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## Symbol Of Our Freedom

Throughout the history of mankind symbols have exerted an impelling influence upon the lives of men. In America, the symbol of freedom, the symbol of independence, the symbol of everything we hold dear, is the American flag.

As the war goes on and as our armed forces move into battle lines all over the world, the American flag goes with them at the head of the columns. Yet, here at home, except on rare occasions, our flags are stored away for some future day which may never come if those afield are not held aloft with strong hands.

In support of the war effort and the influence which our flag has upon the national morale, would it not be appropriate now to hold aloft our flag on the home front—on our factories, on our homes and on our public buildings?

To kindle a more alert loyalty to the America we love, to foster a truly cohesive national unity, to create for postwar America an increased appreciation and love for the American way, let us raise the flag on the home front. And let it remain to found more firmly the determination that the national ideals for which our flag was born and for which it stands shall not perish from the earth.

## They Deserve Notice

The consumer has many problems. And so has the retail merchant.

The draft has taken thousands of store workers, and others have left their jobs for the big pay offered by war industries. It is increasingly difficult to obtain new equipment, and to keep old equipment in repair, especially that of a mechanical nature. The price of practically everything the retailer sells is frozen, and in many instances the ceiling price allows little or no profit. It's a tough job to keep his shelves filled, as more and more brands and products go off the market.

In the face of all this, the merchant is doing a remarkable job. Long before the OPA, retail merchandising went to work on a voluntary anti-inflation program of its own. Stores of all kinds and sizes increased efficiency, reduced overhead, and cut already modest profits in order to keep prices in check. While many factors encouraged inflation which brought about government price control, retail merchandising was not one of them.

Today, retail merchants, whether independent or chain, are doing an almost superhuman job in supplying their customers and their community. Their efforts deserve notice—and commendation.

## Postwar Outlook

According to a special report which is now being completed for The Twentieth Century Fund, an endowed institute for research in economic problems, "Postwar America will easily be able to produce enough to provide every man, woman, and child in the country with a decent minimum standard in the 'Big Five'; food, clothing, housing, education, and health care."

In the matter of food supply, the report says that while we have been growing enough food to meet the standard, the crop pattern must be shifted from wheat and cereals to more dairy products and vegetables. The American clothing industry, the report says further, from cotton in the fields to garment shops, has been entirely capable, for more than thirteen years, of turning out more than we can conveniently wear.

The housing budget will call for somewhere between a million and two million dwelling units over the country, every year for at least ten years after the war ends.

and this will make the biggest single demand upon manpower of any project on the horizon.

## Controls For Emergency Only

According to a high army official who condemned "loose talk" and the complacency of some leaders, at a recent Massing-of-the-Colors ceremony, "The financial support given to the government by the masses and their ready acceptance of the few curtailments of their pleasures and comforts, should inspire hesitant leaders to take full action to insure early and ultimate success in our war efforts. If we fail it will not be through any lack of spirit and willingness on the part of the great mass of our people."

Our present national leadership, under the pressure of war demands, is forcing the controls over our national economy into fewer and fewer hands. The tremendous authority vested in the virtual dictatorships over our time, our money, our occupations, and our lives, carries with it a responsibility, the gravity of which is both awesome and dangerous.

With the life of the nation at stake, a democracy bows to the dictates of the war, but with the acquiescence of the masses so well expressed by the army spokesman, it is for those who now run our war machine to steer a straight and narrow course and to return to us, at war's end, the free economy for which our forefathers fought and for which our sons are fighting today.

Dictatorship, in a democracy, is a war measure and a war measure only. Carry it through, after the war is successfully concluded, and the blood, sweat, tears, and sacrifices of this world cataclysm will have been in vain.

Were sportsmen, skeet shooters and other marksmen to turn in all their discharged shells and cartridges, they would add more than 2,000 tons of war metals to the national scrap pile.

