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er to see that the postwar construction program in this State shall include a flood control dam on the Yadkin River in Wilkes county, in order that we may never again experience the enormous property damage and tragic loss of lives that our people suffered in the floods of 1916 and 1940".

Rivers Of Oil—From Where?

Everyone has had the fact impressed upon them that rivers of oil are needed to keep our fighting machine running. But beyond general estimates in millions of barrels, figures are seldom published showing just how the oil is consumed. A heavy bomber uses 200 gallons of gasoline an hour at cruising speed, a fighting plane 100 gallons. The tanks alone in one armored division burn 10,000 gallons in an advance of little more than 100 miles, while thousands of gallons are also consumed by trucks, self-propelled guns, armored cars, and other wheeled units. A single destroyer on convoy duty burns something like 214 thousand gallons of fuel oil on a single round trip to North Africa.

Producing and refining petroleum, both for ourselves and our allies, is the responsibility of the American oil industry. No other nation is as well equipped to do the job as we are. That our petroleum industry has been able to measure up to the load imposed on it, is directly traceable to the fact that it was developed and has been maintained by private individuals working under the persistent stimulant of competition.

The nation is now being told repeatedly by various public authorities that the oil shortage is going to get far, far worse before it gets better. These warnings are nothing new to oil men any more than they are to the public. Oil men themselves warn that a serious shortage is impending and point out that the main cause is an inadequate price for crude.

Gloomy announcements from Washington on oil and gasoline rationing are getting tiresome. What the public and the oil industry want to know is what plans, if any, are in the making to find and produce more oil. So far the regulators have been silent on this point.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
 WALTER E. ISENHOUR
 Hiddenite, N. C.

HE CROWNS HIMSELF
 He crowns himself with laurels rare
 Who crowns his fellowman,
 By helping him in life to bear
 His cross the best he can,
 And live to bless the world about
 With faith and hope and love,
 And cast the gloom and shadows out
 And please our God above.

He crowns himself who gives his best
 In thought and word and deed,
 And bravely stands each acid test
 Without a selfish creed,
 And builds a character that's grand
 By helping others climb,
 And for the sacred right to stand
 And show themselves sublime.

He crowns himself who loves the truth
 And hates the false of earth,
 Who gives himself to lead our youth
 To lives of noble worth;
 Who wields the powers of his mind,
 His spirit and his soul,
 To help his fellows here to find
 The pathway to the goal.

He crowns himself whose aim is high
 Above the low and vile,
 Whose purpose is to live and die
 A life and death worth while;
 Who will not sell himself to wrong
 For money, wealth nor fame;
 Who will not act to please the throng
 If that would hurt his name.

He crowns himself with jewels fair
 That never fade away,
 Who lives a blessed life of prayer
 And walks with Christ each day;
 Who gives his royal gems of truth
 And thoughts of mighty worth,
 To bless the aged and the youth
 And brighten up the earth.

He crowns himself who seeks no crown,
 But only God and right;
 Who seeks no fame and great renown,
 Nor dazzling earthly height;
 Howe'er, his deeds on history's page
 Will be recorded there,
 While he with patriarchy and sage
 Shall Heaven's glories share.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
 et al

THIS AND THAT—

The adult is defined as the person who has stopped growing except around the waist. . . . How can there be freedom from fear when you expect one of those precious tires to blow out at any minute? . . . The nurse wouldn't tell the father about arrival of triplets until he had finished shaving. . . . The salesman said the suit was made of virgin wool but the prospective customer said he cared nothing for the morals of the sheep, what he wanted to know was would the suit hold its shape. . . . Worry is defined as interest paid on borrowed trouble. . . . When a lady in a crowded bus said she wished that good looking gentlemen would give her his seat five men got up. . . . And one of our favorite newspapers had a three-line filler which said they wondered what short skirts would be up to next. . . . A soldier absent from parade said as his excuse that the mule kicked the sergeant in the head and he had to fix it—the mule's leg.

YOU'RE TELLING US—
 The world would be a better place, (And there's not a single 'maybe') If Adolph Schickelgruber's ma Had never had a baby.
 —Mrs. Evangelina Baker.

13TH READER—
 Too many people are claiming the dishonor of being the 13th reader of this column. And some people commenting on that edge of the door in the dark business and stick of wood flying up and striking left eye say that the business of killing off the readers down to the 12 has already started.

