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OPA and White Pine
 Our attention has been called to the fact that the OPA has wrought havoc with the lumber business in this area.

The damage was caused by the OPA setting a definite ceiling on white pine in the New England states, New York and Pennsylvania, and leaving this area under the general price-freeze as of March, 1942.

That makes the prices about \$10 to \$15 higher in the New England states, on an average, and has encouraged black market practices in this area.

It is high time that the armchair strategists in Washington found out that white pine grows in this area and that they should do something about it at once.

This part of the country should have the benefit of just ceiling prices just the same as the north.

According to our information, local lumbermen and manufacturers have called attention of Washington officials to the problem and no indication of a solution has been forthcoming.

Plant Fall Gardens
 Now is the time to seed many vegetables for fall production.

Snap beans may be planted during the next 30 days and turnips should be seeded during the same period.

There are several other crops which may be planted now.

With the demand for food so great, it is not sufficient to have an early summer garden and then quit. The same ground can grow from two to four different food vegetables.

Beans can be planted where the early beans were. Onions and potatoes can be harvested and fall vegetables can be grown on the same ground.

Those who had such splendid gardens during the spring and summer should not let the hot weather cut off their enthusiasm and should keep up the job until the frosts of winter say it is time to quit.

And we should not overlook the importance of canning and preserving the surplus food products produced in our gardens. That is just as important as the growing and cultivating of the vegetables.

Home Front Needs
 In seeking employment which will aid the country's war program, women should not overlook those jobs which are not directly concerned with the war.

For now we find that essential civilian services have been so severely crippled by labor shortages that they will be forced to close their doors or substantially curb their schedules unless additional help is made available.

Appeals are being made for women who will roll up their sleeves and pitch into full-time work—drive laundry trucks, read gas and electric meters, and deliver milk as well as rivet and weld in war plants.

We cannot run a war efficiently if the essential cogs in home front machinery are clogged up. Women in communities where there is no great need for war factory labor are ideally situated to take over non-war work. Those in war boom centers are needed as much if not more to preserve a smoothly running civilian life for busy war workers.

Report On Restraints
 It is encouraging to note that increasing recognition is being given to some of the dangers of the postwar situation that are developing.

Senator George, chairman of the Committee on Postwar Planning has announced that he has authorized the Brookings Institute to analyze and report on the restraints that have been placed on business and their probable effect on the shift back to civilian economy when the war ends.

Need Religious "Campaign"
 The following editorial from the Cleveland Times is worthy of serious consideration by every reader of this newspaper:

"Those earnestly desiring a lasting fair and true peace, in fact all who sit in high places of the world, watch towers if you please, are saying that the only thing that will save our Democracy and Nation in these perilous times and guarantee a lasting peace afterward, is a genuine revival of Christian religion. If that prescription were followed our enemies would be firmly yet fairly dealt with and there would result no causes for insurrection and no unbearable yoke would be fitted to the neck of the conquered, who must realize that they have a debt to pay to God and man, but tolerable methods would be employed and therefrom would come results far greater and more quickly than expected."

"President Roosevelt, like many another sober thinking men, after canvassing the field of help and support and finding them short of requirements, said: 'A real revival of Christian religion would serve to strengthen the morale of this country in war time and would be our guide to a just and lasting peace when our enemies shall have been vanquished.' During this great war we have had drives of every nature, sort and kind and every one has been successful; at this particular juncture an honest-to-goodness religious drive, one of concentration and power and organized as other drives usually are, would bring surprising and astounding results. Every home where war has claimed a son or daughter and the call of war has been answered, is a potential bulwark of Christianity and the boys at the front where bullets whine, all say that "there are no atheists in the fox holes." Now is the finest time in the history of Christianity for a Masterly Christian stroke, an opportunity to make the world safe by and for Christianity at one fell sweep. 'What of the Night O Watchman.'"

Great Britain has almost two million "allotment" or community war gardens.

Borrowed Comment

A GREAT RECORD
 (Skyland Post)

Rev. W. T. Whittington has resigned as pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church to accept a call to Damascus. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whittington have many friends here who regret to see them leave and wish for them success in their newly chosen field.

