROM THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

7,392,911 TONS

AMERICAN STEEL MILLS PRODUCED 7,392,911 NET TONS OF STEEL IN MARCH—150,000 TONS OVER THEIR PREVIOUS RECORD.

U.S. SOLDIERS NOW RECEIVE FRESH MILK AS A PART OF THEIR DAILY RATION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, WHEN GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MEN WERE ALLOWED A PINT OF MILK A DAY.

## Our Great America by Tryon

ACROSS THE SEAS—

WOOD PACKING BOXES USED FOR SUPPLY OF U.S. FIGHTING PLANES TO SEVERAL PRIMITIVE FOREIGN TERRITORIES ARE FREQUENTLY USED THEREAFTER BY THE NATIVES FOR HOUSES. STRANGE CONTRAST TO AMERICAN HOMES. THEY ARE REGARDED BY THE NATIVES AS "MANSIONS!"

TO CONSERVE METALS NEEDED FOR FIGHTER AND BOMBER PLANES, THE U.S. ARMY HAS BEGUN TO DRAW UPON THE PERPETUALLY GROWING AMERICAN FORESTS FOR ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE MATERIALS USED IN THOUSANDS OF PLANES FOR TRAINING. THE MATERIAL USED IS WATERPROOF PLYWOOD, MOLDED TO THE ACTUAL SHAPES OF THE PLANES.

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### Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:  
Just to let you know how much I enjoy getting the Press since I left N. C. The news I receive through your swell paper helps me to keep up with the news and friends in and near Macon county. Many thanks to Mr. Ray Swanson who is responsible for my getting such a nice paper. May the baseball team be champs this year.  
Yours truly,  
P.F.C. Eugene E. Milton  
U. S. Army Air Corps  
Williams Field  
Chandler, Ariz.

### This and That

By FRANKIE MACON

If you can get an automobile and some tires, you can have a nice vacation trip this summer, if you can get some gasoline.

A man in Washington was arrested a few weeks ago for impersonating a Congressman. Anyone with such a morbid form of mania is clearly insane.

"To those who grumble over disturbances of their habits, and the paying of large taxes, and the inability to get what they want, please answer this question, 'How much do you think France would pay today for another chance?'"

In view of all the headaches his price-pegging order will cause, it was thoughtful of Mr. Henderson to specify that the price of aspirin tablets must not be increased.

Hitler and Mussolini have agreed "to remove the causes which have given rise to European wars." Sounds like a suicide pact.

A California scientist has perfected an atom-smashing machine developing a power of 96,000,000 volts. Now if he can just devise some way to get Hitler to play the part of the atom.

The civilian morale will be all right as soon as it recovers from some of the things that have been done to build up the civilian morale.

### Poet's Corner

TO A STRANGER

Long shadows had begun to stretch  
their forms,  
And twilight was at the end of the street,  
People hurrying home with bundles  
in their arms,  
And a happy hello for friends  
they chanced to meet.  
It was so kind of you to even look  
my way,  
A stranger, I did not hope that you  
would smile,  
Somehow it vanished all the cares  
of the day  
And left a memory that will linger  
for a while,  
Soft as a summer rose were your  
eyes of blue,  
And the beauty of their lovely reflection,  
Were as deep as the evening's  
sunset hues,  
That brought to me a fond recollection.  
One fleeting moment and then you  
were gone,  
And quickly night had settled about  
the town,  
Silently I wandered happy and  
alone,  
Your eyes spoke a greeting, your  
lips not a sound.  
And through the ever changing  
days and years,  
If your heart must feel a longing  
and pain,  
I hope the sunshine will dry your  
bitter tears,  
And wish some day that I may  
see you smile again.  
JAMES W. ELLIOTT  
P. S.  
Since coming here I have been  
impressed with the friendliness  
of the people of Franklin for World  
War No. I Veterans. We have  
been cordially welcomed. This  
verse was prompted by the friend-  
liness of some lady I have never  
seen before nor since, but there  
was a sincere warmth in her kind-  
ly smile of friendliness. JWE.

The Lord gave us two ends; one  
to think with, and one to sit on.  
Our success depends on which we  
use most . . . heads we win, tails  
we lose.

A telephone pole never hits a  
truck except in self-defense.

## The Home Front

Nearly 10,000,000 motorists on the Atlantic Seaboard had their first taste of gasoline rationing last week, and many varied were the complications that followed. For one thing, there was an astonishingly great demand for "X" cards which are intended for persons using cars for purposes essential to the public welfare and which entitle the holder to make unlimited purchases of gasoline. So large was the demand that there was loud talk of investigation and possible prosecutions. But even before the registration period had ended, some motorists returned their "X" cards and asked for cards authorizing them to make only limited gasoline purchases.

