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## Practicalities Vs. Dreams

With visionaries and theorists uttering postwar proclamations from ivory towers, it is good that a man with feet planted in mid-America stands up to answer dreamers with some grass-roots good sense.

Better yet that he is a practical man with a proved record of accomplishments—and a "small" businessman honored with the presidency of the National Association of Manufacturers, representing most of the nation's great employers.

Speaking to citizens in his home in Rockford, Ill., to honor him both as a local manufacturer and a new national figure, Robert M. Gaylord voiced disagreement with those who talk of a postwar Utopia in which all men will be free, comfortably clad, well fed, dwelling in peace—all without having to work or save.

"Human nature in postwar will be that of yesterday and of today," Mr. Gaylord said. "Fundamentals still will be fundamentals."

"We shall be free only if we continue to insist on freedom and fight for it. We shall have adequate homes, clothing, and food, only if we want them badly enough to work—and work hard—for them."

"Vigilance to expand our freedom. Work to produce more goods for more people. Thrift to provide the tools we need—and tolerance that we may all work together."

"Our civil and economic freedoms can grow greater, our country stronger, our people more comfortable."

Dreaming will never bring it about!

## Schools and Literacy

The number of men being turned down for the armed forces as being below literacy standards is not only an indictment of the educational system in North Carolina, which has been overly praised, but is more an indictment against all public spirited citizens.

It is not conceivable that so many young men could have attended school through the compulsory school age and still be illiterates. Fact of the matter is, they did not attend school with any regularity.

On the subject of Compulsory School Attendance the Winston-Salem Journal editor made the following editorial comment:

"The records of the North Carolina school system show an average daily absence of 56,439 pupils for the 1942-43 term. That is a very high average daily absence record."

"Illness and inclement weather accounted for many of the absences, it safely may be assumed. But many of the absences were undoubtedly due to other causes, including the distaste for school on the part of not a few pupils and parental indifference in other cases. An economic angle also played a part in a number of instances, no doubt, some children in the very low income brackets lacking the necessary clothing for school attendance in bad weather."

"Cases of the latter type, however, were probably relatively few in number. Most unexcused or inexcusable absences were likely due to parental ignorance and indifference, bad home influence, lack of ambition in parent and child, and failure of the child's family to realize the importance of education in developing the character, capacities and life interests of the child."

Obviously, stricter enforcement of the compulsory school law is called for. But how much greater burdens of responsibility in this connection can be placed upon already overworked teachers is a moot question. Greater co-operation on the part of

parents would work wonders, but many of the parental offenders belong to that group which is not easily reached by the press or other media of public information and education.

"This suggests that more intensive efforts on the part of social welfare departments and agencies aside from the schools themselves are essential in many counties. In some counties truancy and law-enforcement officers have waged a firm and consistent campaign against violators of the school attendance law with good results. Until the degree of parental co-operation necessary to a satisfactory functioning of the attendance system on an almost entirely voluntary basis—a long-range objective at most—is assured, heavy reliance must undoubtedly be placed upon county welfare and law-enforcement officers in the stricter enforcement of compulsory school attendance laws".

## Red Cross Thoughts

The Red Cross War Fund drive will not officially open until March 1, but it is time to be thinking about it.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, Wilkes chapter chairman, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., War Fund chairman, and the divisional heads of the organization to raise Wilkes' part in the War Fund have worked out an organization which will contact the people of the county.

To raise \$18,200 in Wilkes county means that all the people must participate. It will not be a job to "let George do". The job is too big for "George".

One trouble with Red Cross campaigns is that not enough people have participated. The people of Wilkes can easily give \$18,200, provided that all the people who are financially able will give.

Make up your mind now to give liberally during the coming campaign.

## Borrowed Comment

WORTH THE PAINS  
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Representative Knutson, of Minnesota, warning din, says the house means committee is going to devote the rest of its tax time this session to a simplification of the income return.

What with Phil Murray, who to our way of thinking is by way of becoming an over-eater of strong meat, warning the President that he has no alternative but to veto, we wouldn't presume to take that matter out of such portion of the laps of the gods as it is not occupied with Henry Wallace's fortunes; but we do most devoutly hope that Hon. Knutson is correct in his forecast of the ways and means committee's intentions.

If Farmer Bob Doughton and his committee associates worked on nothing else for a full twelve months their pains would be justified if they brought forth an income tax return which any honest citizen of average intelligence could fill out single-handed.

And why not? Why shouldn't paying one's part of the cost of war be made as direct as letting one's wife go through one's pockets?

It's trying to pay with what he hasn't got and doubts if he ever had that so confuses the taxpayers.

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### GRATITUDE

Whate'er the kindness may have been  
Which you have shown to me,  
That's helped me on in life to win  
Some blessed victory;  
Or helped me bless another's heart  
And bring him sunny days,  
I want to thank you for your part  
And add a word of praise.

Perhaps you've prayed that I might live  
And be a burning light.  
And of my best to others give  
And help them do the right;  
And maybe with your money, too,  
You've helped me through the years  
To be a useful man and true  
And warn the world with tears.

