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Scouting

In times of national stress and the need for men and women who are prepared to carry on in the face of difficulties, it is fitting that we turn our attention to Scouting.

And our comments include Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, both of which have very active organizations here.

We sincerely hope that the boys and girls in the Scouting organizations will not experience another war. But war or no war, Scouting offers boys and girls training which will be valuable to them and to the country.

Leaders of tomorrow will come from the ranks of those today who prepare themselves for leadership.

This week the campaign to raise funds to continue and expand the Scouting program was carried out.

Every person who contributed to the fund has made a good investment, which will have as its return splendid citizenship to provide future leadership.

Our Chaplains

It has always been a pleasure for this newspaper to commend the virtues of Wilkes county and its people.

This time we wish to publicly call attention to what we believe to be a record.

From the five leading churches in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, three pastors have gone into the service as naval chaplains.

First to leave was Dr. J. C. Stokes, pastor of Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches. Next was Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, who entered the service as a chaplain Tuesday. Rev. F. H. Shinn, now pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church, has been accepted and is expected to enter the naval service as a chaplain soon.

That makes three from five churches and we believe it is a record for any community.

These ministers recognize the need for service to God through the armed forces of our country. In the service they will render valuable services to our fighting men, being their counselor and confidant in things spiritual and physical.

To these men of the ministry, we salute you, and bid you godspeed in your new fields of service.

Want Big Investments In War Bonds

The government is asking the loan of nine billion dollars from the American public this month.

That is a lot of money, about nine times the amount of war bonds purchased in any one month.

But in December the government is asking big loans as well as the little bonds down to \$25 denomination.

This month the government is asking people who have accumulated substantial savings to turn them into government securities.

If you have a few thousand dollars salted away for a rainy day, the government needs that money and will give you interest bearing bonds that are as safe as the money itself.

The government must have great sums of money for prosecution of the war and that money must come from numerous individuals, organizations and institutions.

The government needs the money which is represented in the children's banks. It needs the money of large amounts accumulated as savings.

By buying bonds you protect your own freedom and security. You will be helping to make certain that you can live in free-

dom to make use of and enjoy your savings.

Lose this war and your savings will vanish. Everything is at stake and our cause needs all the resources, all the man power, all the available finances and all the moral support of—not a few of the people—but of all the people.

Call at the bond issuing agent most convenient today and turn your savings into war bonds, that you and those to live after you may live in freedom and with human liberty.

An Even Break

It will take hundreds of millions of man-hours to do the paper work and policing if we put the war economy on a wholly compulsory basis. This was the gist of a recent announcement by Boake Carter, noted commentator. Mr. Carter then suggested that voluntary measures be tried. They worked in the last war. Why not this time?

Most of the restrictions will be in the retail field: food and clothing, necessities which now go in large quantities to our allies and the military services. And although the task that would be imposed on the retailer would be staggering, the record shows that he will gladly do his part to secure the cooperation of consumers in every instance where it is decided the force of law shall not apply.

The merchandising industry, led by the chain stores, aggressively pursued price and rationing policies in close cooperation with government authorities, long before any laws were passed putting such action on a compulsory basis.

Every effort has been made by retail distributors to secure consumer cooperation in the fair distribution of meat, coffee, canned goods, candy, gum and scores of other items. Limits often have been placed on the quantity of goods sold to a single purchaser. In practically all cases, these voluntary controls have been accepted wholeheartedly by the public. One of the reasons for this wide acceptance is the fact that modern mass distribution is a closely integrated industry. Similar controls are in effect in all sections. Particularly is this true of the chain systems. Coffee in Kansas is no more expensive than coffee in California. Likewise, rationing of pineapple juice is not confined to one or two areas.

Regardless of whether the controls are voluntarily established by the merchant or enforced by government, public cooperation is essential if the consumer is to get an even break in the distribution of scarce commodities.

Don't Shoot, Please

A Washington committee, fearful of a dangerous doctor shortage, has proposed arbitrary halting of further enlistment of medical men in the armed services until a bureau has been created to "supervise and control the drafting and recruiting of doctors." Apparently, pending establishment of the bureau, our soldiers are supposed to keep out of the way of enemy bullets.

The military services are entitled to every doctor they need. And they are entitled to them without awaiting the pleasure of a bureau in Washington. As the American Medical Journal observes: "The least that the nation can do for those who offer their lives in combat is to provide them with the utmost that medicine can offer for the alleviation of the wounded and the prevention of unnecessary death." The armed forces are getting the doctors they need. They are getting them now; the best medical men in the world.

