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THE MIGHTY

WAR LOAN

Community Fair

The North Wilkesboro Lion's Club begins an annual event this week by sponsoring the annual Wilkes county horse show.

It has been suggested among the club that the project next year and thereafter be combined to include a community fair, and that it be made an annual occasion which all the people could appreciate.

A horse show is a splendid event for those who admire fine horses, and a majority of the people enjoy horse shows. But there are those who would be more interested in other things.

To combine the horse show with a community fair would get the support of a greater number of people.

If the Lions Club would sponsor and operate a community fair purely for the purpose of promoting progress and welfare of the community and county the project would have practically unanimous support among the people, who would support the fair generously.

If such a project is contemplated, the sponsors should be on the alert to forbid the practices so often associated with fairs and which nullify any good influence which the fair might otherwise have.

So-called gambling joints, which rob the "suckers", and shows below a decent moral standard can easily nullify any good influence of a fair and take from the project the support of the good people so necessary to make such projects successful.

Losing The Prize

Men of Allied Nations are dying today that freedom may be retained and that the forces of aggression may be wiped off the face of the earth.

But there is just as great danger in losing freedom by other means as to an aggressive nation.

After the war if the people of America continue to trade their individual rights for handouts, they will nullify the sacrifices of the men who have died to rid the world of despotism.

"Freedom is all right, but you can't eat it", is one of the sly ways of approach to the average man when those who favor socialistic control spread their propaganda.

But the fact remains that the people with the most freedom ultimately have the most to eat.

It is better to be hungry temporarily with individual freedom than to have a sufficiency of the things which a socialistic government would provide in exchange for liberty. It all goes back to the Biblical example of selling your birthright for a mess of pottage.

The right of the individual to produce, to build, to be his own master has placed America in the forefront of all the world. Even if the last sap is exterminated, the war will have been lost if the American people passively submit to planned economic

my and allow their lives to be dictated by government bureaus from Washington.

The "Arithmetic of Geography"

As the Japanese retreat from their earlier conquests into an "inner" defense zone of Korea, Manchuria and the Japanese Islands, the war against Japan is changing into a war of distance and geography.

Geographically, of course, Japan is vulnerable both to blockade and bombardment. Yet, because of the immense distances of the Pacific, Japan's ever shortening lines of communication give her an advantage over the United States in "supply" differential that Nazi Germany never enjoyed.

In other words, the problem confronting our Army and Navy chiefs is to equalize the enormous differential in distance between our supply sources and our fighting lines, to balance the incomparably shorter communication lines of the Japanese.

That means, first and foremost, more ships, since it takes almost three cargo vessels in the Pacific to do the work of one in the Atlantic.

It also means more bases, airfields, staging areas, and the construction of new ports.

And, finally, it means gigantic additional quantities of paper to double and triple wrap material for protection against the long 15,000-mile journey from Europe to the Pacific, and for protection against tropic-rot after the material gets there.

The pulpwood you cut provides that "extra" paper so necessary to equalize the present "supply" differential.

Your peeled, top quality pulpwood, cut NOW, can divide the distances that separate supplies from our fighting men, even as they multiply the effectiveness of our Pacific forces.

Pulpwood is a vital factor in the "arithmetic" of geography.

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HUMAN DERELICTS

Here is a question from J. Wilbar Chapman, that mighty prince of preachers: "Some time ago, I came up from Porto Rica. The ship that brought me was caught in a fearful storm. We were locked in the stateroom to keep us out of danger. After it was all over, I asked the captain if a storm like that was not the thing he most feared. No, it was not. Such storms, he said, were common. I asked him if, in sailing to the north, an iceberg was not the thing most feared. Again he said there were other things more to be feared. 'What is it then,' I asked, that you fear most?' 'A derelict,' he said, 'derelict—a ship that bears no compass, no chart, no sailors, no commander, that sails for no port, and to no port, that simply drifts.'"

