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and serious shortages of this basic product in every family and industry. In spite of such a record under a planned economy, it has been proposed to bring all basic foods under world-wide centralized control.

Lawrence Sullivan, writing in the Nation's Business, asks the question: "Does world planning by committees and charists produce adequate supplies, or do free markets call forth a more dependable abundance?" Under the planned sugar program of 1934, American beet sugar production was restricted and our needs allocated to various areas, including Cuba, Hawaii, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and scattered sources. After the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, we lost enormous sugar production in the Philippines, Hawaii, and the Caribbean areas. But despite these losses, the planned restrictions on United States beet production were continued in full force and were not eased until time for planting the 1945 beet sugar crop. Had acreage limitations been lifted when losses began, more United States sugar would have come to market by October, 1942.

If we want things to eat and wear, and buy and sell, in the United States, it is time we demanded a free peacetime economy under which individuals can carry on without the permission of professional planners. Otherwise, we may be eating sawdust in another five years. Like government ownership, a compulsory planned economy in peace will destroy a free America.

WE UNDERSTAND.
 (The Charlotte Observer.)

Soundly beaten, the Japs plan to escape their proper punishment by deceit and trickery, swiftly changing to an appeal to Americans to understand the Japanese. We understand them.

It is like understanding murder, bestiality. It is no trouble to understand a liar. We understand that the Japanese are a dirty, slimy people; from top to bottom, from Hirohito to the lowest Nip on Honshu.

They made it very plain from the start of the war with atrocities that seemed unbelievable. They couldn't be misunderstood. Yet, they think to wipe all that out with a few words. It can't be done.

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


Prosperity of the Righteous

The writer of the first Psalm, speaking of the godly, says: "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." This is a wonderful statement. We know the writers of the Holy Bible dealt in facts, not falsehood and fairy tales. Since this is a fact, it looks like everybody would desire to live godly, righteous lives instead of ungodly unrighteous lives. The writer of this Psalm says that the godly "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Then he goes on to say: "The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

We see by this Scripture, as well as many other passages in the Bible, that the godly, righteous and Christlike have wonderful promises and assurances made unto them, and concerning them. On the other hand we likewise see that the ungodly and wicked are warned and warned of the fearful judgments that shall come upon them, unless they turn from their evil, sinful, wicked ways, repent, seek God and live for Him. O that the ungodly and wicked would take heed to the warning given them! Why not? No one can afford to live for the devil and go the broad way that leads to hell. All who do so sacrifice everything that is blessed, good, great, worth while, honorable and glorious.

How wonderful to live godly and righteously so we are prospered by our heavenly Father! "Whatever he doeth shall prosper." This can be in the temporal affairs of life, but especially is it true spiritually. Glory to God. It is good to prosper in one's business, when it is pleasing unto God, and prosper in one's undertakings; but the greatest and most wonderful prosperity is that of the soul, and in the spiritual realm. Such prosperity is not only for time, but it is for eternity. When one is consecrated and devoted unto God, and goes forth to live for and work in His harvest fields, then he is prosperous, God blesses him and makes him a wonderful blessing to mankind. Hallelujah!

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES
 By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al



NONSENSICAL QUIBBS—
 A teacher received the following note from a parent: "Please excuse Johnnie's absence from school yesterday. He fell in the mud, and by doing the same you will greatly oblige his mother." . . . Some people's minds are like women's faces. They are made up. . . . Remember the depression, when times got so bad a man had to lay off one of the hands of his watch? . . . Free speech is wonderful until the other fellow gets to talkin' too much. . . . Grey haired people can get some consolation out of the fact that the snow on the roof doesn't make so much difference just as long as there is a fire in the furnace. . . . There probably will be plenty of meat, tires, chewing gum, cigarettes, etc., about the time money gets scarce. . . . Ever hear of a guy who hit his girl in the eye so he could go on a blind date?

IN SHANTY TOWN—
 Insurance Man (weeping as he shook his head)—We can't pay your claim. Tho' I'm terribly sorry your house burned, it was only a shanty in old Shanty Town; and according to all our company's laws this policy's exempt because there ain't no shanty clause.

NOT TOO BRIGHT—
 A certain North Carolina justice of the peace, who was not overalert, recalled a witness: Justice of the Peace (sternly)—My man, you may find yourself committed for perjury. Only a few moments ago you told the court that you had one brother, but your sister has sworn that she has two. Now, out with the truth!

DIDN'T TASTE RIGHT—
 At an after-dinner speech on "Honesty," Mark Twain told this melon-stealing incident of his boyhood: "I sneaked up to the cart and stole a melon. I went into the alley to devour it. But I had no sooner set my teeth into it than I paused; a strange feeling came over me; I came to a quick conclusion. Finally, I walked up to the cart, replaced the melon—and took a ripe one."

ONE FRIEND—
 I think I'm very fortunate, because I have a friend. I know one person who is true—on whom I can depend. We speak so glibly of our friends but I think friends are rare; I mean the ones who cling when we're disgraced—or in despair. A person who would sympathize if others—all—forsake you; The one who'd understand your acts tho' all the rest mistake you. If anyone knows all your faults, and still is loyal—true, You're blest indeed, for friends are scarce; and Fate's been kind to you.—Exchange.