As far as civilian needs are concerned, the American Medical Journal points out that a weekly survey by the Procurement and Assignment Service maintains a constant check on physicians in local communities. This service was created by the President of the United States. It works in close cooperation with the medical profession which does not propose to allow any lapse in the high and hard-won health standards of America.

Reduction by 20 percent in the manufacture of ice cream and frozen desserts will save 3,300,000 pounds of butter in December, or almost three-fourths of a pound apiece for every soldier in the U. S. Army.

Restrictions in sizes and forms of asphalt shingles will save 2,150,000 man hours per year, 250 tons of steel, and 60,000 tons of asphalt.

By preventing purchasers of new electric motors from buying motors with more horsepower than their work requires, the Government will save about 15 million pounds of copper, 55,000 tons of carbon steel, and about 150,000 pounds of stainless steel annually.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM
When it comes to real, honest to goodness, goodness, the children have it over anyone else.

Reading the letters to Santa Claus in this issue, we find that one child told St. Nicholas not to bring him anything, just to save what he would bring him for some poor children. That letter was by George Livingston of Lomax.

In another, by Tommy Myers, the writer asked for a rubber ball, if Uncle Sam could spare the rubber, and asked that the army not be forgotten on Christmas day.

Other letters also showed a spirit devoid of selfishness. Yes, the future of America is safe in such hands.

But while children show the way to patriotism and unselfishness, some of our adults try every way imaginable to get more than their share of scarce articles. Shame on you!

WINTER POETRY

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who has grimly turned his head
and said:
"There is no Santa Claus".

OTHER WAY TO WHERE?

At a church a beautiful gate was placed with the inscription: "This is the way to heaven."

But the painter who repainted the gate and put up a sign to keep people off the wet paint probably did not notice the contradiction in his wet paint sign which said: "Please go the other way".

SMART COMEBACK

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinese placing a bowl of rice on a near-by grave, and asked: "What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat the rice?"

The old Chinese replied with a smile: "Same time your friend come up to smell flowers."

GOING TOGETHER

Question: "What did the letter say to the stamp?"
Answer: "Stick to me and we'll go places!"

WAS THROWN OUT

Billy, six, was exasperated with the almost continuous squalling of his baby brother.
"I bet I know why he came from heaven," Billy mused. "They put him out."

NOT HER NAME

"I don't like your heart action," the doctor said, applying the stethoscope again. "You have had some trouble with angina pectoris, haven't you?"
"You're right in a way, Doctor," said the young man sheepishly. "only that isn't her name."

QUESTIONS

Farm Questions Answered By State College

QUESTION: What is the best type of milk bucket?

ANSWER: Where hand-milking is done, a hooded or small top milk bucket is preferred. This type of bucket will exclude about 50 percent of the number of bacteria which usually get into the milk during the milking process. The strainer should be seamless and constructed to use standard filter discs. Milk cans and all other utensils used in handling milk should be of standard construction and free from open seams.

Ammonia, named for the temple of Ammon-Ra, was used as a bleaching agent by the famous linen makers of ancient Egypt, who never knew that this was the active ingredient of the magic powder prepared by temple priests from dried camel dung.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

'Good Neighbors'



Dr. Carlos Arroyo Del Rio (left), president of Ecuador, shown with Gen. Manuel Camacho, president of Mexico, when Dr. Del Rio arrived in the Mexican capital while en route to the United States. Later he visited President Roosevelt at the White House.

SPORTS BOOST USO WAR FUND AS EVENTS HELP

New York.—The U. S. O. war fund is richer by \$612,550.98 today as the result of contributions from various sports since last May 11. Robert F. Kelley, chairman of the special events committee, an-

SEED

New varieties of disease-resistant seed, contributed by American agricultural experiment stations, have arrived by plane in Moscow to help Russia maintain her average crop yields.

Baseball made the largest contribution, \$362,926.65 from the World Series.

"Devil Tower" in Wyoming, an almost vertical rock column 1,280 feet high, was first scaled by a researcher in 1893 who drove in wooden pegs for a ladder and found that chipmunks had been him to it.

Too little air in tires can make them wear out 50 per cent to 70 per cent faster.



The wonderful electric gifts that Reddy has had for you in years past have gone to war this Christmas. . . . in their stead our fighting men have some of the equipment necessary for success in battle. This makes it patriotic common sense for us to take doubly good care of electrical gifts from Christmases past. Keep them clean. Keep them tight. Keep them in good repair.

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