**May Ration Bus-Train Space**  
Unable to get tires and restricted as to the gasoline they can buy, more and more drivers are leaving their cars parked in the garages and are riding busses and trains. Yet, the transportation system must be saved for essential uses, just as the raw materials, machinery and man power must be saved. Obviously, without transportation, the whole war effort would fail. Railroads today are arteries along with men and munitions stream toward embarkation points while the raw materials of those munitions stream toward the factories.

That is why it may yet be necessary in order to hold civilian travel to sary to ration train and bus space, the barest minimum. That is also why the taxi cab industry has been placed on trial, as far its continued operation is concerned.

Another phase of the transportation problem came up last week when the Office of Defense appealed to eight major railroads serving the Southwest to stagger maintenance work so they would not be competing with agriculture for labor. Instead of making most road-bed and track repairs in the late summer and fall months when the demand for harvest workers is high, they were urged to make repairs during the spring and early summer. Stagger the work, in other words, and multiply the manpower.

**Copper Out of Civilian Limelight**  
Copper follows steel out of the home and into the arsenal. The War Production Board has added more than a hundred consumer products to these which may no longer be made out of copper and its alloys, including brass and bronze. One of the casualties will be the common household pin, a third of which were made of brass last year. Other articles on the way out are Christmas tree bulbs and cords, dog collars, fountain pens and musical instruments.

**Flow of Spices Cut**  
WPB has cut the flow of cocoa products, green coffee and spices—black and white pepper, allspices, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, nutmeg, and mace—to our dinner tables.

**"Mix Them Up—Make Them Last"**  
That is what the Consumer Division of OPA offers women as a two point guide in choosing war time clothes. However the strain will be felt in the quantity, not quality, the women are assured, for there will be plenty of attractive clothes, but none to spare.

**Gas, or City Hunger**  
Warning that "too drastic restriction of gasoline for farmer's passenger cars might endanger movement to market of vital foods essential to wartime health," Fred S. Sexauer, president of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Ass'n, recently urged that the government give special consideration to farmer when fixing gas quotas.

Steel is the raw material of victory and is perhaps the most important single material in modern warfare. All the tanks and the howitzers and the machine guns that will drive the Axis from Europe and Asia are epitomized in the one word—steel.

Most Americans know this well and probably weren't very much surprised when the War Production Board last week took steps to remove steel from civilian life and divert it almost entirely to war production. But the order which halts the use of iron and steel in the manufacture of more than 400 major commodities contains some real surprises for the Home Front—at that.

One of these surprises is to discover the vast amounts of vital steel which went into the manufacture of the little things, for instance — toilet articles, manicure scissors, nail files, nippers, cuticle pluckers, hair pins, tweezers, and all manner of other gadgets.

Altogether, the items on the above list consumed 1,815 tons of steel in 1941, enough to have made more than 170 big 155 mm. guns.

**Many Items To Disappear**  
WPB's steel order is so drastic and far-reaching that as time passes it will work major changes in what hitherto has been our standard of living. Scores of things we had come to accept as essential to our standard of living no longer will be made after a 90 day tapering off period.

The business man will find his surroundings changed by the chocking off of office machinery of all kinds, advertising novelties, letter shutes, openers and trays, lockers and telephone booths. The housewife will be unable to buy bookends, teapots, cutlery, bread boxes, butter knives, and cake cutters. The glamor girl will have to hang on to all cosmetic containers, for there won't be any more of those either. The athlete will have to patch up his old sporting goods.

Only two metals, the order specifies, may be used as substitutes for iron and steel—and these are gold and silver.

### Wayne Franklin New Assistant To Haywood Agent

Wayne Franklin, formerly of Franklin, but recently of Murphy, assumed his duties at Waynsville last week as assistant county farm agent of Haywood.

Mr. Franklin, prior to accepting the position, was located in Murphy where he was Cherokee county supervisor of the Farm Security administration. He received his education at State College, Raleigh.

Several years ago while walking through the cemetery at Hamilton, N. C., a friend of mine saw the following epitaph:

"Pause stranger, as you pass by . . . As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, you soon shall be, So prepare for death and follow me."

To this, someone had written in chalk:  
"To follow you I'm not content . . . Until I know which way you went."

### Auction Sale

Sat., June 6, 2 p. m.  
Of All Personal Property  
of the Late  
**Dr. N. G. Williams**  
Sale Begins Promptly at 2 p. m.  
Saturday, June 6th  
**Home Realty & Auction Company**

While you can get it . . .

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AND STORE IT

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