

IT IS MORE

The Church is more than a place of worship and adoration for those who are grateful to God for all his benefits toward those who are grateful to God for all his benefits toward those who love Him and desire to gather together to honor His name with thanksgiving and praise.

The Church is even more than a refuge, a source of comfort and consolation for the weary and heavy laden, for the afflicted and sick at

heart. Passively considered, the Church is all this, but it is even more. It is the place of banding together, for the sympathy, inspiration and mutual aid, of those zealous lovers of Christ who desire to carry on, collectively as well as individually and always actively- Christ's work in the world as nearly as possible as He himself would carry it on were He here on earth.

Though you may be away from



Uphold Wages

Everybody who is willing and able to work is working harder these days; moving faster during regular hours and putting in overtime. Pressure of war, shortage of workers and prevailing high wages are the cause. A larger personal income, beneficial to all classes, is one of the direct results. We would all like to carry this feature over into the post-war years.

Philip Murray of the CIO had the right idea when he went to President Truman a few weeks ago and asked for a 20% increase in basic wage rates. Average wages in the United States at that time were \$1.04 an hour. This may seem high enough but it can't last. As soon as the war is over, labor's income will decline some, in spite of everything that can be done about it.

**Losses to Labor.** Bonuses will disappear when the pressure of government contracts is removed. Working weeks will be shorter. Overtime will shrink to the vanishing point. Besides, high-wage munition factories will close down and their employees will take work where wages are lower, some on farms. If the basic wage scale is not higher when war ends, labor's income will suffer too much.

Farmers have hard times when factory workers do. The wage earner's dinner table is the farmer's market, so nobody is more interested in high wages in factories than the farmers themselves. Agriculture and labor, both big segments of Americans, are right behind Mr. Murray for good wages immediately after the war because prosperity for many years will depend on it.

**Bug in the Lotion** The only disappointing detail in connection with the CIO's campaign for post-war prosperity is this: Mr. Murray's first move was an effort to make high wages legal rather than to make them possible. Lawgivers have been trying for centuries to make people pay what they didn't have. It can't be done. It makes no difference what the wage scale is if the employer can't meet it.

A high basic wage scale recorded upon the ponderous pages of federal statute books will not buy milk for any working man's baby. Folding money in the pay-envelope, however, will do the trick. Any employer will put cash in his workers hands, in steadily increasing quantities, so long as he can still show a profit on the products that his organization ships out from his factory.

**Congress Has Key** There is a happy solution to this wage problem. If plant owners can be enabled to install new, modern equipment as needed, factory output per man-hour will increase steadily. This justifies better wages without raising prices and this is the combination that makes quick markets and prosperity. Problem: Will Congress let industry buy new machinery?

Still in force in America are our war-time tax laws, taking over 90% of corporation earnings. They make profits in business thin and uninteresting to investors; increased production next to impossible. Congress holds the key. Plenty of good jobs at good pay can develop after the war if new tax laws are prepared now and announced now to take effect the day Japan surrenders.

your own Church and your own— friends, you will find a friendly welcome by going to the church of your denomination in our town. Do not interrupt your regular visits, but— come to Church Sunday.

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THOMPSON IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Quartermaster 3rd. Class Clyde J. Thompson L.S.T. 283 care of Post Master, San Francisco California. Quartermaster Thompson is a brother of Sgt. Lafoia Thompson. He entered service in the early part of 1943, receiving his boot training in Bainbridge Maryland. He has seen action in Normandy on D-day and in southern France. He then returned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and now is on thirty days furlough.

He has returned to assigned duty in the South Pacific! He is the son of Mrs. H. A. Sides of Swannanoa.

LET'S BACK THE ATTACK

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS SHOULD INQUIRE ABOUT SOCIAL INSURANCE

In the coming months, many returning veterans are going into business for themselves for the first time. Some are men who have never been an employer of labor before. These individuals are reminded that new employers who have one or more part-time file an application with the Social Security Board for an identification number for the business, using Form SS-4. This is necessary even though only one person is on the payroll and perhaps works only part time. Each employer is required to keep a record of the worker's social security account number for use when it comes time to make out the social security tax return to

the collector of internal revenue and to give the employee a receipt for deductions made from his wages at least once a year or when the employee leaves him.

Interested individuals, who live outside of Asheville, should watch the newspapers of their cities for the announcement of when a representative of that office will visit their community. New employers may secure identification numbers either by calling at the Asheville field office which is located at Room 203 in the Flatiron Building or by writing this

office for application forms SS-4. Employers are also requested to notify the field office when an employee dies or expects to retire upon reaching age 65. Wage earners should always inquire at the nearest field office at age 65 and surviving relatives should inquire at once, in case of a wage earner's death.

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The above group and twelve other graduates who were not present for the picture were graduated from Cecil's Friday, July 27. Their names and the firm names in which they are employed are listed below.

Seated, left to right	Where Employed	Standing, left to right	Where Employed
Christine Radford	Floor Covering, Inc.	Joseph E. Dance, Jr.	Hugh J. Toland, C. P. A.
Martha Baker	J. A. Baker Packing Co.	Martha Brown	Ecusta Paper Company
Emma Kate Waters	Floor Covering, Inc.	Mary Gambill	Redistribution Center
Doris Merrill	Pearce-Young-Angel	Inez Ramsey	First National Bank
Clara Puckett	Pearce-Young-Angel	Virginia York	County Agent, Burnsville
Frances Maney	Williams & Cocke, Atty.	Ernestine Pinner	Haywood County Bank
Willie Mae Davis	Champion Paper & Fibre	Juanita McCall	Redistribution Center
Shirley Sluder	Gate City Life Ins. Co.	Mrs. Virginia McFarlin	Redistribution Center
Ophelia Cole	Farmers Federation	Kathleen Cabe	Chamber of Commerce
Mary Nell Acker	Chamber of Commerce	Mary Etta Chapman	Bank of Asheville
Lucile McDaris	Tidewater Supply Co.	Mrs. Virginia Hawkins	Glen Alpine Mills
Juanita Williams	Carolina Mountain Tel. Co.	Constance McCarson	Flight Command
		Robert C. Bridges	Advanced Accounting
		William Peyton	Exters College
		Katherine Dees	Pless Motor Company

OTHER 1945 GRADUATES NOT IN PICTURE

Name	Where Employed	Name	Where Employed
Ruth Stroud	Oteen Hospital	Dorothy C. Whisenhunt	Haverty Furniture Co.
Mabel Owenby	Bank of Asheville	Sanford Teague	Washington, D. C.
Helen Frances Olsen	Washington, D. C.	Jewell Hensley	Wachovia Bank & T. Co.
Pearl Hamlin	Morgan Manufacturing Co.	Eva Russell	Tenn. Eastman Corp.
Merle Maxwell	Oteen Hospital	Wilma Nesbitt	Dr. S. Robinson
Jack Moore Harter	Biltmore Furniture Co.	Mabel Hensley	Bank of Asheville

Fall Term begins Sept. 4. Reservations must be made in advance