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BIBLE THOUGHT

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.—Isaiah 40:3.
Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.—St. Matt. 3:2.

The world is very evil:
The times are waxing late:
Be sober and keep vigil:
The Judge is at the gate.

One Year Of War

THE United States has been at war for a year. On Sunday, December 7, 1941, the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor awakened a too-complacent America. It also silenced the clamor of those who were still insisting the war could not touch us. It united a divided nation.

Although preparedness had been urged by our President and other wise leaders, a slow Congress and blind public opinion in many sections had delayed all-out production of planes, ships and other war needs.

We have suffered humiliating defeats and devastating losses. The whole truth of our losses at Pearl Harbor, made public only a few days ago, should serve as a spur to still greater effort as the nation girds itself for sacrifice.

We look back at our crippled fleet, our Pacific air force wiped out, the Philippines, Wake Island, British and Dutch losses in Asia and the Pacific; the sickening losses of ships by submarines. Then we see the tide turning as General McArthur's forces strike back in the Coral Sea, the Solomons and New Guinea; and at last, the second front is in Africa.

As we face the inevitable losses in North Africa and the Pacific it was heartening to learn that there were no losses as our huge, victorious convoy to North Africa was carried out without the loss of a man or a ship.

We are getting in our stride in production and in the prospect of nine million men in the armed service in 1943. Nine billion dollars will be raised by the Treasury. We have traveled a long way since December 7. The nation is facing the future united and with chin up.

Cars and Trucks

Must Be Conserved As Patriotic Duty

Protection of America's transportation life-line—the cars and trucks that serve civilians and armed forces alike—is the first responsibility of the motorist in these times, said Mr. W. C. Burrell, owner, Burrell Motor company, in explaining the purposes of the Victory Service League, which his organization sponsors in Franklin. "The Victory Service League is dedicated to 'saving the wheels that serve America,'" Mr. Burrell said. "While hundreds of motorists in the community already are members of this newest patriotic organization, our ultimate goal is to extend membership to every car and truck owner in this area. More than 8,000 Chevrolet dealers are allied in this crusade of car conservation. Members of the Victory Service League are distinguished by the VSL emblems that appear on the rear of their cars. The insignia are provided free, along with membership cards and car care booklets.

"With virtually no replacements available to strengthen our automotive transportation system," Mr. Burrell said, "it is imperative that adequate care be given each vehicle to insure the preservation of transportation through the duration.

"The private car is now a public trust," Mr. Burrell added. "We motorists owe it to our country to care for our cars. 'Service for Victory', the slogan of the VSL, takes on a new meaning when we realize our responsibility to the government in these war days."

Red Cross News



By

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MRS. PERRY REPORTS ON CHAPTER PRODUCTION

Red Cross workers at Franklin work rooms had completed this week 69,100 dressings, said Mrs. J. E. Perry, production chairman. Shipment was planned for the end of the week.

Included in the shipment were to be 150 more knitted sailor caps. Mrs. Perry asks that knitters finish all caps and turn them in as soon as possible.

"Due to the fact that workers have caught up with materials on hand," said Mrs. Perry, "the Red Cross work rooms will not be open at nights or on Sundays until after Christmas. Otherwise the rooms will continue to be open as usual.

MACON CHAPTER HAS ACTIVE HOME SERVICE

In many ways, sometimes spectacularly, sometimes quietly, the Red Cross is active in Macon county. Among its many activities one of the least known but most far-reaching is that of its Home Service Department.

The Home Service department works in many ways. If a soldier is stranded without money and needs help in getting back to his camp, the Home Service takes care of his emergency.

Sometimes a soldier or his family asks a furlough for him because of sickness or emergency at home. Before the furlough is granted, the Home Service representative at Camp wires the Home Service in the man's county. Investigations are made at his home. Sometimes the furlough is justified, but sometimes the boy is homesick or his parents are taking that means of getting him home again.

In case of faking and of the boy who goes Absent Without Leave, the matter is a serious affair. Often the situation has been brought about by parents who have failed to understand how serious it is for the boy.

Often the call upon the Home Service is because of a soldier who for some reason does not adjust himself to the soldier's life. Again it is necessary that the home background be understood if the man is to be helped.

Sometimes he is worried because of conditions he has left behind him.

Such investigations cannot be superficial, but require definite knowledge of conditions in the service-man's home.

Assistance is now being rendered, says Dr. Stokes, by the Red Cross Chapter Chairman, the Rev. P. L. Green, by the Welfare office and the County Health office and by the various practicing physicians. Assisting in Highlands are W. H. Cobb, W. C. Newton, and the Rev. J. S. Higgins. Helping in Franklin are Mrs. Helene Fort, Miss Gladys Maxwell, the Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill.

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