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Complete the Job

The Red Cross War fund campaign has made splendid progress and much money has been donated in Wilkes.

But the amount to date is far short of the \$18,200 quota.

To every worker and to every person who has not given to the limit, we urge that you do your part now to put this compaign over the top.

The money asked is for the comfort, welfare and well being of the men who fight for our lives and liberties.

The matter of over 40,000 people giving \$18,200 is infintesimal compared with what our fighting men are giving. Let's complete the job, and make of it a task well done.

Girl Scout Week

Much too little attention is given locally by public spirited citizens to Girl Scouting.

It is essential that a community build men, and it is equally essential that there be the proper environment and training for girls who are to be the home makers of tomorrow.

On Friday night, 7:30, the Girl Scout court of awards will meet in the religious education building of the Presbyterian church. The meeting will afford a good opportunity for the parents of this community to learn more about Girl Scout work, which has made much progress during the past year.

Don't miss an opportunity to boost Girl Scouting, and don't fail to support the Girl Scout organizations when you can. It is an investment in the future, one that will not fail to provide the best in dividends.

Young People Speak

Business and professional men of North Wilkesboro may hesitate to go into the matter of building and maintaining a Y. M. C. A., but it is apparent that the young people are determined to have such an in-

And they are not content with slowly raising a building fund and maybe getting a Y. M. C. A. some time after the war. They want a program for young people now, because it is now in wartime when juvenile delinquency is rampant and so many youths are finding the wrong road in life.

The progress of any city or community can be measured according to its citizenship. Good citizens are not born that way. Good citizens are made, and many things influence the life of a boy or girl before they attain the age of individual responsibility.

Those who have reached the age of mature judgment cannot retire into their shells with smug complacancy and let things take their natural course. They have a responsibility to the public welfare which cannot be successfully evaded.

Every Town a Harbor

For centuries, commerce has followed the seaways and the waterways of the world. Hitler's grandiose scheme for world conquest had, as one of its objectives, the capture of Suez, water gateway to the fabulous ports of the East. The banks of the Don and the Dneiper have been bloody battlefields because these rivers carry supplies to the army that controls them, even as they once brought food and ores and manufactured articles to a people at peace. Stalingrad and Kiev are important cities in that country. Boston and New York, and Seattle and San Francisco also became important because of their fine harbors. But now the picture is changing as a new means of transportation surges boldly to the fore. In the dawning Age of Flight, business centers will bloom about airports just as surely as

they once sprang up around the quay sides. Nature provided harbors for ships, but

inland "harbors" for airplanes can be built by man. Conservative authorities have timated that the airports of this nation will have to handle three or four times the present amount of air traffic immediately after

Not only will airports become essential to a community's business life, but they will help provide jobs for many men now in the air forces who will return after the war with a desire to continue in the calling they know best.

Airport planning is not something that can be done overnight. It requires months, sometimes years of study, not only in determining the best possible location for a flying field, but in acquiring the land, arranging finances, improving roads, expanding public utility services, and myriad other details. Progressive communities are other details. Progressive communities are sonalities. They have everything preparing now to receive the miracle of air charged. They have everything preparing now to receive the miracle of air charged. They have everything charged to the man whose preparing now to receive the miracle of air charged. commerce which will begin to spread over the world when the war ends. It will keep them humping to be ready for that day.

North Wilkesboro should get busy now.

Borrowed Comment

STEALING FROM DEPENDENTS

(Statesville Daily)

Stealing of government checks has grown to such proportions in a number of of Confusion" would be a more appropriate title. cities that mail carriers have been instructed to ring doorbells when delivering envelopes that may contain such checks, and after March 15th. If you filed your income tax return before the Secret Service is broadcasting warnings about cashing checks for strangers.

Enlisted personnel have been urged to impress upon their home folk the importance of safeguarding their dependency checks to prevent theft and forgery. Check thieves often follow the mail carriers on their routes and lift the government enve-lopes from unlocked mail boxes. Cashing use the words "claimed," "alleg-Thursday afternoon and night at them at stores has heretofore not been ed", or "rumored" when he was difficult, but merchants throughout the nation are cooperating with governmental efforts to put a stop to the alarming spread of thievery, for the loss of a dependency check is a severe one to any beneficiary and the chance of recovery is remote.

The Secret Service recommends that beneficiaries be at home, or have a member of the family at home when checks are due to arrive. Notify your postmaster at once of any change of address.

While this city has so far not been troubled with the check stealing racket, it Roosevelt. is well for local beneficiaries to be on guard against possible losses of this type. This depraved form of thievery has spread throughout the nation, and sooner or later it may turn up here too.

Army psychiatrists urge action to keep mentally unfit men out of the services. Well, some of the I. Q. tests used by the psychiatrists often seem remarkably like Alice in Wonderland nonsense, but if they can keep out fellows like that army lieutenant who went on a murdering spree out West a few days ago, maybe they're worth while.—Winston-Salem Journal.

▶ LIFE'S BETTER WAY ■

WALTER E. ISENHOUR Hiddenite, N. C.

