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Profiteering

Sugar prices have advanced from five to nine cents in a week. Flour prices have advanced. Even plain old back has advanced in price, giving undisputable evidence of the strong hold the ruthless profiteer has around the helpless. But the profiteer is not altogether responsible for rising prices. Often it is the little man who strains a point to buy 100 pounds of sugar when only 25 pounds would meet his needs. The little guy fans the blaze that scorches his own hide and enriches the profiteer.

The common people of this nation could do nothing better if they would help reduce speculation than maintaining their normal buying habits. But, sad to relate, they will not do something so simple as that as long as there is just one ray of hope for getting a little something for nothing.

We should remember and possibly a few do remember, that any and virtually all profits made through speculation during the last war were, in nearly all cases, wiped out at the close of the conflict.

It will be well for every one of us to forget speculation and maintain our daily living schedules on a solid foundation, a foundation that carries principle and fairness.

Liberty Hard To Define

The fellow who speeds his car along the streets and highways, endangering the life and property of others, declares his liberty has been thwarted when cops pick him up and carry him before the courts.

Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, pointed out the difficulty of defining the word "Liberty" when he said in a Baltimore speech:

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty, especially as the sheep was a black one. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word Liberty; and precisely the same difference prevails today among us human creatures."

Nyelock

Charlotte News.

Senator Gerald Nye may be a true neutral, but he gives every indication of bearing a dark grudge against the European democracies, our late Allies and present first line of defense. Only treasured spite could be behind the proposal that 20 to 25 per cent be added to the cost of supplies purchased and applied as interest on debts from the last war.

With their fallen exchange and a stiff price rise, England and France are going to have to pay dearly as it is for what they buy in the United States. And whereas it is freely conceded that the removal of the arms embargo is designed for their benefit exclusively, a surcharge on goods to pay old debts could be designed only to benefit Germany.

Germany proper owes no war debts to the United States. Plenty of them she owes to England and France, to be sure, and it was her default which first interrupted payments of Allied debts.

But the countries taken over by Hitler's Reich owed vast sums to the United States, which have been immediately repudiated by the new management. Austria that was, Czechoslovakia that was, Poland that was—together they owed the United States in excess of \$400,000,000. Try and get it.

In any case, let Senator Nye recall that the onus of defaulted debts lies equally upon both sides in the European conflict, which will compel him to invent some other reason for harming England and France to the benefit of Germany and Russia.

Employees in a tinned-fruit factory are encouraged to sing at their work. They make merrily while they can.—Denver Post.

The condition of agriculturists will be much better off when stores don't sell so much food to farmers.—Salem Times-Register.

Education

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching the youth the shapes of letters and the tricks of numbers and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery, and their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work, to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all—by example. — John Ruskin

To Save Our Hides

More than twenty years ago we entered the war to save democracy. Possibly we'll enter the war this time to save our hides.

Neutral And Unneutral

We are neutral to the extent that we don't want to do any of the dirty fighting. We are unneutral in that we don't care who kills Hitler.

Ironical!—

The Randolph Tribune.

Ironical, isn't it? The democratic nations—the United States, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands—the most outspoken critics of Japan's expansion program in the Far East, the nations who have most at stake in that far-flung area, are the very nations which are supplying and have supplied Japan with 85 per cent of her materials.

In fact, America's oil fields, steel furnaces, copper veins and junkyards are almost as important to Japan as the recruits who are enlisted in the Japan army to fight the Chinks.

Last year Japan imported 306 millions of dollars worth of war materials, 56 per cent of same from the United States, 20.69 per cent from the British Empire, 8.62 per cent from the Dutch East Indies, 0.23 per cent from France and 14.46 per cent from all other countries. Strangely enough, Germany, with whom the Japanese army wants to form an alliance, furnished only a small percent of war materials. Italy practically none, and Soviet Russia, the reprobate among decent society, was less hypocritical than any other. The Soviets sold the Japs exactly nothing in the way of war materials.

The United States has just censured Japan by denouncing a 28-year-old trade treaty and looks askance at Japanese penetration toward the Philippine Islands. Great Britain rules the empire whose citizens have recently been stripped and threatened by Japanese soldiers in China. The Netherlands is landlord of the Dutch East Indies, rich source of oil which Japan covets. France has a state in French Indo-China and in French concessions in China proper, all of which lie in the path of Japanese conquest.

The United States is virtually Japan's only source of scrap iron, furnishing that nation with 90 per cent of her scrap iron and steel last year. Almost all of the gasoline used in Japan's airplanes, which have murdered hundreds of thousands of defenseless men women and children in China, comes from America. Japan also gets practically all her heavy machinery and dies from the United States.

Of essential war supplies needed and used by the Japs last year the United States furnished the following: 65.57 per cent of gasoline; 90 per cent of all copper; 67.09 per cent of metal-working machinery; 76.92 per cent aircraft and parts; 65.67 per cent automobiles and parts; and 63.02 per cent of all iron materials. Of every \$100 the Japs spent in the United States last year, \$67.42 went for war materials.

British industrialists have a monopoly on tin and nickel trade with Japan and also lead in the trade in rubber, zinc iron and manganese ore.

Were Japan deprived of the raw materials and machinery that come almost solely from the democratic nations, her army and navy might be immobilized and her growing industries might wither away. In the past two or three years, Japan has made rapid strides in manufacturers and in the course of a few more years might not need so much from the democratic nations.

There you are. Boycotting Japan through trade embargo would hurt commercial activities in the democratic nations the United States most of all. Southern cotton farmers alone to the extent of more than 200 millions of dollars a year.

