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Know-How and Taxes

All over the country, in hundreds of war production plants, managers, engineers, designers, mechanics, assemblers, and others are demonstrating the industrial know-how that has so long played a vital part of our industrial growth and progress in both peace and war.

From plant after plant came reports of savings—savings in the use of critical materials, in time required for production, in overall manufacturing costs—savings in design, fabrication, assembly, and in shipping space.

One automobile company alone was able to save the government \$169,178,141 on last year's production. This amount is equivalent to giving the government—cost free—1,000 medium tanks, 200 torpedo boats, 2,000 anti-aircraft cannon and 450 interceptor planes.

In hundreds of other cases exceptional savings in time, money, and material have been made through the application of mass production technique and the development of entirely new manufacturing processes or in the application of entirely new principles or products.

For instance, the 45-calibre submachine gun which before the emergency cost the government \$225 has been replaced by an equally effective weapon which costs only \$21. And in another case the 50-calibre aircraft guns which used to cost \$1,000 can now be produced for \$400 and in the redesigns 52 pounds of steel and 2 pounds of bronze are saved.

Overwhelming Production

In his first speech since he was named Director of the newly formed Office of War Mobilization, James F. Byrnes, presented some conclusive figures on overwhelming war production:

"The 100,000th plane manufactured since we began our war production program came off the assembly line today," he said.

"During the year, we will double the size of our fleet.

"In the month of May this year we produced three times as many pieces of artillery for ground troops as we did in all nineteen months of the last war.

"We are building merchant ships four times as fast as they are being sunk.

"America has turned out 2,225,000 machine guns since it began to rearm.

"In 1943's first five months 100 fighting ships were finished—almost as many as were finished in the entire year of 1942.

"Our production of high explosive powder has been six times greater than during the last war.

"We have shipped to lend-lease countries almost twice as many motor vehicles as we produced for ourselves alone in the last war. If all these vehicles were parked bumper to bumper they would reach twice across North Africa."

Mr. Byrnes went on to describe the remarkable achievements of America's new inventions such as radar, the locator which is giving us fighting superiority over the Axis, the new destroyer escort which is hunting down enemy subs, and other ingenious new developments.

This tribute is paid to the same American industry which the Axis powers thought capable only of producing refrigerators, washing machines, and other essentially peacetime products.

Little did our enemies realize that while free American enterprise was engaged in manufacturing the everyday conveniences which gave to the American people the highest living standard in the world, it

was at the same time building up the skill and the know-how that are being so efficiently applied in the present emergency.

Borrowed Comment

A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY
(Winston-Salem Journal)

In the attack leading to the unconditional surrender of the Italian island stronghold of Pantelleria the devastating power of the aerial arm when concentrated against a specific military objective has been dramatically and convincingly demonstrated.

It is significant that the Axis forces on the island raised the white flag before any ground forces had landed. The island apparently had been literally pulverized into submission, largely from the air. Although the British Navy also had shelled the island on two or three occasions, the greater damage was done in the almost incessant rain of destructive bombs from the skies.

Most of this bombing, according to reports, was carried out by American Flying Fortresses in daylight precision bombing attacks. Thus the result of the campaign against Pantelleria provides new proof not only of the advantages of air power when properly employed, but also of the efficiency of daylight precision bombing.

In this connection, we note that Emil Ludwig, the famed German writer, declares that Germany can and probably will be brought to defeat and surrender through the continued and expanded employment of Allied air power. The people can't take this terrific bombardment from overhead, he contends, and a land invasion of Germany will not be necessary. He may be mistaken in this, but it becomes increasingly evident as the Allies step up their aerial assaults, that the airplane may play a more vital role in breaking the resistance of the Axis Powers, both in Europe and in Asia, than many believed a few months ago.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

THE SLAVERY OF SIN

Every person living in sin is a slave to the devil. There is no doubt about this. Sin enslaves, and the devil is the author and instigator of all sin. He imposes every evil, wicked, birding, slavish habit upon man that he can; and all who are under his influence are enslaved by something. If it is not a bad habit, or one of less consequence, it is an evil temper, or a wrong inclination. It is something that binds the soul, spirit and life.

