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Need Y. M. C. A. Now

The campaign to raise funds with which to erect a Y. M. C. A. building is in progress, and it is very well understood that after the war Wilkes will have a Y. M. C. A. building in North Wilkesboro.

But now and immediately after the war there is and will be a great need for Y. M. C. A. work here, even before a building can be erected.

Rev. Sidney Crane, acting pastor of the Presbyterian church, very appropriately pointed out present Y. M. C. A. needs and possibilities in remarks before the directors of the Y. M. C. A. in meeting last week. The subject matter of his address follows:

"It is right now and in the years immediately following the war that we need to provide an active program of religious and recreational activities for young people; and we ought, therefore, to proceed at once to secure a full time worker as secretary of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A. A man would be exceedingly hard to find now, but a woman can act as a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. We should not delay the launching of an active program until our building is complete; for by then we shall have lost our opportunity to help the boys and girls and young people of the present, about whom we are most concerned.

"It is during war that homes and families undergo the greatest strain. With parents at work, or away from home, boys and girls are left too much to themselves before they are prepared to be free from parental control. It is now that we should help them find wholesome entertainment, and opportunities for service and the forming of right ideals.

"In the days immediately after the cessation of hostilities, boys and girls, young men and women, as well as the older generation, will be faced with terrific temptations. History shows clearly that after every war in which we have been engaged we have sunk to an unusually low moral plane as a people. We may naturally expect the same tendencies to follow the present conflict which have been in the train of every other war. The Wilkes Y. M. C. A. must, therefore, be prepared to meet the urgent needs of those days with a program that is already going.

"An aggressive Y. M. C. A. program in the immediate future will not only have physical, moral and spiritual values to answer the needs of the boys and girls and young people of our own day, but it will also have an advertising value; for it will indicate to young people and parents that we really intend to build a Wilkes Y. M. C. A. A program of recreational and religious activities will keep the public conscious of the existence of our organization, and will therefore serve to further our campaign to raise funds for the building.

"It is possible to begin this program at once, or as soon as a full time secretary can be secured; for there are already numerous facilities available for the various phases of the program, and there are many men and women who will gladly give part of their time to help with boys and girls work. Such facilities as Smoot Park, the Woodlawn Community House, the Woman's Club building, and the school gymnasium, while they do not at all answer the purpose that a well-equipped Y. M. C. A. building will, can be used to better advantage than they are being used at present to provide recreational outlets for boys and girls and young people. Last summer a number of men gave much of their time to playing soft-ball with the boys of the Wilkesboros. Surely there are ladies who will match this service of the men. Thus there can be found right here and now a corps of part time workers who will gladly help a full time secretary to meet the needs of the present generation of youth."

Where Dollars Go

One of the greatest dangers of inflation is deflation of values. The Department of Labor released statistics to show that the cost of living is only 26 per cent above that of 1939.

But any person with a family knows that those figures, although they may be correct as to prices, lie as to the cost of living.

While prices of articles may be up only 26 per cent over prewar levels, the articles may be only half as good, or last only half as long. The net result is vastly increased cost.

Suppose that a child before the war wore two pairs of shoes per year, and the cost for the two pairs was \$5.00. Now it may take five pairs of \$3.00 shoes to last the year through, which would be an increase of 200 per cent instead of 20 per cent as the price per pair indicated.

Victory Depends On Home Front

A blunt warning that the war is not yet won came recently from the three top military leaders of the United States following a flying visit to the Normandy battlefield. These chiefs of staff stated, moreover, that the speed with which our boys march to Berlin will depend in large measure on the support they get on the Home Front.

"The battles now in progress entail heavy losses in material which American industry must replace", they said in a joint statement, "and any slackening in the needed production will only delay ultimate victory".

Pulpwood is one of the most important of these materials of war upon which our fighting forces are depending. Production has been pretty good this year, but it still isn't enough to keep pace with war requirements.

We cannot fail at this crucial period without nullifying the sacrifices of the hundreds of American boys who died on the Normandy beaches. We can speed the day of victory by cutting all the pulpwood needed to keep military supplies and equipment flowing in unbroken convoys to the battlefields of France.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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KEEP THE GATE SHUT

Many years ago in England a farmer was at work in his fields when he saw a party of horsemen riding about his farm. He had one field that he was especially anxious they should not ride over. So he sent one of his boys to the field, telling him to shut the gate, and then watch it, and on no account to let it be opened.

The boy went as he was told, but was scarcely at his post before the huntsmen came up and ordered the gate to be opened. This the boy refused to do, stating the orders he had received and his determination not to disobey them. Threats and bribes were offered alike in vain.

After a while one of the huntsmen said in commanding tones, "My boy, you do not know me. I am the Duke of Wellington, and I command you to open that gate that I and my friends may pass through".

The boy lifted his cap, and stood uncovered before the man whom all England delighted to honor, then answered firmly, "I am sure the Duke of Wellington would not wish me to disobey orders. I must keep that gate shut, and not allow anyone to pass but by my master's permission". Greatly pleased, the old warrior lifted his own hat, and said: "I honor the boy or man who can neither be bribed nor frightened into doing wrong", and handing the boy a sovereign, the old Duke put spurs to his horse and galloped away.

Every boy is a gate-keeper, and his Master's command is, "Be thou faithful unto death". Are you ever tempted to drink, to smoke, or chew tobacco? Keep the gate of your mouth fast closed, and allow no evil company to enter. When evil companions would tempt you to lie, to deal falsely, to disobey your parents, keep the gate of your ears fast shut against such temptations.

