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The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father.—Ezek. 18:20.

## Army "Betterment"

In its first appearance this week, the Army newspaper in the India-Burma theatre offers a nine-point program of organization for "betterment" of enlisted personnel. Proposals set forth will not be accepted in their entirety by every one, but some of them have the ring of logic and are worthy of consideration.

Some of the suggestions have to do with the so-called GI "rip-off" lately aired before a congressional committee. Among them are prohibitions based upon merit rather than seniority, common billeting of all personnel below the rank of major, wearing of identical uniforms, equal rations of food and drink to all personnel and use of enlisted men as jurors in army courts-martial. While common billeting below the rank of major may place the differential a bit too high, there is fairly general agreement that there is altogether too much distinction and snobishness in the present set-up.

One of the most serious angles of the nine-point program is that of a \$2,000 bonus for all veterans. Assuming that this would apply equally to all branches of the armed services, it would amount to some \$26 billions for the approximately thirteen million men and women in the over-all military establishment during the recent war. And what a load that would lay upon the Federal budget and the public debt, already approaching three hundred billion dollars, without thus far showing very pronounced tendency to reverse its trend and start on a downward curve.

Veterans of World War I were given a huge bonus in later years, and that means it would be only fair to accord similar treatment to men of this last war. But it is just as well that all of us acquire a consciousness of the direction in which we are traveling and the speed at which we are moving, with a thought now and then as to where we may possibly come to a standstill. We have become accustomed to high finance, yet at the same time there is the ever present possibility that it may become too high, even for wealthy America.

## A Distinct Honor

The offer to former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus of North Carolina to become chief of the defense counsel in the war crimes trials in Japan was a high compliment and a distinct honor to him—and we venture to say to the State also, for North Carolinians like to share the satisfaction that comes from recognition of this kind.

The former governor's former law partner, Kenneth Royall, of Goldsboro, now under secretary of war and at that time a brigadier general in the War Department, was chief of defense counsel for the German spy-saboteurs captured on Long Island after being landed from a German submarine. He did an outstanding job in a very unpleasant role in the heat of a great war for survival, just as Ehringhaus would have done had he accepted instead of rejected the Justice Department's offer several days ago.

Since he relinquished the governorship nine years ago, in 1937, Ehringhaus has practiced law in Raleigh, and commitments and obligations to clients, together with the return of his son to the legal partnership after war services, were the considerations involved in the refusal of the opportunity for a year's stay in Japan. For that the former governor can hardly be censured. It was, to be sure, a personal decision for him to make. A year is a long time to abandon a lucrative law

practice involving vital interests of clients in a critical period. The task in Tokyo would have added new lustre to an already distinguished career in which success has come rapidly and in generous proportions. But it could have exacted a toll back home which would partially have offset what this was gained.

Moreover, the defense of Japanese war criminals would have been largely a formality, even as it is in the civilian trials at Nuernberg. Almost certainly all, or at least most, of the defendants will be convicted. There will be varying degrees of punishment, but there will be punishment of some sort. Testimony presented in Germany has been and that in Japan will be, in large measure, a parody to the world of the inside story of totalitarianism, and a record for the history books of the infamous machinations of these would-be world rulers. That is valuable and important for the sake of posterity, as a sort of evidence of mistakes in the past from which to profit and as a warning to any who in the future may aspire to such ambitions as possessed Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo and their gangs. In that light, we would appraise present and approaching dramas as more than justified.

Since the Tokyo trials will be almost exclusively an American show, it naturally follows that American judicial practices will prevail. Hence the necessity for appointed counsel to represent the defendants. It was a tempting offer that came to Governor Ehringhaus; yet his refusal is readily understood.

## Wake Forest To Move

While there are yet other hurdles to be negotiated before a final decision is reached, it appears, in the light of recommendations of various Baptist boards which met at Wake Forest Thursday, that the Reynolds offer will be accepted and that the college will in due time pull up and move, bag and baggage, to Winston-Salem embracing an opportunity for expansion both in facilities and in opportunity for service to the State and the South in creation of a great university.

