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Maladjustment

It just doesn't make sense when the loafing places are crowded and the filling stations have their visitors in numbers from morning until night for us to talk so much about a labor shortage. There may be a maladjustment in the distribution of labor, but one thing is doggone certain and that is the time spent in loafing, running around doing nothing, and tinkering with less important tasks could have harvested every leaf of tobacco and cleared every peanut from the fields without any one being burdened with too much work.

One of the chief causes for the reported labor shortage in this immediate section is traceable to the striking fact that too everlastingly many of us have not yet realized that it is imperative for the everyone of us to settle down and go to work in earnest. There are exceptions, of course. For instance, there is the aged father of a son already reported missing in action. That man, despite his advanced years, is taking up the slack of his farm with his own hands, and he is not grumbling about it. Too many of us are idling away valuable time talking about the labor shortage and doing nothing about it. We talk a great deal about the weather, but we can't do anything about it. We can do something about this so-called labor shortage, but we prefer to merely talk about it.

Many of us have loafed around until we are scared to death that we will really have to go to work. We have piddled at odd jobs, occupying our hands and accomplishing little. Where we once "kidded" ourselves into the belief that we were accomplishing something, we now have got to recognize the facts and really accomplish something. That something does not have to be startling; it will only have to fit into the one great plan for winning the war. For instance there was the farmer who piddled around on the tobacco market as a hired hand and left his peanuts in the field for the hogs. That's his business, to be sure, and it suits us all right, but the fact remains that he accomplished little as a tobacco market piddler and lost much when he left his peanuts in the field on account of that thing they call a "labor shortage."

One thing about the reported labor shortage stands out in bold relief and that is the folks who do the most talking about it are, in a majority of the cases, doing the least about it, while those who talk little are doing a whole lot about it. There are some cases right here in this county where all the manpower has been stripped from the farm, but so far no complaints have been heard from those remaining there.

And while the labor supply may be dwindling on the farm, little businesses are closing up by the tens of thousands, possibly more as a result of priorities than on account of labor shortages. This war is not making it hard for the farmer alone; it is affecting everyone, and it will be interesting to watch and see which individual or group is going to throw in the sponge and go all-out for complaining and common ole bellyaching.

Surely, there is sufficient leadership in this and other communities to recognize the maladjustment in the distribution of labor and to get busy and do something about it even to the point that a mass movement will be led to the fields and to the sweat shops.

Go Higher Up

News and Observer.

"It is a sin to steal a penny or a pin" applies to the case of an officer who was court-martialed because he did "knowingly and willfully apply to his own use and benefit 12 gallons of gasoline of the value of about 65 cents." Congress, evidently feeling that if everybody who cheated on gasoline was convicted the jails would be overcrowded, passed an act "to restore Lieutenant Tepsic's commission." Properly, the President vetoed the bill.

The precedent of convicting the man who used 65 cents worth of gasoline "to his own use" is one that ought to be broadened. It ought to reach the profiteers who are worse in Washington than the locusts of Egypt. The medicine given Tepsic ought to go to those higher up who are guilty of chiseling.

Liquor And The Draft

Maybe Secretaries Stimson and Knox were right in urging that the prohibition amendment be removed from the bill calling for the drafting of eighteen- and nineteen-year-old youths for armed service. They do not state their position for or against the evil, but surely the two men realize the danger that the liberal use of alcohol is creating within the armed forces and without, also.

If the nation must have the teen-age youths, let the draft bill pass. But in a separate move let something be done about the liquor traffic inside and out. Millions have been spent building up morale of the American people, but saturated service men are tearing morale down faster than the designated agencies can build it up. Instead of having the service man believe he is off on a spree, it will be well for him and the everyone of us to recognize the seriousness of the situation and act accordingly. When service men are allowed to operate high-powered motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor, stagger in the public streets and go to jail to sober up, the confidence of the general public is shaken in those who are in charge of our war effort despite all the morale building agencies. If the reports reaching here from the war fronts are true, it will take a hard-hitting sober force and not a hard-drinking, indifferent group to handle the task.

This country will do well to banish liquor from both its war effort and civilian life. Instead of spending billions for liquor, the amount spent for bonds and stamps or in clearing old debts from the books would create a greater hope for peace and serve as a bulwark in maintaining the peace after war.

Those who remember the depression period back in the thirties, should act now to protect themselves when the next depression strikes. The dollars we are throwing away for liquors now, may mean much in the future when it comes to saving our homes.

