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ON THE HOME FRONT.

Every part of this war must be considered in relation to every other part and to the whole picture. Our Chinese allies are driving back the Japs in the center of a line thousands of miles long while our fighting men hammer at both ends. The brave Russian resistance has kept nazis planes from flying in clouds to attack British and American planes and tanks in the African desert. Our ships brought American guns, tanks, and bombs to Africa, and the more than 200 ships launched or started on Labor day were a sign that we will reach our goal of 10 times that number next year.

To build those ships, together with thousands of guns, tanks and planes for ourselves and the united nations, will take far more skilled workers than we now have. As able-bodied young men leave war plants for fighting services, their places will be taken by older men and by women. By the end of next year one out of every four women—perhaps one out of every three—between 18 and 44 years old will be employed, at least a third of them in war industries. In the meanwhile, labor shortages in 12 western states have cut the output of copper, aluminum, zinc, and lumber. In these areas workers from now on must get "certificates of separation" if they change jobs.

Millions of workers must be trained to new jobs in time for us to deliver the weapons needed by our fighters, for our lost time is the enemy's gain. Time and labor saving, on the other hand, adds to our manpower and to our fighting strength. For that reason, while military honors go to war heroes, our "soldiers of production" are singled out for public praise. Sixteen men and one woman received the first awards of certificates of individual production for ideas—the best of 12,000 suggestions—increasing the quantity or improving the quality of war goods.

In the drive to save time, labor, and materials the 1,300 labor-management committees in war plants take the lead. War Production Board Chairman Donald Nelson, recognizing labor's right to a larger share in the direction of war work, has arranged with labor leaders to appoint a five-man committee, with an equal number of members from labor and management, to work with these labor-management committees. But the collective action of labor and management and battles overseas will not win victory for the united nations unless every one of us saves in our homes.

Every year we throw away about two billion pounds of fats and

greases, which can be used in making high explosives. The half billion pounds of waste fats we are asked to save this year could make enough bombs to put Japan out of the fight or cripple the German war machine. A year's supply of old tin cans from our kitchens would yield 3,000 tons of needed tin and almost half a million tons of steel scrap. For the present, however, tin collection is not being pushed in all localities because tin shredding plants are still to be built in 17 cities.

The government is alert to act against sabotage of price control, against illegal trading—the "black markets"—rent gougers in war boom towns, dishonest grading of meats, and other wartime trickery. Some manufacturers hide price increases by cheapening products and skimping on measurements, claiming their goods are the same as they hold before. They are the fifth columnists who open the way to inflation, to those rising living costs, which the President has named our No. 1 enemy. On Labor day he promised to halt another inflation threat—boosts in the prices of farm products.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Magnanimous Living.

Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.

Forgive and Forget.

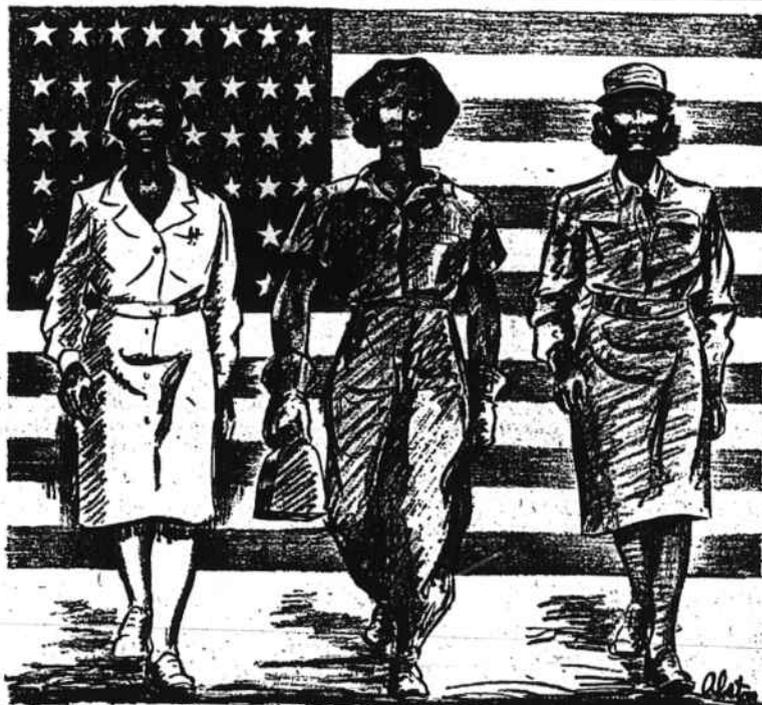
The details of character study in the Joseph stories give them a human interest almost unexcelled. The gradual building up to the climax is skillfully done, holding the attention of young and old alike. The climactic scene is when Joseph breaks down and tells his brothers of his identity. No longer can he hold them in suspense. They have responded well to his testing. He is more than ready to receive them with welcome and forgiveness.

