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A band of hardy people had finished harvesting their first crop in a new land. They had started a fight for survival against odds they knew nothing of. Yet, they were certain now that their fight had been a victorious one, that they would continue to live and perhaps to prosper. They knew that come what may, they were free men living in a free country, and they were thankful. Their harvest in, they set aside a day for thanks—thanks not for unbounded wealth nor for great luxuries, but thanks for freedom—freedom of religion and freedom from fear.

Once more a band of hardy people has brought us a victory over the forces that sought to destroy our freedom. And now, this Thanksgiving has even greater significance. None among us can say we have nothing to be thankful for; the fact that we are living in this great country of ours is reason enough to give thanks. We need not be possessors of great material wealth to be thankful, for we have the one heritage that men all over the world would gladly trade their gold for—the greatest of all treasures, FREEDOM.

Must Go Over!

The Echo is proud of the outstanding war bond sales record made in Transylvania county. Figures released recently by Chairman Ed McMahan show that since the sale of these government securities was started in 1941, up until July 1, 1945 a total of \$1,891,200.50 in "E" bonds was sold and \$4,539,477.50 in all kinds of bonds.

The county's quotas for the first seven war loan drives totalled \$2,036,325.00 and overall sales amounted to \$3,630,580.00, or nearly double the quotas.

We believe this is one of the best records in the state. We are proud of it, but we are not proud of the fact that sales during the "Victory Loan" campaign that is now underway and will continue until December 8, are lagging.

Certainly every Ecustan is going to do his or her part to put this final drive over the top.

True Friends

Just as some college and high school football teams seem to have more teamwork than others, certain companies seem to possess a greater spirit of co-operation. Much of this spirit stems from friendship . . . the friendship of one employee for another.

Friendship helps us to realize that everyone has more good points than he has bad. Oftentimes a man has "found himself" because some friend saw his virtues rather than his faults.

True friends do not know the meaning of jealousy and envy. When congratulations are in order a friend knows that a single hearty handshake means more than any amount of pointless flattery.

The closest friendships are cemented with real patience. Irritating moments are bound to occur in the association of any two persons, but annoyances that are not voiced are soon forgotten.

The rays of friendship which brighten our own daily lives are largely responsible for the fine company spirit which is evident here at Ecusta.

Beneath The Pisgah The Poet's Corner

FRIENDSHIP

Oh, the comfort—the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person.

Having neither to weigh thoughts, Nor measure words—but pouring them

All right out—just as they are— Chaff and grain together— Certain that a faithful hand will Take and sift them—

Keep what is worth keeping— And with the breath of kindness Blow the rest away.

Dinah Maria Mulock Craik

SONG I SING

I shall sing a song to you— Fair a song as any; Perfect as a drop of dew— Rare among the many.

Eager, dancing words will do Their melodious duty; Make a lucent mirror, true To your shining beauty.

I shall coin your golden hair For a stanza's treasure; Tame your wild and wayward air To my love-sick measure.

I shall lift my song and sing With the voice of doom The utter loneliness you bring Into this little room.

—By Samuel Hoffenstein.

UNCHANGEABLE

The harvest comes again: Brown fields are ready To yield their ripened grain; The air is heady Like beauty after pain.

Too soon the bright leaves fall In a wild delight Above the garden wall; Somewhere out of sight I hear the wild geese call.

The seasons follow still God's own unaltered will.

—By Webb Dycus.

A MINOR BIRD

I have wished a bird would fly away, And not sing by my house all day;

Have clapped my hands at him from the door When it seemed as if I could bear no more.

The fault must partly have been in me. The bird was not to blame for his key.

And of course there must be something wrong In wanting to silence any song.

—By Robert Frost.

The Echo Invites 'Letters To Santa'

Children of all employees are invited to write "Letters to Santa" to be published in the December issue of The Echo.

These letters should not be too long and should be submitted at the Library on or before December 6.

The Ecusta Children's Parties will be held on Saturday, December 22, and Santa has extended a cordial invitation for children of all employees to attend one of these parties.

If you want to write Santa a letter, do it immediately.



Our Book Corner

Dear Readers:

This is a personal letter giving you the inside dope on part of our newest editions in your library.

As to fiction, here goes—

SPELLBOUND, Frances Beeding; THE POOL, Dana Burnet; THE BLACK ROSE, Thomas B. Costain; MADAME BOVARY, Gustave Flaubert; THE GIRL NEXT DOOR, Galen B. Finch; A LION IS IN THE STREETS, Adria Locke Langley; THREE HARBOURS, F. van Wyck Mason; STARS OF THE SEA, F. van Wyck Mason; BLACK MOON, Clark McMeekin; DARK SAILS, Helen Topping Miller; THE HIGH BARBAREE, Nordhoff and Hall; LAUGHTER ON THE HILL, Margaret Parton; ORCHARD HILL, Elizabeth Seifert; THAT GIRL FROM MEMPHIS, Wilbur Daniel Steele; THE GAUNTLET, James Street.

For those of you who like light love stories, these will be good news. A JOB FOR JENNY, MEDICAL CENTER, and WEEK-END MARRIAGE, all by Faith Baldwin; PROFESSIONAL LOVER, Maysie Greig; THROUGH THESE FIRES, and THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET by Grace Livingston Hill and SECRET MARRIAGE, Kathleen Norris.

For you espionage and mystery fiends—THE DOUBLE AGENT, Hildegard Tolman Teilhet; DREAD JOURNEY, Dorothy B. Hughes; THE CASE OF THE BAITED HOOK, by Erle Stanley Gardner.

Those of you who are planning 'post-war' homes will want these books. They give plans, remodeling instructions, equipment and short cuts to a modern home. Get: TOMORROW'S HOUSE, by George Nelson and Henry Nelson; PLANNING YOUR HOME FOR BETTER LIVING by Clarence W. Dunham and Milton D. Thalberg.

P. S.—To our non-fiction shelf we welcome, and trust you do, THE VIKING BOOK OF POETRY OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING WORLD, THE COMPLETE POEMS OF ROBERT SERVICE, BEST LOVED POEMS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE and THE COLLECTED VERSE OF EDGAR A. GUEST.

IDEAL SPOUSE

A Negro woman in Mississippi the other day testifying in behalf of her husband admitted in court that he never hit a lick of work and that she had to support him. "Why do you live with such a trifling no-account husband?" she was asked. "Well, it is this way," she replied, "I makes de living and he makes de living worthwhile."

BUY VICTORY BONDS