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Appreciation

Flowers are all right as a post mortem tribute to the life of a departed friend, but all of us sometimes wonder why not spread around a few commendations to people who do unselfish things while they can enjoy the tributes.

This week we want to pay tribute especially to the school teachers of Wilkes county who did a magnanimous job in distribution of war ration books last week.

In addition to filling out thousands and thousands of books for people who sent for them by their children, the teachers remained at the schools until 5:30 o'clock on three days and toiled to get out books to those who could not send by children for them.

This is real service to their country. They did the task without compensation. Their services should be especially appreciated in view of the fact that many teachers are working for low salaries far below the wage level in war industries where they could get jobs. Any capable person remaining in the teaching profession is making a sacrifice which should be appreciated by the fathers and mothers of the country.

And while we are on the job of pointing out good services, we wish to commend rationing officials, national and local, for working out a sound plan of distribution of war ration book 2 which caused no confusion and went along smoothly, especially in view of the size of the task involved.

It was a splendid plan for newspapers to reproduce the declaration form and we commend rationing officials for furnishing the blank to The Journal-Patriot, making it possible for people to fill them out and send them in for their books, eliminating much waiting and delay.

The job was accomplished in a most efficient manner, and we commend all those responsible.

Give Liberally to Red Cross

Tomorrow the campaign to raise at least \$10,000 in Red Cross war funds in Wilkes begins.

The slogan is "Give Double." For many it would be a good idea to triple, or quadruple, amounts of previous donations to the Red Cross.

Let it not be said that your failure to contribute will deprive any soldier of the benefits which the Red Cross can provide.

There is a scale by which donations should be governed, and that is ability to give. The willingness to give liberally should be in the mind of every person. The amount of the contribution should be in accordance with financial ability.

The Renfro Herald last week carried the following editorial on the subject: "Dollaring Soldiers To Death":

Dollaring soldiers to death! That is what many citizens will do if they do not pause to think before contributing to the present Red Cross War Fund. To let a wounded boy die because we refuse to provide the money to care for him is stark tragedy?

The Red Cross is an agency of mercy which sends its Good Samaritans throughout the world to minister with compassion to those in need. It is the connecting link between any member of the armed services and his family. At the front its Field Directors aid the service man in his personal problems. It delivers the box from home to the prisoner of war. It gives special care to refugees from sea disaster. It furnishes life-saving blood plasma to the wounded.

Every citizen of the county can help to alleviate the suffering in the world by contributing not merely a dollar but fifty or a

hundred, if possible, to this War Fund. Our quota is large and cannot be raised by one-dollar subscriptions. We have got to raise it. Hence, we must pay more. The American Red Cross stands in readiness to translate your contribution into life-saving and hope-giving ministries to that friend wounded and fallen on the field of battle. Don't dollar a soldier to death!

Government's Function

"The accomplishments of science and industry expressed through the American system of competitive enterprise," declared David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America, at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, "can be used to create employment for labor, and capital, and to stimulate national prosperity.

"Where private enterprise is able and willing to meet the needs of society, it should not be the function of government to create industrial enterprises or to finance them, or to run them, or to employ labor or to operate our vast agricultural system.

"The government's function should be that of an umpire to see that each segment of society plays its part in accordance with the rules, and fulfills its obligations to the community as a whole. In performing this task, government would do a great deal to assure the stability of our economic life," Mr. Sarnoff said.

Postwar Wonders

According to Arthur W. Hixson, professor of chemical engineering at Columbia University, the average postwar American family may own a small helicopter, which while taking up no more room than present-day cars, will be able to hover and rise or land vertically in the back yard or on the tops of tall buildings.

No less amazing is the prediction that houses and furniture may be so light that they can be moved to new sites by giant helicopters. You could take your home to the country with you in the summer and bring it back in the fall.

The future can hold a rosy picture for the common man. He knows that when improvements come he will benefit from them because industry's mass production genius will place new things within his economic reach.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

FOLKS WHO KEEP THEIR FEELINGS OUT

There's folks perhaps you know about Who always keep-their feelings out; No matter what you do or say, They're always getting hurt some way.

It hurts them if you preach the truth, It hurts them if you warn the youth; It hurts them if you preach too long, Or fail to sing their "hobby" song.

It hurts them if you fail to pet, They have their feelings all upset; You've got to rub their feather right, Or they are wrong enough to fight.

Sometimes they stay at home and pout,— You wonder what it's all about; Then find it was a childish toy That robbed them of their peace and joy.

They always blame the other lad For everything that's wrong and bad; Their children are the best in town, The best of all the folks around.

It's childish things that cause the row— The little pettish things, somehow, That bring so many strifes about, When people keep their feelings out.

No matter what may mash their toes They blame it on their many foes; For it's the other fellow's "dirt" That always keeps their feelings hurt.

They need salvation—yes, they do— To clean them up and make them new; That takes the carnal nature out And makes them smile instead of pout.

Twill keep their feelings fine and good, At home and in their neighborhood; They'll find their places in church and pew And praise the Lord instead of "stew."