We see people everywhere bound by sin. They are the devil's slaves. Sin reaches from the lowest to the highest and binds its subjects. It enters into all classes of mankind, all colors, all conditions. It covers the globe. Only the power of God can deliver us from the power of the devil and sin; and God only delivers those who come to Him and surrender themselves completely, soul and body, mind and spirit, time and talent, unto Him. The true Christian is the only one that is not enslaved by the devil. God has broken every fetter the devil had him bound with and set him free, and will keep him free as long as he will serve and worship God acceptably and obey Him faithfully.

It is pitiful to see people bound hard and fast by sin. They grope and grovel their way through life as bondslaves of the devil, the archfiend of the pit, the enemy of God and all mankind, the destroyer of peace and happiness, health and strength, and the final destroyer of the soul. We often wonder just why men will surrender their lives unto him when they could be set free by the wonderful power of God, live nobly and successfully, wield a good and great influence for God and humanity, then die in the triumphs of faith and victory and reach heaven; whereas they go bound all their lives by the devil and sin, waste their time and talent and much of their means, wield an influence that curses the world, then die unprepared to meet God and go into eternity's night forever lost. O careless soul, turn to God! Why go bound by the devil all your life on earth, then go into eternity bound by him and his awful fetters of sin?

Indeed sin enslaves. Every human being that is living in sin realizes this as a solemn fact that cannot be denied. The vast multitudes of earth are the bondslaves of sin and the devil, and go through life that way. Life's better way is to be made free by the power of God, Amen.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al

DIRTY DIGS

This column (the original, and please do not accept a substitute), appreciates the attention called to it by the dirty digs in the impostor column which appears in the newspaper in Thursday editions under the imitative title of "Subnormal Suppositions."

Title of the cheap imitation would indicate its standing. But we say that it is not only below normal, but is also lower down than anything else.

That crack about the picture should be used to scare rats to death, reminds us that Super Snooper does not put his picture at the top of the column, and for a very good reason.

Super Snooper has no picture, and for a very good reason.

When Super Snooper went to have his picture made, the photographer was scared to death by his appearance.

RUSHED TO CONCLUSION

We have been informed that Super Snooper is going to challenge our statement about his being drunk when he put a penny in a chewing gum machine and recorded his weight by the town clock.

He says we rushed to conclusions.

He says that he was not drunk, and that just because he thought the town clock was penny scales, because he had difficulty pronouncing words when he went home, because he pulled off his clothes in the living room, and because he wore his hat to bed, that we rush to the conclusion that he was drunk.

CHANGED HIS OPINION

The story is told that Winston Churchill recently hailed a cab in the West End and told the cabbie to drive him to BBC, where he was scheduled to make a speech to the world.

Driver—Sorry, sir, ye'll have to get yourself another cab. I can't go that far.

Mr. Churchill was somewhat surprised and asked the cabbie why his field of operation was so limited.

Driver (apologizing)—It hain't horridly, sir, but ye see, sir, Mr. Churchill is broadcasting in an hour and I want to get 'ome to 'ear him.

Churchill was so well pleased he pulled out a pound note and handed it to the driver, who took one quick look at it and said:

Driver—Hop in, sir. 'Thell with Mr. Churchill!

PVT. SAM WRITES

Pvt. Samuel Harris, the colored boy who used to sweep and run errands around this office, is now way out in the wide open spaces at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Pvt. Sam writes us as follows: "Hello, Dwight: I get your papers every week and I enjoy them so much. I really enjoyed seeing my name and by brother's name in the paper. How is everything in North Wilkesboro? I sure miss that place a lot. Do you all miss me there? Tell Mr. Carter and Mr. Hubbard I said hello. Is Kizer still there? Tell him I said hello if he is. Is Mrs. Mable still there? Seems that I don't have much to write about tonight but I do want to hear a lot from good old Wilkes, and you are the one to tell it. You know, when I was there I made fun of your paper. But when I got away from there and read it, it is the best paper in the world, and, believe it or not, I really mean it. Tell all my good friends I said hello. I will say so long. I am a lot fatter now than I was when you last saw me."

