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AMERICA, GET READY!

On the whole the outlook is dark. Save on the Russian front the Allied forces are meeting defeat and disaster. Ships are being sunk, lands devastated, cities destroyed, forts taken and men captured or killed. That segment of eternity called time is an important element in this titanic struggle between believers of faith and lovers of liberty and dumb driven fatalists and godless yet fearless Huns. While America wakes out of its indifference and lethargy and starts to get ready for real fighting, our advance guard fights on and dies.

For a year the captains of industry have been lining their money chests with more gain at the expense of the nation. The labor unions have seized the opportunity of chiseling while the chiseling was good, even challenging the government for the sake of gain. Ten million white collared men and women have complacently drawn more pay than they ever made before and twice what they earned. And many of them are still doing it, filling worthless jobs when they ought to be filling the trenches on the battle front. The selfish and sinful condition of America is manifested too fully in the attitude of the nation to get gain, ease and pleasure in the face of a disastrous war. Only the roar of a bombing plane or the scream of a shell, or perhaps the loss of a son on a far distant isle, will wake them out of their torpid patriotism.

America claims to be a Christian nation. If so, then she should face the matter of a personal preparation to find that peace of mind and soul that comes from finding the will of God and following his lead. His law must prevail in both public and private life. Each individual must be at peace with his Maker before he can contribute to a lasting peace among men. America needs repentance, consecration, and right relationship with God more than the armaments of men. Both are necessary to win this war, but the first can never be last. It must be a righteous war. We cannot buy God's favor, but through penitence, consecration, we may receive his blessing. Before we can have God's help we must make our nation worthy of his favor. And without his favor, battles may be won, but in the end the war will be lost. First of all America must realize that the God of the nations is a righteous God. We must accept and follow after the principles of truth and justice that are basic in His very nature. After having found and accepted these principles, we may arm and wage a battle assured of victory. Our battles, as of old, will then be the battles of our God. The all-important thing is not whether we are on God's side, but are we so living and fighting that we are on His side.

After this first and absolutely necessary preparation, well may America then marshal her fighting men and regiment her industry and speed her war machines on to victory. In such a spirit will we give our means and surrender our sons to our country—and to God. To such a course and for such an end and with such a consecration, let us all gird ourselves. It has been and will ever be the way God leads His people on and upward. Thus comes the Kingdom of God through the violence of men. It comes at a tremendous cost of life and resources, but its results, we must believe are a part of the ultimate will and purpose of God in His plan of the eternal ages for His people.

Americans, get ready to fight righteously and valiantly.

If the Lord God is our strength and defender, we may go out to battle with a courage and faith that will bring an abiding peace at the sunrise of a new day to a sin-sick and war-ridden old world. Again, we say and pray: God's will be done.

FORUM

To the Editor:

Why do people keep their stores open on Sunday? Wonder if they think they can buy the way to Heaven with the big profits made on Sunday.

God says not. I think God wants man to notice what He says about the Sabbath. If you have more sales on Sunday you still can't buy a ticket to Heaven. So don't worship money more than you do God.

If anyone could or would explain this question, please explain in the Zebulon Record next week.

Contributor

To the Editor:

I wish to state that in my effort to secure donations for the bettering of our church I was honest and sincere. Furthermore, I hope that I have not in any way misrepresented the purpose of the donations that I have received.

I am now especially reminded of the fact that everyone I called upon for donations responded. Whether they were great or small they have been duly appreciated. May God bless each of you who have helped in any way.

We especially appreciated Brother Davis's keen interest in our plan. He attended our church one Sunday and gave us some very helpful suggestions. Brother Davis served as pastor of Hales Chapel Church for 8 years. We appreciate his continued interest.

I feel that God has blessed practically all of us in the Hales Chapel community enough that we could have a fine place for worshipping God, to whom all belongs. The majority just haven't been willing to pay the price. However, we hope the idea of rebuilding our old structure, or anything that has been done will cause no discord in the church or with anyone.

The most important question of all is: Have we done God's will.

MRS. H. B. CRECH
Zebulon, N. C.
Route No. 1

Grandmother

God didn't take her away until I was sixteen, A sweeter old lady you've never seen; She was always kind, gentle, and true, And so forgiving, whate'er you'd do. I loved her dearly and always admired All her goodness which in a grandmother is desired. In later years when she had passed seventy-four, It was found that her mind was not so clear anymore. The passing of Grand-dad on her mind did dwell, Till at last, as you may remember, she jumped in the well. As insanity grew worse she was such a pitiful little thing. But on her death bed she rose up and began to sing "I will arise and go to Jesus." And with that God called her home, Never again to let her mind roam. —LEONA PEARCE BRAGG

Colored News

Mr. J. F. Richardson, widely known carpenter of Zebulon, died at his home on Barbee St. Thursday morning of last week, after being sick about 10 days.

He is the last one of the family and leaves a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Monday, 2:30, at the Zebulon Baptist Church with Rev. Horton in charge. Burial was in the family cemetery in Johnston County.

All of the sick are much better. The Wilson Chapel Four Quartet will be at the school the 25th of February at 8 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time.

THANKS

We wish to thank you for your beautiful flowers and every act of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our uncle, J. F. Richardson.

Mrs. O. W. Woodard & family



I was asked recently why this column was restarted. For the life of me I couldn't think of an answer. Somebody was cruel when they said it just added to the hardships of war.

Not so long ago the Governor, while being interviewed by reporters, said that "he didn't know whether the facts were true or untrue." They must've been pretty strange facts.

And who was it said that there was one consolation in this War Time. Early morning commuters in the big city don't have to worry about on which side of the train they sit any more. There just ain't no sun to shine in their eyes now.

The president put us on War Time to save electricity and then advocated more night baseball games. Is that consistent?

But this thing of getting up in the middle of the night to go to work and going to bed while it's still light can become worrisome.

In fact, it is worrisome!

While down at the Phillette Station very early the other morning, a man came in out of the rain and ordered a coke. After a bit he asked if the law was around. He explained that he had about half a pint of liquor and he wanted to go out to the car and kill it with his brother. Nobody knew where the law was, so out he went.

In a bit he came back in and said:

"My brother, he was asleep, so I just drank it all myself and didn't wake him up. Don't you reckon that was the best thing to do?"

Link Cox said he hoped the guy got home without hitting too many people.

I reckon this is as good a time as any to give some explanation of why my account of the Rose Bowl game was somewhat mixed, the first part being nearly repeated in the middle section. Through a mistake on my part, I wrote two first pages and forgot to discard one, which accounts for two or three paragraphs saying nearly identically the same thing.

But things like that don't worry me. They happen in the best of families.

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The Swashbuckler

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Mrs. T. Y. Puryear is not improving much.

Miss Gracie Horton of Raleigh spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Puryear of Mitchell Mill and Mr. M. D. Hood and family of Zebulon were visitors at Mr. T. Y. Puryear's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Puryear, Jr., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen of Knightdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Strickland of Wendell were visitors at Mr. Herman Faucette's Sunday.

Visitors to see Mr. T. Y. Puryear Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Puryear and Mrs. E. T. Puryear of Knightdale, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Gay, Mrs. John Starnes and daughter, Mr. Everette Strickland, Mr. Herman Faucette and Mr. C. D. Puryear and family.

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