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**Fathers Going—**

The draft lists for this month included the names of men who were fathers before the war started.

A topic which had been discussed much in high places as well as on street corners for the past several months was whether or not fathers would be called.

It was predicted freely that congress would never allow it. But after all, congressmen do lay politics aside when the nation's future is in danger and give the armed services whatever they ask for.

And the fathers feel the same way about it. With but few exceptions, they say they are ready if the nation needs them to bear arms.

Of course, there is much kicking about single men and some married men without children being deferred while fathers leave their homes and children.

And some of the kicking, naturally, is justified. Nothing works perfectly in worldly matters and there are naturally some deferred who should be in uniform. And among that number are many government workers.

The excuse is set up that they are highly trained men whose induction would seriously cripple the war program, and in such cases, we would not favor any argument for their induction until they can be replaced. But if there are those who are hiding behind occupational deferment for the simple reason that they want to shirk their duty, something should be done about it.

Drafting of fathers indicates that the nation is really going all out to gain a complete victory in this war at the earliest possible date, and with that objective we are in accord. But we hope that the leaders who form the policies will be diligent in their duty to see that no one is allowed to hide behind a cloak of politics and fail to carry their share of the burden of war.

Bi Ahead—

1 time that the people of Wilkes county, thousands of them, dig down into their pockets and get up the money for Wilkes' National War fund and Scout activities quota of \$12,000.

The first report, which was preliminary and included only a few individual reports, showed \$5,000 donated.

That is less than half of the \$12,000 needed to put the county over the top.

There are so many worthy causes in the National War Fund that it is hard to grasp the appeal. But the fact that many organizations which operate for the relief and benefit of suffering people are depending on the National War fund should appeal to the people and should cause them to give as liberally as they can.

By putting the many causes together, one call is made and a large amount must be collected if all the organizations continue their good work for the relief of suffering people in the Allied Nations thru-out the world.

Even in time of war, this is a nation of plenty, and if we are not grateful that we are part of a nation of plenty we may live to see the day when we are not a nation of plenty.

And the way to show our gratitude is to help the less fortunate. That is the Christian way, the only successful way.

Workers, we urge you to get busy and contact every person you can, giving them an opportunity to give something toward raising the goal. Contributions should be liberal from every person who can give liberally, but even the small contributions in sufficient number can put the drive over the top and keep Wilkes' home front record in this war perfect.

Borrowed CommentNO TIME FOR APATHY
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Drew Pearson intimates that the scrap metal drive is lagging this year because of the apathy of the steel industry itself. The industry apparently is gambling on a quick end to the war, and doesn't want to be caught with a large supply of scrap metal on its hand, Pearson conjectures.

Whether or not the Merry-Go-Rounder's report coincides with precise fact, it does seem true that the scrap metal drive is receiving a great deal less attention this year than was the case last year. In 1942 the press of the nation directed the campaign and received extensive co-operation from the steel industry which advertised widely, from many business and civic agencies, and from a vast number of individuals.

Almost everybody and his brother were enlisted in the drive and in many communities interest was keen. An Autumn scrap campaign for 1943 has been announced and organizations have been set up all over the country, but as yet there are few drums beating, and one as yet sees none of those big piles of scrap along roadsides, streets and in parking lots, etc., that were so common last year.

Is somebody losing his zest and zip? Are we all letting down a bit in our war enthusiasm and will to win? Do we feel the game is "already in the bag?" This is a dangerous assumption. The war is not yet won.

No, the war is not all over but the shouting. It is entirely possible that we will need to stage many scrap metal and War Bond drives before the end appears. And if we grow too complacent the end may not be to our liking.

Can we on the home front afford to be more confident or complacent than our men who fight? Let's gather and bring in all our scrap, no matter how much we may hope it won't have to be used. Everywhere along the home front lines let's back the attack with fortitude, courage and enthusiasm until Hitler and Tojo are decisively defeated.

