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MEDITATION

"Our trails are great opportunities. Too often we look on them as great obstacles. It would be a haven of rest and an inspiration of unspeakable power if each of us would henceforth recognize every difficult situation as one of God's chosen ways of proving to us His love and look around for the signals of His glorious manifestations; then, indeed, would every cloud become a rainbow, and every mountain a path of ascension and a scene of transfiguration."

High Hopes Of The Future

A grown man was walking along the street and saw a woman with a small baby in her arms. He remarked that he wished he had been born when that baby was, saying that the infant will grow up in the greatest age the world has ever known.

The high school graduates who are receiving their diplomas now are not babies; they are from 16 to 19 years removed from that state, but they are graduating in a period that is different from any the world has ever known. There are great tasks, sacrifices, and opportunities facing them. Accomplishing the tasks, with the necessary sacrifices, and grasping of the opportunities that are new and untried, will create for the youths now graduating a new world, different in almost every respect from the one in which they have come this far in life.

The graduates are the future hope of our country. Their advantages have been great, but their responsibilities in the future will be greater. They will guide and be a part of America's great business, industrial and agricultural life of tomorrow — perhaps not only America's, but the World's. The world is pretty badly battered up and full of headaches. These boys and girls did not cause them, but curing them will be their job.

Even before these youths start their job of helping to rehabilitate the world, many will be called to the front to fight. They will go, with the courage of all youth, and help win the war, returning to spend their influence and energies in the new America of post-war days.

We extend to them our best wishes for good fortune, success and happiness, with opportunity for usefulness and attainment of their many ambitions, in the years ahead.

Bonds Better Buys Than Farm Land

For the farmer with surplus money to invest, War Bonds are today a better buy than land believes Dean I. O. Schaub, Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and Chairman of the North Carolina War Finance Agricultural Committee, who points out that for the nation on March 1, 1944, the price of land was up 38 percent from the average of the five pre-war years 1935-39.

While the person buying land today runs the risk of heavy loss, Dean Schaub points out that the farmer who puts his wartime profits in War Bonds will, at the end of ten years, get four dollars for every three invested. He believes it would be much wiser for the man who wants to buy more land to invest in bonds now and wait until values and conditions get back to normal after the war to purchase the land. Then land values will be back in line with peacetime prices for farm commodities.

Don't Let Down The Victory Gardens

One of the big private activities in Washington surrounds the local Victory gardens. The Secretary of Agriculture has made a statement showing that Victory gardens contributed forty per cent of the fresh vegetables grown last year, and he has made a plea for more gardens. This is due to the fact that a recent survey indicated a ten per cent drop under last year. Don't give up the Victory gardens—there is a lot of fun in

OUR DEMOCRACY by Ma!

The stability of our country has long rested on three principles: IDEALS, ENERGY, THRIFT.



HOME CHURCH SCHOOL

MOLDERS OF OUR IDEALS



FARM FACTORY TRANSPORTATION

SYMBOLIC OF OUR ENERGY



INSTRUMENTS OF OUR THRIFT

- ALL MUST BE STRONG IN EACH OF US TODAY - TO WIN THE WAR AND TO PRESERVE OUR DEMOCRACY.

the game if you get into it and follow it up as faithfully as though it were golf.

Forest Fires Up In '42

Forest fires last year burned over a total of 31,854, 124 acres of United States woodlands, compared with 26,404,385 acres in 1941, according to the U. S. Forest Service. Eighty-six percent of the total acreage burned was on areas not having organized fire protection.

Price and Ration News

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.

SUGAR — Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

GASOLINE — In 17 East Coast States, A-9 coupon, good through May 8. A-10 coupon becomes good May 9 and remains good through August 8. In States outside the East Coast area, A-11 coupon, good through June 21.

FUEL OIL — Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through August 31.

SHOES — Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Bona fide candidates for public office are eligible under gasoline rationing regulations for gasoline essential to the prosecution of their campaigns, and their paid campaign managers are eligible for not more than non-preferred "B" occupational rations. Mr. Driscoll, district director of OPA at Charlotte has announced.

Chief objective of the ruling, he said, is to give voters full opportunity to observe at first hand the personalities, programs and policies of the candidates who see to serve them.

Rations for candidates are issued by their home boards and are based on actual needs, taking into consideration the availability of public transportation and the exact mileage involved. Mr. Driscoll said.

Campaign managers who meet the requirements for alternative means of transportation and share-riding provisions, qualify for non-preferred "B" mileage only if they are employed and compensated for their work as their occupation.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Unknown Soldier

When Spring trips north and scents the budding apple trees of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley the folk of Winchester bring flowers to Stonewall cemetery where stands the figure dedicated to the "unknown and unrecorded dead" of the Civil War.