It would seem that the influence of gentlemen who constitute the boards which met Thursday, and other leaders variously concerned, would be sufficient to swing sentiment in the Baptist State Convention to their way of thinking, if they are disposed to exert that influence. They may be content to let the convention to make its own decisions without pressure, and we are not so sure but that that would be preferable. It is fortunate that there is an interim of some months between the present and the date of the convention, affording adequate time for sentiment to crystallize one way or the other. Once the Baptists do make up their minds, however, it is certain that the full force and extent of a mighty enthusiasm will be marshaled behind the movement and that no obstacle will stand in the way of potentially great developments in the offing.

Presumably due consideration will be given to the very important matter of endowment and permanent sources from which funds may be drawn to maintain the plant and its facilities far above and beyond revenues accruing from tuition and fees paid by students—even two thousand of them. For that matter, though our guess is that once the offer is accepted the Reynolds family's present commitments will be but the beginning of a rich endowment that would be placed behind the new university for its support and development.

Indications at this time point to acceptance of the offer and transfer of the college from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem. And while it is wholly a question for the denomination itself to determine, it appears to be an exceptionally fine opportunity.

## A Lift For Today

And when they came unto the place which is called, The skull, there they crucified him.—Luke 23:33

IT WAS GOD HIMSELF sharing the travail of man's evil that He might lift him from sin to righteousness.

Our Father, we thank Thee that the Cross speaks a language that every man can hear and understand.

## ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

Below are the correct answers to the quiz questions printed on back page.  
1. May 19.  
2. \$2,200,000.  
3. Owl.  
4. True.  
5. Arctic Ocean.  
6. 1000 (781 Nazi subs; 130 Japanese and 85 Italian).  
7. 113 days.  
8. Dr. Karl Haushofer.  
9. True.  
10. J. S. (for James Sincock, its designer).

## IT'S SPRINGTIME ON THE RIO "GRAND"



## GRAB BAG

**One-Minute Test.**  
1. What city is the fishing capital of the U. S.?  
2. From what fish do we obtain caviar?  
3. Is a sponge a plant or an animal?

**Words of Wisdom.**  
Moral courage is a virtue of higher cast and nobler origin than physical. It springs from a consciousness of virtue, and renders a man, in the pursuit or defense of right, superior to the fear of reproach, opposition or contempt.—B. S. Goodrich.

**Hints on Etiquette.**  
People who greet each other and meet, stop for a moment and always shake hands, meeting an acquaintance, you bow, smile, and pass on.

**Today's Horoscope.**  
If you have a birthday today, you are naturally very cautious and act only after due consideration. Your decision made, you will not retract any part of it, but carry all responsibility. You love your home and continually try to make it more pleasant and attractive. In the early hours of this morning you may feel imposed upon, but don't flare up. Later friendly affairs are under helpful rays, make plans for having a good time. Around 7:30 the day may start with some unpleasant news; if a consider is needed, you be the one. Don't expect to find bargains at 9:30 this morning. Defer shopping plans or attempts to seek work. At 12 noon have lunch with a friend whose company is pleasant and stimulating. This afternoon it is advisable to be careful in using matches or any inflammable material. Employment prospects are negative early this evening, and around 9:30 P. M. is no time to be impulsive.

**One-Minute Test Answers.**  
1. Boston, Mass.  
2. The Russian sturgeon.  
3. Sponges are the skeletons of a low type of animal.

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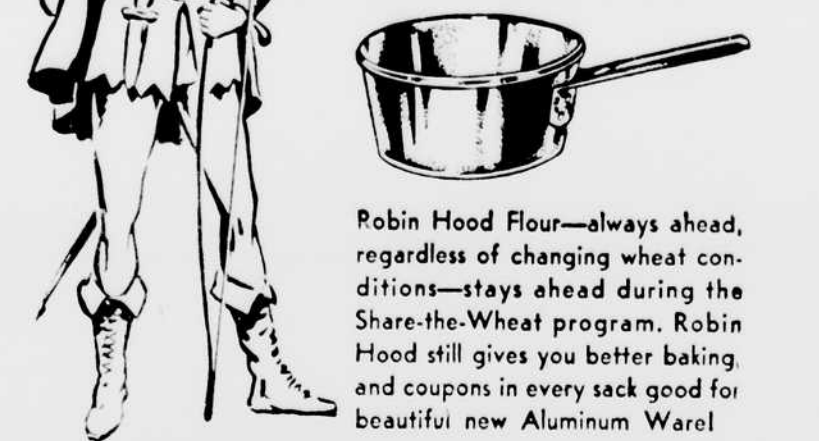
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