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THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1945



War Half Won

Americans everywhere agree that the address and proclamation of President Harry S. Truman announcing the surrender of Germany were very appropriate and provided excellent leadership for America on a day of subdued rejoicing.

President Truman intentionally made no reference to V-E Day, choosing, instead, to impress upon Americans the tremendous importance of earnestly working for complete victory and for an enduring peace.

He closed with an appropriate proclamation designating Sunday, May 13th, as a day of prayer. His address and proclamation in full were as follows:

This is a solemn but glorious hour. General Eisenhower informs me that the forces of Germany have surrendered to the united nations. The flags of freedom fly over all Europe.

For this victory, we join in offering our thanks to the Providence which has guided and sustained us through the dark days of adversity.

Our rejoicing is sobered and subdued by a supreme consciousness of the terrible price we have paid to rid the world of Hitler and his evil band. Let us not forget, my fellow Americans, the sorrow and the heartbreak which today abide in the homes of so many of our neighbors-neighbors whose most priceless possession has been rendered as a sacrifice to redeem our liberty.

We can repay the debt which we owe to our God, to our dead and to our children only by work-by ceaseles devotion to the responsibilities which lie ahead of us. If I could give you a single watchword for the coming months, that word is-work, work,

We must work to finish the war. Our victory is but half won. The west is free, but the east is still in bondage to the treacherous tyranny of the Japanese. When the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only will our fighting job be done.

We must work to build up the wounds of a suffering world-to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law. We can build such a peace only by hard toilsome, painstaking work-by understanding and working with our allies in peace as we have in war.

The job ahead is no less important, no less urgent, no less difficult than the task which now happily is done.

I call upon every American to stick to his post until the last battle is won. Until that day, let no man abandon his post or slacken his efforts.

And now, I want to read to you my formal proclamation of this occasion.

By the President of the United States of America.

A proclamation.

The allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of freeborn men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

Much remains to be done. The victory won in the west must now be won in the east. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace loving nations have demonstrated in the west that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tryanny of mililary cliques that once called us soft and

weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the vic-

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday May 13, 1945, JUST A YARNto be a day of prayer.

I call upon the people of the United States, what ever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make physician that same evening for possible our victory.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1945, and of the independence of the United States of America the 169th.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

_ T H E -EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.



"Do you want to be like Christ?" questioned one of the deacons as he was interrogating a young girl who had applied for Church membership, and was being examined by the Session. For a moment the girl hesitated as if puzzled. Then she replied, "I guess I never thought much about that, but I know I want to be like mother." When I read this story, I couldn't help but wonder how many daughters today would pay that tribute to their mothers; how many sons would say the same concerning their fathers.

Mother's Day, designated by Congress in 1914 as the day dedicated to motherhood, has grown to a week's emphasis upon the family and its responsibility to God and the community. It's progressive development community. It's progressive development has been interesting. The first Mother's Day service was held in 1907 in Philadelphia at the instigation of Miss Anna Jarvis. At first the day paid tribute to mothers living and to the memory of beloved mothers of the past. In those days a mother's castle was her home: a woman looked to motherhod as her greatest achievement. The noblest task for a mother was to rear her children into fine Christian manhood and womanhood.

Then women commenced to leave the home for the business world. Motherhood was no longer their chief ambition. Mother's Day received a new emphasis. It challenged woman to remember her Godgiven responsibility, and appealed to her not to forsake her throne in the home which no one else could take.

There is an increasing need for this challenge, together with a solemn warning. Never in the history of the United States has there been such a wave of social drinking and chain smoking among the women as today. The number of women alcoholics is increasing. The divorce courts are crowded. Homes are breaking up.

In days past the chivalry of the South towards its women was noted throughout the country. Man respected womanhood; she was on a pedestal. Now she has come down. For days such as these, it is well that she should come down to be a companion for man, to walk with him and inspire him to follow the way of successful Christian living. But, sad to relate, some women have gone further and have undertaken to imitate the vices of their menfolk. Others have outstripped them in their profanity, drinking and loose living.

This Christian Family Week is a solemn reminder to men and women who have taken the marriage vows that they have a tremendous responsibility in the sight of Almighty God; not to be tossed aside lightly. It is a joint responsibility, but our women dare not forget that in the Chistian era woman has ever been the inspiration of man, for better or for worse.

We pay tribute to mothers of the past, encourage mothers of the present to grasp their opportunity, appeal to the rising mothers of the future to give us men and women who will do better by the world than we have.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS

Once upon, or under, here was a man who had a wife,

and also had an automibile. The automobile became lown, as autos will, and he carried it to the garage for a general checkup on what it needed. When he went after the car that evennig he did not get to see the mechanic who has inspected his car.

He was in a hurry, because he was going to carry his wife to the an examination. He was called away from the doctor's office before the doctor got through and when he talked to his wife later about the examination she was downcast and despondent. She was reluctant to tell anything about the examination.

Thinking that he would learn the facts, good or bad, from the doctor, he went to the phone after his wife retired and called the doctor. By mistake, the operator gave him the number of the me chanic who had examined his car, and then one of the craziest telephone conversations ever to go ov er the wires took place, with the man thinking that he was talking to the doctor when he was talking to the mechanic.

We'll let you use your imagina tion on part of this conversation Here are some parts we can quote: "Sorry I didn't get to see you

after you completed the examina

tion. what did you find?

Mechanic—"Well, to tell you the truth, she's not in such good shape. From what I could learn on the checkup, you have been abusing the old boat something terrible. I found plenty of signs of over reating, and the temperature rises too fast when she gets going. There is also a leakage which could prove serious. Unless yon take better care of what you have, you might as well start looking for another. There is not much I can do for one that is already ready for the graveyard. Now, I know just the one you could get, in case you are interested. But if you are going to hang on to that slouchy thing you might as well decide to spend a lot of money and take better care afraid, has been neglected".

All that, and much more which re're not printing, took place during the conversation before the mix-up was discovered by the two persons doing the talking.

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Should Pack **Boxes Better**

Post Office Department Warns That Many Packages Badly Damaged

Attention has been called to improper packing and insufficintly wrapped parcels for over-eas shipment, by the postoffice lepartment. Due to the fact that thousands

of improperly wrapped parcels have to be re-wrapped and packed by postal employees at ports of embarkation, the postoffice de-partment at Washington has advised local postmasters that such packages should not be accepted Among factor scontributing to

damage are: shipping containers made of too light and brittle material to carry safely: outer wran ping paper that is too thin and easily torn; insufficient cord too light to withstand strain; insufficient and improper packing of breakable articles, such as bottles of shaving lotions, jars of preserves, etc., which when broken cause the outer container to disintegrate; loose packing of arti-cles with sharp edges and corners.

Boxes for overseas transmission should be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave the country, and should be made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard or strong, double-faced corrugated fiberboard, testing at least 200 pounds.

Each box should be tied securel with strong cord.

To get uniform results in starching shirts, gather all the parts to be starched together and dip them into the starch at the same time. Be careful not to use too much starch as it will crack the fiber threads and cause the shirt to wear out much faster.

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