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Red Cross Work—

Often we think of the American Red Cross merely as an organization which renders valuable service at some far away point in case of emergency.

But we should also remember that the Red Cross is active in our own community all the time.

The Wilkes chapter, which maintains an office and has a full time secretary, is rendering invaluable service to service men and their families.

The report of the secretary, substance of which was published in this newspaper Monday, tabulated numerous office visits, telephone calls, letters, home visits and other things which were done in carrying out duties as the go between for service men and their families.

The Red Cross is maintained by your donations, and is your organization to use when needed.

There would never be any difficulty in raising Red Cross funds if the people would acquaint themselves with the value of the services which are rendered by this great organization.

Banks And The War—

North Wilkesboro is fortunate in having the financial institutions which are located here.

The statements issued by the two banks here show that they are continuing to grow in resources and deposits.

But perhaps of more importance that the size of the figures in the statements are the war activities that the banks are carrying out in the march to victory. The banks are rendering valuable service in sale of bonds and in financing war production.

And while on the subject of financial institutions, let us not overlook the building and loan associations, which are going forward progressively and are furnishing much money to purchase bonds and to finance the war.

No institution is better than the men who guide its destinies and set up and carry out its policies. It is with this in mind that we commend the officials and management of our financial institutions.

Sicilian Invasion—

Successful invasion of the island of Sicily off the Italian coast has been excellent news for all of us.

It goes to show that our troops, when properly supplied and commanded, are better than the nazis.

But because we have so far been successful on Sicily, none of us should get the idea that the war is over. The offensive stage has only begun and the success of our troops at the front should serve as a spur to our war efforts at home.

There should be no relaxation of the war effort until the nazis and the Japs are no more.

A Prayer For Parents—

The following, entitled "A Prayer For Parents", has been handed us with the request for publication, and this column is as good a place as any to put it:

"Oh, Jehovah, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask of them forgiveness when I know that I have done them wrong.

"May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and rebuke as punishment. Let me not tempt them to lie and to steal. So guide me

hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness. Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.

"Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me to see the good things that they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise.

"Help me to grow up with my children, to treat them as those of their own age; but let me not expect of them the judgments and conventions of adults. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose, and to make decisions.

"Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm.

"Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children that they will have a genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.

"With all thy gifts, O Great Jehovah, give me calm and poise and self-control."

—Garry Cleveland Myers

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

(Editor's note: The long suffering public gets a temporary respite today while they read a guest column furnished us by none other than Willard G. Cole, a former editor of this newspaper who has seen much of the world since he left here ten years ago).

I've been invited by my good friend, Dwight Nichols, to write something for this column. After looking at the picture which adorns the heading, I hesitated for some time but I finally decided that even the worst of my writing wouldn't disgrace that.

But I suppose you folks don't look at the photograph, instead just read the copy. Well, that's all right because he does turn out good stuff.

It's been more than nine years since I sat here in the Journal-Patriot office and pecked out the news and editorials for Julius C. Hubbard and D. J. Carter. I've turned a couple of corners since then and I'm convinced more than ever that Wilkes county is fortunate to have Jule and Dan and Dwight to give them newspaper and job-printing service. (I am not including the picture—and with full premeditation).

No longer do I impose upon the good nature of the reading public by pretending to write (except by courtesy of invitation such as this) but I still feel the old urge when I see the old press, hear the linotypes jingling (really sweet music) and smell the ink on the printing press. The old urge impels me to take this opportunity to say "hello" to all the former sufferers from my scribbling. (Hope none of my creditors take note of this and look me up).

I've been sitting here five minutes trying to think of something else to write. I've just been told the trouble. Mabel (Mrs. Earl Meadows) says I never was able to work at this familiar desk without chewing newspaper. Guess I'll have to go in the composing room and grab onto about half a sheet.

Thought a lot about Wilkes and Ashe counties and North Carolina while I was in Panama and Costa Rica. The boys used to say down in Panama that when the Panamanian girls got to looking white to you one had "missed to dam many boats." I decided I'd caught one boat too many when I had malaria seven times in Costa Rica. Interesting countries down in Central America, but there

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR, Hiddenite, N. C.

THE STRENGTH OF A MAN

Man's greatest strength is not in muscle and sinew. We know it is good to be physically strong, but it is far better to be morally and spiritually strong. Man's greatest strength, then, is moral and spiritual. A nation's greatest and most powerful strength is also moral and spiritual.

Whatever contributes toward man's weakness morally and spiritually is never to be commended. It should always be discouraged. Habits of whatever nature they may be which are weakening to the morals and spirituality of a man should be avoided. No one can afford to form a habit that weakens him in his manhood. It is likely to weaken him in body likewise, and shorten his days.

We have seen men who are strong in body, but weak in soul. Some ungodly habit had gripped them; some evil had entered into the inner life. And as the years went by the moral weakness brought on physical weakness, and as a consequence life was shortened. Usefulness was cast aside, while uselessness was accepted into the life. Such is deplorable. Why let evil rob one of morality and spirituality, destroy the usefulness of life, with precious and priceless opportunities thrown away, and eke out a mere existence with nothing good, great nor worth while accomplished? This should be beneath every man.

