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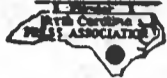
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Deserve More Pay

The action of Congress to raise the minimum pay of men in the armed services to \$50 per month meets the approval of the American people.

We had long contended that there was no fairness in high wages for everybody except the fighting man.

The pay increase bill affects all enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, and puts in a little raise for second lieutenants and ensigns.

With clothing, eats, housing and medical care furnished, the soldiers will not be in a bad way financially. They should not have financial worries. Their's is a fighting job and the people at home should furnish them whatever they need.

We Thought So

When the May figures on bond sales were added up, it was found that the nation exceeded the total quota by a substantial margin.

But we notice that all the country did not purchase bonds like the people of Wilkes. Here Wilkes people purchased three times their quota. If that had been true throughout the nation, the total for the month would have been \$1,800,000,000 instead of a few odd millions over \$600,000,000.

We had thought all along that the good people of this part of the country were far ahead of the nation at large in patriotism and the figures bear out that contention.

We are proud of that, and are glad to be a part of the section of country which puts country and liberty first, even if this part of the country is used as a redheaded stepchild.

Scrap Rubber And Tires

The success or failure of the scrap rubber collection campaign to be started soon at the request of President Roosevelt may determine whether or not you will have to park your car.

Thus it becomes increasingly important that the scrap rubber collection drive be carried through to successful completion.

Vast quantities of scrap rubber are scattered all over the nation. If this scrap can be gathered and replaced it may mean that the tires on your car, now wearing dangerously slick and thin, can be recapped for further use.

On the premises of almost every home is some scrap rubber. It may be in the form of old tires, tubes, garden hose, galoses, overshoes, hot water bottles, sponge rubber chair cushions—anything made of rubber.

Each item may contain only a small amount of rubber. But let us remember that drops of water compose an ocean and that there are millions of homes and places of business in this country which can each furnish a little scrap rubber.

If a sufficient amount is obtained, it may be that persons who really need their cars can secure recapping service. We mention this as a strong possibility, provided that sufficient amounts of scrap rubber can be gathered.

Let us all begin now to hunt up scrap rubber of every kind and keep it in a convenient place until the time comes to turn it in.

Salvage Equivalents

One hot water boiler could supply steel for one 37 mm. gun.

One five pound flatiron could supply iron for four hand grenades.

One woolen suit could supply wool for two army blankets.

One double blanket could supply wool for three army blankets.

One bed springs (60 lbs.) could supply

steel for two 4-inch 105 mm. shells.
One stove (250 lbs.) could supply iron for one 400-pound aerial bomb.
Ten pound window weights could supply iron for one 3-inch 75 mm. shell.
One pair roller skates, two door hinges, one door lock, one old spade, one trash burner and one trash basket, could supply metal for one .30-calibre machine gun.
One hundred old newspapers could supply fibre for 80 75-mm. shell containers.
Twenty-five feet of garden hose could supply rubber for seven gas masks.

Borrowed Comment

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER (Skyland Post)

To have the best and strongest character possible should be the aim and desire of all mankind. This is life's better way. No one ever regrets possessing a great and strong character. It means noble manhood and noble womanhood. It indeed means strength that the moral weakling knows nothing about, although he has the privilege of knowing such strength if he will but seek God, obey His holy Word, love and Serve Him and walk uprightly before Him and before all mankind as he goes through life.

To have a strong character means that one does not stoop to the low and mean, the vile and degrading evils and sins of the world; that he does not become enslaved with bad and ruinous habits; that he guards well his mind, heart, soul and spirit that he may not become contaminated inwardly by those moral and spiritual evils that defeat multitudes of mankind. It is absolutely necessary, on the one hand, to avoid and abstain from all that is down-pulling and degrading, depraving and demoralizing, and on the other hand, to accept all that is uplifting, ennobling, strengthening to life and should in order to have a strong character.

The cheap things of life by way of worldly pleasures, amusements, lustful gratifications, low moral principles and standards, never make strength of character, but they do make weak and feeble character. They so undermine the moral and spiritual strength of manhood and womanhood and character that they produce criminals, mental and physical wrecks, moral and spiritual failures. We behold this among people of all walks and professions of life.

