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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

## Benefits Of AAA

The AAA program for this year offers Alleghany farmers \$48,788.00 for improved farm practices. And these practices are varied enough to suit all types of farms and farmers. But in order to earn his share in this allotment a farmer must make his plans with his committeemen before March 15.

Included in the practices approved for the county by the committee and other agricultural leaders are the following: Liming, use of phosphate, potash, winter cover crops, small grains, permanent pastures, pasture improvement, contour strip-cropping, sericea and forest planting.

These are practices that farmers should be interested in at any time and of course be particularly interested in at this time since, when approved, they will entitle them to their share of the AAA allotment.

The names of the county committeemen as well as those of the various communities are published elsewhere in this paper today. Farmers who have not yet made their plans with their committeemen are urged to do so at once. Let's improve our farms through better farming practices and take advantage of the 1946 AAA program.

## Securing New Industries

We are happy that much interest is being shown in securing new industries for this section. We have many natural resources of which we can be justly proud, but we believe that most public spirited citizens who want to see this section grow and develop realize the importance of additional payrolls supplied by industry. Through the efforts of an enterprising group of citizens some industries are at least being influenced to look the field over.

It must be remembered that while many industries have expansion programs underway that they will locate where the advantages weigh most heavily in their favor. In many cases it will pay a town or county to offer special advantages to the right type of industry, for in the end they will be doubly repaid. There are some industries that will literally ask for the "world with a fence around it" and in that case, there would be little advantage to having them in the long run. But it must be remembered too, that if there is a possibility of securing a worthwhile industry, it will be well to offer some inducement to them; for there are always places elsewhere that will.

## The Bible And Progress

Few people today have any conception of the important part the Bible teachings played in the business progress of the United States or the creation of our government. America was founded on man's consciousness of God, man's daily labor and the fruits therefrom.

All over the world, during the past two decades, political teachings which aggrandized an individual, have taken the place of Bible teachings. Equality, freedom and religious liberty have been lost in nations which glorified individuals rather than principles.

In our country, strong factions are working to bring progress to all

powerful government. People are losing sight of the fact that America was not built on this basis, but was built upon a Constitution that embodies the teachings of the Bible.

It is high time that we came to our senses and, instead of aping foreign governments that criticize our country but turn to it for men and money to settle their everlasting quarrels and poverty, renewed our respect for the spirit that breathes behind our own Constitution, based on ideals which have given us liberty and blessings beyond those enjoyed by all other peoples.

And don't let any foreign or domestic politician try to tell you he has a system under which government will do for the individual what the individual cannot do for himself if he keeps government his servant rather than his master.

## International Bad Manners

The American public has had trouble following the accounts of the UNO meeting with full comprehension.

However, one thing stands out—there is some angry name calling going on at this meeting on the other side of the ocean.

Some of the language of the representatives has been strong—"I give the lie to that accusation" has resounded through the meeting hall.

Problems such as those of Iran, Greece and Indonesia could hardly fail to excite temper when thrown open for discussion. But the most important point is—they are being discussed openly instead of being whispered about darkly behind closed doors, which is a healthy sign.

The peoples of the world can still be optimistic about the UNO—even while frowning at the display of bad manners in some quarters. But while being optimistic, some will continue to keep their fingers crossed.

## 'Tax' For Wage Increases

Higher prices appear to be the formula for settling strikes.

If manufacturers are permitted to get more for their goods, they will naturally be in a position to pay higher wages. Perhaps it is the only way out.

But what such a settlement means is this: the wage increases which labor has demanded are going to be paid by the people. When you pay more for a new car than the price named in the original ceiling, you will be paying that extra amount in order to help meet the wage increases demanded by the automobile workers. All along the line, no matter what you buy, a "tax" will be added for wage increases.

The people who will suffer most from this limited inflation will be those who didn't strike, who don't belong to unions, and who will have to pay higher prices without getting any increases in income.

## Youth Plays Safety First

Safety first is becoming the watchword of Rural America. Dangers long overlooked on farms and in homes are now being eliminated. Carelessness in performing farm tasks is being displaced by constant watchfulness.

Much of the credit for this encouraging development is given by safety authorities to 4-H Club boys and girls. These rural youth are inspiring their own and neighboring farm families to be safety conscious through surveys in which the 4-H'ers check houses, barns and yards for hazards that might cause accidents, or start fires. The youngsters also practice and preach safety in driving, walking on highways, and handling farm machinery and livestock.

Many of the youthful vigilantes are participating in the 1946 National 4-H Farm Safety program. Their records of safety work will first be considered for county medals of honor. Eight state champions will be selected from the county winners to receive a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond each. A special plaque also provided by General Motors will be presented to the county having the best 4-H safety record in 1946. Three state champions from each of the four extension sections and four at large will be given trips to the 1946 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Twelve of the latter will be named national winners and each awarded a \$200 college scholarship.

This is a program worthy of the support of all 4-H boys and girls. We hope there are many from this county who will participate in the program.

