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**Health Is a Personal Matter**

Before the war, medical authorities predicted that in a comparatively few years tuberculosis would be virtually eradicated. A major tragedy of the present conflict has been the defeat of this prediction. The incidence of tuberculosis has gone up sharply. It has always been so in time of great stress, and in spite of the best efforts of enlightened medical men, the present emergency has been no exception. However, worse than the increase of tuberculosis is the reluctance of the infected individuals to take proper action.

James G. Stone, of the National Tuberculosis Association, declares that: "More cases of tuberculosis are being found today than ever before and fewer patients are in tuberculosis hospitals. The temptation of high wages in war industries is causing many to stay out of hospitals and accept jobs".

He emphasized that the proper program for control of tuberculosis consists of three parts: finding the cases, hospitalization, and education of the patient and public to the seriousness of the disease.

It may surprise some to learn that persuading the public to use readily available facilities, even where the question of financial ability is not involved, is one of the most difficult problems of the medical profession.

**Is Everybody Eating Cake?**

A man in overalls walks into Tiffany's in New York and plunks down \$850 in cash for a watch. Another lays out \$1,500 in bills and says "Give my wife anything she wants!"

These goings-on, reported by a national magazine, must make strange reading to a soldier—or to a schoolteacher who, after 15 years, still gets only \$1,000 a year; or to a widow trying to raise a family on meager insurance money.

Are we losing entirely our sense of values—and if so, why?

Those two instances reported are by no means all of the picture of prodigality. It includes \$2,000 mink coats going like hot cakes, \$100-a-day for hotel suites, \$50 for a pair of theatre tickets, \$15 for a bottle of booze . . .

Who was it said "Let 'em eat cake?" . . . And who would suggest, today, that bread, now and particularly in the months to come, might not be a bad idea!

**Borrowed Comment**

LIFE (Tolstoi)

The idea, shared by many, that life is a vale of tears, is just as false as the idea shared by the great majority, the idea to which youth and riches and health incline you, that life is a place of entertainment.

Life is a place of service, and in that service one has to suffer a great deal that is hard to bear, but more often to experience a great deal of joy.

But joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service, and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness.

**● LIFE'S BETTER WAY ●**

WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
 Hiddenite, N. C.

**DON'T**

Don't think you're beautiful without  
 If you are vile within;  
 Don't travel on the road of doubt  
 And hope in life to win;  
 Don't seek the pleasures of the earth  
 And hope to gain a crown;  
 Don't think you'll live a life of worth  
 While evil has you down.

Don't think you're noble and sublime  
 If you are full of pride;  
 Don't hope in life to rise and climb  
 By drifting with the tide;  
 Don't stop because the way seems closed  
 That leads to Heaven's height;  
 Don't go the way that's least opposed  
 And think you're going right.

Don't think you're making great success  
 Because you're getting rich;  
 Don't think because you're in distress  
 You're down in failure's ditch;  
 Don't go the way you know is wrong  
 And think you'll win the race;  
 Don't think because you're with the throng  
 You've found in life your place.

Don't think with habits that are vile  
 You'll climb the hill of fame;  
 Don't think because a wrong's in style  
 It cannot hurt your name;  
 Don't think with hatred in your heart  
 That you are heaven-bound;  
 Don't stop for persecution's dart  
 If God and truth you've found.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

**HALLOWE'EN—**

Tuesday, October 31, will be Halloween.

We don't know just what Halloween means, or how come. Webster's dictionary says it is a festival evening preceding All Saints' Day, but since we don't know anything about All Saints' Day, we are still in the dark on the subject.

However, we do know that Halloween is a specially enjoyable time for the children, and more power to 'em in having innocent fun.

But when adults and young people take advantage of Halloween to destroy property and commit crimes, petty and otherwise, the festival occasion loses all its glamor and attractiveness.

A few years ago some boys thought it was fun on Halloween night to shoot out a number of street lights. The fun turned to grief when they were hauled into court and were made to pay for the damage. It was never fun in the first place.

Once we knew of a community where a city slicker with check-board coat and bell bottom pants arrived one evening about the middle of October to call on the belle of the village.

The younger children gasped in awe. Then one said it must be Halloween. They didn't want to miss celebrating Halloween, and they didn't have time to make false faces by stretching big sister's stockings over their heads and cutting out holes for the eyes. So they did the next best thing to make them look different. They went home and washed their faces.

**Buy More Bonds!**

**Boy Does Big Job**

This youthful Italian lad, member of the underground and familiar with Livorno area, directed American troops away from mined areas.

