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MEDITATION

"There is no foe to your growth in grace, no enemy in your Christian work, which was not included in your Savior's conquests. You need not be afraid of them. When you touch them, they will flee before you. God has promised to deliver them up before you. Only be strong and very courageous! Fear not, nor be dismayed! The Lord is with you. O mighty men of valor — mighty because one with the Mightiest. Claim victory!"

Protect The Children

School days are here again — thousands of children are walking along our roadways, and crossing streets. They are carefree and anxious to reach school on time. The safety of these children is of utmost importance.

The safeguarding of the children going to and from school is a responsibility of the school, the home and the community.

This responsibility can be met, provided each of us is constantly reminded that although the volume of traffic is much less today, the hazard of careless driving continues to take its toll of life on our highways.

The following suggestions are recommended by Director Ronald Hocutt of the Highway Safety Division to parents and teachers for the protection of the school child pedestrian:

1. Select the safest route for children in towns and cities to walk to and from school.
2. Instruct children daily to cross streets only at intersections.
3. Permit children to leave home in time to reach school on time, but not with time to play along the streets or roads.
4. In rural areas children should be instructed to walk on the LEFT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY, and to always move out of the way of approaching cars.
5. In cooperation with the local Police Department, special streets should be designated as school crossings. If possible, have this crossing guarded during certain hours of the day when children will be going or coming from school.

The Director of the Safety Division also urges Motorists:

1. Drive cautiously on approaching school zones in both rural and city areas.
2. Be on the alert for children who may be playing along or near the roadway.
3. At all times keep in mind that the child along the road or street may suddenly run into the path of the oncoming car.
4. The good driver assumes that every child playing on or near the street is about to dart in front of his car, and drives cautiously.

Children can be trained to be good pedestrians. However, it requires the combined efforts of the school, the home, and the community. Let all of us put forth the necessary efforts to protect the school children of our State from automobile accidents this school year.

Prevent Losses

There's a dwelling fire every 1 2/5 minutes, a farm fire every 7 1/4 minutes, a mercantile fire every 8 minutes, and a factory fire every 18 minutes in the United States.

The ten most common causes of serious fires are a carelessly discarded cigarette or match; defective electrical equipment; overheated or defective heating equipment, chimneys, and flues; sparks on the roof; flammable liquids; rubbish; spontaneous ignition; children playing with matches; hot ashes and coals; and lack of fire protection equipment.

Fire Prevention Week has been scheduled for October 8 to 14 and all property owners are asked to carefully check their fire hazards and make plans for preventing fires.

David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department at State College, urges farmers to particularly watch for the danger of

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

IT'S SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Wasteful spending

Does no good,

Means less money saved

Future plans in doubt.

Prudent spending

Helps us all,

Means more money saved

in

And future plans assured.



fire in the barn. "Keep the lightning rods in repair; replace the old combustible wood shingled roofs with fire-retardant roofing; and by all means prevent smoking in and around the barn," Weaver says.

Electrical cords should never be knotted or allowed to accumulate dust and cobwebs as a shortage may develop from the knot and ignite the cobwebs.

Lanterns should be placed so that they cannot be kicked over by men or animals.

Hay should be thoroughly cured before it is stored in the barn and then it should be inspected for heating. If the hay begins to heat, get it out of the barn.

Pulpwood Packs G-I Xmas Gifts

The volume of Christmas packages going overseas to men and women in the armed services will reach a new high this fall, according to the Office of War Information.

In 1943 the Army Post Office transmitted more than 20,000,000 holiday packages and an additional 75,000,000 to 100,000,000 pieces of miscellaneous mail. This year, Army postal authorities say, the Christmas mail volume will be more than double that of last year.

Pulpwood has made it possible for those of us at home to keep in touch with loved ones overseas whether by V-mail, regular mail, or by cartons of home-made or home-grown foods.

These packages and letters made from pulpwood have also gone into prisoners' camps in Germany and Japan via the Red Cross. Already this year's Christmas packages are being prepared by the Red Cross. They will contain turkey, plum pudding, sausages, butter, deviled ham, Cheddar cheese, bouillon cubes, tea, honey, strawberry jam, candy, mixed salted nuts, fruit bars, dates, sliced pineapple, chewing gum, playing cards, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, pipes, a game, washcloth, and a picture to hang on a barrack wall.

Pulpwood cutters and producers may be proud of the part they have played in making the lot of our fighting men and women auxiliaries a little easier.

Mail your Christmas package overseas early this year and cut all the pulpwood you can so long as the war lasts.

OPINIONS Of Other Editors

OUR SCHOOLS SERVE DEMOCRACY

With the opening of schools of Fannin County, it might be well for parents and teachers to do a little thinking about the pupils that present a problem to both of them.

