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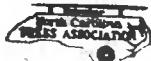
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It Can Be Done!

Full use of America's limitless energy and ambition, together with a liberal, forward-thinking policy on the part of business and cooperation on the part of the public, can usher in an era of plenty when the peace is won.

Business is pledged to do its part—by increasing the opportunities for all to earn, for all to buy. It pledges a just and enlightened wage policy, and proposes making use of the technological "know how" accumulated during the war to market the finest products at the lowest prices.

Accomplishment of business's program for the future will require the public's cooperation, for legislative action will be needed. The public's action can encourage postwar tax policies that leave sufficient funds for expansion, laws that clearly prevent unregulated monopoly, and labor policies that establish the responsibilities of both labor and management.

Cooperation Essential

There seems to be one fact upon which there is no disagreement—flood control is needed in the Yadkin Valley, and is essential to progress, agriculturally and industrially.

There is bitter disagreement over proposed means to bring about flood control. It is evident that not all can be satisfied, and for the good of all concerned, more cooperation is sorely needed.

Without bitterness and with co-operative inclination, advocates of flood control should press their fight for flood control and not be too contentious about the method, if effective results can be obtained.

It is evident that if the people do not unite for flood control, no project will be carried out. We need and must have cooperation in this matter. It is not a question with us whether or not power is manufactured and sold in connection with the flood control project. We are not interested in power developments. It is flood control we want, and flood control is what we should strive for with unity of purpose and a maximum of cooperative effort.

The New Year

Today begins another year. And as each and every one of us contemplates that fact, let us consider that the New Year is a new opportunity.

To the people of this section this newspaper serves, we wish a happy New Year, and perhaps the greatest happiness to the greatest number of people would be a complete victory for our nation in the present struggle and for return of the men who are away at war.

It would perhaps be too optimistic to predict an end to the war in the year beginning today. In fact conditions do not permit a logical prediction of that nature. But there is nothing against hoping for a victorious end to the war this year.

If the nazis and the japs continue in their fanatical resistance in the face of inevitable defeat, the war will not end this year for the simple reason that it would be impossible to kill all the enemy in the next twelve months. However, there may be a possibility that the enemy will "soften up" under the increasing pressure that our armed forces are exerting on every front.

It should be our resolution to do whatever we can to hasten victory. It is just as important now to back the war effort to the extent of our ability as it was on the day when the war began. The length and cost of the war will depend to a great extent on the conduct of the home front as well as the movements of our troops, ships and planes. This is total war, with all our resources pledged to the cause of complete victory.

And as the new year begins, we should have a deep resolution to so conduct our

lives that we will be deserving of the victory which we hope, work, fight and pray for.

When we think of morale, let us consider that the man at the front can have no greater boost of morale than the assurance that their nation, state, county, town, community and home is worth fighting for, worth dying for, if necessary, to preserve protect and perpetuate.

"Standing By" Hospitals

Full credit to communities that are "standing by" their local hospitals in the wartime emergency is accorded by Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, Associate Director of the American College of Surgeons, in reporting that 3,152 hospitals in the United States and Canada have earned a place on the 1944 approved List, which includes The Wilkes Hospital in this city.

When the American College of Surgeons began its program of Hospital Standardization in 1917, the public had no way of evaluating the quality of hospital service, no guidance in choosing a hospital, in fact little interest in hospitals. The College formulated standards, started annual personal surveys, and has published each year reports of the surveys and lists of approved hospitals. The year after year emphasis upon the importance of approval, with education in the fundamental requirements upon which it is based, has led to quite general appreciation of what constitutes good hospital care. It has also developed a sense of public responsibility for the kind of hospital service furnished, growing out of realization that to have high standards, there must be demand for them and provision of adequate support to maintain them.

During the war crisis the people of most communities have their hospitals to continue to give service. What would have been a desperate shortage of personnel in this and other communities, endangering the lives of patients, has been relieved by volunteers in nursing, dietary, and other services, performing the more routine tasks and releasing professional workers for duties demanding special knowledge and skill.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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The World's Great Need

The world's great need is Jusus. This need stands supreme. It towers above the need of learning, better methods in business, better methods of farming, better social conditions, better preachers, teachers and reformers. We realize the condition of the world is very critical. This cannot be truthfully denied. It is critical from the standpoint of war, bloodshed and destruction; critical from the standpoint of finances, as multiplied billions of dollars are being expended to carry on the greatest of all war, and to carry on the dirty business of sin and wickedness along every line; critical from the standpoint of drunkenness, adultery, immorality and a spiritual dearth. No doubt millions of people are homeless, hungry, almost naked, heart-broken, uneasy and distressed. Many are wandering up and down the earth seeking shelter, food, raiment, comfort, and that which will satisfy their need of body, mind, soul and spirit.

This need can only be found in the Christian religion—found by accepting Christ into the heart, soul and life, and living to do His blessed will. He said long ago, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11-28). Again He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6-33). That is, all necessary things of life shall be given unto those who seek God and His righteousness. In God, in Christ, in the blessed Holy Christ, all need is found. Our Lord came in person to this earth that He might establish a plan of redemption whereby we should be saved from all sin and wickedness, which is the cause of all want and distress, and to supply all our need "according to his riches in glory." Praise His holy name.