The Blackleg watermelon, developed in Florida, shows high resistance to Fusarium wilt.

Resistance to ascochytia in an inherited family trait, says research man of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

If the dairy cow gives pounds of milk daily, may need six pounds of grain; if her production is 30 pounds, 12 pounds grain.

**Today - Tomorrow**

**LIBERTY**

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Keep Buying Bonds Until the Day of Victory

**The American Navy**

On Friday Navy Day was observed, and at a most appropriate time just as our naval forces were completing a rout of combined Japanese fleets in Philippine waters.

There is no state in the 48 which has more reason to be proud of our navy than North Carolina which has furnished more Secretaries of the Navy than any state in the union, and no county in the state has men who have and are serving the navy with more distinction than the men from Wilkes.

It has been estimated that more than 1,000 Wilkes county men are wearing the blue of the navy, and we would not write that naval tribute without mentioning that Wilkes is also well represented in the woman's branch of the navy.

Wilkes has men in the navy in almost every rank from apprentice seaman to admiral. Our highest ranking officers in the navy are Rear Admiral Percy W. Foote, who is on active duty at Galveston, Texas; Captain Ernest M. Eller, who is on the staff of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz; and Lieutenant Commander J. H. McNeill, in the navy's medical corps and now stationed in Florida.

As Americans, we are justly proud of our navy. It is not only the greatest in the world from the standpoint of size and power, but it is aggressive and has initiative. The United States navy will virtually drive the Japanese from all the seemingly endless stretches of the far-flung Pacific.

Accomplishments of our navy are almost unbelievable when we consider the vast distances to be covered in naval operations in the Pacific. The major naval battle last week around the Philippines was over 6,000 miles from the nearest point of the United States. That is a tremendous distance from the source of supply.

**Making Life Worth While**

The war has had a tendency to make people forget that in normal times industry lives to please consumers. However, wise industrial representatives have not forgotten. They know the day is again coming when their survival will depend upon giving consumers what they want. In shop and laboratory a competitive battle is even now raging, the objective of which is to hit the market after the war with better products.

After two years of research, the coal industry has developed a super-efficient, small soft coal-burning heat unit designed to sell for about \$60.00. It is smokeless, delivers half again as much effective heat from the same amount of coal as an old fashioned furnace. It utilizes every bit of coal and can be left untended for three days.

More remarkable than the furnace itself is the new fuel to be burned in it—coal so clean it can be handled with kid gloves. "It won't exactly be wrapped in cellophane, says Harry Vawter, director of the Bituminous Coal Institute, "but pretty close to it. In addition to being laundered at the mine, it will be coated with a thin film of plastic, wax or light oil. It will be so free of dust, you will be able to handle it with white gloves without getting them soiled".

He adds that bituminous coal is mined in 24 states and there is enough to last 3,000 years. Nine out of every ten tons are now mined mechanically, thus helping to keep the price down.

In the meantime, countless other industries have their own innovations ready to spring on the public when peace comes. If we ever stopped to think, we would realize that it is this ceaseless driving energy so typical of American enterprise that makes life interesting and worth while. We would be lost without it—in peace as well as war.

**COUNTY AGENTS, FORESTERS HELPING FARMERS OVERCOME PULPWOOD SHORTAGE!**

**WHILE** pulpwood mill receipts are still lagging behind War and Home Front needs, increased pulpwood cutting by farmers has compensated in part for the loss in production at logging camps.

The mills feel much credit for this accomplishment should go to the County Agents and Foresters who are helping farmers mark their woodlot trees for thinning, and advising them on marketing.

**The Battle is far from Won**

The pulpwood shortage hasn't been licked. Pulp mills need much more pulpwood to keep pace with War orders. Much depends upon off-season farmer production this fall and winter.

Your County Agent and Forester are on the job again this fall, advising greater pulpwood cutting as soon as the harvesting of field crops permits.

**A Crop with a Future**

Proper cutting of pulpwood on farm woodlots, with the advice of your County Agent

**A WAR-TIME JOB WITH A POST-WAR FUTURE**

or Forester, will prove profitable not only this fall and winter but for years to come. Pulpwood is a cash farm crop which will be in demand after the war as well as today.

**SPECIES ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW!**

**Peeled Pine and Unpeeled Pine**

**WEST VIRGINIA PULP & PAPER CO.**  
 Get in touch with the dealer in your territory from whom we buy wood!  
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