No doubt many people have made a miserable failure in life because they opened the gates of their mind, heart, soul and spirit to the devil and let him come in with all his diabolical evils and sins. It pays at all times to keep the gate of one's inner and outer self closed firmly to everything the devil wants to bring in. Yes, to keep the gate closed firmly against the devil and refuse to open it under any and all circumstances, even though he threatens, pleads, tempts, tests and tries to get in. God will always bless and richly reward the faithful gate-keeper. This is life's better way.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

IDLIE CHATTER

The reason women don't have mustache is because they walk all the roots out on the ground. Wand ad read like this: "For Sale—A second hand female by an old maid with a powdered tire. . . . When asked to 'give a dollar to the Lord', the seventy-year-old man told the young preacher that he would probably get to Him first and would give to Him himself.

STARVATION FARMING

The man who tipped the scales at 300 and his wife who was more than 200 pounds were parents of a baby which had a gross weight of only two pounds. They stopped at a railway station and many people crowded about to see the big parents with the tiny babe. He was asked how come the baby was so little. "I been down Oklahoma way trying to farm, and down there you do darn well to get your seed back".

OVER CAUTIOUS

Many examples of failure due to cautious hesitation could be cited, but the whole story is told in the anecdote of the Georgia cracker who sat, barefooted on the steps of his tumble-down shack, smoking a corn-cob pipe. A stranger stopped for a drink of water. Wishing to be agreeable, he said:

Stranger—How is your cotton coming on?
Georgia Cracker—Ain't got none.

Stranger—didn't you plant any?
Georgia Cracker—Nope, 'fraid o' boll weavils.

Stranger—well, how is your corn?
Georgia Cracker—Didn't plant none, 'fraid there wa'n' going' to be no rain.

Stranger (abashed, but cheerfully)—Well how are your potatoes?
Georgia Cracker—Ain't got none, scair't o' potato bugs.

Stranger—Really what did you plant?
Georgia Cracker—Nothin' I just played safe.

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Jefferson Standard Shows Large Gain For First 6 Months

Dorman Payne, local representative for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, Greensboro, has received notice from his home office announcing a net gain of \$19,350,000 in life insurance in force during the first six months of the year to bring the company's total insurance in force to \$552,000,000.

New business paid for amounted to \$29,100,000 which was an increase of 14 per cent over the same period last year.

Lapses are continuing low following the trend that has been shown for the past 18 months. Low lapses along with the excellent volume of new business has made possible the exceptionally large net gain in insurance in force.

At the beginning of the year the company announced as its objective for 1944 a net gain of \$33,000,000. Vice-President White, who is head of the Jefferson Standard's Agency Department stated that the fine increase shown for the first six months places the company well ahead of schedule on its objective for the year.

The Jefferson Standard's program of expansion has now brought its number of agency offices to 55. The company was recently licensed in the State of Indiana—this being the 28th state in which it operates. The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are also included in the company's active territory.

YOU SAID IT!

Along with death and taxes There's another dead sure thing When you are in the bathtub The telephone will ring.

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Since 1937 the Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards annually in senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student in each graduating class. The awards are a part of the educational work sponsored by the Association and were a logical outgrowth of the wide use of the Reader's Digest in school work. The award is designed to stimulate scholarship and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

One of Argentina's historical buildings, the house once occupied by Friar Justo Maria de Oro, and which was visited by many tourists, has been found to be irreparably damaged by the San Juan earthquake.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Matt Doorly Versus the Tomato

Matt Doorly's skin broke out in a rash last week. He finally admitted to Doc Hollister he'd eaten twelve tomatoes in a row just the day before.

"Shucks," said Doc. "That's all that's the matter with you. That kind of eating would turn anybody red."

So now Matt has not only cut out all tomatoes for himself. He's forbidden his family to eat tomatoes. And won't even have them in the house. Says tomatoes are anti-social and ought to be prohibited by law.

Funny how some people rush off to extremes like that. They take a wholesome thing and overdo it till it disagrees with them—or maybe find they don't happen to like it—and then they want it banned for everybody.

From where I sit, folks ought to realize there's a middle ground of moderation on the one hand . . . and tolerance for our neighbors on the other.

Joe Marsh

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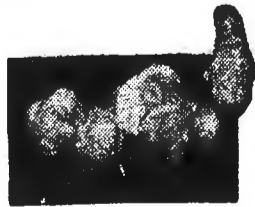
FOOD IS VITAL WAR MATERIAL

The production soldier on the farm is stepping up quotas in eggs, milk, meat, and produce of all kinds. Quotas MUST be stepped up to the limit! And as the HIRED HAND leaves for the wars the WIRED HAND must do double duty.

In the dairy this means water pumping—ten gallons a day for every cow! It means proper refrigeration. It means feed grinding for economy and increased milk production. This year the Carolinas must exceed last year's milk output by over 110,000,000 pounds!



The poultry farmer will meet the challenge of 10% more eggs and 15% more poultry by forced production methods—lighting in laying houses, ultra violet radiation, water warmers, and electric indoor and outdoor brooders, many of them home-made to recommended specifications.



Potato curing houses, heating cable in seed beds, and other equipment for milling, churning, sawing, grinding, lighting, and heating will further energize the whole farm program and help us to win!

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