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Stop Firecracker Waste

North Wilkesboro officials have put out the word that shooting of firecrackers in North Wilkesboro this Christmas season definitely will be prohibited by law.

That is indeed an appropriate move on the part of the city council and police department.

The principal element in firecrackers is explosives.

Explosives constitute one of the essential materials of modern warfare. Armed forces of the United Nations need all the explosives available.

It is silly to waste explosives in firecrackers. We are somewhat disappointed that the government has not prohibited their manufacture and sale during the war.

Shooting firecrackers is one of the most inappropriate ways of celebrating the birth of Christ.

And in addition to untimeliness of the practice, shooting firecrackers is definitely dangerous. In this country today are hundreds of people who have lost sight of one or both eyes, or who have maimed and crippled hands because of firecrackers.

We can think of no better time to prohibit use and sale of firecrackers than now.

Care For Farm Machinery During Winter

Farm machinery is rationed strictly.

The war needs all the steel and most of the labor used in making farm machinery. The war calls for increased production of food with the machinery the farmers now have.

Only a few implements can be sold in Wilkes during the year.

This means that existing farm machinery and implements must receive the best of care in order that a big job can be done next year with the same tools.

All farm machinery and tools should be taken in out of the weather.

During the winter months farmers can go over every piece of machinery and tools and make necessary repairs. Parts can be obtained through dealers but farmers MUST NOT WAIT UNTIL THE IMPLEMENTS ARE NEEDED to order parts.

It has been said that the nations with the food will dictate the peace in this war.

Just how well the farmers do their job in producing food may determine the length of this war and life or death for the fighting men from your home or neighborhood on some far away battlefield.

One Of Four Brothers In Army Asks Home Front Support

What better place could we put the following letter than in these columns? It carries a message which should receive careful and thoughtful consideration by all people:

"Please spare a space in your newspaper for a few words which I wish to write.

"I am a reader of The Journal-Patriot. First of all, I want to extend my thanks to the members of the paper for the news of the old home town.

"I am a member of the army of the United States of America, along with millions of others, including my brothers. Lester is some place in the Middle East; George is yet in the home state at Camp Butner, N. C.; Charlie left for training on December 8.

"One year ago December 7 is the date we all remember, when the Japs sent the blood of American people rushing into the waves from the attack on Pearl Harbor. The yellow Japs may have thought that was fun on that beautiful Sunday morning. Today it is a different story—not fun any more. It is the old spirit of the American

people that is rolling the ball, and some of it back in Pearl Harbor.

"But we have got to know that this war is far from won now. It takes planes, ships, tanks, guns, shells, bombs—and they don't grow on trees.

Myself, you, you and you have got to help buy, make and use those things. Not the Jap way, or the nazi way, but the free, American way. Let us forget the small things we could use back home and think of our soldiers behind the barbed wire in Jap prisons. Think of our people there and help hasten the day when we will cut that barbed wire and they will be free. We also have American children, mothers and fathers in the same boat.

"People, it may be your husband, brother or loved one that is facing those things today, and the sooner all possible support is given the war on the Home Front, the sooner will the boys on the fighting front number Hitler's days and blast away the Japs.

"It being that I have the least hopes to take Christmas in old Wilkes I will close by wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a grand New Year!

CPL. MARSH T. MARLEY,
Camp Livingstone, La."

What Price Secret Weapon?

War has changed the eternal American question from "How's business?" to "Where and what is the American secret weapon?"

J. Howard Pew, president of the Sun Oil Co. and national vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers, supplies the answer. Our secret weapon is our initiative. Our workers for the past twenty years, have produced three times as much as Europeans, not because they are a superior race, but because they are infused with the initiative generated by a keen competitive system in which anyone with talent can rise to the top.

Initiative is intangible, but we can tell by our war production record thus far that it is still present. The question is how long will the genius that is American industry continue to possess the initiative necessary to build better weapons of war. How long will it be before unnecessary restrictions and regimentations from the government stifles it completely?

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

DON'T DESPAIR

That we are living in perilous times surely cannot be questioned, but don't despair. God is yet upon His eternal throne and He will never allow the devil to outrule and outwit Him. All we need to do in order to triumph over every foe in this world is to simply obey God, love and serve Him, pray and put our trust in Him alone. God has never, never failed His people. He won't fail us now.

It is true that the people of God have been tested and tried across the ages of time and shall be tested but let's remember what Job said centuries ago is just as true now as then: "When I am tried, then shall I come forth as gold." Hallelujah! Surely this war and world conditions are such that our very hearts and souls are being tried but God is always in the trial. We may suffer for the right, for the truth, and because of the stand we take against the wrong, but God and right triumph, and His people triumph with Him.

Don't despair, dear soul. Look up and lift up your heart to God. No doubt you are tempted to become discouraged, but there is no discouragement with God. He is always courageous, and His grace is sufficient to make us courageous in spite of our surroundings. Perhaps many of our readers have sons in the army, quite a number of whom have gone into foreign service, and it may be that you don't know where they are. However, put your trust in God and have faith in their behalf. God is just as near in foreign lands as He is here. He is just as able to take care of our sons on the water as He is on the land.

