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**The State Guard**

North Wilkesboro is fortunate in being one of the towns in North Carolina with a company of the State Guard, which is now a part of the army during the war.

We do not know how badly the services of the guard company will be needed during the emergency. We do know that we have a good company here and that Captain Harry Pearson and other officers, together with all the men of the company, are to be congratulated on their record since the company was organized. The company served well during the forest fire emergency earlier this year and it may be that before the end of the war the company will have very important tasks to perform.

Now the ranks of the company here have been thinned by men going into the armed services of our country and the company needs some recruits. There are many good men here yet who do not expect to be called into service in the near future and some of them could render a good service by joining the state guard company. In addition to representing an opportunity for service, the company provides some training which should be very valuable to each member.

**Reduction Helpful**

Action of the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in lowering the tax rate for the town from \$1.15 to \$1.10 should be appreciated by the local tax paying public.

The town's financial condition is in splendid shape with no past due obligations. It has an enviable record in municipal finance and through the depression and other trying years never defaulted on payments due.

The town debt has been steadily reduced, making it possible to make interest and principal payments with lower tax levies.

The tax rate reduction is in line with the request of the federal government that levies be held as low as possible. Lower local taxes release more money to be paid in federal taxes to finance the war and to buy war bonds and stamps.

The one big objective of all Americans now is to win the war. Whatever helps win the war is a step in the right direction. Without victory for our cause civilization would be destroyed. The better things of life would be wiped away. With victory we can once again turn our attention to progress along lines which build rather than destroy.

**\$1,000,000,000 A Month!**

Even in these days, \$1,000,000,000 is a lot of money. One billion a month is a larger sum than the human mind can visualize. But the people of America must buy a minimum of \$1,000,000,000 a month worth of War Stamps and Bonds so long as the war lasts.

To make this campaign succeed, the Treasury is calling upon veterans in the science of intelligent, appealing promotion. Among those veterans is the retail industry. This July, tens of thousands of retailers, dealing in consumer goods of every kind, are doing everything in their power to impress constantly upon all of us the need for buying War Bonds and Stamps to the maximum of our ability, and they will keep that campaign going for the duration.

A release by the Institute of Distribution, which represents national retail distributors operating 16,000 outlets, gives an idea of the magnitude of the effort. These distributors alone have 185 miles of windows dressed to popularize Bonds and Stamps. They have instructed their 500,000 employees to push and sell Stamps. They use

430,000,000 lines of newspaper space annually—and much of that space will be used to urge War Savings. They have radio programs which reach nearly 45,000,000 listeners—and again, War Savings will be stressed on each program. And other chain systems, along with legions of independent stores, will be in there punching as well.

Take a look at the window display as you pass along the streets. Read the posters and the advertisements urging you to buy Bonds and Stamps. Then act accordingly. Every retail store participating is an agent of the Treasury—and it is working absolutely free to help raise the money that will beat the Axis.

**Borrowed Comment**

**WORK IS THE MIRACLE**  
 (Statesville Daily Record)

St. Peter and St. Thomas Aquinas were having a golf game one heavenly day. St. Peter's first drive was right up to the cup for a hole in one. St. Thomas, brandishing his celestial club, stepped up to the tee and drove a hole in one, too. "All right," said St. Peter, rubbing his hands together, "now let's cut out the miracles and get down to work."

We in America had half expected that we would begin to achieve miraculous victories immediately on entering the war. We believed that Uncle Sam had a magic wand and he would wave, and lo! our enemies would yell for mercy.

We are recognizing at last that we must cut out waiting for miracles and get down to work. Work, after all, is the true miracle. It is the miracle that will save America. The miracle of work will turn out a bomber an hour. The miracle of work will turn out ships months ahead of schedule. The miracle of work will win the production battle.

And we can all join in working miracles, through the miracle of work!

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**  
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR,  
 Hiddenite, N. C.

**BEFORE YOU ARE TWENTY-ONE**

What one accomplishes in life, and what one makes of himself, depends largely upon the habits he forms, the course he pursues, the aims he has, the plans and purposes he settles upon, the company he keeps, the books he reads, the attitude he takes toward God and the Bible, or toward evil and sin, what he studies and how he studies, and what he sincerely desires, before he is twenty-one.

The period of childhood and the teen age period of life almost determine what one's life shall be afterwards. Perhaps not in every case, and not in every particular, but in a large measure, indeed. This is the time of life when one is laying a foundation upon which to build, and forming habits that shall follow him through life, hence the vital importance of laying a good foundation and forming good habits. How we would like to impress this vital truth upon the hearts and minds of our youthful readers!

The other day, I came across an article entitled, "Things Needful To Know Before I Am Twenty-One," which I am passing on to you, hoping and praying that it may prove a blessing to many a youth. I would suggest that you read it, and then put it in your scrap-book, or Bible, or carry it on your person, or put it somewhere so you can see it quite often. Remember, this is needful for you to know before you are twenty-one. Here is the article:

"What I am going to do for a living, and what my life work shall be. That my health after thirty depends in a large degree on what I eat before I am twenty-one. How to take care of money. The commercial asset on being neatly and sensibly dressed. That a man's habits are hard to change after he is twenty-one. That a harvest depends on the seeds sown. That things worth while require patience, time and work. That you cannot get something for nothing. That the world would give me just about what I deserved. That by the sweat of my face I earn my bread. That honesty is the best policy, not only in dealing with my neighbors, but also in dealing with myself and God. The value of absolute truthfulness in everything. The vital importance of obedience to parents and to God. That 'Dad' wasn't an old fogey, after all."