New Zealand produced 82,000 tons of butter in six months of last year.

Questions and Answers

Question: How can I control "Pullet Disease", or Blue Comb?
Answer: Prof. R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College, advises that you withhold feed and water from your pullets for two hours in the morning and then mix one pint of molasses with each gallon of the drinking water. Let this molasses water remain before the flock for the balance of the day and repeat the next day. Clean and disinfect the houses frequently during an outbreak and for several days after "Blue Comb" has disappeared. Keep mud puddles drained and prevent birds from going under buildings and shelters.

Broadcast Of Man Food Let Forged In Germany Nets To His Foundation Wife 500 Letters

How well the American people responded to a soldier's appeal to "notify a soldier's wife" is told in a letter from Mrs. Jennie Williamson, of Van Nuys, Calif., to Marvin Sparger, Jr., of Mount Airy, who heard a short wave broadcast, May 10, from Berlin in which Mr. Williamson gave his wife's address and asked those listening to notify her that he is prisoner in the hands of the German government.

Mrs. Williamson explained that she is working in a defense plant, therefore, had used a mimeographed letter to write her thanks for the more than 500 letters she had received from people listening to the broadcast in addition to dozens of telegrams and telephone calls.

Said Mrs. Williamson: "If my husband knew how many people like you responded to his appeal to 'notify a soldier's wife' I know he would feel it is a worthwhile war after all.

"I heard the broadcast from Berlin, May 10, and it was definitely my husband who spoke. Having been notified on May 5 that he was missing in action it was very gratifying to hear his voice and know that he is alive."

Rode Mule In Mill So Goes To Roads

Montgomery county recorder's court, at Troy, long noted for the variety of offenses which come before it for trial, set another precedent at a recent session, when Arphew McCaskill was arraigned charged with public drunkenness and trespass.

So far as regards the charge of drunkenness, there was nothing unusual about that. But the case of trespass proved a horse of another color. Or we might say, a mule of another color. For Arphew was tried and convicted upon a charge that he willfully did ride a mule into one door of the Blacoe Cotton Mill, through the entire plant and out the other door, making his way through a lane of machinery whirring at full blast.

The same providence that usually looks after drunks was apparently working for Arphew, for not once did he or the mule deviate from the narrow path which meant safety or sudden disaster. Unlike Balaam, who met with an obstruction, Arphew and his mule had right of way, and neither was damaged.

On the charge of trespass prayer for judgment was continued for a period of two years upon condition that Arphew violate none of the laws of the state. A 30-day road sentence was also meted out.

The United States produced more than 10 billion rounds of small ammunition last year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. A. Bumgarner, deceased, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at his place of business in North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified on or before the 10th day of May, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 8th day of May, 1944.
J. S. BUMGARNER,
Administrator of the estate of W. A. Bumgarner, deceased.
Ralph Davis, Atty. 6-14-6tm

Dr. E. S. Cooper

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Edsel Ford To His Foundation

The will of Edsel Ford, the auto magnate, was filed in Detroit a few days ago and because it bequeathed the greater part of his Ford Motor stock to the Ford Foundation, attorneys estimated the inheritance and transfer tax might not amount to much more than \$22,000,000. Earlier reports, based solely upon conjecture, had placed the possible tax at as much as \$200,000,000.

Attorneys said the estate itself probably would amount to \$200,000,000.

Edsel Ford, only son of Henry Ford, and late president of the Ford Motor Company, died at the age of 49.

The Ford foundation, non-profit organization, was organized in 1936 for educational and other purposes. Gifts to organizations of this type are not taxable.

The portion of the stock not bequeathed is left equally to the widow, Mrs. Eleanor Clay Ford and each of the four children, Henry Ford, II, Vincent Ford, Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford, II, and William Clay Ford.

ADDED WEIGHT

Visitor—Sonny, what's the noise upstairs?

Sonny—Ma's dragging pa's pants across the floor.

Visitor—That shouldn't make that much noise?

Sonny—I know; but pa is in 'em.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of L. F. Smith, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 10th day of May, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 8th day of May, 1944.
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