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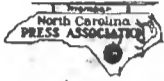
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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1945



To the Citizens of Wilkes County

(By Rev. A. C. Waggoner, Wilkes Red Cross Chairman)

I am writing you to say "thank you" to each and every one of you in the name of the Red Cross for what you have contributed to its work.

Your contribution has been great—I need not tell you that—you know what you have done. There are more than 5,000,000 of you working as volunteers, carrying on the work of the Red Cross in this country. You are working as staff assistants, volunteer nurse's aides, canteen workers, Motor Corps members and Home Service volunteers.

By contributing to the Red Cross, you have sent Red Cross men and women overseas to be with our fighting men—to comfort and cheer and reassure them, to do what they can to ease their lot. Wherever the Red Cross is, you are. And the Red Cross is wherever our men are fighting, your personal ambassador to those boys.

Today I am thanking you in the name of the Red Cross for all that you have done. But I am really thanking you in the name of your own sons and brothers and husbands. And in the name of a lot of other boys whom you may not even know—all the men who are fighting now in strange and out-of-the-way places, far away from home.

I am thanking you in the name of a lonely soldier who found a Red Cross girl from home to talk to when he was blue. I am thanking you in the name of a weary serviceman who found the first real bed he had had in months in a Red Cross club. I am thanking you for a blind boy in a hospital overseas for whom a Red Cross girl wrote a letter. I am thanking you in the name of a worried soldier to whom a Red Cross field director brought word out on the fighting line that his wife was going to get well.

I am thanking you for the boy your hands bandaged because of the surgical dressings you have made—for the man who would have died if you had not given your blood—for the boy shot down over Germany and interned in a prison camp for whom you have provided food and medical supplies through the Red Cross.

The Red Cross has been your medium. No more than that. For it is you—all of you, every man and woman of America—who are the Red Cross. You are it, and it is you, one and the same.

And so, we should all be thankful, one to the other, to the American men and women who, through the Red Cross, are doing what they can for our fighting men, thankful to the Home Service worker next door, to whom a Red Cross field director thousands of miles away channels the worried inquiry of a soldier concerned about his family; to the woman who stands for many hours filling the packages on assembly lines for our prisoners of war; to the girl who sacrifices her time at the hospital, helping to relieve the shortage of nurses as a nurse's aide; to all the hundreds of thousands of men and women who by their generous gifts have made possible this work of comfort and of love.

The people of Wilkes County have proven their loyalty in the past to all worthy causes, and we are confident you will come through this time. The quota for Wilkes this year is not small, \$19,400, and will require the efforts and the giving of every true citizen. But we must and we will.

Lasting Peace

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals for an international organization to establish and enforce peace is an important step toward realization of peace aims.

But like war, a crusade for peace must have the united backing of the people. We unite to wage a war when our existence is threatened, and it is just as essential that we unite to establish and enforce a just and lasting peace.

The greater powers of the world can unite to keep the peace. It is not without the realm of possibilities. Only the powerful can enforce peace, as only the powerful can win a war.

If the great powers in the world follow the course of reveling in wealth and complacency, as they did following World War I, we may expect that the next generation will have the next war.

Early in Hitler's rise to power in Germany the German army moved in and fortified the Rhine while France was busily engaged in having a big time. Today our men are dying as they break those defenses which France's complacency allowed.

If an international organization is to be effective, it must have the power and the backing of the people to nip trouble in the bud, instead of waiting for bloody maturity in international disputes.

And the people of America, as well as other peace-loving nations of the world, must learn that it costs less in lives and materials to prevent war, even if we must resort to force of arms to prevent it.

Aggression must be smothered before the aggressors become so powerful that another world war becomes the natural result.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY WALTER E. ISENHOUR Hiddenite, N. C.

CHAIN LETTERS

For many years I have received what is known as "Chain Letters," and of course you have, too, dear reader. Lots of people are puzzled to know what to make of such letters. They don't know whether to heed the warning and not "break the chain," or pay no attention. I'm going to say frankly and I believe I am right, I don't think there is anything much to such letters. I have broken every chain yet, as I have never answered the first one yet. Now you can do whatever you think best about it. The fact of the matter is many people are afraid to "break the chain" because they are threatened with some misfortune if they do. This leads me to believe that they write such letters because of the threat and not for the good they may do. Now many, many of these letters fall into the hands of sinners, and they are to write the prayer and send it on just the same as Christians. Do you think God hears the prayers of sinners? According to His holy word He doesn't, except the prayer of repentance. Then another thing we know, and that is, Christians don't have to be written in order to get them to pray, unless it is some special request. I try to spend an hour a day in prayer, but do doubt many of those who write these "chain letters" don't spend two minutes a day in prayer. Multitudes of them don't pray at all, and how much is it worth to write a prayer, or that which is supposed to be a prayer, and send it around over the country.