In conclusion, what we are endeavoring to say here is, that the first twenty-one years of one's life just about determines what he will accomplish, what he will make of himself, and what he will amount to, and whether he succeeds or fails.

**Abnormal Absurdities**  
 BY DWIGHT HENRICH, et al.

**SHE WAS DIFFERENT**

Some of us make ourselves ridiculous by trying to be different and some get into a rut by not trying to be different. But we have heard the story of the colored girl who did something different.

Mrs. McKee, up at Waynesville, employed a colored girl who joined the church at a revival nearby. The girl confided in Mrs. McKee and often asked her advice and guidance. She told Mrs. McKee that it was customary among new converts to make some exclamation of joy when they were raised from the water in the baptismal service and asked Mrs. McKee what she could say.

The lady told the colored girl that something like "Praise The Lord", "Glory Hallelulah", "Praise His Name", etc., would be appropriate, but if all the expressions were used by some before her to think of something else.

Mrs. McKee was at the baptizing and it happened that her colored girl employee was the last to be baptized, and all the expressions suggested had been said by those who had gone into the water before her.

Mrs. McKee was anxious to hear what the colored girl would say.

She slapped her hands and exclaimed, "CHRISTMAS GIFT".

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

The salesman who sold a dissatisfied lady a lamp answered her complaint call and asked what was wrong with it. Her reply: "Well, it has all the faults of my husband and none of his virtues. It has a good deal of brass about it, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires much attention, flares up occasionally, is always out at bedtime and is bound to smoke".

An optimist is the man who plants a garden and then immediately throws away his wife's can opener.

**WHOSE VICTORY?**

All summer it has been a struggle to see who will win the victory in our garden, we or the weeds. Right now it is just about a draw but we are going to launch a counterattack just as soon as

it and when old sol cases up a bit.

The garden looks pretty good. But we are not throwing away the can opener.

**ADVERTISING CREDIT**

Here's this for a "no credit" sign in a store:

"You want credit—I no give you get sore. You want credit—I give, you no pay. I get sore. Better you get sore".

**IN A NUT SHELL**

We once knew a professor who carried notes in his hat.

**Mrs. McNeill For Committeewoman**

Mrs. Robert Hayes McNeill, of Statesville and Washington, is being mentioned as a likely successor to the late Mrs. Lindsay Patterson as national committeewoman from North Carolina.

While no movement has been started in her behalf, or for anyone else so far as is known at this time, it is known that her name has been informally presented to State Chairman Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington, National Committeeman Charles A. Jonas of Lincolnton, Mrs. Eugene Hester of Reidsville, state vice chairman, and perhaps others for consideration.

Mrs. McNeill is a most charming woman, with a brilliant mind and comes from a long line of Republicans who have toiled unceasingly in the ranks of the party since the days of her grandfathers, on both sides, who started out as Whigs. Her father, George H. Brown, was one of the stalwarts in Piedmont North Carolina over a long period of years. Other members of the family have held high places in the party's councils.

**42 Vegetable, Fruit Ceilings Will Be Raised**

Washington. — Ceiling prices for frozen fruits and vegetables of the 1942 crop and for jams, jellies and preserves made from the new fruit will be raised shortly. Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced tonight, and the ceiling on peanuts and peanut butter may be discarded entirely in September.

These departures from the universal price ceiling followed by slightly more than a week Henderson's announcement that retail prices of canned and dried fruits of the 1942 pack would be boosted 15 per cent or more.

**Let's STOP WASTE— And Help Stop Hitler!**

WASTE Helps Hitler! Your electric Refrigerator is a food safe. It prevents spoilage, promotes health, and protects your purse.

**How to Use Your ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR**

1. Buy food in quantities — on days when prices are lower and, keep refrigerated until used.
2. Place food in refrigerator according to directions.
3. Save — and use — leftovers.
4. Defrost refrigerator when required. Clean with baking soda and water.
5. Have your refrigerator serviced promptly when necessary.
6. Don't open the refrigerator door needlessly.
7. Don't slam door.
8. Never store hot foods or hot dishes
9. Don't pack your refrigerator with cans, jars, bottles, and packages of food which do not require refrigeration.
10. Don't switch off or disconnect your refrigerator except for defrosting.

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**Advertised**

**For Payment of 1941 County Taxes**

**If you have not paid your County Taxes for the year 1941, please do so at once. It will soon be necessary for me to advertise according to law all Real Estate on which the tax for the year 1941 has not been paid. Also to advertise, levy, and garnishee for personal and poll taxes for the same year. Come in and make payment now — you can save extra penalties and the cost of advertising.**

**C. T. DOUGHTON,**  
 Sheriff and Tax Collector of Wilkes County.