Bataan Vet Killed Playing With Wife

Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 27.—Sgt. Gaylor R. Shores, 29-year-old survivor of the Bataan death march, lived through three harrowing years as a Jap prisoner only to die of a gunshot wound inflicted accidentally by his bride of a few weeks.

Shores said today in a Kansas City hospital following the accidental shooting in his apartment yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Winifred Shores, 21, his wife, told officers her husband was shot during a playful scuffle with a .38 caliber revolver. The bullet entered the left side of the sergeant's chest about three inches above the heart. Mrs. Shores was released after questioning. Before he died, Shores was able to tell police that the shot was fired accidentally and ask that his wife be absolved of all blame. "Please don't do anything to her," he was quoted by police.

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THE RAMBLER
 T. C. P.

We recently heard a most excellent sermon on the subject of "Keeping Faith." One of the impressive points brought out by the speaker was keeping faith with Jesus Christ. We often wonder just how many church members keep perfect faith with their Savior? We have seen so many of them, who professed to be devout Christians, especially on the Sabbath day, who evidently forgot their allegiance to the Divine One on other days in the week. Surely those who wear the garb of Christianity should not be ashamed to give full allegiance to the Man of Galilee, who gave His life that all mankind should be benefited.

Remember the Scripture says: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." You are not called upon to sacrifice your life in order to serve your Master. All He asks is you, as a professed Christian, keep faith with Him, and let others, seeing your true faith, follow in your footsteps, and turn from evil unto good, leaving their wild and wayward ways, and turn to and walk upon the path of righteousness. "Let your light so shine, that others seeing your good works will do likewise."

Another thought. Are we or have we kept faith with our boys

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
 Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Genio Cardwell, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned executrix, on or before the 20th day of August, 1946, or this notice will be plead in bar of payment.
 This 20th day of August, 1945
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 Whicker & Whicker, Atty. 9-24

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who sacrificed their lives that we as a nation might remain free to live our lives as free men and women? When we think of the numerous white crosses in foreign lands, showing mutely the sacrifice that some American boy made upon the field of battle for each and everyone of us, we wonder if we have kept faith with him? He sacrificed his all. What have we sacrificed for him? Have we kept faith with him?

Soon those who fought for us and went through the literal fires of hell, both in Germany and in the Pacific, will be returning home. Are we going to let them think we have lost faith in them, or cause them to lose faith in us, by coming home again to find another man or woman occupying their old position and let them, as did war veterans of World War I, walk the streets out of employ-

NOTICE
 All persons are hereby notified not to harbor or conceal my wife, Emma Mae Hall, and I request an information possible as to her whereabouts.
 This 21st day of August, 1945.
 8-30-2t
 ARTHUR HALL

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of A. T. Nichols, deceased, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 1, Wilkesboro, N. C., on or before the 20th day of August, 1946, or this Notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This 17th day of August, 1945.
 EDITH NICHOLS,
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Retailers Penalized

Retail merchants throughout the country are righteously complaining that they have been "caught in the squeeze" because of the OPA ceiling price policies on goods not returning to the markets.

They said that the ceilings being set by the OPA do not allow them a profit over cost from manufacturers.

It should be plain to the OPA and everybody else that ceiling prices will have to be based on costs, and the retailers' ceiling will have to be based on what the manufacturers charge him. The price must be held down all the way from the beginning of the process of manufacture to the consumer's hands. Otherwise the price control business will miserably fail, as it did in so many instances through the war.

The biggest fault with ceiling price policies all along is that theorists have set the prices at what they thought the prices should be without due regard for the cost of production. In that process black markets were indirectly created.

Poultry farmers did not want to violate regulations, but the ceiling prices allowed them less than \$50 profit per 1,000 broilers, and not many can risk that much investment so precariously on such a small margin.

The great majority of the American people will follow necessary regulations based on equity and justice through the post war emergency.

However, the American people will not and should not stand for arbitrary restrictions any longer than is absolutely necessary.

We Have No Choice

The reasons the citizens of every nation should insist that world peace be established on a sound foundation this time, is made evident by the casualty figures released by the British Commonwealth and Empire. And it is well to remember that the atomic bomb had not added its toll to the figures recorded. If Germany had been able to use it, London would have been a barren waste and New York, a city of skyscraper skeletons.

As it was, the total British casualties were 1,427,643 killed, wounded, missing or prisoner of war. These figures included 532,233 dead or missing. Civilian casualties were 60,585 killed and 86,175 wounded.

It is no worse for a civilian to be killed or wounded in war than for a soldier—death is as final for either. But it brings war closer home to the people and impresses on them the fact that they are responsible for government, its officials and its policies. They must take more interest in seeing that small cliques and groups of men are not permitted to endanger life and property to gratify personal greed and ambition.

The agencies of destruction perfected in World War II, to turn loose on the world, indicate that if another war is permitted, it will be the civilian population that are wiped out. Therefore, it is up to the people themselves to prevent such a catastrophe.

Plan to Can the Planners

If the regulators who have had control of production and selling of such necessities as sugar, meat, milk products, clothing and commodities used by the average American family, are responsible for the shortages we are now experiencing, it is time the American people were given the facts, and let the chips fall where they may.

The planners of our sugar supply started their "control" experiments in the thirties, and the net result is economic dislocations