We didn't claim credit for this idea of limiting the capacity for number of readers. We borrowed that from Alan Browning, Jr., Gab Bag author of the Elkin Tribune, who writes a most entertaining column.

GOVERNMENT ADVICE—
 A government official was in charge of a rural census which had instructed the old farmer to col-

Inductees May Get Into Marines

Raleigh—Men facing induction may still express a preference for the U. S. Marine Corps and be assigned to duty with that organization, selective service officials here have pointed out.

When they report to their induction centers, men who desire to become Marines should state that preference when asked, and they will be interviewed by the Marine representatives at the center as to aptitude for the Corps. If Marine quotas are not already filled, they will be given every opportunity to join the branch of service of their choice.

War bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure them yours.

lect his stock of every description and have them branded. "I suppose that's all right", sighed the farmer dolefully, "but honest, Mister, I believe I am going to have a terrible time with them bees".

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 State of North Carolina, Wilkes County.

In the Superior Court
 Daisy McNeil Coffey, Plaintiff
 vs.
 Clyde Coffey, Defendant.

The defendant, Clyde Coffey, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, to-wit: an action for divorce; and, The said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the Courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., within thirty days after the 3rd day of January, 1944, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This the 9th day of Dec., A. D., 1943.

C. C. HAYES,
 1-3-4M Clerk Superior Court

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Peace On Earth... GOODWILL TO MEN

As the year 1943 approaches an end, we look forward with hope to the day when peace has again been restored to the world, and civilization brought closer together in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

WITH THIS HOPE OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE, MAY WE AT THIS TIME EXPRESS OUR WISH TO YOU AND YOURS THAT YOU ENJOY A MOST PLEASANT CHRISTMAS SEASON, FILLED WITH HOPE FOR MANY ADDITIONAL YEARS OF . . .

"Peace On Earth . . . Goodwill to Men"

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Start Y. M. C. A. Fund

North Wilkesboro is the best little city we know anything about, but there is room for improvement, even in the best.

One great improvement for early post war action is the construction of a Y. M. C. A.

And now is the time to start active planning for such an organization. And active planning means raising money.

There should be an organization formed for receiving donations now for use after the war.

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain deserves credit for putting this idea before the civic clubs here, and it is now time that the interest reach the active stage and that the ball be started rolling.

Drive Cautiously

If you plan to drive a car over the Christmas and New Year holidays this year, the accident "cards" are stacked against you, warns James S. Kemper, nationally known safety leader and president of Lumbermans Mutual Casualty company, Chicago. Every potential accident producing factor will be in highlight.

"Coming on Saturday, as these holidays do this year," Mr. Kemper said, "we can expect an even greater number of accidents than we would otherwise anticipate. Accident statistics show that December, with its long hours of darkness, is the peak month for fatal accidents, and that December 24th and 25th are the peak days for the whole year.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday are peak days in the weekly summaries. With all these factors exerting their influence simultaneously, it is apparent that the holiday week-ends present a real hazard".

Judging from past experience, he said, the hours of greatest danger in any week are from 4:00 p. m. Saturday to 4:00 a. m. Sunday. During this period, which accounts for only 7 per cent of the time, 18 per cent of the fatalities can be expected.

Let Them Forget

We are glad to quote from the Winston-Salem Journal's Friday morning issue the following editorial:

"The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club is making an effort to translate into action the motto of its great civic organization, Kiwanis International, when it urges our Representatives in Congress to aid in obtaining an appropriation for the construction of a flood control dam on the Yadkin River in Wilkes county.

"The motto of Kiwanis is "We Build." In the building of a greater Northwestern North Carolina, certainly one of the first essentials is the prevention of disastrous floods on the Yadkin, such as we had in 1916 and again in 1940.

What the North Wilkesboro civic organization proposes is, of course, not new. The movement to build such a flood control dam was started long ago. If there had been no war raging after the flood of 1940, in all probability this matter would have been attended to by the Government before now.

"It is well, however, for the North Wilkesboro Club to keep our Representatives in Congress reminded of this project. lest they forget that Northwestern North Carolina is looking to them for action after the war, especially in view of the fact that the Government has already made appropriations and spent considerable sums of money in making surveys, which have been completed and are now in the files of the War Department in Washington.

"We hope North Carolina's entire delegation in Congress will unite behind this enterprise and do everything in their pow-