Twill put their feelings in their place, And put a shine upon their face, And put a "go" within the soul To live for God and reach the goal.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

IN MIDDLE OF BAD FIX
Here it is Friday afternoon, time this column was already written, and nothing to write about. We became so energetic that we cleaned off half our desk, the half which had the papers and magazines with the good jokes.

We could write about the freaks recently brought in. Mr. Roby Vannoy, of Rattles River, brought in a freak egg which looks like a peanut and about the same size. It is really interesting, but it is not big enough for breakfast.

We like big freaks of edible varieties. Our Victory Garden is doing all right by itself so far. How's yours?

First thing we gotta do is find an hour or two of time to work in the garden, and the next thing to do is win a victory over laziness if and when we get the time to work. After the battle with laziness, we hope we have time to plant 'aters, etc.

Alan Browning, who writes the Gab-Bag in the Elkin Tribune, has nine readers, so he says, and there was a new one the other day, which makes ten or one more than capacity. He said he was going out and shoot one to make room for the new one.

This column boasts of eight readers, which is a slightly less number because this column is young and we can't write for so many people. The eight readers are: 1, we have to write it; 2, the linotype operator has to set it; 3, the proofreader has to read it; 4, the man way back who reads every word as a matter of habit; 5 and 6, two children afraid not to read it; 7 one who would be afraid our feelings would be hurt; 8, never mind who but you can bet your life that person has to read it too.

If this column has to shoot one of the present readers, to make room for another, we might have to begin at number 1.

NEVER MIND DISASTER

Something funny always happens to a new reporter. In our early days of newspapering we were sent to the scene of a major tragedy to report what had happened.

We wanted to write something in big style and we started off the story with this sentence.

"Tonight, God stands on the hill overlooking the scene of this great disaster . . ."

Evidently the editor did not read any further. He wired back: "Never mind disaster. Interview God. Get picture if possible."

OUR ADVICE

Keep your Ration Book 2 with you and you'll never be caught with your 'points down.'

CHOLERA

Fourteen Pitt county growers are protecting their hog crop by having 332 head vaccinated against cholera, reports S. C. Winchester, assistant farm agent.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court Before the Clerk W. W. Carter, Administrator of H. F. Carter, deceased, and W. W. Carter and wife, Gertha Carter,

vs. W. F. Carter and wife, Alice Carter, et als.

Under and by virtue of authority conferred upon the undersigned Commissioner by an order of His Honor C. C. Hayes, Clerk Superior Court, of Wilkes county, North Carolina, appointing Hoke F. Henderson as Commissioner in the above-entitled action, to sell the lands hereinafter described for the purpose of making assets for division among the heirs-at-law of H. F. Carter, deceased, for cash.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned Commissioner, will on the 20th day of March, 1943, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on the premises in Wilkes county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate of H. F. Carter, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron stake in C. L. Luffman and S. M. Couch's corner, running thence north 85 degrees west 28 chains to a rock; thence with D. F. McCann line north 4 degrees east 18:50 chains to a white oak; thence south 84 degrees east 2 chains to a Spanish oak; thence north 13.20 chains to a pine; thence north 84 degrees east 22.75 chains to a white oak, Welborn's corner; thence south 4 degrees west 36.20 chains to the point of beginning, containing 75-16 acres more or less as surveyed by E. L. Wolfe, October, 1942. For further reference see the following deeds to H. F. Carter recorded in book 178, page 457, and book 181, page 42, Registry of Wilkes county.

This the 15th day of Feb. 1943. HOKE F. HENDERSON, Commissioner

AT FIRST SIGN OF A
COLD
USE
666
666 TABLETS. SAME. MORE DRUGS

Announcement!

TO MY FRIENDS IN WILKES AND THE ADJOINING COUNTIES

I HAVE PURCHASED THE STOCK OF MERCHANDISE AND EQUIPMENT OF **BURKE'S JEWELRY**

operated during the past few years by Mr. C. T. Burke, and I am now personally in charge of the business. I am in position to do

All Kinds of Repair Work on Watches Clocks, and Jewelry

Come to See Me In My New Location

YOUR PATRONAGE WILL BE APPRECIATED

TENTH STREET Watch Shop

Operated By **MERRILL WILES**

Bare-Miller Furniture Co. Building ● North Wilkesboro North Carolina



Help Conserve Precious Tires! Gasoline! Motor Vehicles—

BY REPLACING YOUR OWN FUSES . . .

It's Easy!

. . . almost as simple as replacing a lamp bulb! You help yourself, too, because you can restore service immediately without waiting for a service man . . . who may be delayed in these busy war days. Each service call you eliminate conserves critical materials needed for Victory.

PULL CORDS FROM OUTLETS—If you're not certain what caused the fuse to blow, disconnect all appliance and extension cords.

TURN ON MAIN SWITCH—If the new fuse blows again, and you cannot locate the trouble, call your electrician.

TURN OFF MAIN SWITCH—Stand on a dry surface.

EXAMINE ALL CORDS—Before reconnecting appliance or extension cords make any necessary repairs.

REMOVE BLOWN FUSE—Replace the blown fuse with a new one of the same size . . . generally 15 amperes for branch circuits.

DON'T USE SUBSTITUTES—Never substitute a coin for a fuse or use a fuse of too high an amperage.

Duke Power Company