Last year the average wage earner, driving for necessary purposes, made 385 trips covering 3,782 miles.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### THE GOLDEN RULE

The Golden Rule is that we do unto others as we would have them do unto us. This rule was given by the Lord Jesus Christ and recorded in Matthew 7:12. If this rule were practiced we would have a wonderful world in which to live. It would be different to what it now is. There would not be any war. There would be no murder. Crime would cease. No man would take advantage of anyone else, because he would not have anybody else take advantage of him. As people would have their fellowmen treat them, they would treat their fellowmen.

However, because men and nations do not practice the Golden Rule we have a world of trouble. Men kill each other. They wage war upon one another. They lie, deceive, cheat and defraud. They do unto others as they wouldn't have them do unto them. They take advantage. They lay undermining plans and schemes in order to make money, gain power over their fellows, get their possessions, get a living out of life without justly earning it, thus gratifying their covetous and lustful desires. All this is unfair. It is absolutely wrong, therefore brings heartaches, trouble and much destruction.

There is no rule in all the world that equals that of our Savior. It puts all men on an equal basis. Nobody would have others do him wrong, or take advantage of him, and if he would only treat everybody else right, then our country and the world would be at peace and in brotherly love and sweet fellowship rather than in confusion, holding hatred and seeking revenge. It is a fact that all men like to be treated right, but so few will absolutely treat everybody right. Men do to others what they don't want them to do unto them. We find it to be so in the home, in the church, in the community, in the school, in business, in religion, in politics, and throughout the world. No wonder we have crime, corruption, hatred, war, and men and nations seeking revenge.

There is absolutely no way to live right, and be acceptable in the sight of God, except to practice the Golden Rule—do unto others as we would have them do unto us. This is Christlike. It puts men on an equal basis. It makes men brothers in Christ, and fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can and will. This is God's plan, and it is life's better way.

## Ferguson News Items In Brief

Ferguson, Nov. 3.—"Dreary November" has slipped upon us almost without legal warning as the weather would indicate that the ideal October continues. A most beautiful autumn we have had thus far and it has afforded farmers a rare opportunity for harvesting crops and the seeding of grain. Scarcity of labor has of course been a handicap in getting work done in due season.

This correspondent having been absent for awhile has possibly delayed our news items so that some of our current happenings may seem old. Certainly deserving honorable mention is the very successful revival at the Beaver Creek Baptist church which closed more than a week ago with Rev. R. A. Oakley, Methodist minister of Lenoir preaching the concluding sermon. The meeting was conducted by Rev. A. J. Foster, pastor, and Rev. Ed Hodges, of Mt. Zion. A baptismal service was held at the conclusion of the service Sunday, October 25th and about fifteen young converts were baptised and added to the church membership.

Mrs. Eugene Shepherd has returned from a Statesville Hospital where she has been convalescing from an illness of two weeks duration or more. Friends will be glad to see her back home.

Miss Janie Spicer left today for several days visit with relatives at Dalzell, S. C. She went by bus. The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Genio Walsh was taken to the Wilkes hospital Sunday for treatment.

Danny, the little son of Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Proffit, spent some time with his grandmother, Mrs. O. F. Blevins in Wilkesboro last week.

Glenn West, who is in the army at Fort Bragg, spent two weeks furlough here and at Wilkesboro visiting friends and relatives.

The nation-wide election which is taking place today, reminds us forcibly that we are still living in a democracy. Despite our present world conditions we believe America will still be a democracy one thousand years from now. As much as we abhor war, great lessons to humanity issue therefrom, at great cost in life and wealth it is true and as paradoxical as it seems the world has always moved forward with the culmination of every major war. "There is a divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them how we may."

Betty Jean Ferguson entertained a number of her young friends at her home Saturday night at a Halloween party. Spooks and hobgoblins were not so much in evidence, but the youngsters were more especially entertained with games and refreshments.

The local P. T. A. will have their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday night, November 18th, and this is timely warning for a good attendance at this gathering. A special program is being prepared by the program committee and some important business will be transacted that will possibly concern every parent and child in school. Mr. L. F. Walsh, newly elected president will preside.

