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Splendid Record

We take pride in commending any and everything which reflects credit on our county.
 And this time we wish to comment on the very excellent record made so far in the Red Cross war fund campaign. The response has been most encouraging in practically every report.
 The Red Cross funds will be used for the benefit of our men in the service. Every person in the county has a near relative or close friend in the fighting forces, and the appeal for Red Cross funds should mean much to every person.

Business firms and many individuals in the Wilkesboros responded to the call with substantial gifts, several of which reached a new high for any fund raising campaign here. We commend their generosity and are thankful that they put their money to such good use.

And while all who are interested in the Red Cross are grateful for the large gifts, we would not fail to give due praise to the thousands of Wilkes county people who gave one or a few dollars. Many of them really sacrificed in order to give to the Red Cross. Some who gave one to five dollars to the fund denied themselves some entertainment, luxury, pleasure or perhaps some needed purchase in order to contribute. They made a sacrifice and their willingness to give until it hurt cannot be praised too highly.
 And we would not fail to commend the officials of the Wilkes chapter, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., war fund chairman, and every worker for their efficient efforts in making the canvass of the people. The campaign was well executed and much time was spent by volunteer workers in getting the Red Cross message to the people and giving the people the opportunity to make contributions.

Warning to People

Greed brought on the war from without, but unless the people of the United Nations forget greed, the lust for money and political favor, we could be defeated.
 Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker has been doing some talking which should do this country much good, and he certainly was preaching to everybody when he said:
 "If all America—capital, labor, government and all of us—doesn't forget the 'money angle' and the political angle of this war, it can mean defeat for the United Nations."
 There are those who call Rickenbacker a labor baiter, etc. But there are none yet who have come out with any sound argument against anything he has uttered.
 He advocated placing strikers on the war front. And some mushy mouthed, politically minded people took up the issue and said he was causing disunity among the people.
 Greed has long been the word used to describe big business, but now we have to reverse the angle and find that greed is one of the evils of organized labor in war time. When workmen deliberately quit making the tools of war for the fighting men, and quit because their every want is not filled, the acts come very near being treason.
 For such failure in the armed forces, the guilty would be court martialled.

Cutting Bait

The phrase, "social security for everyone," is the new political bait being prepared to lure the voter. It is a fine sounding catch phrase.
 There is something even greater than full-stomach social security, however.

There is individual freedom—the right to do things for oneself.
 Political social security that makes one a vital ward of the state in return for a full stomach and a place to sleep, destroys freedom.
 Government can only "give" to the people what it first takes away from them. It can tax or confiscate savings and redistribute them under the guise of equalization of wealth.
 But a nation will starve if a majority of the people do not have the individual ambition and incentive to work, and save, and produce new wealth continuously to take care of themselves and that small percentage of unfortunate individuals who will always be wards of the state, and who should be cared for much better than they now are.
 Political planning of the lives of all the people in a nation can be carried too far, just as can parental planning of the lives of children—we face that danger in our country. The planners and spenders are beginning to outnumber the workers and the savers.

Red Cross Service

Red Cross Volunteer Services should receive the support of all the people who can do any of that type of work.
 In war time it becomes the duty of the Red Cross to furnish service kits, many knitted garments, surgical dressings and other items.
 The Red Cross chapter here has a work room over Tomlinson's Department Store, where women can meet to work on the articles needed by men of our armed forces. Mrs. J. A. Rousseau is chairman of this phase of Red Cross work and from information gained from her, we learn that more volunteer workers are needed if quotas are to be met. Why not begin now?

