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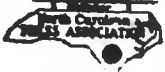
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Labor Six Days—

This get to work movement Governor Broughton put on in the state brings to mind a part of one of the Ten Commandments.

"Six days shalt thou labor . . ."

Many ministers preach on the first phase of the commandment, which says "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy", but neglect to say much about laboring the other six days in the week.

"Six days shalt thou labor" is just as much a command of God as the other part.

And now when religious liberty and all the other good principles of government are in danger, it is doubly important that people labor to achieve victory over the forces of evil.

And we should not forget that the Bible also says "By the sweat of his brow man shall eat . . ."

—V—

Bonds and Taxes—

The public has a great fear of the withholding tax which now goes into effect, thinking that they will have to pay 20 cents of each dollar in wages or salaries received.

This misunderstanding has come about by the publicity which has come out of Washington.

The withholding tax merely replaces the income tax which persons would have to pay anyway.

In many cases, wage earners with dependents will pay less under the withholding tax than they had been paying under the victory tax.

This fear of the withholding tax has caused people to slow up in buying bonds.

The withholding tax is nothing to be afraid of—it is merely the income tax on a pay as you go basis. It is the tax you would have to pay on March 15 for the past year, except that you pay as you get your money.

By paying as you go, you will not have a big income tax bill coming due all at once. The money you actually receive will be yours to pay your expenses and to buy war bonds. You will not have to put aside a fund with which to pay your income tax.

This should mean more bond buying, because when a wage earner draws his pay he will know that the income tax on that money has been paid and that he has the remainder tax free.

—V—

Few Casualties—

From the Winston-Salem Journal we get the following editorial with interesting information about war casualties:

Most families in this country are looking forward to the next great drive against the Axis with optimism tempered by dread of heavy American losses. So far the loss of life and limb has been considerably lower among American forces in this war than in the last war, although the period of actual hostilities has been much longer.

The reason is, of course, that in this war the United States has not yet launched an offensive involving a large proportion of land forces. In the Meuse-Argonne battle of 1918 alone, no less than 1,200,000 American soldiers took part, according to War Department computations. The number of American soldiers in actual combat action in North Africa had been probably less than one-tenth of the Meuse-Argonne total. Casualties in the Meuse-Argonne action, which lasted 47 days, were 120,000, or ten per cent of the number of soldiers engaged.

Also, the United States Army and Navy have been spared in this war anything like the influenza epidemic in 1918, which took almost as many lives of soldiers as did actual combat. In the Army, deaths from all causes totaled 57,500 from battle, 50,000 from other causes, including accidents, 8,000, for a total death list of 115,

500. In the Navy, which saw only minor actions against the enemy, deaths came to 10,000 for a grand total of 125,500 deaths in the armed forces in 1917-18.

Some other statistics of 1917-18 are as follows:

Of every 100 Americans in the uniform, two died as a result of battle or disease.

For every man killed in battle, six were wounded. Five of the six recovered sufficiently to return to duty. The advance of medical science should make the proportion even higher in World War II.

The casualty rate for officers was higher than for enlisted men. The American air arm did not really get going until near the end of the war, and the battle death rate among officers who reached France was almost 2 1-2 times as high in the infantry as in the air service.

About one in every two men in the army uniform in 1917-18 was sent abroad. Of those sent abroad, two in three took part in battle.

As against 125,500 deaths, from all causes in 1917-18, the Office of War Information reported Sunday that the casualties in our armed forces since we entered this war total 91,644. This includes 16,696 dead, 21,828 wounded, 31,579 missing, and 21,541 prisoners.

In the Army missing list were about 10,000 Philippine Scouts and 6,000 other soldiers from the Philippines. It is believed that by far the greater number of these are prisoners of war, so that perhaps only about one-third of the Army missing must be considered as dead. On the other hand, hope must be abandoned for probably three-fourths of the Navy missing.

These estimates bring the total number of battle deaths in the two services to between 30,000 and 35,000.

In this war the United States has seen 565 days of hostilities as against only 200 days of actual hostilities in 1917-18. The battle death rate works out to less than 62 per day so far in this war as against 275 per day in 1917-18.

In studying the above figures, it must be remembered that deaths occur also in civilian life. The latest available figures show a death rate of about 3,500 per 1,000,000 men between 20 and 35.

Borrowed Comment

BABY PICTURES
(Reidsville Review)

A lot of soldiers are going to be made happy by the War Department's latest ruling about V-mail. This permits the transmission of pictures of children born after their fathers left this country for foreign service, and also of babies under one year, who in many cases were too tiny to have developed personalities and individual characteristics when their fathers saw them last.

The picture can include the mother "or other person" holding the baby. We suspect there will be few "other persons" in the V-mail photographs. What fighting men want is pictures of their wives holding their children—the combination for which every father is fighting.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Hiddenite, N. C.

MUTUAL INFLUENCE

I would not have you give my son
A drink of liquor, beer or wine,
Nor have you cause his feet to run
In ways of sin on any line;
I would not have you wreck his soul
For all the diamonds of the earth,
Nor keep him from his highest goal
For what the richest man is worth.

I would not have you wreck my girl
For all the treasures of the seas,
Because, to me, her life's a pearl
That's greater far than all of these;
A gem that money cannot buy,
A name that's more than riches great,
By which she has to live and die,
On which depends her hope and fate.

I'd have you treat my son just right,
My daughter as the fairest queen,
And help them reach their grandest height
Far, far above the vile and mean.
I'd call you then a noble man,
Or woman high on honor's roll,
And pray as only Christians can
God's richest blessings on your soul.

So if I'd have you treat my son
As one of noble, royal worth,
And have you treat my girl like one
Of highest rank or queenly birth,
I then must treat your son likewise,
Your cherished, precious daughter too
And help them gain their goal and prize
Where wisdom owns and crowns the true.