Our "unknown" dead are being buried today on many battlefields but the "unknown" who will never be honored is the worker whose name is "unknown" to the rolls of War Bond buyers.

Buy 'Em and Keep 'Em

YOUR LIBRARY

By DORA RUTH PARKS, Librarian Nantahala Regional Library

"For Whom the Bell Tolls" in movie version was another example of "dirty book" being clean-

ed up for the screen. There is movie censorship in this country, but freedom of the press leaves us to choose as we will the things we read. Libraries face a very definite problem with regard to so called "dirty books". Sometimes popular demand makes it necessary for the library to buy some titles against the judgment of professional book selectors.

If the reading public decides for itself whether there is genuine sociological significance because of sheer realism in a book, or whether the writer is trying to write a sensational best-seller and make money, it has judged pretty fairly the importance of a book.

This brings us to say that it is not always the best seller which is to be accepted as the cream of the crop in books of the year. It also brings us to say that it is pretty generally conceded that realism in a novel can lead to constructive thinking along sociological lines and toward possible solutions. It is well for us to have general knowledge of books, gained by consistent browsing, rather than permit ourselves to become reconciled to having compilers of best seller lists do the choosing for us. It takes a varied and large collection to build tastes. That is the main reason for libraries increasing their stock.

By the way, have you read the following novels each of which has come out within the last five years?

- Alderson, A Bride Goes West;
- Barnes, Wisdom's Gate; Bristow, Tomorrow Is Forever; Buck, The Promise; Fedorova, The Family; Ferber, Saratoga Trunk; Forbes, Mama's Bank Account; Griswald, Sea Island Lady; Kantor, Happy Land; Keyes, Also The Hills; Llewellyn, How Green Was My Valley; McDonald, Old McDonald Had A Farm; Medearis, Big Doe's Girl; Mason, Three Harbors; O'Hara, My Friend Flicka; Ostensio, O River Remember; Seifert, Surgeon In Charge; Seton, M. Theodosia; Standish, Three Bamboos; Steinback, Moon Is Down; Day-empfort, Valley Of Decision; Walpole, Katherine Christian.

ROTENONE

Victory gardeners should use rotenone only when absolutely necessary because of limited supplies, says J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist at State College. Try cryolite or nicotine sulphate on insects.

Task Force Head



Rear Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN, commanded a Pacific Fleet carrier task force at Tarawa. He is shown on the bridge of his flagship.

America's No. 1 Ace



PIQUA, OHIO — Soundphoto. This is a recent photo of America's Foremost Ace in flying togs according to current tallies. The pilot is 23 year old Capt. Dominic Salvatore (Don) Gentile who so far has bagged 30 planes—4 more than Capt. Rickenbacker.

Little Jack Horner
Was sat in the center
Is no longer stuffing on pie;
His rim does not taper,
He gathers waste paper . . .
"Oh, what a good boy am I!"

SAVE WASTE PAPER



Scouting With The Editor

LILACS are among my favorite flowers. One of the prettiest lilac bushes I've seen this year is the one in Mr. Joe Axley's flower garden. Mr. Axley has beautiful flowers blooming from early spring until late fall. He loves to cultivate and care for his flowers and the pretty lawn at his home. He is generous with the blossoms, making many of his neighbors and friends happy with large bouquets frequently through the summer.

The following little verse on "Lilacs" appeals to me:
Lilacs are always memory flowers.
They grow beside old country places.
Closed doors and windows blank of faces;
They guard old secrets, hushed and grave.
Through early summer's singing hours
Heavy with fragrance of the brave.

CPT. WALLACE ARRANT of Pomona Ordnance Base, Pomona, Calif., recently wrote me an interesting letter about Staff Sgt. Horace Ramsey, who has done a big job during this war. He writes:

"My buddy, Staff Sgt. Horace Ramsey, and I joined the service over four years ago. I was home on my first furlough in over two years last month. Most of our friends around Murphy have forgotten about us.

"I noticed in the Cherokee Scout some nice write-ups on the boys who have been drafted. I am writing this for Staff Sgt. Horace Ramsey, who has done much and more than most boys to win this war. I think if anyone deserves praise and credit he does.

"He went overseas with the first division in August 1942. Since that time he has seen over nine months of actual combat in North Africa, Tunisia, and Sicily. He has been a great fighter since the invasion of North Africa. In Sicily he was one of the first to hit shore, and fought 28 days without relief. In all he has gone through 14 major battles, and that is more than most any one soldier in this

army has been through. Fourteen major battles in the infantry will equal 200 combat missions in the air corps. He went through over nine months of actual combat without injury.