Children going to a school system should not be regarded as raw material to be subjected to certain definite processes in the expectation that the finished product can be certain or standard-

ized. Factors of inheritance and environment combine to make each child a special subject requiring, more or less, individualized treatment.

Parents who expect a school and its teachers to take a rough specimen of untrained humanity and develop it into a polished human being are looking for a good deal. They must not expect the school to take the place of the home and the church. The guidance that a teacher can give to a pupil is valuable and necessary but it should not replace entirely all functions of parents.

Teachers, on the other hand, facing a mass of little human beings in their classrooms, should

not overlook the importance of identifying each pupil as a separate and distinct human entity.

The good teacher is not a mass-worker. There must be the recognition of the peculiar difficulties that confront each student, together with an intelligent tolerance for the child, if the greatest improvement in the individual is to be secured.

Naturally, we are very proud of the school system in this community. Along with millions of other Americans, we thoroughly endorse the common schools which offer educational opportunity to all children upon practically equal terms. The school house, in our opinion, is the bulwark of democratic processes, which should be understood, respected and observed by officials and teachers, as well as by students.—Fannin County Times.

YOUR LIBRARY

By DORA RUTH PARKS, Librarian Nantahala Regional Library

NEW BOOKS:

Coffin — There Will Be Bread and Love. "These sixty-odd poems are the observations and reflections of a country man who has imagination and love. . . . They have a recurrent and stirring sense of life and of life's goodness lasting, glowing from one generation to the next — a sense of continuity, which is like a religion vital in these disjointed times."

Cooley — Your World Tomorrow. "Your next automobile; new radios and television; the amazing helicopters; food, clothing and health; your new boat; chemistry, a world remade; new leisure; sports, hobbies."

Moore — You're Only Human Once — Grace Moore's autobiography.

Horn — This Fascinating Lumber Business — This book was recommended by a Graham County library patron.

Goodman — Your Hair, Its Health, Beauty, and Growth. "A helpful and authoritative guide for men and women."

Groves — The American Women. "The feminine side of a masculine civilization."

Wallace — Sea Food Cookery. Carnovsky — The Library In The Community.

Clark — Pills, Petticoats and Plows: The Southern Country Store.

Schlauch — The Gift of Tongues. A map entitled "The World of Languages" indicates North America as Indo-European and Indian.

Aldrich — Our American Babies. "The art of baby care."

Walker — School Health Services.

Mauriel — A Time For Silence. "A novel whose scene is the French countryside before the war."

Foray — And Pass The Ammunition. "The story of the U. S. S. New Orleans, its fighting men and the padre who gave the spiritual strength and a battle cry heard 'round the world'."

Van Wyck Mason — The Hong-kong Airbase Murders. "Will bear comparison with the best of Oppenheim's tales of 'International Intrigue.'"

HINTS

FOR

Farm Homemakers

Sewing needles will not rust if they are stored in a well-corked glass bottle or jar to which a drop of machine oil may be placed from time to time.

A nut pick can be a handy piece of sewing equipment. The blunt end can be used as an aid in turning belts, while the pick end can be used to pull out the corners after the belt is turned. It is also handy for pulling out basting threads.

A scrapbag made of mosquito netting, or any other open-mesh fabric, makes it possible to find the particular piece of material one may be looking for without emptying the entire contents of the bag.

Those perfectly good preserves or jellies which somehow do accumulate in the cupboard are splendid to use in gingerbread and spice cake.

Spices should be kept away from the kitchen stove and in closed cans to best retain their spiciness.

To insure straight edges on scrim curtains, fold each curtain down the center and baste the edges together before washing. Remove the basting after the curtains are ironed.

Scouting With The Editor

"Magnificent autumn! He comes not like a pilgrim, clad in russet weeds; not like a hermit, clad in gray; but like a warrior with the stain of blood on his brazen mail. — His crimson scarf is rent; his scarlet banner dripping with gore; his step like a flail on the threshing floor."

LONGFELLOW, in the description of autumn above, said what many of us feel in our hearts at the beginning of the fall season. Autumn begins tomorrow, Friday, September 22. Of all four seasons of the year, autumn is my favorite. The colorful scenery; crisp, invigorating weather; harvest of crops; children trekking to and from school with their books under arms; stores filled with new fall clothes; busy preparation for the colder winter months ahead — all combine to make of autumn an alluring period.

GOVERNOR BROUGHTON, members of the State Highway and Public Works commission and others who visited our county and section last week expressed delight at the beauties and possibilities of this area. Many of them declared that this will be their vacation spot when the war is over.

CHEROKEE COUNTY people were highly complimented and raised for their hospitality, by the visiting highway delegation.

AT FONTANA Friday TVA officials conducted the party over the construction project and the village, and the recreation association, an organization of employees, were hosts at a luncheon.