The Farmers Cooperative Exchange commonly known as the F. C. X., is establishing a store in North Wilkesboro right away. The capital stock, we understand, has already been subscribed and paid in, and the concern will handle feeds, fertilizer, seeds, farm implements, paint and many other items used extensively by farmers. The F. C. X. is a state wide organization, and now has 29 stores in the state, besides it owns its own feed and fertilizer factories. Stock may be taken in the local store by local farmers and several from this community are now stockholders.

This correspondent, in company with his wife and Miss Blanche Ferguson, of Wilkesboro, attended the state grange convention which was held in Burlington on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Miss Sara Lackey, of the Happy Valley Grange, was also a delegate from that Grange.

In spite of the difficulty in transportation, there was a splendid delegation present from all over the state, and many important matters concerning the well-being of the farmers were discussed. The governor of the state delivered an address, and will be initiated into the order at a later date. Other noted features of the occasion was the address of Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, and Mr. Huston, of New York City. The

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## Senator Urges Republican-Democrat Victory Coalition For War's Duration

Washington.—A leading Senate Republican, Vandenberg of Michigan, yesterday proposed a Republican-Democratic victory coalition—with "politics and New Deal" for the duration—as the solution to war-time problems arising from the close party alignments in the House and Senate.

His idea is that Congress should now create a "unified committee on war co-operation". The administration "should deal more openly with Congress"—including the Republican leadership—and with the country. The election, he added had demonstrated popular dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war.

Meanwhile, the House heard demands that the wage-hour law and national labor relations act be repealed, while a Senate colloquy found a prominent Republican and a leading Democrat agreeing that Tuesday's many Democratic losses could not be attributed to any lack of unity on the war front.

Senator Connally (D), Tex. arose, he said, to make it clear that the reverses of the administration party could not be interpreted by the propagandists of Berlin and Tokyo as any "repudiation of our war purposes".

He attributed them to public impatience with the prosecution of the war and resentment against Washington bureaucracy. Actually, he said, the voters had "registered a more desperate will to carry this war to triumph and victory."

Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican floor leader, agreed that "no issue of patriotism or unity" was raised in the campaign, and added that the administration had committed "enough mistakes and errors" to justify the people in calling it to account.

The Democrat defeats, he said, represented revolts against waste in expenditures which "astounded, abashed and shocked" him and against unnecessary employment by the government "of people who should be home working at real

next convention will be held a year from now at Statesville.

We are advised by Prof. Proffit that there will be a Thanksgiving program at the school building on Thanksgiving Day, and that a prominent speaker will be present for the occasion. There will be no holidays granted this year aside from a short period at Christmas, we understand.

war efforts". Vice President Wallace, leaving a conference with President Roosevelt, said reporters that Mr. Roosevelt was in "excellent spirits". Wallace said the elections turned out the way they did because only a relatively small number of voters participated.

## PIGGY BANKERS URGED TO LIQUIDATE QUICKLY

Nelle Taylor-Ross, director of the U. S. mint, advocated a nation-wide slaughter—or, at least, vigorous shaking—of piggy banks.

She told a group of women in Chicago the conversion of piggy banks into war bonds and stamps would "give a big push to the Allied effort to defeat the Germans and Japs."

Forty pennies put back into circulation by each of the nation's families would equal the mint's entire output of one-cent pieces in 1941, she said, and the copper used in the coins would make 1,250,000 shells for big guns.

Five purebred Guernsey bull calves placed recently on Transylvania farms are expected to improve greatly the dairy industry in the county, says Joe L. Heffner, assistant farm agent.

## Oyster Supper In Wilkesboro Nov. 11

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will give their annual oyster supper in Community Building in Wilkesboro on Friday evening, November 13th, beginning at six o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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As it is impossible for me to thank each of you personally, both Republicans and Democrats, who cast your vote for me for Sheriff of Wilkes County on November 3rd, I wish to take this means of publicly thanking you for your support.

I am truly grateful to each of you, and I will endeavor to do my very best to fulfill the duties of my office, fully realizing the new responsibilities that will soon fall upon my shoulders.

Again expressing to you my sincere and most grateful appreciation for the support you gave me, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

# C. G. Poindexter