To have a strong character means that we must build our lives upon the solid foundation of Bible truth; that we must pray much; that we must shun evil of all kinds; that we must obey, serve and worship God all the way through life; that we must have moral courage to stand for the right and against the wrong, even though sometimes we may seem largely and almost to stand alone. However, we are not alone. God is with us and the very best people are with us. That is the beauty and blessedness of it all. Then we go forth with strength of character that conquers the world and crowns us as Victors, both before God and man. Yes, this is life's better way.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

BUILD WELL

If you would make of life the best And in the end find Heaven's rest, Don't waste your precious days of youth, When you should build on right and truth, By forming habits that are wrong Because it's common with the throng, But purpose in your inmost soul To seek in life the highest goal.

Take Christ into your early life That He may help you through the strife, As man within himself is frail, Apart from God is sure to fail; For he must keep aloof from sin If he would stand with those who win, Therefore you need the hand divine To lead you all along the line. To build a life both great and strong, That can't be broken by the wrong. Start well within life's early day And guard your footsteps all the way Build well upon God's holy grace And seek to fill a worth-while place; Be strong in will and aim and plan If you would be a stalwart man. Built well and when life's storms shall beat You shall not have to make retreat; You'll stand when wrong shall meet its doom

And foes are hidden in the tomb; You'll rise and greet the heavenly sun, And sing when all your work is done. The songs of triumph evermore With saints and heroes gone before.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

THOMAS HAROLD
From way down in Panama comes to our desk a copy of the "Caribbean Breeze", a publication of the Sixth Air Force of the United States Army.

And we are indebted to Harold Proffitt, formerly of Pariah route one, one of the Wilkes boys who is making an excellent record for Uncle Sam and all of us, for sending us the interesting publication which he says tells the lighter side of a soldier's life in Panama.

His letter written on the fly leaf of the magazine follows:

"Hello Dwight:
"I hope you get a kick out of the magazine. I hope you catch some ideas for your column from it. You have to be down here and know the actual conditions to really appreciate it though.
"The only objections I have to this place are the heat, and most important, the fact that I am so far from home and friends.

"I take The Journal-Patriot, though, and one of the first things I read is "Abnormal Absurdities". I enjoy the column very much. Keep up the good work, and help to

"Keep 'Em Flying".

HAROLD PROFFITT
We are grateful for the comment from Harold, but his letter brings to the forefront a problem. We had the impression our column had only eight readers. Not being a high powered writer, we can't write for more than eight, but he makes nine, and that means we are going to have to shoot one. But you can bet your bottom dollar it won't be Harold, because he is one of Uncle Sam's men.

BACK TO THE BREEZE
But to get back to the Caribbean Breeze, we will tell you a little about the magazine here and give you more later. We find that it is most interesting, even to us way up here thousands of miles away and without first hand knowledge of Panama.

Glancing through the magazine, we gather between the lines that there is no morale problem there! The publication is written by soldiers, and if there was any hint that morale is not perfect you could find it somewhere.

We give you herewith a few excerpts:

ONE WAY PASSAGE
The Panama American recently front paged a release via the UP from an advanced Allied base in Australia concerning the Japanese lack of parachutes.

According to reports, American and Australian fighter pilots and observers pointed out that although possibly 200 Japanese fliers had been shot down, only one parachute had been found at any time, that many Japanese were seen jumping from doomed planes without protection, and that the lone parachute burst immediately upon being opened.

Allied observers are of the opinion that Japanese officials are forcibly bringing home the point that it is useless to parachute for it is a certainty that the Japs cannot complain of a shortage of silk. . . . And somehow we can hear an old Jap sighing for the good old days when a man could pick his own time to commit hari-kiri! . . .

THE LIGHTER SIDE
FIRST LITTLE BABY . . . in maternity ward, to second baby: "I'm a little boy baby" . . . Second Baby: "Are you?" . . . How do you know?" . . . First Baby (Lifting up his little nightgown) . . . "Look—blue booties!" . . . And the West Point Pointer got away with this one: "Now Bobby", the teacher said, "Tell me where the elephant is found" . . . The boy hesitated for a moment then his face lit up . . . "The elephant," he said, "is such a

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It would appear that in case something ever happened and we needed to be identified it would be unnecessary to have the usual card with description and name and address, as are placed in bill-folds before they are sold.

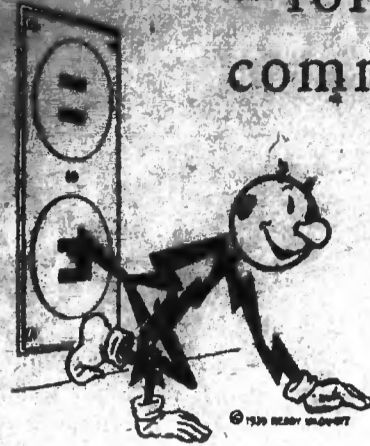
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