**SUBNORMAL
SUPPOSITIONS**

By Us & Co.
SUPER SNOOPER, Pres.

OH, BOY! OH, BOY! OH, BOY!
That was the headline which appeared over a daily newspaper article telling about the birth of triplets—three sons.

And after what we put in this column last Thursday, we are inclined to make some kind of exclamations in triplicate.

If anyone wants to run a gossip column, they can run it, but Us & Company will have no part of it.

That squib about the married man and the local girl seen in Winston-Salem a week ago Saturday night has caused plenty of grief.

One man writes a long letter, bragging on us, our column and how much better we are than the so-called contemporary column which appears in the Monday issue.

The letter made us feel good, until we got to the bottom and the P. S.

It said please find enclosed five dollar bill. That is how much I appreciate your column.

A second P. S. said "Will you do me a little favor? Call my wife and tell her it was not me seen in Winston-Salem, etc."

Only thing wrong was the man forgot to enclose the five spot.

Another letter had a different attitude. It said: "Keep quiet about that Winston-Salem business or I will . . ."

Another said he was supposed to be working that night but was not through no fault of his own but how was he going to make his bitter half believe it was not him which was seen?

Another said he was drunk and in jail but was going to have to get a court order to prove it.

And the rationing board wanted to know how we got to Winston-Salem and why.

From now on we stick to facts.

The whole incident reminds us of the yarn about the colored preacher who had not been paid his salary in months. Before the sermon he announced that the offering would be taken and that if the person who had been flirting with another man's wife did not give five dollars he would disclose the name of the guilty man. In the offering were twenty five-dollar bills.

The preacher did not know of any guilty party.

Neither did we when we had that little squib in last Thursday's column.

Now we hope you are all satisfied it wasn't you. Because it was not anybody.

SERVED HIM RIGHT—

The tightwad, out of town on his wife's birthday, sent her a check for "a million kisses" as a present.

The wife, a little annoyed at his thrift, sent back a post card.

"Dear Jim: Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning."

DIRECT HANDLING—

An elderly man put a dime in the tambourine, then he asked the girl in charge: "What do you do with this money?"

"Give it to the Lord."

"How old are you, young lady?"

"Nineteen."

"Then you don't need to bother," said the man as he recovered his dime from the tambourine. "I'm eighty-seven, so I'll probably see the Lord before you do."

IN THE TRENCHES—

A couple of colored boys were crouched in a shell hole while a barrage whanged away over their heads.

"Looka here, Restus," said one.

"Ain't you skeert?"
"Not me. Ain't no shell gonna come along with my name on it."
"Me neither! I ain't worried about my name on no shell! What I am worried about is maybe there's one marked 'To Whom It May Concern'."

GRADUATED—

Daughter: "Yes, I've graduated but now I must inform myself in Psychology, Phytology, Bish—"

Practical Mother: "Stop! I have arranged for you a thorough course in roatology, bakeology, stitcheology, darnology, patchology, and general domestic hustleology."

**Springfield News
Items Of Interest**

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Handy and little son, Jimmie, of Richmond, Ky., have been visiting Conrad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Handy.

Mrs. Clay Caudill and little daughter, Thelma, have been visiting Mr. Caudill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Caudill.

Mrs. Major Caudill spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. M.

L. Blevins.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pruitt visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blevins Tuesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Handy and son, Thomas Gordon, from Beltsville, Md., have visited Mr. Handy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Handy.

Mrs. Major Caudill and Miss Thomas Blevins visited Mrs. Hatie Hawks, Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Caudill visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blevins Monday night.

Mrs. Theo. D. Blevins visited her son, Gorman Blevins, Tuesday.

Mrs. Freeman Bell, of Fair Plains, is spending a few days with Mr. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bell and little son, Bruce, of Winston-Salem, have been visiting Mr. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Handy's little son, Larrie, spent Friday with his grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Pruitt.

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COTTON**

Foreign consumption of cotton has declined each year since 1939. Consumption in this country has increased from 6.9 million bales to 11.2 million bales.

NOTICE
This is to notify the public not to help, feed, house or give employment to my minor son, Dean Mathis, who is 16 years old, or any minor child of my family. Anyone violating the law in this respect will be prosecuted by me in the courts.
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Route 3, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

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**• ABOUT
Hardware**

Most everyone is familiar with the difficulty that is encountered in buying merchandise during these war days . . . what is true with the many other lines is true as to hardware . . . but fortunately, so far, we have been able to carry a nearly complete stock . . . and in order to do so we have had our buyers on the go much of the time . . . visiting this manufacturer and that manufacturer and picking up hardware stocks wherever and whenever we found them for sale.

But getting down to the point . . . we want all our patrons and friends to know that we are leaving no stone unturned in order to have on hand as complete line of hardware, farming implements and the many other necessities for the home or farm to be selected from our stock of merchandise . . . and if we do not have it in stock, we'll get it for you if it can be obtained anywhere.

We want to thank all our patrons for their co-operation in the past, and we want all of you to know that our best efforts are not too good for you; that we will do all that we can in the future to supply you with every item of hardware and building material possible under present war conditions.

Jenkins Hardware Co.
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

CANNING TIME

Reddy Kilowatt Says

Reddy Kilowatt says, "I'm Really busy these days helping with the freezer lockers and the home canning. It makes me feel mighty bad when jars are broken or food spoiled because someone didn't know whether to screw the lid down tight or leave it partially open when processing. This is an important part of canning and well worth a little study. Why not check with your Home Demonstration Agent or the Home Service Adviser at our office?"

"Electricity Is Vital In War—Don't Waste It!"

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