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**GOLD STAR MOTHERS' DAY**

Sunday, September 29, has been designated by the President as "Gold Star Mothers' Day" and the people of the nation have been requested to give suitable expression "to the love, sorrow and reverence of the people of the United States for the Gold Star Mothers."

This is an occasion that should not be overlooked. The men who gave their lives for this country, during the first World War, should never be forgotten and, as important, the people of this country should not hesitate to accord full honors to the mothers of the heroic dead.

The honor that the nation often displays for its living veterans is all right and they have been generously provided for by a grateful government. There should be some public recognition of the great sacrifices that other men made at the price of tears and sorrow for many others. It is right that Marion, in this grave period, should not forget to honor the Gold Star Mothers.

**R. A. F.—A FIGHTING CREW!**

The aerial assaults that have been launched against the British islands in the past few weeks have aroused apprehension in the hearts of many Americans.

It was good news to us, in this peaceful land, to hear that the valiant men who serve the Royal Air Force are inflicting such heavy losses on the German planes.

This is good news, not because brave German pilots lose their lives, but because we are convinced that the cause of human liberty depends just now upon the valor and determination of the R. A. F. It is putting up a fight that earns the admiration of the civilized world and verifies Winston Churchill's splendid tribute, "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

The German effort to "wipe out" the British aerial defense has not yet succeeded. Reports from overseas indicate that the British retain strong aerial forces and that they are ready for heavier attacks than they have yet witnessed. This is a happy augury for a better day in the future when the civilization of the world may be guaranteed by force in the hands of nations ruled by men who believe in democracy and in justice to all people.

**HOW FRANCE PAYS FOR DEFEAT**

As we understand the situation, France must pay the costs of maintaining 2,000,000 soldiers in "occupied France," also the upkeep of 2,000,000 French prisoners taken by the Germans and now being transferred in part to Germany for work and according to some newspaper correspondents, the cost of certain German laborers who are being sent into France.

This ought to give the world in general a good idea of what Hitler and his regime considers a just peace. The costs thus placed upon the prostrate treasury of the defeated nation is not the only tribute that it is paying to its conquerors. It covers only the official costs.

It has been reported that German soldiers, in occupied France, are being paid in special marks that the Bank of France is required to honor, although the German government has put up nothing to make them good. The invaders buy what they want, paying Frenchmen in the artificial money. The French lose the goods, which are valuable, and get in return worthless paper money.

Advertising is not, as some think, an additional expense; it is a super-sales program that produces results.

You can't expect the average baseball fan to pay much attention to small matters like the bombing of London.

**The Oldtimer**



**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Most committee meetings represent a waste of time.

A compliment a day is better than a quarrel a day.

Life, to some folks, is devising plans to persuade somebody else to work.

Children who are pampered and spoiled become adults who are pampered and spoiled.

Almost anybody can work when he has to work; the successful man can work when he does not "have to work."

Selling is the keystone of any business success; consequently, the man who can sell will always have work to do.

The question of the war, at this time, is "Can the English take it?" Later on, it will be "Can the Germans take it?"

Marion is no exception to the rule that selfish leadership will eventually destroy any community; what we need, now as always, is unselfish leaders.

The business of business is profits.

**FRIENDSHIP BELLS**

Bells! They are mankind's second voice. They sing our cheers, shout our warnings, toll our momentary griefs, announce our friends, celebrate our arrivals, tinkle our presence in little shops, order us to school, lead us to church, entice us to dinner.

They used to advertise our wares or our needs or call our attention to the news or to Kings' proclamations. They have told time almost since time was. They warmed winter travel with their cheery jangle. They can be as delightfully various as the carillons they compose, as dutifully monotonous as the rocking of a buoy.

Bells! But we might have missed a pleasant moment, musical with thoughts of bells, had not a gentleman in Alameda, California, made a hobby of collecting them. He has an English town crier's bell, very old, the bells from a bride's slippers — "bells on her toes."

But to tell of all the bells he has would ring a whole year out and the new one in. Part of the pleasure of his hobby has come from the many people from all parts of the world whose acquaintance he has made through bells, this collector says. What a warmth of friendship must pervade the rooms through which they ring, what messages come from what far lands when a long-wandering breeze sets them a-tinkling!—Christian Science Monitor.