Senator Lee recognizes the danger lurking around the youth of our land, and in an effort to lessen that danger he offered the amendment to the draft bill. Let Senator Lee make a separate plea and let the masses support him in advancing that plea for a saner approach to victory and peace.

"Except The Lord Build The House"

By Ruth Taylor.

I wonder how many of you listened to Lord Halifax on the air as he described in such a humble, moving way the new appearance of St. Paul's in London. Now, enemy bombs aimed at it have leveled the shops and commercial buildings, leaving it standing "clear, majestic, its great cross of gold above the city, sharp cut against the sky."

I know that many of you who listened remembered as I did the towns in which we were brought up. They were little towns all over this country—North, South, East and West, on mountain or in valley, by sea or river or on the great plains. They had one thing in common—they were built around a church.

It does not matter what ritual was followed in the church we remember. It does matter that religion—a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—was the focal point of both the settling of this country and the founding of its cities from coast to coast.

We have not yet had bombs to clear the rubble of material things away from the symbols of our religion. War, however, is the great refiner. Only those things which are enduring can stand up under its withering blasts.

Now above all we need to have faith in the Eternal Goodness—in the Father of all Mankind. Now we must prove that religious freedom has been the bulwark of all religions, and that under tolerance we have grown in faith.

We know that no matter how brilliant in mind and education our neighbor is, no matter how skilled in craft or profession, if he does not have the motivating force of idealism, the responsibility of brotherhood, if he does not grant allegiance to a Divine Power—however he may choose to worship Him—he is not a good neighbor. And the same applies to us.

We are getting back to first things at last. As we shear away the dross of the material, we are at last remembering the words of the Psalmist: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh in vain."

Not Carried Out

Sampson (Clinton, N. C.) Independent.

Seeing so many able-bodied men (young and old) loafing on the streets of this and other towns during working hours has moved us to wonder what happened to the decision of the powers that be that all men must either fight (in the armed forces) or work.

Like announcement was made here and in several other towns several weeks ago. And yet, with the almost alarming cry for cotton pickers, we have not noticed any thinning of the ranks of loafers hereabouts.

It was a good and commendable decision, and one that should be put into effect, at least for the duration of the war. This is a time for more work and less play.

Unprintable

Every whistle of a locomotive means something, says the Digest. So does every honk of a horn, but you can't print it.—Minneapolis Star.

THE WINNING NUMBERS!



Sets New Record In War Industry

One of the reasons why United Nations' planes are dotting the world's battlefronts in ever-growing numbers is Gus Sellberg, 54-year-old potman in the Vancouver, Wash., plant of the Aluminum Company of America. A native of Denmark, Sellberg waged a one-man "war" against the Axis recently by voluntarily working 112 hours—seven consecutive 16-hour shifts—in a single week. In completing what is believed to be a work record in the aluminum industry, Sellberg produced enough aluminum, according to plant superintendent David H. Beetem, to build nine modern fighter planes. "I can't fight; I can't march," said Sellberg, "but I can produce aluminum. Nine more planes today might end the war one day sooner. I have a son in the Navy, so I'm going to do everything in my power to see that he and the armed forces of the United Nations are supplied with all the bombers and fighter planes they need."

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of

trust executed by L. B. Culpepper and wife, bearing date July 15, 1936, and recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book T-3, at page 30, same having been given to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein described, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness for which the same was given as security, and at the request of the holder of said note, the undersigned Trustee will on the 21st day of November, 1942, at twelve (12) o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door of Martin County, in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, lying and being in the Town of Williamston, N. C., and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Anderson lot on Simmons Ave., running North 30 degrees West along Anderson's line 240 feet; thence South 57 1-2 degrees West 78 feet; thence South 30 degrees East 240 feet; thence North 75 1-2 degrees East 78 feet to the beginning, containing one-eighth of an acre more or less. Being same land conveyed to S. A. Newell by H. W. Stubbs by deed dated November, 1907, and being recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book 555, at page 228.

This the 15th day of October, 1942.
EDWIN M. CULPEPPER,
Trustee.
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. o20-41

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A tract of land in Hamilton Township, Martin County, known as the

Redden Gainer Farm, containing 78 acres, more or less; bounded on the South by Vance Roberson land, on the East by H. C. Norman land, on the North by R. H. Weaver land and on the West by Cleve Taylor and Rawls land.
This 7th day of October, 1942.
R. L. COBURN,
Trustee.
B. A. Critcher, Atty. o13-41
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