This incident from the Chapman's writing makes me think of the human derelicts all about us, and all over the world. There are multiplied millions of them. Who are they? Well, they are people without God as their Captain to protect them, to guide and direct them; people who do not read nor study the Bible to know how to live; people who do not pray nor live spiritual lives; who have no high aims and no great purposes; who merely eke out an existence by drifting along with the tide of sin and wickedness. Some of them are drunkards, some are liars, some are adulterers, some are gamblers, some are rogues, some are haters of God and the right, some are loafers and loungers, some are money-grabbers, etc. They are found in practically all classes of society and among all people, except the real people of God. Human derelicts drift, drift, DRIFT. They have no port to which they are sailing; no goal for which they are striving to attain. Some of them have great privileges and wonderful opportunities, but they let them die on their hands, or by their side. They could be powerful men and women of God, whereas, they drift with the evil, sinful wicked tide that the devil brings to bear against all mankind, and of course never reach any blessed port in this manner of living, and likewise endanger the lives of their fellowmen all about them. It is pathetic. O how fearful to be a human derelict drifting along life's journey and over the sea of time, and yet facing God, the judgment and eternity! Man, woman, boy, girl, don't be a derelict! As such you'll go down in eternal defeat, and in the meantime help to defeat others.

Help Fight With Bond Dollars

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES
 By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

IT'S THE WEATHER—
 If you had to get a column out on a day when the mercury is crowding 100 and the humidity is worse than awful, you'd do just what we're doing, clip some jokes:

PRESENCE OF MIND—
 A steward on an ocean liner was asked how he liked his work and replied:
 Steward—Fine, the tips are generous, but I nearly lost my job on the last crossing. There were several days of rough going and in taking a hot bowl of soup to a stateroom, I unfortunately lost my balance, tripped and poured the contents of the bowl into the lap of an old gentleman asleep in a deck chair.
 Friend—And just what did you do?
 Steward—I tapped the old fellow on the shoulder and said: "I do hope you feel better now, sir."

THE OPTIMIST—
 His boss was dead and his mule went lame
 He lost six cows in a poker game
 A hurricane came on a summer's day,
 And carried the house where he lived away;
 The earthquake came when that was gone
 And swallowed the land the house was on!
 And the tax collector he came 'round
 And charged him up for the hole in the ground!
 And the city marshal—he came in view
 And said he wanted his street tax, too.
 Did he moan and sigh? Did he sit and cry?
 And cuss the hurricane sweepin' by?
 Did he grieve that his old friends

—Author Unknown

JAP LOSSES SET RECORD IN PACIFIC

Emperor Hirohito lost more soldiers last week than in any comparable period of the Pacific Island War, American communiques disclosed today.

Yanks killed 30,832 Japanese troops on Okinawa and in the Philippines. Another 7,705 surrendered—an astounding figure in view of the traditional Japanese willingness to fight to the death.

The fate of about 20,000 more was sealed by a paratrooper landing near the northern tip of the Philippines. Those elements of the Eleventh Air-Borne Division joined guerillas near Aparri and began to squeeze Japanese in Cagayan Valley against Thirty-seventh Infantry and guerilla forces to the south.

Tokyo talked of an attempted Australian amphibious landing at Balikpapan on southeastern Borneo, across the island from the valuable Seria oil fields captured by Ninth Division Aussies.

Chinese forces moving up the East China Coast were reported to have reached a point 175 miles south of Shanghai. Others were said to be fighting inside Liu-chow, one-time Southeast China air base.

American bombers and fighters patrolling the China coast sank 15 small ships and 40 junks. The junks were wrecked by Mitchell bombers from the Philippines which pounced on 1,500 junks and fishing craft in the Hong Kong-Canton area.

When the earthquake came and swallowed all?
 Never a word of blame he said
 With all them troubles on top o' his head
 Not him—he clum on the top o' the hill—
 Where standing room was left him still.
 And baring his head, here's what he said:
 "I reckon its time to get up an' get
 But, heck, I ain't had the measles yet."