Regardless of all that may come upon the earth to try the very souls and lives of men, it will pay us to live for God. This is always safe, but it is always dangerous to live for the devil and sin. The God who protected His people in olden times is just the same today. He changes not. His power is not limited. It never fails. Neither has He ever withdrawn His help and support from His people. All who have loved, served, worshipped and obeyed Him, and who have lived a life of prayer, have always found Him a present help in trouble, and ready at all times to lead, guide, direct, shield and protect them. Therefore don't despair. "Have faith in God!"

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

LETTER TO SANTA

It now comes time to get in our annual letter to Santa Claus. This year we want so much, mostly for others, that we are getting our letter in early so St. Nicholas can fill our orders.

With the war being uppermost to the important things, we want victory, ultimate, complete, final and thorough, for the United Nations.

Please bring Hitler delirium tremens, for Mussolini, more delirium tremens, and for Tojo, delirium tremens plus. Put on the extras for Tojo. He is the guy which started things at Pearl Harbor just a few days before your annual visit last year.

Getting closer home, bring the good old U. S. A. several million tons of rubber, shiploads of coffee, more meat, more steel, more copper, more gasoline, more fuel oil. To make it short, bring us more of everything we are short on to beat the axis quickly.

Bring the steel mills more scrap. It seems that nobody else will, so it is up to you, Santa Claus.

Bring the rationing board here big tire quotas to fill the many applications.

Bring the farmers more help, bring them cows which will give more milk, bring them implements to replace those they can't buy because of the shortage of steel and labor.

Bring the draft boards more I. A. men who are not married and who do not care to go into the service.

There is a shortage of nurses. Bring the army and navy a few thousand more nurses—good looking ones, please.

This letter is getting so long that we will sign up until later,

Informed Germans Look For Defeat

London.—The London Daily Telegraph in a dispatch from Cairo quoted Col. Mary Booth, daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army, as saying that educated Germans virtually had abandoned hope for a Nazi victory.

Colonel Booth headed a Salvation Army unit in Belgium and was captured by the Germans in May 1940. She was interned and tried for espionage. A month ago she was exchanged and reached Cairo via Istanbul.

The Salvation Army officer called Nazi Germany "Europe's Hell," and said that German morale was being maintained only by hate and propaganda.

The Germans are a few hatred people, whereof only those who are brutally sadistic achieve prominence and those who are stupid still have faith," the Daily Telegraph quoted her as saying.

when we will come up with a list of less essential wants.

THE RIGHT PLACE

The train drew into the deserted drab station of a small southern town and a colored man, closely followed by a lady of color, hesitated on the platform.

Colored Man (to the combination baggage and station agent who was staring glumly at the train)—Do you all know a puseon by the name of George Washington Jackson?

Station Agent—No I never heard of no George Washington Jackson in these parts.

Colored Man—Are you sure they ain't no one by the name of George Washington Jackson ever lived in this heeh town?

Station Agent—Certainly I am. Colored Man—Don't nobody by that name come visiting here?

Station Agent—Nope.

Colored Man (gripping his suitcase)—Then this is where his new son-in-law gets off?

President Says U. S. Jobs Are Not 'Soft'

Washington.—President Roosevelt asked the press to correct an erroneous impression that Federal Government employees are holding down soft desk jobs in wartime. The President pointed out that of 2,500,000 Government employees, 60 per cent are working at war production jobs for the Army, Navy and other Government agencies.

NOTICE

North Carolina,
Wilkes County.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
T. G. DAVIS.

KATTIE DAVIS

The defendant, Katie Davis, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, on the part of T. G. Davis for an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of statutory separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county at the courthouse in Wilkes-

boro, N. C., within thirty days from the 22nd day of December, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 30th day of Nov., 1942.

C. C. HAYES,
Clerk Superior Court of Wilkes County.
12-21-42

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The right to worship as we please

THE CHURCH, to the enemies of America, is a monstrosity to be destroyed. They would padlock its doors and send our children goose-stepping in search of new gods. They would substitute pagan rites for the simple, sustaining beauty of our commemoration of the birth of Christ.

So today America is at war—a war we're going to win. We are determined that our church bells will never be stilled; that every American shall have freedom to worship God in his own way; that Christmas and the spirit of Christmas shall live.

That is the solemn pledge of fighting Americans on the war fronts. That is the solemn pledge of working Americans on the home front. That is the solemn pledge of the Southern Railway System and its officers and employees. To its fulfillment we have dedicated all of our transportation services and facilities, gratefully putting war transportation needs ahead of every other transportation need.

This year, we have carried about two million men in uniform; almost one million in 3,366 special trains; another half million in 13,174 extra cars on regular trains; and still another half million traveling on the low furlough fares granted to all members of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

This year, we have operated 1,592 extra sections of our regular trains, to take care of overflow crowds.

This year, we have handled more tons of freight than we ever handled in all our half-century of service. We have done the job so smoothly and so efficiently as to bring the highest praise from government and army officers, for most of this huge tonnage is war freight.

Above all, we have kept plugging away, day and night, to fulfill the railroad industry's solemn pledge "to meet to the full the demands of commerce and the needs of national defense."

So far we have met these needs "to the full." And we will continue to meet them to the full—if they can be met by the ultimate in devotion, courage, resourcefulness and human strength. For we know that the world will enter upon a happier and a brighter era when Victory comes—an era in which there will be a new concept of the majesty of the soul and the real meaning of "peace, good will toward men."

That is worth fighting for!

Ernest S. Harris

President.

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