## CPL. ROY L. SMITH GIVEN DISCHARGE

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Bronze Star Medal reads as follows:

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy while serving on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 February to 24 March, 1945. During the entire operation, Private First Class Smith served with unusual coolness and bravery, and his steadiness inspired the men under him and with him. On 24 February, 1945, when his squad leader and fire group leaders were wounded in a furious attack across the Motoyama Airfield No. 2, Private First Class Smith unhesitatingly assumed the responsibilities of leadership. With relentless fighting spirit and outstanding leadership in duties beyond his rank, he contributed materially to the success of the attack. Private First Class Smith's courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

G. B. ERSKINE,  
Major General,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding.

Dated: 8 June 1945.

## SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Rev. Fred Blevins, of Wilkesboro, will preach at Liberty Baptist church on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service and hear the Rev. Mr. Blevins.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—For the first time in years, the house of representatives has passed, by a large vote, a bill which was vehemently opposed by organized labor. This action is expected to serve as a warning to union leaders that their strike actions in the past few months have stirred up public resentment and that they will lose out in the long run unless they show more consideration for the public.

Whether the Case bill, which provides drastic curbs on organized labor, will ever see light of day in the senate is very questionable. If left up to the senate labor committee, which has almost a unanimous pro-labor membership, there is little chance that it will ever be brought to the floor. But it is quite probable that the measure will be brought out by some other committee, as it was in the house, and may then be voted upon.

The Case bill, however, is not expected to be of much use in settling present labor-management controversies which are seriously delaying reconversion. These will be settled, it seems certain now, by the government agreeing to permit price rises on practically everything. When assured of being able to charge higher prices which partly cover wage increases, management will then probably agree to boost wages to a point satisfactory to labor.

Office of Price Administration officials, who have been battling to hold prices in line, see this move as a higher inflationary one, but some of them agree that it is better to permit limited inflation than to have production delayed indefinitely.

President Truman's sudden "tighten your belt" order, and his announcement that rationing may come back in order to aid the critical food situation in Europe, came as a big surprise, even to the leaders of the food industry.

Whether we will have to get out our ration books again is still uncertain. According to the President it will depend on how far we go voluntarily. There will continue to be plenty to eat in our country, since we will only be called upon to sacrifice a comparatively small proportion of our production of a few vital products, particularly wheat. And a large proportion of the wheat we will be asked to sacrifice will be made available by reducing the amount used for alcoholic beverages.

Few Americans will object to this small sacrifice when they are aware of the plight of people in the rest of the world, but it is to be hoped that, from now on, our government will keep us

## BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones announce the birth of a daughter on January 26, weight seven and

## Oil on Troubled Waters?



## PLANS MADE FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

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to raise the \$625.00.

In noting the urgent need of the Red Cross today despite the war's end, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff of the U. S. Army said, "The Red Cross contributed mightily to the suc-

cessful prosecution of the war. With the peace its services are even more urgently needed to assist in maintaining the highest morale among American troops. Until every American in uniform overseas is home again the Red Cross will be called upon to play a major role in contributing to his comfort and well-being."

## AMERICAN HEROES



WHEN the tanker Virginia was struck by enemy torpedoes and exploded, Mike Kuzma, seaman, suffered severe burns in the blazing gasoline. He ignored his hurts, however, when he saw two shipmates worse off. He succeeded in towing both men out of the flaming area and supporting them until picked up by a rescue crew. Kuzma was awarded a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in War Bonds must be sold to replace that tanker and the fuel.

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## Sidelights of Business

**JOHN HANCOCK HAD A BIG SIGNATURE, AND HE ALSO HAD A COMMODIOUS DESK, (RIGHT), A TYPE POPULAR IN COLONIAL YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE WOOD OFFICE FURNITURE INSTITUTE.**

**EASY ON THE DRAW... WOOD DESK MAKERS HAVE MADE IMPROVEMENTS SO THAT DESK DRAWERS MOVE IN OR OUT WITH A FLICK OF THE FINGER.**

**SCRIBES... BECAUSE THEY COULD READ AND WRITE IN AN ILLITERATE AGE, MEDIEVAL SCRIBES PREPARED RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE. THEY USED SPECIAL DESKS.**

**DON'T FENCE ME IN! OFFICE WORKERS NEED 60 TO 75 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE FOR MOST EFFECTIVE WORK.**

## Behind Your Bonds Lies the Might of America



## WHEAT IN OREGON

Oregon's principal crop, wheat, totals 20,424,000 bushels a year worth \$18,263,000. Oats, barley, corn and rye are grown in substantial quantities. Its apples, pears and cherries are major economic items. Vegetables thrive there. Oregon produces almost 8 million bushels of potatoes and 660,000 sacks of onions yearly. All that rolls up added wealth for the Nation behind your Bonds.

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## Behind Your Bonds Lies the Might of America



## FLORIDA FARMS

Two million acres of farms in Florida produce citrus, tobacco, sugar cane, tung oil, grapes, citrus fruits and vegetables valued at \$285,000,000 annually. Only 1 per cent of the land is cultivated in the state, leaving vast acreage to be developed and furnish additional national wealth. Increased post-war reconstruction activity will also contribute to the Nation's resources shared by investors in War Bonds.

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