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Dear Son:

How's my Soldier? Know you want all the news from here so I'm sending

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## This, That and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

Have you noticed the change in terms since there is so much likelihood of eighteen and nineteen year old boys being drafted? Before their being drafted seemed necessary every one referred to them as youths or boys; now they are called "men of eighteen and nineteen." Will the change in title affect them one way or the other?

During the Civil War boys fought and died for the Confederacy. My father went out with those sixteen years old and as a child I used to wonder if at first he were not scared to be away from Grandma at night. Even at that time sixteen seemed much older to me than does eighteen now. But I try to look at the situation without prejudice; and there is little doubt in my mind that boys from eighteen to twenty will make better soldiers than will men of forty-five. They seldom have family cares at nineteen and do have a resiliency that often deserts oldsters. They have a responsive enthusiasm and a willingness that does not count the cost. All this I grant — but to save my life I can't for one instant forget the tragedy of sending them to hold what many of us have valued too lightly.

Let them go, but if one of us who stays withholds one iota of effort or or self-denial in their behalf, may be duly rewarded.

During a time like this in which we are living it is hard to suspend judgment of those who do not see things as we see them. If we are deeply concerned over the war effort, we are prone to look upon as slackers those who fail to enlist at the first opportunity. We are liable to minimize physical disabilities of those outside our own families and to believe that the motives are whatever our own minds think them to be. Which is hard on all involved.

A young man said to me some time ago: "I do not see how boys can be satisfied to keep on in college now and ask deferment, letting others do the fighting and protect them till they think they are ready to go." And a day or so later a mother explained to me at length how very important it is that her son keep on his studies, because after the war our country will be in great need of highly trained men. A man too old for the draft wondered whether a young man married to keep from being called. One person thinks defense workers should not be paid more per hour than goes to the soldiers and that the whole country should be under military or-

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## CHURCH NEWS

### METHODIST CHURCH

This coming Sunday will be the last in this Conference year. Our Conference will be held in Wilson, beginning Nov. 3. As your pastor, I take great pride in saying this charge raised all financial obligations one month before Conference. This breaks all former records made by this charge. The stewards and all members of the church are to be praised for all that they have done to make this high record possible.

Sunday services:

Church school ..... 9:45  
Youth Fellowship ..... 7:15  
Church service ..... 8:00  
Sermon topic: A Long Look at Life

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday, November 1, 1942.

9:45 Sunday School.  
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon  
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## Mrs. E. M. Walker To Give N. Y. A. Interviews Here

Mrs. E. M. Walker, field representative for the N. Y. A., will be at the Zebulon Woman's Club on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon to interview youths interested in defense work.

Both boys and girls may apply for the courses, which for this section will be given at State College.

While many N. Y. A. projects have of necessity been discontinued, the acute need for trained defense workers makes it essential for certain skills to be emphasized. This offers young people a chance to earn while learning. See Mrs. Walker next Wednesday for details.

## Behind The Scenes In American Business

—By John Craddock—

NEW YORK — With wider rationing of scarce commodities, particularly foodstuffs, near at hand, a lot of belt-tightening is in prospect. Signs of what is to come already are evident. Coffee has become a will-o'-the-wisp. Meat is harder to obtain and milk shortages are reported in some areas. Currently, of the foodstuffs, only sugar is being rationed. But others will follow, say Washington reports — as soon as the necessary machinery can be established. Meat rationing has been promised — two and a half pounds a week to a person. In fact, some cities are experiencing it with meatless days in restaurants. Thus a swing

from abundance to scarcity is taking place. Although there's little likelihood of the nation going hungry on the war-time diet that is taking form, one thing is certain: the diner plate isn't going to look the same.

PRE-FABRICATED CITIES — Government housing authorities have come up with one answer to the serious problem of finding homes for the thousands of workers pouring into war plants in every part of the country. It is the pre-fabricated, demountable home which is proving an efficient solution to providing workers and their families with every living comfort. A city of these prefabricated homes is nearing completion at the Kingsbury ordnance plant near La Porte, Indiana. Over two thousand homes, from one to three-bedroom capacity, already have been erected. Others, in addition to stores and a hospital, are to follow. But there's more here than just a story of how these modern type homes are filling the bill. That's the story of how one industry, Libbey-Owens-Ford Co., converted part of the peace-time facilities of its Ottawa, Illinois, plant to aid the government in the war effort by building pre-fabricated homes. The big Toledo glass firm is now producing these homes in volume — proof that American industry can do just about any job asked of it.