Another thing they tell us in "chain letters" is that they must go around the world, say four times. Who on earth can tell when they go around the world four times, or if they ever go around the world? They circulate around through the country, and maybe no one of them goes around the world, which is twenty-five thousand miles. They tell us to pray for the war to close. If they would tell us to pray for men and nations to repent, which is the reasonable thing, then God would close the war. It might be a good thing to write letters one to another, and is, asking for prayer for certain things, but not send out letters with a threat of calamity and misfortune if we "break the chain." Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Luke 18-1). This is what I regard, and not "chain letters." No doubt some of the "chain letters" are started on their round by ungodly people, or by hypocrites, or by sinners. Who knows who starts them? why not write good letters to Christian people asking them to pray for certain needs, or for sinners to be saved, or for revivals, and so on, rather than letters that threaten us with calamity if we "break the chain."

Help Fight With Bond Dollars

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al



SMALL TALK

It has been said that the man who waits for something to turn up might start on his shirt sleeve. ... One bright thing about government ownership of so many things is that government might just as well start planning to pay all the taxes. ... It takes real brains to cook a good dinner, and one lady says it also takes brains to get a meal without cooking it. ... One man said his wife eloped with his best friend. He didn't even know his name. ... A pedestrian is a man with a family of grown children and only one car. ... Yeah, most girls as as pretty as they can be. ... Explaining how golf is played, the young man told the girl: "All you have to do is smack the ball and walk". She said: "How interesting, just like some auto rides I have been on". Banking is funny business. They will lend you all the money you want just as long as you can prove you don't need it.

FIGURE THIS OUT

"Give me a cup of coffee with no cream." The storekeeper was waggish: "Can't give it to you with no cream. Got no cream. But I can give you coffee without milk. The drunk didn't want it that way, so out he went.

NOW WE KNOW

John rushed around looking for his coat.

"What do you want it for, dear?" asked his wife.

"That fellow Smith across the road has just telephoned to ask if I can lend him a corkscrew."

"Well, what do you want your coat for? Surely there's no need to go out. You can send Mary with it."

John turned upon her more in sorrow than in anger.

"My dear," he said, "your last remarks sum up the whole reason why women cannot lead armies, control nations, or take anything but a subordinate part in the affairs of the world."

HOW HE GOT IT

The editor of a country newspaper retired with a fortune. When asked the secret of his success, he replied:

"I attribute my ability to retire with a \$100,000 bank balance after 30 years in the newspaper field, to close application to duty, pursuing a policy of strict honesty, always practicing rigorous rules of economy, and to the recent death of my uncle, who left me \$99,999."

Purpose Of Social Security Card Told

Occasional complaints that social security account member cards are improperly used as identification for check-cashing purposes, today led Louis H. Clement, manager of the Salisbury, N. C., office of the Social Security Board, to issue the following cautionary statement:

"The social security account number card is issued to any person who applies for it. It is issued for one purpose, and only one. That is to identify a social security account on which the wage record of the possessor may be posted as credit toward old-age and survivors insurance benefits. The account number is used with the person's name to identify his social security account, because many people have the same name but no two can have the same number. The Social Security board in paying benefits requires that the beneficiary identify himself fully."

Farmers Meet With Abshers Home Club

A joint meeting of the Abshers Home Demonstration Club members and farmers of the community was held January 22 at Double Creek school.

Oscar Phillips, Wilkes county acting farm agent, gave an interesting talk on the "importance and the necessity of producing sufficient supplies of veget-

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ables, fruits, poultry products, milk and butter, meat, eggs, and feed crops for home use and for our armed forces. Following Mr. Phillips' discussion, Miss Helen Price, and H. D. A. gave an interesting talk on "Taking care of what we have." Our next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. G. Johnson, February 26, at 8:00 o'clock. Each member is asked to be present and on time.—Reported.

Rev. L. T. Younger At Edgewood 4th

Rev. L. T. Younger will preach at Edgewood Baptist church Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 3:00

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Lettuce (12c), Carrots (15c), Potatoes (31c), Cabbage (5 1/2c), Tomatoes (19c), Oranges (49c), Grapefruit (8c), Apples (10c).

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Boneless Sirloin (51c), Beef Stew (29c), Chuck Roast (27c), Pork Chops (37c), Pork Sausage (35c), Pork Roast (32c), Lamb Patties (32c), Bologna (33c), Pimiento Cheese (49c).

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