## EDITOR'S CORNER

Your Editor has requested that I make a few remarks concerning the business end of publishing the Home Front News. When the idea of the Home Front News was presented to the Rotary Club by Bill Babcock back in the summer of 1942, it was estimated at this time that it would cost about \$6.25 a month to publish it. We are proud to say that this publication has grown by leaps and bounds and we are now sending out to those of you in the service between sixteen and seventeen hundred each month and the postage alone runs in the vicinity of \$90.00 a month.

Beginning with the November, 1942, issue our expenses had already begun to increase and we found it necessary to sell advertising space to local merchants in order to help defray expenses and you have probably noticed that there are about ten or twelve of the larger concerns in Tarboro that have given us a \$50.00 ad about once a year, which has gone a long way in making it possible for us to get out the Home Front News. There are a number of smaller concerns in Tarboro that are just as interested in seeing to it that this publication gets to those of you in the service as the larger concerns but have not felt able to purchase a \$50.00 ad. However, in this issue, you will notice in the advertising space a list of smaller local merchants who have contributed from five to twenty-five dollars for space in this issue. These merchants gave these ads without any hesitation and agreed to our using all of them in this one issue in order that we may accumulate a little extra money for this and future issues.

As most of you know, practically all of the work done on this paper is on a voluntary basis but there are certain necessary expenses, such as stamps, paper, envelopes, stencils, etc., which must be purchased. The intent of this article is not to make you feel that we are complaining about the cost but we would like to let you know the concerns and individuals who have helped us finance this publication. First, I would like to thank all of the advertisers, both past and present; second, local people and organizations who have made outright donations; third, the local Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce for raising funds through scrap iron and paper drives; fourth, civilians who have subscribed to the Home Front News and last Mr. M. S. (Coca Cola) Brown who has done more for the Home Front News in a financial way than any other person by giving and delivering to the Staff of the Home Front News every picture that has ever been published and sent out to those of you in the service.

Your Editor and every member of the Rotary Club join me in thanking the above for their financial and moral support they have given us to keep this organization going.

DAIL HOLDERNESS,
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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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"The heavens declare the glory of God." Psalm 19: 1

The glory, beauty, goodness and truth of God are revealed in his universe. God speaks to men through the orderly processes of his world. One with a spirit of sensitiveness to the Father's creative beauty and love can not look at the stars, the moon, and sun without feeling His presence. The psalmist expressed the deep feeling of his heart when he said: "The heavens declare the glory of God." As he looked up he was reminded of the love and presence of a kind heavenly Father.

A soldier, in a camp hundreds of miles away from his wife, wrote her:

"In the evenings I like to go out and look up at the stars. They are familiar to me, and I know that you, looking up, can see the same stars, though many miles away. I like to remember that a star in the East brought the glad tidings to the world two thousand years ago. I like to think that we are never really alone, because I can take Christ with me and leave Him there with you. The stars of the night, untouched by anything earthly, show the great orderly plan that God has for us. Stars make me sure of God. They tell me that He is omnipresent, even as they are always present. Disbelief, like filmy clouds that sometimes hide the stars, may shut us away from Him for a time, but the light of His love is never put out.

"The stars are quiet, calm, peaceful. They shine upon all alike, just as God's love does. Amid the darkness—sorrow, discomfort, distress—the stars of God's love shine as penetrating rays of light into the souls of men—if they will but look up!"

#### PRAYER

O God, our Maker, may we ever walk by the light of Thy stars that will guide us onward and upward into the light of a new day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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