A summary of the work done by Mr. Whittington during his eight years of service here reveals that he has made an outstanding record, with the help and cooperation of the people of his church. Ten new churches have been organized in the Ashe association; during his years as pastor, 230 members have been added to the West Jefferson Baptist church. His efforts and results achieved, however, have not been confined to this church, but have included the entire county. Many other pertinent facts can be sighted relative to the good of this good man and there are thousands of people he has helped, of whom there is nothing on the church records.

This section should feel indebted to the Whittingtons for the fine work they have done for the community and for God.

IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 (Charlotte Observer)

There is a man in our town—there may be scores like him here—who a year ago was paying but little attention to his civilian responsibilities.

To him the war was an intangible, remote and abstract tragedy. He was buying his gasoline on the basis of a C card. He was ignoring his opportunity to buy war bonds. He was grouching and griping at every restraint and restriction laid upon him by the government in the national interest and for the ends of victory.

In a word, he was not interested, as millions of others like him then, and who remain that way, were not and are not now interested in doing their personal part.

But some months ago, unexpectedly, the army took his boy out of college and put him in uniform and to the miracle of transformation in that man.

He has now put his car away and walks to and from his work. He is buying more than his proportion of war bonds and much of his time he spends in heaping his angry accusations and calumnies against others who are doing nothing to help along for victory.

It does make a difference whose life it is that may be saved by diligent and faithful performance of every responsible service to the war effort on the home front.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS

SUMMER POETRY
 "They laughed when I sat down to play." Do you remember seeing that a few years ago in piano lesson advertisements?

Well, we have decided to be a poet, and perhaps we'll be telling you that "they laughed when I sat down to write."

The urge to write poetry usually is most dominant in the spring, but this is summer and if our poetry is a bit slothful, blame it on the weather.

People who write poetry do it because they want to and not because they have to.

Once upon a time in high school the English teacher gave an order. She said to all the class: "Write an original Valentine verse and hand it in tomorrow." The time rolled around to hand it in, and we had none. Having to do something is irritating, so we rapidly wrote an irritating verse. Here it is:

Remember when you see this line,
 That I didn't come from off your vine,
 But by some fortune just this time
 I am to be your valentine.

And we remember the amateur poet who wrote the following verse and had his grammar all hay wire:

Many men have come and went
 Since Washington was president.

And there is the song which says:

Five-by-five married six-by-six
 And had children one by one.

And there is the original bit of verse we wrote years ago and which some people posted along with such signs as: "In God we trust, all others pay cash." Our verse said:

Lives of many men remind us,
 We can buy our goods on time,
 And departing, leave behind us
 Bill collectors all in line.

We don't know what you think.

But for once it is our opinion that you agree with us that enough poetry from us.

HERE AND THERE
 Some of the fellows around here on Saturday nights try to be so tough that they would make you believe that they ate Red Devil eye for breakfast and arsenic of lead for dessert. But when they mix the chair distilled from what the baseball player in the cow pasture mistook for third base with what Mae West said was not fit to pour back in a horse, the armour plate of their stomachs give way and they are ready for anything.

The fat man has an advantage over the thin one. He knows in advance just where his cigarette ashes are going to land when C. O. fall.

A colored mammy calls her boy, Opium; because she has heard that opium comes from a wild poppy.

We regret that we are not able to include any jokes in today's column. Those we heard at the press association meeting can't be repeated in this manner. They were all of the traveling salesman variety.

A gossip, so we read, is a person who has a keen sense of rumor.

Phillips-Beshears In a Tent Revival

West Jefferson, July 22.—An old fashioned revival tent meeting is being held in West Jefferson this week. Rev. Harvey Phillips and Rev. Noah Beshears are in charge of the services. Rev. Mr. Cleary, of North Wilkesboro, will preach on Thursday night and Rev. Ralph Miller, Rev. Ardie Osborne, of North Wilkesboro, and Rev. E. Z. Sexton will preach on Saturday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The tent is located next door to Graybeal's Drug store.

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