Therefore accept my thanks today  
For every kindness shown,  
And in return for you I'll pray  
That God upon His throne  
May bless your life with sunshine bright  
And crown you with His best,  
And lead you on the road of light  
To Heaven's blessed rest.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
DWIGHT  
NICHOLS  
et al

### RAMBLING COMMENT

One army corporal says that what he plans to do after the war is to train three attack dogs and turn them loose on members of his draft board. . . . The little fellow who was being featured by his father on the principle of being good so that he would get to go to heaven said he didn't want to go to heaven. He wanted to go with his father and mother. . . . Some girls like to be called kittens but after some years pass they didn't like to be called old cats. . . . The old maid said she had an awful nightmare. Frank Gable was chasing her and never did catch her. . . . A man with a nervous wife is an area where earthquakes were frequent sent his wife to the home of his cousin. After a week his cousin wired, "Am returning your wife, send earthquake".

### OVERLOADED

A girl entertained a soldier boy friend at her home and the next morning her father asked who broke the chair. "It just collapsed all of a sudden," the girl replied. "but neither one of us were hurt".

### COULD HAVE SAVED ALL

The farmer and his daughter went to market with butter and eggs, and after selling out were returning home when they were attacked by bandits. The father wept as he saw his horse and wagon disappear. "Don't cry," said the daughter, "they didn't get our money. I put it in my mouth". "What a clever girl you are", the farmer exclaimed. "Just like your mother. I wish she's been here; we might have saved the horse and wagon".

### MORE OF THE SAME

The doctor had told a woman patient that she needed a stimulant. . . . (telling her husband of her visit to the doctor)—He asked to see my tongue and then said I needed a stimulant.

Husband — Good heavens, I do hope he didn't give you a stimulant for that, dear.

### FARSIGHTEDNESS

Jones was waiting for a bus when a stranger approached and asked the time. Jones ignored him. The stranger repeated the request. Jones continued to ignore him. When the stranger finally walked away another passenger said curiously:

Passenger—That was a perfectly reasonable question. Why didn't you tell him what time it was?

Jones—Why? Listen. I'm standing here minding my own business, and this guy wants to know what time it is. So maybe I tell him what time it is. Then what? We get to talking and this guy says: "How about a drink?" So we have a drink. Then we have some more drinks. So after a while I say: "How about coming up to my house for a bite to eat?" So we go up to my house and we are eating ham and cheese in the kitchen when my daughter comes in, and my daughter is a very good looking girl. So she falls for this guy and he falls for her. Then they get married, and any guy that can't afford a watch I don't want in my family".

## Advisory Council In Meeting Here

Advisory council of the North Wilkesboro branch of the United States Employment Service and the North Carolina Commission met at the local office Tuesday night with six members present.

Frank White, field representative of the UCC, and C. C. Burcham, claim deputy, explained the part the UCC is playing in the war effort. Mrs. Kathryn Lott, manager of the local office, gave a review of achievements in placing war workers from this area.

## Seedlings Available For Tree Planters

J. B. Snipes, county agent, stated today that he can obtain tree seedlings of almost any desired species for \$3 to \$5 per thousand. Farmers interested in tree planting are asked to get in touch with Mr. Snipes.

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## Champion News Items Reported

Rev. A. W. Eller filled his regular appointments at Mount Pleasant Saturday, 2 p. m., and Sunday, 11 a. m. The weather being extremely cold the attendance was not so large.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foster announce the arrival of a boy, Rex Wayne, born February 7, 1944. Mrs. Raymond Ferguson is in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, undergoing treatment preparatory to an operation. Although Mrs. Ferguson is critically ill we hope she may recover and soon be back home with her husband and children.

Miss Ruby Parsons visited Miss Velma Summerlin Sunday. Miss Monroe Eller visited Miss Daphne McNeil over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosecoe Benton and little son, Jerry, visited Mr. Benton's mother, Mrs. B. B. Benton of Parsonville. Mrs. Benton is the former Miss Gaynell Ellis. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eller and children, of North Wilkesboro route one, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ellis Sunday.

The basketball teams of Mt. Pleasant high school went to Ronda Friday, Feb. 11th, and played some very interesting games with the Ronda teams. The Mt. Pleasant boys won over the Ronda boys and Mt. Pleasant girls lost to the Ronda girls. It was a splendid game and all enjoyed it extremely well. We are very proud of our teams, both boys and girls, and they play nice clean games.

### BAHAMIANS

The WFA has announced that about 1,800 additional workers from the Bahama Islands will be brought in for agricultural work this year.

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Today, North Carolina's doctors and nurses by the hundreds are serving with our Army and Navy from Alaska to Iran, from Australia to Italy — bringing victory to health the men who are helping win Victory for the United Nations. But on the home front, other thousands of doctors and nurses are fighting doubly hard to keep their fellow-citizens of North Carolina in good health — doing everything in their power to prevent or minimize interruptions in our State's war effort.

In a very real sense the well-being of North Carolinians is in the capable hands of approximately 2,500 physicians and surgeons and about 6,500 nurses. At their disposal are the facilities of 166 hospitals which have beds for nearly 25,000 patients at one time. In an average year more than 270,000 patients are admitted to these institutions. To the North Carolina State Board of

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