Again we have seen men who were weak physically, but strong morally and spiritually. They revealed the fact that they were godly, upright, noble men. They were total abstainers from all intoxicants; were overcomers of evils of all kinds, and were strong for God and right. They went along life's pathway to noble heights. They wielded a good and great influence for the uplift and salvation of mankind. Their strength was in the inner man. God blessed them and made them a blessing. They made their mark and left it behind to live after them to bless the world, while the moral and spiritual weakening left his influence behind him to curse the world.

How the world today needs men of great moral and spiritual strength! Herein is where nations are strong; or for the lack of this the nations are weak and crumple to pieces. God give us men of great moral and spiritual strength to lead us. Amen

BUYING OUR BONDS—

A sub headline on the front page Monday said the war bond quota for Wilkes this month is fifty-five millions and ninety-two dollars. Of course, the correct figure was only fifty-five thousand and ninety-two dollars.

Way it came about, the linotype heard us say that we were going to buy some bonds this month and with us buying of course he just knew that the figure should have been millions instead of thousands.

Now you tell one.

RECTIFYING MISTAKES—

A man called at the home of a minister and asked this question: "It is right to profit by the mistakes of another?"

"Certainly not," said the minister.

"Then will you please give me back that ten dollars I paid you when you married me last year, huh?"

SIMILARITIES—

Girdles, they say, are like the Japs—both creep up on you and it takes a Yank to get them down.

TRAVELING DIFFICULTIES—

A fussy old lady, traveling cross-country via bus and the great open way, finally became irked to the extent of firing frequent remarks at the driver because of the many stops. "Such transportation," she boomed. "Why, you stop at every telephone pole."

"Sorry, lady," said the driver. "but this bus is a greyhound."

Miss Betty Campbell Wins State Honor

Betty Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell of North Wilkesboro, was a state winner in the Junior Memory Work Tournament held last week at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. There were about fifty contestants from various Baptist churches in North Carolina competing for this honor.

The Memory Work Tournament is an annual contest sponsored by the Training Union Department of the state. Miss Campbell in order to be eligible for the Ridgecrest Tournament, had previously been successful in a local contest at the First Baptist church, and in a Regional B. T. U. meeting at Taylorsville. Preparation for the final contest at Ridgecrest necessitated the memorization of a large number of Scripture verses. These Bible verses were quoted in response to the following drills: Subject-Matter, Question-and-Answer, Flash-Card, and Completion. Miss Campbell made a perfect score.

Tomato Crop This Year Much Larger

North Carolina truckers and growers are forecasting a record tomato crop this year. It is estimated that the state will produce over 150,000 bushels of tomatoes within the next two months as compared with 130,000 bushels last season, the State Crop Reporting Service said recently. The 10-year average is 107,000 bushels. This year's crop is up 500 acres over 1942's 1,500 acres and

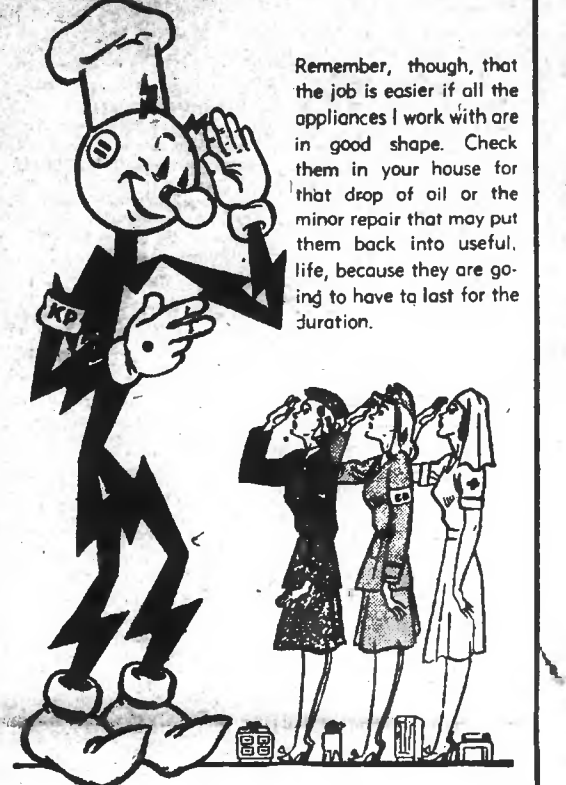
Single U. S. Fortress Downs 13 Airplanes

North Africa—One U. S. Fortress Fortress yesterday over the island approaches to Italy knocked out 13 enemy fighter planes in a record operation last Monday. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Warner of San Francisco was the hero of the engagement, shooting down seven of the 13 planes.

Indications point to a yield of 90 bushels to the acre as against 80 to the acre last year.

I'm the K. P. to an Army of Women

Uncle Sam is taking a lot of Mrs. America's time today, and women all over the country are depending on me to cook, clean, keep food properly, heat water, and do many of the other things that help keep a home.



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