LIFE'S BETTER WAYWALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hidoltsville, N. C.**IF RIGHT WERE SOUGHT**

If right were sought as pleasure is
What sparkling gems there'd be;
Every rock would turn to gold
And gleam from hill to sea!

The tares would turn to golden wheat,
The peach would fraught the thorn;
The woods would be an orchard vast,
Broomstraw would turn to corn.

The baneful briars that choke the crops
Would bear the sweetest berries;
The hedges and the worthless vines
Would smile with grapes and cherries.

I wrote this little poem many years ago in my youthful days. It tells a wonderful truth. If right were sought by the human family as pleasure is we would scarcely see a barren life. Even those with little talents and poor opportunities would be fruitful in godliness, honesty, uprightness, sobriety, beauty of character, splendor of manhood and womanhood, usefulness and goodness. Men of all walks of life would shine if life and soul were for God. They would live great and worthwhile lives. Homes would be peaceful, happy, lovely and heavenly. As the different members of the family go forth in the world, they would be pure in aim, plan and purpose, as they would have God with them.

If all men would seek right in all things as they seek pleasure in sin and wickedness, the desert of evil would be turned into a beautiful, fruitful garden. Yes, the desert of wickedness would blossom like the rose. The knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The human heart craves pleasure, or something that will really satisfy the inmost life, but it is sought by the vast majority along the lines of evil, sin and wickedness. The devil deceives mankind by making them think that pleasure and satisfaction is to be found outside of the realm of godliness and holiness, hence their search along every imaginable line of evil, worldliness, iniquity and wickedness for the pearl they so much desire. However, the real pearl of pleasure, joy and happiness is only found in righteousness. This is of God. To truly seek right is to truly seek God. And God turns the unfruitful life into fruitfulness, and the wasted, depraved, ruined life into glorious beauty, success and victory. Amen.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIESBy
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al**ON WANT ADS—**

Last week we carried a few freak want ads in this column but today we received a slipping of a want ad run in some paper which is really a gem. It was as follows:

"If my husband who deserted his penniless wife and infant son, Michael, 22 years ago will return Mike will take pleasure in beating hell out of him".

And there was another one which said:

Found: Ladies pocketbook on back seat of my car. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. If owner will satisfactorily explain to my wife how pocketbook got into my car, will pay for ad myself".

GOVERNMENT STUFF—

These regulations put out by government bureaus get us stumped. We read and rear and read, and the more we read, the more confused we get.

There are more words in a regulation about the sale of cabbage seed than there are in the Declaration of Independence.

We wonder what the Lord's Prayer would look like if it was re-written by some government bureau.

We venture to assert that it would take ten pages of typewritten sheets, or about three and one-half newspaper columns.

And the Ten Commandments if written by some of the bureaucrats would be a big volume with sections and sub-sections, headings, sub-headings and sub-sub-headings.

From the way they spill words profusely, it is no wonder the government calls for more stenographers and typists every day.

RIGHTIOUS INDIGNATION—

A Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was 5 or 10 cents. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scotchman's suitcase and tossed it off the train, just as they passed over a

"Mon", screamed baby, isn't it bad enough that you overcharge me, without trying to drown my little boy?"

NOT ENOUGH BOY—

An old gentleman, seeing a small boy moving some trouble getting away with a very large apple, remarked, "Too much apple, isn't it sonny?"

The small boy, his mouth full of apple, replied, "No sir, mister. Not enough boy."

H-O-U-S-E—and—
H-O-M-E

Accidents don't just happen. They are caused by carelessness or neglect. This is no time to stay away from your job because of a broken arm, a burn, or a wrenched back. Watch for accidents around the home.

Pick up boards with nails. Don't leave the pitch fork on the bare floor. Pick up broken glass. Pick up loose wiring. Head broken steps because loose boards are dangerous.

Provide plenty of shaving for the canned fruits and vegetables. Food is valuable and it should not be allowed to freeze or spoil.

—V—
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