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### If We Would Profit By The Experience Of Others

The make-believe rationing systems for tires, sugar and gas have irritated us no little, and strange as it may seem so many of us entertain the belief that the whole business was instituted to take something away rather than to save something for our own welfare and comfort and for the protection of the nation.

If we would profit by the experience of others we would alter our views and change our ways, recognize the seriousness of the situation facing us and act accordingly in perfect accord with the real meaning of the program.

Review the events as they have transpired in England. Some months ago, possibly about 18, England had made about as much progress with her rationing system as we have made to date. In other words if we would know what is in store for us in the way of rationing eighteen months from now we can see by turning to England today. The facts are offered in bold relief by Captain Oliver Luttelton in a recent report on Britain's war production. Out of the thirty-three million people in Britain between the ages of 14 and 65, twenty-two million—including nearly six million women—are working in munition and armament factories or in industry directly connected with the war effort. There are no idlers there. Employment in war industries in this country is not known but there are still many unemployed and while we are making progress we are still trailing in the life-and-death race. Industry not connected with the war effort in England has been reduced to as low as 10 per cent in most cases, meaning that Britain is 90 per cent for war and only 10 per cent for its domestic economy. A transposed picture would not exactly fit us, but it would come nearer describing us and our business-as-usual effort.

And if we would profit from the experience of others when it comes to gas rationing, let us dwell on the system now in effect in Britain. Last month, the automobile operator was allowed six gallons of gasoline. This month he is allowed none, meaning that war workers either ride public conveyances, travel on bicycles or walk. Possibly if the Britishers had suspended their pleasure driving two years ago or even eighteen months ago, they could at least provide essential travel today. What a wonderful and timely lesson the report offers for us. Will we heed it, or will we go on lying and cheating?

Another impressive thin gabout the report is that dealing with food. It is a fact that cabinet members and factory workers get the same food and clothing rations. Over here our folks on relief and the public leeches ride on "X" cards and a late report declares a woman out in California, the ex-wife of General MacArthur, has two "X" cards. No wonder the general divorced her.

A last word is about taxes. The burden takes

effect when a man earns as much as \$450 a year and it goes on up until it exacts 97.5 cents out of every dollar.

Something may happen ere another eighteen months pass, but today we are traveling the same road Britain traveled, and we are traveling it fast. Unless there is a change, and honestly none is expected now, we will have overtaken Britain and all her rationing troubles long before 1943 is spent.

### Gas Prices

Excess profits we have attacked and stealing we have deplored, but when it comes to fair profits we would go the limit for the man or corporation and proclaim his rights. Just now many, including a changing governor, are condemning the oil companies for raising the price of gasoline. It is an established fact that the precious fluid has been coming in here with a freight bill or enormous size attached. In fact, the freight has been in excess of the price for the fluid itself. If the oil man has to pay more freight, then it is only reasonable for him to add a few cents to the price. But to hear the governor and some others, the people are being robbed. To tell the truth people can use less gas, and save more money when gas prices are high than they can when it is low. As for North Carolina, why the treasury has more money than it knows what to do with. Apparently Mr. J. Melvin is irked with someone about something. But the whole thing smells political.

### A Bit Clownish

Congressman Kerr from over in the second district surely could not have been ignorant or conscientious a few days ago that he informed the press that he had made provisions for tobacco farmers to get ample gas rations. As the new gas regulations are understood here, the farmer can get as much gas as he needs, that he can get supplemental cards without going to his congressman.

It is a bit clownish for a congressman to tell his folks back home that he had done something for them when apparently he knew that it had already been done by somebody else. If the congressmen would merely explain some of the laws and regulations instead of swiping credit to feather their own crowns, there would be less dissention in this land today. Unfortunately many farmers will ride to market thinking that Congressman Kerr made it possible for them to get the motive juice.

### Demand Burners Be Converted

Those of us who would discount the seriousness of the gasoline rationing program will do well to stop and do a little thinking. While we see no shortage at the moment, authorities have warned time and again that there is a shortage. A late request coming out of Washington urges at least 300,000 oil burners in the Atlantic States be converted before the fall and winter.