"Staff Sgt. Ramsey went over with a company in which there were 85 boys. Of that original number only two are left in the company—Ramsey and another boy from Knoxville.

"I have kept in touch with Sgt. Ramsey ever since he went over, and I suppose I am about the only one who knows what he went through and has done to win this war. I am writing you in hopes you will print this in the paper so the people in Murphy may see what one of the home town boys has done, and so he at least can get a little credit for all he has done.

"Please say hello to all our friends in and around Murphy. We hope to be back some day."

I LIKE to get letters about the boys and girls in the service and wish that we knew more of the heroic stories that could be told about them.

THE GOOD CONDUCT medal for excellent character, efficiency and a year in the army was awarded T 5/G Willa Nell Elster, recently. Corporal Elster's home is in Atlanta, but she lived about ten years at Letitia and went to the Walker school, which was named for her grandfather. She also attended Murphy high before moving back to Atlanta. She then joined the WAC. She would like to hear from her Cherokee county friends, and her address is: "Cpt. Willa N. Elster, A406358, WAC Detachment, The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan.

INVITATIONS that I'd give most anything to be able to accept frequently must be declined. Last week an invitation came from W. G. Crawford, Jr., S 2/C, to the commissioning ceremonies of the U. S. S. Abercrombie (DE-343), at the city docks, Orange, Texas. It would have been a unique experience to have attended, and I appreciate Billy's thoughtfulness in sending the invitation and attractive etching accompanying it.

served in many of the churches of Clay county during this month.

The Rev. R. Lane Akins is directing a Daily Vacation Bible school in Andrews this week.

Mrs. Ray Williams continues ill.

TERMITES

Keep the soil under the house dry and remove wooden supports from contact with the soil in preventing termite damage, says J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist at State College.

Hayesville

A large attendance was present at the all-day meeting at the Baptist church Sunday. The Methodists, led by their pastor, the Rev. Clark Benson, worshipped with the Baptists. The Rev. J. H. Wilson of Bryson City spoke on "Come-Tarry-Go". A basket lunch was served on the grounds at noon. The next fifth Sunday meeting will be held with the rest of the churches of the Western North Carolina Association.

Four-H Club Sunday will be ob-

Bonds or Bondage

by F. D. Cornell, Jr. Associate Agricultural Economist West Virginia University



FARMERS are playing a vital role in the Victory drama. Most farmers are doing their utmost to insure that our armed forces and our civilian workers are getting ample supplies of the right kinds of food for continued maximum efficiency. All of this is being accomplished under unusual circumstances such as labor shortages, scarcity of essential feeds, fertilizers, gasoline, spray materials, and limited machinery repairs and replacements.

On the other hand, we must admit that our extra effort is being more adequately rewarded than previously and that along with such sacrifices and hardships as are encountered, there is some gain; and justly so. The farmer deserves every bit of credit and money he gets for his part. In that knowledge, however, lies real danger. Are we apt to become complaisant and feel we are doing our part? CAN we do more?

SELFISHNESS OR SELFLESSNESS: War is selfish business. No war ever began from purely philanthropic motives. To the aggressor, the gain always outweighs the sacrifice. To the defenders, the violation of human rights and liberties forms the common meeting ground of joint agreement and effort. However, victories are not won by selfishness. They depend on selflessness—a willingness and desire to sacrifice individual good for the good of all. That is why both sides always must try valiantly to establish in the minds and hearts of their peoples the justice of their cause. That is the will that wins.

OPPORTUNITY? If each of us were faced with the necessity of answering honestly the question—Am I doing everything within my power to speed the day of victory—the answer in most cases would be "No." Some of us can't forget or forego things which in a time of crisis matter little.

The two things most essential to waging successful warfare are food and money. The farmer recognizes his responsibility in food production. Does he fully recognize his opportunity to help provide the munitions of war?

OBLIGATION? Government Bonds offer the farmer an opportunity to have a part in providing our fighting men with ample and effective training and equipment. They also are an opportune way of laying aside reserves to meet needed repair and replacement costs after the war. Are they an obligation? Oh yes! The obligation of the government to pay back the loan with interest is no greater than our obligation to LEND the government our support. Remember? WE are the government. "WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES" . . .

PRIVILEGE? The greatest joys in life come from the privilege we enjoy, and which we are now fighting to defend. It is not only an opportunity and an obligation, but also a privilege to have as great a part as possible in insuring to ourselves, our children, and to generations yet unborn those freedoms which distinguish the bond and the free.

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