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Honor Our Heroes

"Buy a poppy! Buy a poppy!" This call, in clear and eager tones, you'll hear on the streets of Brevard, Saturday, May 25th. Without fail, "buy a poppy." Buy several!

Buddy Poppy Day not only keeps alive the memory of our honored dead, but is a means of relief and comfort for our veterans disabled by the cruelty of war.

The first National Poppy sale was held in 1922, using French poppies, made by women and children of the devastated areas. For 24 years this movement has been carried on successfully. Millions of veterans and their dependents have benefited in numerous ways.

This year the need for record sales is more vital than ever, since we have just completed the most deadly and cruel of all wars. So let each of us give as liberally as possible to a cause to which we owe our very lives.

"Buy a poppy" to help care for our disabled veterans and their families and honor those, to quote Lincoln, "who gave their last full measure of devotion."

Millions To Die Unless We Act

Unless we heed their cries, five hundred million human beings in Europe and Asia may succumb to the most terrible tyrant in the world—Famine. These people, one-fourth of the human race, are depending on the rest of humanity to lend them a helping hand.

The Emergency Food Collection, which began May 12, on behalf of UNRRA, provides each of us with the opportunity to make a personal contribution toward the relief of these starving people overseas.

Milk (evaporated, condensed or dried), meat, fish, baby foods, baked beans, stews, soups, honey, fruits, vegetables and juices are all desperately needed.

It is a world-wide mercy plan. Sugar from Cuba, cattle from Canada, rice and sugar from the Dominican Republic, fruit from the Latin Americans—so goes the list of gifts from nations everywhere.

Contributions of canned goods or money to purchase foods are greatly welcomed by the committee which is conducting the collection in the United States. Cash contributions to the Emergency Food Collection will be utilized to purchase food only. No deductions for operating costs are made from contributions.

Surely in this bountiful nation of ours which has been spared the ravishes of war there is no family that cannot spare one can of foodstuff. Won't you give that others may live?

Five depots have been established in Transylvania county to which tinned foods as described above may be taken. These are located at the Brevard city hall, Pattersons, B & B Feed and Seed Co., Patton's Store at Pisgah Forest and W. W. McNeely's store at Lake Toxaway. The Transylvania committee consists of Ira B. Armfield, chairman; Allen Brittain, F. Brown Carr, Ike M. Ayers, W. W. McNeely and Mrs. Alvin Rockwood. Any member of this group will be glad to receive cash contributions,

Beneath The Pisgah The Poet's Corner

Lines To A Little Girl

Run, with your brown hair flying,
Glossy in the sun,
Run, like a young colt trying
Its legs for fun.

Be one with the warm sweet air,
Wear the gentle wind;
Take care, take care
Of every nimble hour
And every meadow flower.
Gather the world in your two
slim arms
And hold it there.

—Ruth Mary DuBois.

Last Days Of Camp

THE HIKE

It wasn't the long trip he remembered best
Of the mountain summer. That, too, had been good,
Despite the blisters, for it was a test.
And he had passed it, as he hoped he would,
But feared he wouldn't. No, it was a climb
One evening when four others and himself
Went on a clan hike after supertime,
On a brown deer track narrow as a shelf.

He led, and suddenly around a bend
They faced a well-grown fawn who stopped! They, too,
Stood breathless still and, waiting, tried to send
Their good-will toward it. But it turned and flew
In little bird leaps blending with the sun.
And then they breathed again.
"Oh, gee!" said one.
—Virginia Brasier

Child In Spring

You and the spring are young together.
You are the bud of the enchanted flower
Released from winter's web of sleep,
Opening slowly in the morning hour.
Not marring the grass with your light feet,
You run laughing while the sky is shaped to listen, to reply.
The blue winds answer to your cry.
Your hair, like sun, shadows your cheek
And April are the words you speak.
—Sara Van Alstyne Allen.

Brother

I stood and watched him as his plow's thin blade
Rolled the brown furrows true as his steady gaze.
I was a stranger, and my shyness made
A barrier between us. Something stays
All speech at such a time. But suddenly
I saw the untouched circle of the grass
Left in the center of his field, where he
Had turned the horse, let lifted plow blade pass.
A startled meadow lark climbed, spiraled high
On rungs of light above her hidden nest;
Her song was spun against the
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Our
Book Corner

Take advantage of the cool, rainy weather to get in some good reading before the hot days come, when your outdoor activities will begin. For the lighter side of life, let's turn to Ilka Chase. You remember her PAST IMPERFECT and IN BED WE CRY; her newest book, a current best-seller, is I LOVE MISS TILLI BEAN. You'll laugh, love and live with Miss TILLI. Don't Miss it!

Did you see the movie, A WALK IN THE SUN? You'll surely want to read the book by the same name. This swift-moving short novel is a few hours' history of one platoon of G I Joes, thrown into battle on Italian shores. With three leaders struck down, the whole outfit is left leaderless, but only for a short time. This story boldly portrays the character, courage and stability of our American fighters.

For completely zany, daffy and dopey fun, for heaven's sake check out our WHO THREW THAT COCONUT? by Jerry Colonna with the foreword by Bob (Hopeless) Hope. It's the adventure and experience of U.S.O. Unit No. 130, consisting of Bob Hope, Jerry Colonna, Frances Langford, Paty Thomas, Barney Dean and Tony Romano. It's a small book, but so fully crammed with fun for you! John Coulter is known to many of us a poet, playwright and radio personality. Irish-born, he has lived in Canada for a number of years. His book, TURF SMOKE, is written through the eyes of an immigrant, now looking backward to his former life, but toward the strange and exciting new world. The plot revolves around Barney Cahill; shrewd, with a philosophy closely akin to laziness, he manages to get along in a swiftly moving world. The pictures are outstanding, and the author will be one of your favorites when you have read and devoured TURF SMOKE.

If you are allergic to the word "history," don't dare snub PANAMA PASSAGE. It is purely an adventure story, with the building of the Panama Canal as a backdrop. A young sanitation engineer, his wife and the woman he really loves, are the chief actors. It takes a firm hand to combine fiction and history, but Donald Barr Chidsey does it with remarkable skill and ease. It's one of to-day's better novels. With spring, we automatically think "paint, build, remodel." We have several excellent books in the Library in which you carpenters or would-be carpenters will be interested.

They are: MODERN HOME-CRAFT, by George A. Raeth, a book of modern furniture design, construction and finishing; MODERN CARPENTRY, a practical
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