INTERESTING FACTS at Fontana are: the employees work about a fourth of the time by music which is broadcast from the public address studio in the administration building. . . . 100 per cent of Fontana employees subscribe 22 per cent of their earnings regularly to the purchase of war bonds. . . . the payroll has amounted to as much as a half

million dollars a month. . . . the cafeteria has served as many as 250,000 meals a month. . . . seven thousand sandwiches are made daily for workmen to take on the job. . . . a doughnut machine makes 80 dozen doughnuts an hour. . . . it requires 9,000 rolls a day to serve the workmen.

W. J. McGLOTHLIN, chief of the training and educational relations staff at Fontana, after a visit to our office recently, wrote: "We were certainly pleased to see the attention your paper gives to the vitally important subject of wise conservation, development and use of natural resources, and after reading it we all came to the conclusion that it is live, neat, paper. We are pleased at the interest you have shown in TVA's Fontana Dam."

IF ANYONE WONDERS what his Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross is doing, here is the answer from just one department: In August the home service office had 34 new cases, re-opened six; acted on 43; had cases pertaining to army personnel numbering 28, navy personnel 10, and civilian two. Seven inquiries regarding servicemen were made for families; and three inquiries regarding welfare of servicemen were made. Two social histories were written; six thorough investigations were made; one investigation for dependency benefits was made; two investigations of release from duty and two reports for the Veterans Administration were made; 11 other investigations were made. Claims numbered one, benefits three, financial assistance cases three, and medical aid one.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS received a cable with 21 separate addresses and 21 separate signatures, but only one message. It read:

"Am prisoner of war. Am well. Hope baby arrives okay." Discovering they were all to become fathers at about the same time, 21 newly captured American

Price and Ration News

MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through G5, good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5, good indefinitely.

Blue tokens, good only through September 30. Pool tokens with your neighbors to make multiples of 10.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32, and 33 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-11 coupons, good through November 8. In States outside the East Coast Area, A-12 coupons good through September 21 and A-13 coupons in new "A" book become good September 22.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons, and new period 1 coupons good throughout coming heating year.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

VICTORY FLEET DAY, SEPT. 27 — Americans will do honor on Victory Fleet Day, next Wednesday, September 27, to the ship operators who have helped to give the United States one of the highest and most interesting standards of living in the world. The food that brightens the Americans' dining tables illustrates the world-wide activities of American ship operators. Merchant ships bring in coffee from Central and South America and Arabia — cocoa from South America and West Africa — spices from Ceylon, India, Netherlands East Indies, Java, Burma and Latin America — bananas from the "banana republics," Cuba and Mexico — ginger from the Ivory Coast, India and Jamaica — Pineapples from Hawaii, Mexico and Cuba.

GASOLINE SITUATION IS TIGHT—The average civilian motorist should expect no increase in his gasoline ration for the next several months, at least not before the end of the war with Germany, the Office of Price Administration says. Civilian stocks of gasoline built up last winter have been greatly reduced despite increased imports and record domestic production. Civilian grade gasoline stocks have decreased approximately two million barrels in 30 days.

ONIONS GALORE, THIS YEAR — Your hamburger sandwich may have gone without its onion last year but now there's no excuse for such a deficiency, because the War Food Administration estimates that this year's onion crop will be 45 per cent above the 10-year average, 1923-42.

ROUND-UP — The Department of Agriculture says: Butter supplies for civilians for the last half of this year are estimated to be 4 per cent smaller than in the same period last year and the smallest for this period in more than 50 years. . . . Civilian supplies of fresh fruit, frozen fruit and canned fruit juice are substantially larger this season than last, but supplies of canned and dried fruits are smaller. . . . A few weeks more of favorable weather will give this country the largest volume of crops it has ever produced.

The War Production Board says: Cities and towns are declaring "paper holidays" during which merchants use no bags or wrappings paper except for sanitary or protective purposes. . . . The Girl Scouts of America will join the drive for salvage of tin, paper and rags on October 1. . . . Each Pennsylvania school pupil collected an average of 90 cans for tin can salvage during the six months ended May 31.

No rumors of Germany's surrender should be accepted unless confirmed by General Eisenhower, caution the War and Navy Departments and the Office of War Information. . . . Five per cent of the 27 million Christmas packages mailed to Army and Navy personnel last year was lost because of faulty packing and addressing. . . . Beginning September 22 all gasoline filling stations may accept off-highway "R" coupons. . . . Production of corn pickers for this year's crop is larger than for any previous year, the War Food Administration says. . . . More than 4,000 automobiles a day are being scrapped, to leave an estimated 23,750,000 privately owned passenger cars in operation at the end of the year, according to a report issued by the Office of War Information.