The irony of it is that the democratic nations stand aghast at the slaughter of noncombatant Chinese, at the destruction of property, at the insults to nationals, at disregard for democratic property rights in the orient—yet most of the material that exploded and sends Chinese to meet their ancestors comes from these very nations whose people are outraged at Japanese acts. The bombs that fall on American and British missions and colleges, and on British ships and shipping, are filled with explosives bought from these same nations themselves.

The gist of the whole matter is this — that the world has become so commercialized that the average munitions maker doesn't give a whoop who is scalped just so he gets his profits.

We must keep a certain percentage of people illiterate so they may be eligible for jury duty. —Exchange.

Transportation is a commodity that should set at uniform price throughout the country. —Exchange.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Special promotion day program.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Theme: "Beyond Failure." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Special Offering for Benevolences.
Holly Springs, 3 p. m. Theme: "Can We Be Happy?"
Young People Meet, 6:45 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. The Maple Grove Christian church choir, quarter and soloist under the direction of Mr. Nick Daniels, will present the second in the series of dramatic worship services. This choir of thirty people will give us a ringing, singing interpretation of evangelistic music.

This choir is one of the outstanding church choirs in this section of the state. In its membership is found some of the best singers to be found anywhere. It sings good, old fashioned gospel songs which have a soul stirring message in such a way that all who hear are blessed and their hearts strangely warmed.

Its male quartet, composed of Messrs. Nick Daniel, Rufus Hardison, Hugh Daniel and Ira Hardison will render two or more quartets. These men are really great singers.

Mr. Ira Hardison, who has a thunderous and melodious bass voice, will render a solo and maybe other solos will be sung.

Mr. Nick Daniel is the director and always has his choir in a high state of efficiency. He says his choir is now at its best and will render some good music.

Miss Elizabeth Coltrin is the pianist and will play for the choir Sunday night.

Today we begin "Church Interest Month." We expect the largest congregation in the whole history of the church at the great program Sunday night.

Our entire membership should participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sunday morning and thus insure the full payment of our obligation to benevolences.

Missionary circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. J. B. Taylor, 3:30 Monday afternoon.

EPISCOPAL

17th Sunday after Trinity. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

The United Thank Offering of the women of the church will be presented at the morning service.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Monday afternoon at 4 p. m.

St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday night at 8 p. m. with Mrs. C. B. Leggett.

The vestry will meet at the rectory on Tuesday night at 7:30.

St. Martin's, Hamilton Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Will each member try to be present for the roll call next Sunday. This is in preparation for the 1940 directory.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Rally Day program.

Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject: "Religious Education the Task of the Home and the Church."

Young People's meeting, 6:30. Candlelight and consecration service.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "In His Steps."

Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. T. F. Harrison at 4 p. m., with Mrs. Myrtle Brown as joint hostess.

Circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. W. O. Griffin at 4 p. m., with Mrs. Edward Woolard as joint hostess.

Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Possession of Peace."

Friday, p. m. Senior Philathea meets with Mrs. J. O. Manning.

Rally Day service will be observed in the Bible school of the Williamston Christian Church on Sunday

morning. Special Rally Day tags were distributed last Sunday and many of the former members of the school are being tagged for Sunday along with many folks who do not attend Bible school. The aim is two hundred in attendance. The primary department will put on the program under the direction of Mrs. H. T. Taylor, departmental superintendent. Those attending no local Bible school are invited to attend.

Sunday evening's Young People's program is devoted to the consideration of personal consecration. Several young people will lead in discussing the "Meaning of Consecration; Power and Need of the Consecrated Person." As the closing part of the program a candle-lighting service is planned.

PRESBYTERIAN

Williamston church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon by the pastor, 11 a. m.

Bear Grass church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Young People of the church at the regular hour.

Roberson Chapel church school, 9 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 4 p. m.

The revival in progress at this church will come to a close with this service. Services are being held each night at 7:30 p. m.

Poplar Point worship service and sermon, 2 p. m. This is the close of the special services being held at this point. Baptismal services will follow the message of the hour.

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at Cedar Branch church Sunday at 11 o'clock and on Sunday night at 7:30.

Value Of Green Or Dead Pea Vines Is The Same

Contrary to popular belief, there is practically no difference in the ultimate value of a legume crop whether it is turned under green or after it is dead. However, a crop turned under green will decay more quickly and therefore become available as plant food in less time than one that is allowed to ripen. Where the peas are to be followed by corn or cotton next year, they should be allowed to mature and die and then be turned in the late fall. Otherwise the vines may be turned under when green, provided the following crop is not seeded too early.



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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Alice V. Stallings, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of September, 1939.

R. L. STALLINGS, Administrator of the estate of Alice V. Stallings, deceased

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court in an action entitled "Joe Woolard v. Harrison Brothers and Company et al," signed at the September Term, 1939, Superior Court, Martin County by Judge Leo Carr, the undersigned commissioners will, on Monday, October 23, 1939, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following de-

scribed property:

Bounded on the North by A. C. L. Railroad, on the East by John Hassell land, on the South by Andrews land and on the West by Ella Jones, said tract of land containing one acre, more or less, and a five-room house and one tobacco barn.

The last and highest bidder will be required to make a 10 per cent deposit with the commissioners of the price bid.

This 20th day of September, 1939.
B. A. CRITCHER, E. S. PEEL, Commissioners.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST

Plymouth office, Liverman Drug Co., every Fri., 2 to 5 p. m.
Robersonville office, Ross Jewelry Store, Tuesday, October 3.
Bethel office: Rives Drug Store, Monday, October 16.
Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted
At Tarboro Every Saturday
Williamston office, Peele Jly Co.

Has Anyone Seen Josephine??

YES

JOSEPHINE HAS BEEN SEEN IN COLUMBIA THIS WEEK!



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