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

TIME TO WAKE UP

It is indeed time that the forces of righteousness should wake up. Behold the devastating work of evil, sin and wickedness everywhere. Undoubtedly the devil is having his day. Drunkenness, revelry, carousal, anger, hatred, jealousy, and spirit of vindictiveness is manifested throughout the land. Modesty seems to be on the footstool today and immodesty on the throne. Nude and ungodly fashions have locked arms with adultery and are marching down the board road that leads in the opposite direction of heaven, and multitudes, multitudes are following in their footsteps, going away from virtue and godliness.
 The nations are now tremendously war-minded. This means bloodshed, the loss of life by millions, the loss of millions of precious souls and the destruction of billions and billions of dollars worth of property. Certainly, we realize this as an absolute fact. Then, is it not high time that the forces of righteousness should wake up and go forth for God to save life, to save souls, and to save property? Undoubtedly, O slumbering church, wake up! Your deadness is largely responsible for the present dreadful condition of the world. While you have been asleep the devil has been very much alive and on his job.
 Yes, and while tens of thousands of your members have been flirting with the world, the flesh and the devil, and out to get evil, ungodly pleasure, spending vast sums of money for this purpose, the war lords have armed themselves to shed the life's blood of humanity. O righteous forces, why have you been asleep, or off guard, or going with the very crowd that is hellbent? Perhaps I should say professed righteous forces. Multitudes profess the name of Jesus, the name of righteousness, but they are only wolves in sheep's clothing. Dead formalism certainly is not of God. An empty profession is far from a gracious and glorious possession. To profess Christianity and run with the world is worse than to profess nothing religiously. Much worse.
 But it is time to awake, seek God, pray for forgiveness, obtain vital Holy Ghost salvation, then assemble your forces of righteousness and go forth, not to kill men, but to save them. This is the Gospel plan of redemption. If men and women everywhere would wake up, repent, pray, call on God for help for themselves and for the millions of earth, we believe it would bring this awful war to a close immediately. God can do mighty things quickly when He is sought earnestly and in the right way. Forces of righteousness, AWAKE!

Abnormal Absurdities
 By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

THE REASON WHY
 A lady who went into a meat market bought thirty pounds of steak, which the butcher was a long time getting prepared and wrapped. She asked the butcher if he had no means of delivering it. Looking outside, the woman said: "You have a wagon out there. Why not send it on the wagon?" The butcher looked her straight in the eye and said: "I can't; you have just bought the horse."

MEN, LET'S ORGANIZE
 Men, let's buy some bonds; don't let the war last. . . . The women are changing our world fast. . . . Once they spent their time painting lips, now they are busy building ships. . . . Have joined the army among the braves; the navy knows a new kind of wave. . . . Along our shores she patrols the sands, while dad is home getting dishpan hands. . . . Swings a big bus, runs a street car, too; does most everything men used to do. . . . Aircraft plants used to be man's clover; she not only builds 'em—she ferries 'em over. . . . While dad gets home to clean the sink, ma drops in at Pat's for a drink. . . . If the work's not done, she thinks pa's faking—scolds and declares she brings home the bacon. . . . Man is learning to sew and keep house, accepting the change as meek as a mouse. . . . Can't tell where all this may lead; men stand up, let's form a creed. . . . We may mend their socks, even trim their lids, but we'll not stay home and have the kids. . . .

MORE TRUE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE
 It seems that Junior was meandering homeward much later than his usual suppertime. A neighbor who happened to meet him and thinking to hurry his leisurely pace, said:
 Neighbor—Why, Junior, aren't you afraid you will be late for supper?
 Junior—No, I've got the meat.