They cannot believe him at first and are still fearful that he is testing them further in some subtle way. But Joseph clearly indicates that he is not angry or resentful of their former treatment of him. Looking back upon it all, he interprets it as the hand of God at work in their lives. Unknowingly they have been the instruments of a divine purpose. The favoritism, conceit, and jealousy are all wiped out by this noble conception of life.

Though it is not easy to be misjudged, such an experience may be due to our own foolishness and pride. We may then turn about and recognize the hand of God in the experience. When we do this, we are able to forgive and forget.

We are told by one commentator that the history of Israel teaches us that, "national calamity, rather than success, is a time of spiritual growth." So Joseph's personal calamity was an occasion for spiritual development, foreshadowing the New Testament and its forgiving spirit.

We cannot overestimate the far-reaching effects of such experience. By the channel of forgiveness there is afforded an outlet for our inner emotions, thus preventing the accumulation of hurts, slights, and resentments through the years. We may safely say that a vengeance-loving Joseph could never have attained rulership over Egypt. Psychologists tell us that a man who nourishes in his subconscious mind the wounds of injustice and mistreatment is encumbered and weighted down thereby. He is unable to "take off," in the phrase of the air pilot, with any new creative enterprise. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the



"THEY ALSO SERVE"

Inspiration of thy holy spirit."

"As we forgive those who trespass against us" so "forgive us." We might well change the position of these two phrases of our Lord's prayer so that the degree of our forgiveness comes first. We determine the measure of forgiveness accorded us by that which we extend to others. Joseph set the pace. His father and brothers followed his example. Happy was the reunion made possible through the outgoing of this positive, forgiving force. It is an absolute requirement for a happy family circle. God, grant that we may help to realize it in the family of nations.

Living On the Heights.

Always the call of God to man is to life at his best, life on the heights. This is from the God who knows the weaknesses and frailties of man, but knows also that in his strength we are strong and equal to whatever tasks duty brings us. We have faith in a God who has faith in us. This is one of the comforting assurances in his word and in our experiences of fellowship along the way.

If you ask how we can know that God believes in us, I speak your experience when I speak my own: I have never yet faltered or failed (and these experiences have come many times) but that he has been near to call me to rise and try again. If you ask how I know he believes in you, the answer is that, whatever the best aspiration you have had, the best desire to, make your life count in the service of his cause, this is God speaking to you and assuring you that the heights you visioned when stirred by your best desires were within your reach if only you would let him do his best with you. Our Lord does not call to easy tasks. These would not be for our strengthening and for our growth in grace. His challenges and his appeals come usually in words not easy for us to speak. Jesus knew what was in the heart of man—how his desires in large part were of the world or influenced by the thought of the world. He did not compromise with these desires and inclinations, but, over against these, placed words that call us to give proof that we are of his kingdom. Christ knew the appeal of human pride, the desire of man for glory

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THE POET'S CORNER

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FRESHMAN DISCOURSE.

You have entered a new social sphere, the field of novice collegiate activity. If you are seeking intellectual superiority, revivalling application will get you there.

They have helped you to enter college. As a preparatory step for future leadership: After four years, the duties of full citizenship, Will confront you, so have due courage.

Cater to the spirit of every occasion, which tends to develop the human mind; To fellow schoolmates be friendly and kind, And your reward will be honorable graduation.

College is not the place for ingenuity, Nor a watering spot for social misfits; Labor diligently; put heart and soul into it, And laudatory achievement will be your reward.

Classic heights of pedagogical intellect, Are not gained by craven stealth; Those who desire academic wealth, Must be obedient, dutiful, in every respect.

Take active part in all curricular activities, including sports, proms, and studies; Join a pedigree Greek letter fraternity, And cultivate the friendship of honest cronies.

Step with rapidity, but very carefully. Keeping abreast of the times; If you fall down, don't whine! Get up; try again; you'll win eventually.

Last but not least, remember this—"Rome was not built in a single day."

Press forward and by the way, Don't neglect to pray; session dismissed.

—William Malet Carpenter

CHARACTER SKETCH.

I'd like to call you alert, If you didn't sleep till ten o'clock, People who are really energetic, Rise at 5 a. m. upon the dot.

Early rising is a virtue, Much discussed but rarely seen, For it's far more comfortable, To just lie abed and dream.

I'd like to call you friendly, But you usually wear a frown, When seated upon your piazza, Or casually walking around.

I'd like to call you handsome, But Grecian noses aren't becoming, To folks with receding chins; Chinless people don't look charming.

But, maybe I'm wrong again, After all, you seldom drink, As many other people do, Is it harmful, do you think?

Your pants have patches, where, And your face is seldom clean, But you shave, once in a while, Things may not be like they seem.

You love to say, "Good evening, And though your wits are slow, I'm not afraid of you, at all, Because you're not a coward."

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