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effort is made to train women and older men workers to replace draft eligibles, how can the government or any other employer truthfully say that so-and-so is indispensable? Indubitably, there are some such male workers and officials. An expert technician in a vital war plant may be worth a great deal more in the factory or laboratory than he would be as a buck private in the Army. The same may be true of certain "morale builders." But men who are filling ordinary clerical, or even executive posts are not always indispensable, and women have revealed remarkable competence in the execution of many of these jobs.

"The whole question has to do with the place where one can serve his country to best advantage. The question cannot be answered purely in terms of sentiment, even though some men in uniform may resent the fact that other men apparently as eligible for military service as they remain in civilian clothes. But certainly no draft eligibles should be left on the home front unless, indeed, they are indispensable.

News Coincidences

Yesterday the news was released that the enemy destroyed many allied ships last year.

The net losses, after building of new ships was counted, was about one million tons.

On the same day the headlines carried the news that coal mine workers were going on a strike for higher wages.

All of which goes to show that the people of the country need more patriotism.

And there are far too many people who think the war is about all over except the shouting and joyous home comings.

The grim part of the war still lies ahead.

And it is time for personal sacrifices on the part of every American.

Coal is vital to keep industry and the shipyards in operation.

Yet a half million people who are making wages averaging about one dollar per hour plan to walk out if they do not get an extra two dollars per day.

When you or some member of your family is taken into the armed service, where perhaps life will be the sacrifice, you are told that your pay will begin at fifty dollars per month.

But at the same time can an organized group of workers hold the entire nation up for more money?

We ask, is this possible in a time of peril to our nation?

If workers already highly paid can get more money, so can the farmer and on down the line.

Cut the bounds on one group and you have to cut them on another and still another. The ultimate answer, if a halt is not called, is inflation.

Borrowed Comment

SCRAP AGAIN
(G. P. C. News)

Little has been said in a number of months concerning salvage. That does not mean that there is no longer a need to collect and turn in to production channels this vital needed material. Collectors have now caught up again with scrap collections and it is again time to put on concerted drives to make larger collections.

As production of war materials reaches new peaks as it does each month, more and more materials are needed to feed the mills making planes, tanks, guns, ammunition, etc. More collection means more effort on the part of all the people.

It is time to organize community drives for scrap iron and steel again. The surplus on junk yards from last fall's campaign are now running low. There is a great deal more to be collected. Someone must hunt it up and make it available to the junk dealer.

Fats are coming in slowly. Be sure to save all your waste kitchen fats and turn them in to the collection station. They are made directly into explosives to blast the Axis.

With every person doing his bit to save everything of value there will be little waste and more salvage will be turned to war channels. Do your part.

There ought to be a law against showing all those attractive pictures in the seed catalog, unless it includes a careful description of all the bugs and worms the gardner will have to contend with during the summer.—Elkin Tribune.

The only new thing about the Japanese atrocities against American flyers was that the victims were Americans.—Charlotte Observer.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

PROPERLY MARKED

We were told a story about a woman who was asked by her husband what she did with the grocery bill:

Woman—I sent it back dear!

Man—Sent it back? Why?

Woman—I wrote across it "insufficient funds" just as they do in the bank with overdrawn checks. Wasn't that all right?

FIRST FOR BOTH

Patient—Doctor, I'm scared to death. This will be my first operation.

Doctor—Sure, I know just how you feel. You are my first patient.

DEFINITIONS

AUTOMOBILE—A vehicle which is dividing mankind into two classes—the quick and the dead.

COLLEGE—A fountain of knowledge where many go to drink.

CONCEIT—A form of I-strain.

WINTER—A season when we try to keep the house as hot as it was in the summer when we kick about it.

DRUGGIST—One who used to sell drugs.

WIDOWER—Only man who has an angel for a wife.

ZEBRA—A horse behind bars.

TEARS—The world's greatest water power.

WELL-INFORMED WOMAN—One who is on a party line.

HELL—Place that hath no fury like a woman driver.

DACHSHUND—A dog that wags by remote control.

AN AIRPLANE CHICKEN—All wings and machinery and no meat.

WAS HER TURN

She had been in the city only a few weeks and while she was getting along fine with her job at the defense plant, after working hours she was mighty lonely. One night she dreamed that a big brute of a man came to her bedside, picked her up, carried her down to a chauffeur-driven car, placed her in the back seat and got in beside her.