Radical News Of Interest

Mr. Charles Billings made a night.
 Mr. Glenn Byrd and Mr. Burn Shumate made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Saturday night.
 Mr. Grover Dillard and Mr. Carl Hayes spent Saturday night with Mr. Grant Hinchey.
 We are glad to know that Mrs. China Hinchey is improving some after having her tonsils taken out.
 Mrs. Glenn Byrd spent Sunday with Mrs. Arthur Sebastian and Mrs. Grant Shumate, of North Wilkesboro route two.
 Mr. Tex Rhoades, from Page-ton, W. Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rhoades.
 Mr. John Hinchey and family, visited Mr. Grant Hinchey and family Sunday.
 Mr. Fletch Handy visited Mr. I. Y. Watkins, Sunday.
 Mr. Earn Shumate has gone in the chicken business. He bought 600.
 Mrs. Claude Dillard visited Mrs. D. R. Teague, Monday.
 Mr. Noah Long, of Page-ton, W. Va., spent the week-end with his friends at Radical.
 Mr. Letcher Harrold, of Page-ton, W. Va., spent the week-end with his father, Mr. Marshall (Dad) Harrold, of Hays.
 Messrs. Bob Teague, Herman Dillard and Hillery Adams are digging a well this week for Mr. Edd Billings.

Red Tape Cut On Bean Seed

Washington.—The Office of Price Administration removed yesterday all red tape on the purchase of dry peas, beans or lentils when these vegetables are to be planted and not eaten.
 After consulting with the Agriculture Department, OPA ruled that neither certificates nor coupons will be needed to buy such seed, providing it is marked clearly as seed and the purchaser promises to plant it.
 Earlier today the agency had explained to inquirers that, while regular ration coupons did not have to be used to buy seed peas or beans, special certificates had to be obtained from ration boards.
 The reversal of ruling in effect put the public on the honor system.
 Officials termed abolition of the restrictions necessary because the planting season is here and ration boards are too busy to give prompt attention to applications.
 The exemption applies to farmers and amateur victory gardeners alike.

Tire Rationing Is Liberalized More On Hand

Washington.—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown liberalized tire rationing for the second time Tuesday and expressed belief all motorists will be able "to keep their cars on the road" as the result of the release of additional tires by Rubber Administrator William Jeffers.
 Effective April 1, Brown made Grade II tires available to drivers with gasoline mileage allowances exceeding 340 miles a month—most B, C and T-card holders. These tires, which include new tires made before 1938, other new but slightly damaged tires, and Victory tires made of reclaimed rubber, were available previously only to passenger cars driven more than 560 miles monthly.
 At the same time, Brown announced that motorists eligible for 560 or more miles will be allowed but a limited number of Grade I tires, the highest grade casings. These tires previously were reserved for drivers with a ration exceeding 1,000 miles a month.
 All of these types of tires, however, still have to be obtained with certificates issued by local ration boards.
 Brown said that Rubber Director Jeffers has increased the quota of Grade I tires from 321,827 in March to 540,000 in April, Grade II tires from 253,000 to 540,000, and truck tires from 299,000 to 360,000.
 These changes did not affect A-card holders, who are eligible for used or recapped casings. However, Brown recently removed most of the rationing "red tape" on recapped tires.
 Another change added tires that fit a 17-inch rim to the list of "obsolete" tires—which can be obtained by anyone eligible for B or better gasoline books, even though he actually has only an A-book.

CHINESE TAKE 2 MORE TOWNS

Chungking.—Chinese troops pursuing the beaten enemy in the Hupeh-Hunan border area of Central China have recaptured two more towns south of the Yangtze River and are threatening the important Japanese-held city of Hwajung from three sides, the Chinese high command announced last night.

YANKEE DOODLE DADDY STARS CAGNEY IN BIG ENTERTAINMENT
 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" which opens at the Allen Theatre Monday by a three day run brings to the screen another Warner Bros. hit story in film. It is the outstanding story of the career of George M. Cohan and one of the most thrilling films ever made. It is thrilling for many reasons but its timely patriotism is the most important one of all.
 James Cagney portrays the role of George M. Cohan and it is by far his finest work. His impersonation of Cohan is wonderful because he doesn't allow himself to become a caricature for detail. He looks like Cagney, but talks, sings and acts like George M. Cohan himself.
 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is a great film from all angles. The production numbers are done to perfection. The staging and dancing are typical of a Broadway revue and the backstage sequences are the most authentic ever seen in a motion picture.

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