TRUST GOD

The world outlook is dark today-Dark from the human point of view,-For sinful men have mighty sway,

While faithful Christians seem but few The curse of war is in the earth, And hatred seems to be in style,

While demon forces still give birth To things more cursed all the while.

But God is yet upon His throne And rules the mighty universe, And will protect and bless His own

And save them from sin's dreadful curse, And takes them safely through the clouds Of danger, darkness and despair, Then safely lands them with the crowds That get to Heaven sweet and fair.

Then, listen dear, trust God today In spite of all the crime and sin; Look up to Christ and humbly pray That He will ever keep you in The narrow way that leads to God

Where angels, saints and sages reign, And where there is no chastening rod, Nor sorrow, suffering, death nor pain.

Be humble, gentle, patient, good, And live to do God's holy will,

Then walk life's pathway as you should, And climb up manhood's noble hill. Until you reach the summit grand,

And Heaven smiles upon your face, Where you shall dwell in that fair land And with the holy take your place.

ABNORMAL

DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

PRITTLE PRATTLE-

One of the biggest boners we with an old acquaintance one hot day lest summer in Winston-Salem. We asked how her husband Mr. C. F. Jones, manager of the was standing the heat, not know-Wilkes F.C.X. was also present ing he had been dead almost a . Some have magnetic perdent it told that waiter that when he ordered beef he expected to get horse meat but he thought they at least should remove the harness before serving it When the father was accompany

ing the doctor to his home to de-liver the 12th child the doctor nade some remark about a duck which crossed the yard in front "That was not a duck, it was a stork with its legs worn off"...D. C. may mean District of Columbia, but "Dispatch THEY CAN'T KILL YOU-

Today is March 16th-the day midnight last night you are o.k. If you failed to do so, don't worry too much for the most they can do is to send you to the pen for the duration and several years hereafter.

CUB REPORTER-

A young man had made his first attempt at writing news his first write up:

"It is rumored that a party was given yesterday by a number of eputed ladies. Mrs. Smith, it was said, was hostess, and the guests, it is alleged, with the exception of Mrs. Jones, who says she is fresh from Wheeling, were all local peo-ple. Mrs. Smith claims to be the wife of Joe Smith, rumored to be the president of an alleged bank" TATTOOED MAN—

A doctor examined a man in a hospital. As the man bared his revealed portraits of Churchill, Stalin and

"Want to proclaim your patriotism, eh?" said the doctor.
"Right," was the reply. "And

"Right," was the reply. "And you should see where I've got

F. B. I. CHIEF WARNS OF JUVENILE MENACE

What is responsible for the alarming increase in juvenile de-Why do many boys linquency? and girls wander from homes? J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., reveals where the blame lies and offers suggestions for its correction in a new chapter of his exciting series. his article in the March 19th issue of Tie American Weekly America's favorite magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your newsdealer.

A military secret is an army trust, To zip the lip is an army must!

The element in sweet clover which causes a type of bleeding disease in cattle, is now being adapted to use in human medi cine to prevent dangerous postoperative blood clots, says the veterinarians.

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Ferguson News The Past Mee

W. McNell, of the Benny section, is taking treatment in the Wilkes hospital. She received a telegram from her sen, Fred Menell, Jr., who is in the service as Amarillo, Texas, that he was coming house on furlough. Fred, Jr., is in the six correct.

air corps.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McDwer

have also been quite indisposed for several days and took treatment at the Wilkes hospital.

The Grange stamplified the first degree of the order last Tuesday night and several new members look the degree weekly the degree we were well to be degree we were well the degree we were well to be degree we were we were well to be degree we were well to be degree we were well to be degree we well to be degree we were well to be degree we wel ever pulled was when we met up members took the degree work with an old acquaintance one hot and quite a few Grange visitors lay lest summer in Winston-Sa-came from Happy Valley Grange. from Wilkesboro. Every one joyed the degree work and also the recreation and refreshments after the exercises.

"The Womanless will be given again at the school building next Friday night. This performance was so well taken before that it was thought best to give it again. It will then be carried to Happy Walley.

A number of farmers and their families from here attended the stockholders meeting of the Wilkes F.C.X. last Thursday af-

Among the former residents of this community attending the Grange meeting here last Tuesday night were Arnold Rash and daughters, Geneva and Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Barlow, all now of Happy Valley.

We have a large number of lo-cal boys who are in the service in various parts of the country and many of them overseas. The relatives of Syco Hartley and Clay Hayes advise they have recently had letters from them from Italy. stating that they are well and get

ting along all right.

A number of farmers from this vicinity are expecting to attend er noted officials are to speak.

Altho we have recently had ome rather severe winter weather with the cold winds brushing down over us from the snow can ped Blue Ridge we can't help but believe that spring is just around the corner. We have also had paring their land for planting when it is not too wet.

The United Nations began World War II with 54,000,000 tons of shipping.



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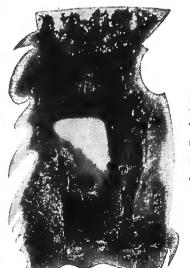
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