WOMEN — The old saying that woman's place is in the home may well have been true in grandmother's day, but times have changed. Today, with the manpower problem daily becoming acute, women are leaving the kitchen and office for the assembly line to aid in turning out the huge quantities of war material needed to fight a global war effectively. A Bureau of Census survey discloses that the feminine army in the factory and on the farm is growing by leaps and bounds. Some 14,300,000 women were at work in August, a gain of 2,100,000 over August, 1941. This comprises 15 per cent of agricultural employment, and nearly 30 per cent of nonagricultural employment.

Nowadays women can get a job in a shipyard or in the lumbering industry. They are replacing men in railroad yards and as drivers of trucks, buses and trolley cars. The Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company recently let down the bars to eight of their number for work in the yards. At the Pennsylvania Railroad's Sunnyside yards on Long Island there are several feminine crews. A drive-away concern employs some to drive big trucks which haul Army trucks, jeeps and ambulances from

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# Vance Brown Majors Local War Fund Drive

Vance Brown, major for the Zebulon division in the United War Fund of Raleigh and Wake County, announced that the quota for this city has been set at \$1,500. Quota for the county, outside of Raleigh, is \$10,000.

"This quota is our share of the goal for fourteen agencies participating in the campaign," said Brown. "There are 21 agencies included in the United War Fund but seven of them serve only Raleigh. These we are not asked to support.

"The agencies which will receive our pledges are: USO, which takes care of our boys wherever they may be, through 1000 service clubs located in towns adjacent to camps and military outposts overseas; Navy Relief Society, serving the families of Navy men during periods of emergency; War Prisoners' Aid Committee, a USO for members of the "barbed-wire legions"; National Anti-Syphilis Committee, working to clean up vice conditions around armed camps.

"Six foreign relief agencies will benefit through the United War Fund, providing food, clothing and medical needs to the peoples of Britain, Greece, Poland, the Netherlands, Russia and many other bomb-ravished countries. Local agencies receiving support through the Fund are: Boy Scouts; Council of Social Agencies; Wake County Mental Hygiene Clinic and the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

The United War Fund campaign opens the night of October 22 at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. "To the Colors," a show starring Corporal Hargrove, author of the best seller "See Here Private Hargrove", will be the big feature. Governor J. Melville Broughton will deliver a campaign challenge to the city of Raleigh and Wake County. John Swain will accept the challenge for the County and Mayor Graham Andrews for the city. All workers for the campaign are especially urged to attend the show.

Women workers for the Fund will be entertained by Mrs. J. Melville Broughton this Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Governor's Mansion. Over 160 women workers from the county division are expected to attend.

In accepting the County quota for the campaign, Senator L. Y. Ballentine, County division colonel said, "The quota seems large, but the job is a big one. I really believe that the people of Wake County, once they understand the needs of the people for whom this money is being raised, will pledge enough not only to reach the quota, but enough to put the county way over the top.

"Here's the way I see it. Our boys are serving all over the world. We can't be with them to see that they are taken care of. But there are agencies in the United War Fund that are taking care of these boys of ours everywhere. We will support them, because we love our boys. We want our boys to

know that we are helping them from the home front.

"Then there are the suffering people of war-torn lands. They have almost nothing. Many of them are starving to death. If they lose what spirit they have left and submit to the dictators, then our cause may be lost. We have plenty to eat and wear. We'll help those folks. We want them to know that free people over here are thinking about them, and helping them so that they will continue to fight until we can release them from the war lords."

Sunday, October 25 has been designated as Campaign Sunday, when ministers are urged to bring to the members of their congregations the spirit of the United War Fund.

The first report meeting will be Monday, October 26 and the final Victory meeting, Tuesday, November 3.

Quotas assigned the various communities in the county are as follows: Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Wendell, Wake Forest and Zebulon \$1500 each; Cary 1000; Garner and Knightdale \$300 each; Holly Springs and Millbrook \$200 each; Swift Creek, Auburn, Vance and Mt. Vernon-Goodwin \$100 each.

Among the majors for the United War Funds in the county are: E. D. Flowers for Knightdale; M. C. Todd for Wendell; Vance Brown for Zebulon; Rev. Fon Scofield for Rolesville; and Lawrence Harris and Dr. A. C. Reid for Wake Forest.

Garland Crews is the Negro major for Zebulon.