The problem must be solved now. It will be too late to act after the cold weather grips the section and the consumers learn no oil is to be had. Oil operators will do well to talk the problem over with their dealers now and act accordingly.

### Our War Effort

"It must not be impeded by the faint of heart.

"It must not be impeded by those who put their own selfish interests above the interests of the nation.

"It must not be impeded by those who pervert honest criticism into falsification of fact.

"It must not be impeded by self-styled experts either in economics or military problems who know neither true figures nor geography itself.

"It must not be impeded by a few bogus patriots who use the sacred freedom of the press to echo the sentiments of the propagandists in Tokyo and Berlin.

"And, above all, it shall not be imperiled by the handful of noisy traitors—betrayers of America and of Christianity itself—would-be dictators, who in their hearts and souls have yielded to Hitlerism and would have this Republic do likewise."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

# CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

6th Sunday after Trinity.

### The Collect

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

The Union service will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 8:30 on Sunday night. The Rev. John Hardy will be the preacher.

## METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Guarding the Springs."

Epworth League, 7:30 p. m.  
Union evening service will be held at the Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Hardy, rector of the Episcopal Church, will preach.

Choir practice Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock.  
Prayer service Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

The word "slacker" is an ugly word. Can Christians afford to be "slackers" in their religious duties anymore than citizens in the war effort during these perilous times?

## BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Lesson topic: "Adam and Eve: Temptation and Sin."

Morning worship, 11 a. m. Meditation theme: "The Infallible Method."

Training Union, 7:30 p. m. Discussion topic: "Stewardship."  
Evening worship, 8:30 p. m. Union service will be held at the Presbyterian church.

Monday, Y. W. A. and Business Women's Circle will meet at 8:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Girls' Auxiliary will meet at 4 p. m.

Thursday, Prayer and Praise Service at 8:30 p. m.

## CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject: "Freedom, False and True."

Young People meet, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Love Thyself Last."

Union evening services with the Presbyterian church, Rev. John W. Hardy, preaching.

Choir rehearsal Tuesday, 8 p. m.  
Prayer service Thursday, 8:15 p. m.

Rev. John L. Goff begins a series of evangelistic services in the Concord Christian Church on Monday evening and will continue for a week or more. Rev. Rufus H. Walker is pastor.

A special series of discussions for the Thursday evening prayer service is announced. July 16th, "The Inconvenience of Religion." July 23rd, "Death Has a Date." July 23rd: "One Woman." A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

At Pamlico Sunday  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mobley visited at Pamlico last Sunday.



Colonial Sweet  
**CORN**  
No. 2 can 10c

"TAKE YOUR CHANGE  
IN WAR STAMPS"

New Pack  
String Beans  
2 No. 2 cans 23c

Florida Sweet  
ORANGE JUICE, 46-oz. can . . . 27c

Colonial  
TOMATO JUICE, 24-oz. can . . . 10c

Lynnhaven Mustard, quart jar . . . 10c

Large New Pack  
TOMATOES, No. 2 1-2 can . . . . . 15c

Pennant  
WAFFLE SYRUP, 5-lb. can . . . 41c

Red Mill Vinegar, quart bottle . . . 10c

NBC Premium Crackers, lb. pkg. 17c

When It Rains—It Pours  
MORTON'S SALT, 2 pkgs. . . . . 17c

Duke's Home-made  
MAYONNAISE, 10-oz. jar . . . . . 31c

Pillsbury's  
FLOUR, 12-lb. bag . . . . . 65c

LEMONS, 2 dozen . . . . . 29c

RIB MEAT, pound . . . . . 20c

LEAN PICNICS, pound . . . . . 29c

Select CHUCK ROAST, lb. . . . . 29c

Lean All Meat Stew Beef, lb. . . . 27c

SMOKED SIDES, pound . . . . . 25c

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DRESSES—  
Values To \$8.50.  
SALE! . . . . . \$5.97

DRESSES—  
Values To \$7.50.  
SALE! . . . . . \$4.97

DRESSES—  
Values To \$5.50.  
SALE! . . . . . \$3.59

DRESSES—  
Values To \$3.50.  
SALE! . . . . . \$2.69

DRESSES—  
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