Young Sow Has 15 Baby Piglets

An 11-month-old Poland-China sow belonging to T. H. Cockerham, of Thurmond, gave birth to 15 pigs last Friday morning, and Mr. Cockerham is firm in his belief that local meat problems have now been solved provided the OPA and the rationing board doesn't move in on him.

So many pigs did the sow bring into life that it is necessary to bottle-feed four of them, the mother being equipped with only 11 spigots, which, it is understood, is standard equipment.

A pony used for delivering milk in Wavendon, England, now rattles the door handles with his teeth.

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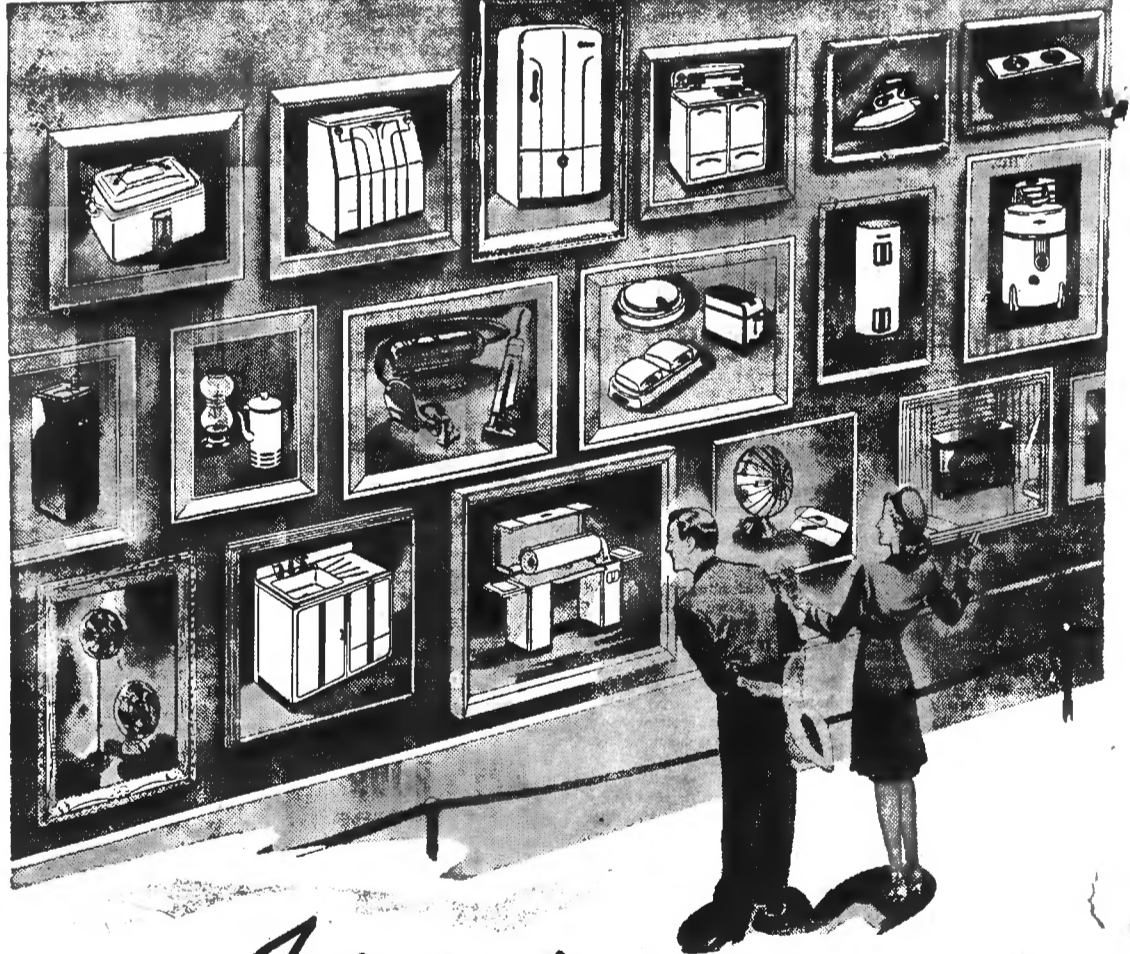
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