**CHURCHES AND MEMBERSHIP**

According to the Census of 1940, which is now being compiled, the various religious denominations of the country have a membership of 55,807,000,000, representing an increase of 1,231,000 during the past 10 years. The total value of church property is given at \$3,411,000,000.

The total communicant membership of the Presbyterian Church in the United States last year, according to church officials, was 2,021,901. This was a gain of 43,806 over the preceding year—the largest net increase since 1923. The 1939 total communicant membership was the largest in the church's history. The 8,775 churches contributed a total of \$41,862,860 last year, \$1,960,580 over the year before.

**STATE NOW HAS 26 CITIES OF 10,000**

Washington.—The census bureau has announced that tentative figures from the last census showed North Carolina to have 26 cities in the 10,000 or more class. The figures are subject to correction.

Charlotte made the largest numerical gain in the 1930-40 period, an increase of 17,562, which gave it 100,327 and put it alone into the 100,000 class.

The largest percentage gain was registered by Hickory, which jumped from 7,363 to 13,488 an increase of 82.2 per cent.

The state as a whole gained 12.4 per cent in population, attaining a total of 3,563,174 as compared with 3,170,267.

Eight of the 100 counties lost population; in others increases were shown with Alamance showing the largest percentage advance, 35.9 per cent.

The counties that lost were Anson, Camden, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Perquimans, Union and Warren.

Cities of 10,000 with the percentage of increase, were listed as follows: Asheville, 51,227, 2.1; Burlington, 12,161, 24.9; Charlotte, 100,327, 21.4; Concord, 15,556, 31.6; Durham, 59,731, 14.3; Elizabeth City, 11,534, 14.9; Fayetteville, 17,413, 33.4; Gastonia, 21,311, 24.7; Goldsboro, 17,256, 15.2; Greensboro, 58,786, 9.7; Greenville, 12,691, 38; Hickory, 13,488, 83.2; High Point, 33,449, 4.6; Kinston, 15,492, 36.3; Lexington, 10,586, 9.7; New Bern, 11,847, 1.1 decrease; Raleigh, 46,640, 24.3; Reidsville, 10,394, 51.7; Rocky Mount, 25,959, 21.2; Salisbury, 18,968, 11.9; Shelby, 14,036, 30.1; Statesville, 11,428, 8.9; Thomasville, 11,073, 9.7; Wilmington, 32,980, 2.2; Wilson, 19,213, 52.3; and Winston-Salem, 79,828, 6.

Newcomers to the class were: Burlington, Greenville, Hickory, Lexington and Reidsville.

Kannapolis was not included in the government table of cities, although its population is placed at more than 25,000 because it is not an incorporated municipality.

**CRAWFORD IMPROVES**

Old Fort, Sept. 24.—John Crawford, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Marion General hospital last week, is recuperating at his home here.

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**U. S. POPULATION GAIN 7 PER CENT, CENSUS REVEALS**

Washington, Sept. 21.—The census bureau announced tonight that the population of the United States on April 1 was 131,409,881. This was a gain of 7 per cent since 1930—the smallest percentage increase in any decade in American history.

The 48 states and the District of Columbia reported 8,634,835 more residents than they did ten years ago, but individual states had widely differing stories.

By percentages, Florida gained the fastest of the states, 27.9 per cent, while South Dakota lost the most, 7.5 per cent. The District of Columbia, where the number of government workers has doubled, outpaced all the states with a 36.2 gain.

In actual numbers, California gained the most, 1,196,437, and Kansas lost the most, 81,862.

The 7 per cent national gain was less than half the ratio in any previous decade. Census Director William L. Austin said this was due to a declining birth rate and a virtual stoppage of immigration during the last 10 years. From 1910 to 1920, the gain was 14.9 per cent, and from 1920 to 1930 it was 16.1 per cent.

The effect of birth rates on the population total was shown, he added, in the fact that the northern states accounted for only one-third of the national gain, while the southern half of the country—where the birth rate is higher—and the Pacific coast states accounted for two-thirds of the increase.

**THE POPULATION PEAK**

The National Resources Planning Board estimates that the population of the United States will reach its peak by 1980, with a figure of 158,000,000. In the opinion of the Board, 40 years from now the number of persons from 45 to 65 years of age will be almost doubled, while persons over 64 will be treble the present number.

The Board further predicts that industry will soon be faced with adjusting itself to a decreasing supply of young labor.

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