They drove out into the country and on a dark and lonely road the car stopped. Finally, finding her voice, the girl asked:

Girl—And now, what are you going to do?

Man—It's up to you, dear. It's your dream.

Cricket News

Items Reported

Mrs. J. D. Hines and little daughter, Beth, have returned home after a few days visit with friends and relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mr. T. A. Wheeling, of Winston-Salem, visited his brother, J. C. Wheeling, over the week-end.

Pvt. Fred C. McLean, who is stationed at Fort Meade, Md., spent a few hours with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean Sunday. Mrs. McLean, Winnie Sue McLean, Mozelle Turner and Allen Nichol, accompanied him back as far as Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parsons visited Mrs. Parsons' father, Mr. Baret, at Obids Sunday. Also Mr. Parson's brother, Mr. R. A. Parsons.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Turner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mitchell and Miss Diana Turner. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Turner are sisters of Mr. Turner.

Messrs. Clate Kilby, J. M. Nichols and J. D. McLean have gone to Milton, Florida, to engage in war work.

Mrs. Claude Miller and children have returned from Baltimore, Md., to make their home here.

Miss Carol Minton spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Warren attended the Easter sunrise service in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Eller and Kyle, visited Mr. Eller's mother at Banners Elk, Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Mahaffey has returned to Norfolk, Va., where he has a war job, after visiting his family here.

Mrs. Clate Kilby and sons, Dwight and Ralph, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Burl Hayes, of Millers Creek.

Miss Mary Lee Gambill has returned to Portsmouth, Va., after spending the Easter season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gambill.

Miss Jaunita Spears left Sunday for Portsmouth, Va., where she will accept a war job.

Mrs. J. E. Brookshire and Mrs. Gordon Whittington both celebrated birthdays Sunday, it being their first on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Blackburn and Linnie Sue, spent the holidays with relatives in Ashe county.

Ferguson News
Items In Brief

Ferguson, April 27.—The school closed last week with appropriate exercises Friday morning with the eighth grade graduating into high school. Hitherto, the eighth grade was considered first year high school. Now the ninth grade is the first year since the twelfth grade has been added.

Wednesday night the P.T.A. gave an interesting program which was in honor of the boys in the service and the meeting was the best attended P.T.A. gathering of the year. Every one seemed to enjoy the entertainment. All teachers have gone to their respective homes.

Among those attending the graduating exercises of the Wilkesboro high school Friday morning were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dula, Mrs. John Earp, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Don West, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bishop all of whom had children in graduation class. Those graduating from here were Archie Miller, Mable Dula, Fred Earp, Eleanor Ferguson, Ann Cowles, Artee West, and Marjorie Bishop.

Friends of Mrs. W. A. Proffit will be glad to know that she is recovering from a broken ankle which she received in a fall some weeks ago.

Vandyke Proffit spent the week-end in Lenoir with relatives.

Mr. R. L. Isbel, of Lenoir, assisted by Rev. Carl Livingstone of Wilkesboro, conducted the Easter services at the Advent Christian church Sunday morning. Beautiful weather evidently greeted Easter gathers everywhere over the state.

It is interesting to note that Chas. Minton, prominent citizen, farmer and lumberman of the Beaver Creek section is making some very decided improvements about his farm and home which is

located on a beautiful promontory overlooking the creek valley. The friends and relatives of Mrs. T. C. Carlton, Centralia, N.C., will be glad to know that she is rapidly recovering from a recent illness. Mrs. Carlton visits frequently in this section where she was born and reared. Mrs. Mavy Doan, of Philadelphia, has been visiting here for several days and will probably not return to her home there for several weeks.

Sgt. Spencer B. Horton, colored, who has been in the army for several months stationed at Petersburg, Va., and the state of Washington, has been released from the service and returned home last week.

Cpl. Fred W. McNeil, Jr., is stationed at Harlington, Texas, and is a student in the Harlington Gunnery school.

Mr. Ray Hendren, surveyor of Wilkesboro, has been doing some surveying in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. Delsy McNeil, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. C. Shepherd for some time, leaves today for Port Oglethorpe, Ga., where she will be inducted into the WAAC.

Friends of Mr. Jesse J. McNeill of Lenoir, will be glad to know that he is recovering from a recent illness. Mr. McNeill is a former resident of Ferguson.

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