However, men and nations seek everything else, generally speaking, and leave Christ the Saviour, God of Father, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, out of their lives. They absolutely reverse the order that Christ gave them. Hence war, hunger, distress, strife, hatred, envy, revenge, trouble, heartache, poverty, want, misery, woe, death, and damnation. O how the world needs Christ and all of His wonderful principles, purity, holiness, peace, love, innocence, goodness, greatness, beauty and wonderful power! O reader, seek Him, SEEK HIM! Let Him rule and reign in your heart and soul. This is life's better way.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al



SMALL TALK—

Isn't it a shame that people don't act like it was Christmas time the year 'round? . . . A man we used to know played five aces and now he plays a harp . . . According to a feature story we read in a daily newspaper recently, one of the principal characters graduated from high school at the age of three, judging by what the story said her age is at present . . . One man says a motorist is like a married man. Soon as he gets a license he tries to see what he can get away with . . . People who complain about our coney jokes should come around and tell us a few good ones sometime . . . Harmony is a freckled face girl in a polka dot dress and a leopard coat. To add the harmony, let her lead a giraffe.

WE'LL STICK TO SLACKS—

Man—Women didn't wear slacks in the days of Shakespeare.
Friend—Why do you say that?
Man—If they had worn slacks he never would have written: "There is a divinity that shapes our ends".

WIFE TELLS ALL—

This letter ran in "A Letter to the Editor" column and went as follows:

"Army Headquarters
"Mr. Headquarters
"U. S. Army
"My husband was intited into the surface long months ago and I ain't received no pay from him since he was gone. Please send me my elopement as I have a four months old baby and he is my only support and I need him every day to buy food and keep us enclosed.

"I am a poor woman and all I have is at the front. Both sides of my parents are very old and I do not suspect anything from them. As my mother has been in bed for 13 years with the same doctor and won't take another. My husband is in charge of a spittoon. Do I get more than I am going to get?
Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made an application for a wife and a child and please send me a wife form to fill out.
"I have already wrote Mr. Roosevelt and got no answer and if I don't hear from you I will write Uncle Sam about you both".

NO RATIONING THERE—

Junior—Mother, do cows and bees go to Heaven?
Mother—What a strange question, son. Why?
Junior—Because if they don't the milk and honey the preacher said was up there must be all canned goods and I don't want to spend all my time up there counting ration points, too.

CHANGE ADVISED—

"It is extremely difficult in these times to be well dressed", complained a troubled subscriber to the query department of a certain newspaper. "Every time I put on a clean shirt, there are some buttons missing. What would you advise me to do?"
"You should do one of two things", was the reply. "Either get married or get a divorce".

Air Medal Awarded S.Sgt. Ceber Creech

Mrs. Merle Owens Creech was presented the Air Medal awarded her husband, Staff Sergeant Ceber M. Creech, Tail Gunner in the Third Bomber Command. He has been a prisoner in Germany since January 24, 1944.

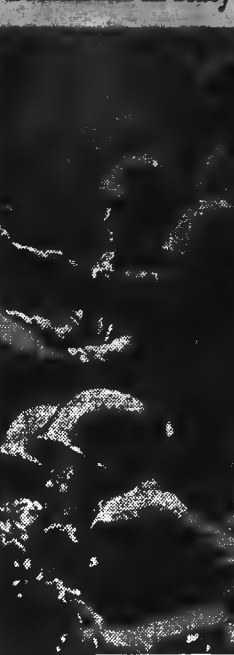
The citation read as follows: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions, reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States".

Four Air Corps officers from the office of Flying Safety in Winston-Salem made the presentation at the residence of J. S. Bumgarner on Tuesday afternoon, December 19, 1944. Major W. M. Harrison read the citation, and Major John G. Glennon presented the medal. Staff Sergeant Creech's son, Buster, and his mother, Mrs. L. D. Abeher, along with other members of the family, were also present.

Government railways in India now total 4,000 miles.



Brasilians in Italy



Brig. Gen. Euclides Zenebio da Costa, field commander of the Brazilian Expeditionary force in Italy (kneeling) with some of his staff officers at a Brazilian automatic rifle post in Italy. They have been giving a good account of themselves.

If a clear broth of consommé is desired, heat the strained broth, from which all fat has been removed, with the crushed shell and beaten white of an egg. The egg white collects the solid particles in the broth.

Rice in India is consumed with the formulation of its greater plan for agriculture showed that the rice yield there is 800 pounds as compared with 1,000 pounds in Italy and 1,200 pounds in the United States.

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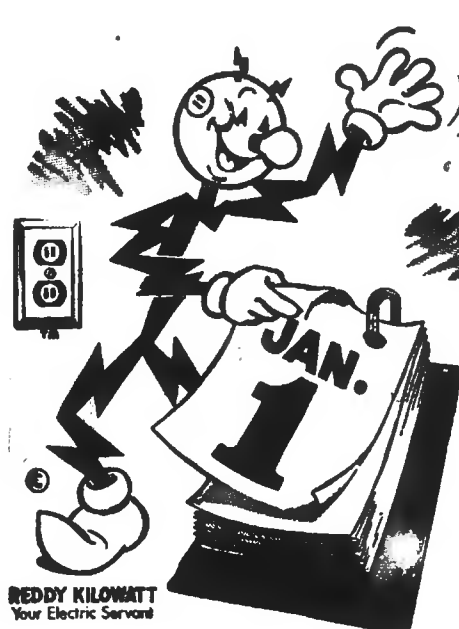
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The boys who are doing the fighting needed countless items of munitions, clothing, and food from the very start—and they still do.

Our Resolution again this year is to help in the job of getting them what they need, when they need it, and in sufficient quantity.

With 1,250 of our own employes in the armed services we are shorthanded in a good many places, but those who remain at their posts in power stations and in offices, on service crews and on the buses which daily serve thousands of war workers, are proud to carry on in the service of our industries and of a vigorous home front.

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