

This, That & The Other

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No, Beatrice, I did not see the spook show at the local theater last Thursday night. But when I went home at nearly eleven, after working that late to help with *Old Gold and Black*, Wake Forest College weekly, I did see a show. From down below the theater almost to the other end of the block a throng of men, women and children crowded, giggled, talked, laughed, grumbled, waiting more or less impatiently to see whether they might get inside. Gray-haired women stood in the line, younger persons giggled as they waited. The sound of talk and laughter filled the air. Schoolchildren whose bedtime hour had long passed waited with grownups who probably have no special bedtime hour.

I watched for a few minutes with a puzzled wonder, not being one of those who yearn to be scared any oftener than I just have to be.

My son, Ferd, somewhere in the Pacific war area, wrote me concerning my comment on the *Sad Sack* cartoons, now published in a number of dailies. He thinks I either saw too deeply or not deeply enough. The shallow glance, it seems, enjoys the situations simply as a joke. The deeper look brings to view the sadness of some one always being the butt of ridicule or disaster. Beyond that is the knowledge that all of us enjoy seeing in drawing or in print the trials and troubles we ourselves may have experienced in part. And *Sad Sack* has all of these that military life can give.

Last week my brother, Manly Farmer, sent me a box of sassafras roots. In case you don't know or don't remember, sassafras tea is both an enjoyable beverage and medicine to those who like it. Each spring of my youth this tea was brewed or boiled by the potful. Red sassafras is much better than white and gives a beautiful pink color to the tea. I don't know anyone around here who makes it except Mrs. Kemp Leonard. But I'll give you a cupful, if you'll call. It is at its best when served for supper with hot batter bread that has been spread with all the butter that it will absorb; so we shall certainly be confined to second or third best this year; but we'll have tea.

The three-year-old grandson came one day last week with this statement and question: My daddy fightin' for me an' my mamma. Who fightin' for you?"

I told him another son is fighting for me, that my neighbors' sons and my nephews are fighting for me; and he said relievedly, "Then you not have to go. You can stay home."

That conversation kept coming into my mind as I worked on the talk for this week's program for the Woman's Club. The subject was American Homes and I realized anew that, with the dangers threatening our homes now, we housekeepers and homemakers are forced to be in the front lines of battle. There can be no shirking, no attempt to shift responsibility to others. No church, school or organization by any name can take the place of home, nor can youth learn so well anywhere else the fundamental lessons of honesty, sobriety, chastity and industry. More than ever before we need to fight for the safety of our homes and the well-being of those who are in our care. If we forget, or if we fail, we shall be as guilty as are those who refuse to help in fighting overseas.

NOTICE — RED CROSS WORKERS

A Red Cross workers' meeting will be held at the Carolina Power and Light Co. office Thursday evening at 8:00. All workers and other interested citizens are urged to attend. Workers' kits, with final instructions, will be issued at that time.

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Symbolic Red Cross Emblem To Appear In Windows Again

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Once again, next month, the scarlet emblem of the American Red Cross will appear in the windows of American homes, symbolizing the financial support of the nation in supporting the manifold services of that organization to American fighting men overseas.

In every nation of the world, this red cross has long been the symbol of universal humanitarianism, both in peace and in time of war. Today it is worn by medical corpsmen of all armies and navies serving the wounded. It protects hospital tents, ships, planes and trains. Painted on each of the international Red Cross ships bearing food parcels to prisoners of war and exchanged prisoners homeward, it is a guarantee of safety from acts of war.

To the giver doing his part to fulfill the \$200,000,000 goal of the American Red Cross in 1945, it represents his personal part in supplying the material things which add to the morale of the American serviceman, whether hospitalized or able-bodied.

"The window sticker means more than dollars contributed to the Red Cross," Chairman Basil O'Connor declared. "It means service clubs, canteens, recreation rooms and club mobiles for the men in war theatres."

To the American Red Cross each window sticker is a family's request to the Red Cross to continue its responsibilities on behalf of the son in Italy, the neighbor's boy nait a turn around the globe in the Philippines, and the brother fighting on the Western Front. It is the expression of faith of the American people



Once again this year, in March, the world-known scarlet symbol of mercy will appear in windows throughout the nation, indicating that Mr. and Mrs. America are solidly behind the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund campaign.

That Red Cross will maintain the supplies of surgical dressings, blood plasma and whole blood, kit bags and comfort articles to the battlefronts. It is a vote of gratitude for the millions of food parcels reaching American men in enemy prison camps.

Opening March 1, the third American Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$200,000,000 the same as last year—will continue throughout the entire month. More than 3,000,000 volunteers will distribute the familiar window emblems, conducting a house-to-house canvass to fulfill the 1945 quota. Along with the window emblem, each contributor will receive a lapel tab fashioned after the Red Cross flag—the flag known to all as a sign of aid and comfort.

Talton Appoints Captains And Workers In Red Cross Drive



In Service

Almost fully recovered from shocked nerves and tropical fever after action on Saipan and Tinian last June Pfc. Wilbur A. White is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy White. He will report back to San Diego where he will be assigned to limited duty with the WSMC.

ATC Air Base, Casablanca—Staff Sergeant James U. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Booth, Route 1, Cary, North Carolina, is assigned to the Finance Section at Cazes Air Base, Casablanca, in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command.

In his 14 months overseas, Sgt. Booth has seen Dakar, air terminus under the western bulge of Africa, and the old walled city of Marrakech. He is based within five minutes of Casablanca, scene of the Roosevelt-Churchill Conference.

Sgt. Booth received training in Administration at Fort Logan, Colorado. A graduate of Cary High School, he was employed by the Nash-Steele Motor Company, Raleigh, N. C. before entering service in March, 1943.

His wife, Mrs. Florence M. Booth maintains their home at 708 South Kimbrough Street, Raleigh.

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Private Rayford Driver, Jr., whose home is on Route 2, Zebulon, North Carolina, has been cited by the 350th "Battle Mountain" Regiment of the 38th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Fred Page, student senior at State College, has joined the Merchant Marines. He is the only son of the F. L. Pages.

News has been received of the death of Cpl. Earl Hardison of Lenoir County, who was killed in action in the Philippines on January 1. He was a gunner on a B-25 with the AAF. His wife was formerly Miss Earle Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Williams of near Zebulon. They had been married less than a month when Cpl. Hardison was sent overseas. —see MEN, page 2—

SHOW AT 4 O'CLOCK SUNDAY

The managers of the Wakelon and Wendell Theatres wish to announce that, due to the fact that the current will be off from 1 to 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, February 25th, the matinees will start at 4 o'clock instead of 3:15 as usual. Box offices will open at 3:45.

POWER OFF

Ralph Talton, manager of the Carolina Power and Light division serving Zebulon, Wendell, Middlesex, Bailey, Spring Hope, Rolesville, and the immediate area, announces that the electric current will be off from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock on Sunday, afternoon, February 25th.

Ration Calendar

Processed Foods — Blue Stamps — X5, Y5, Z5, A2, B2 . . . now valid . . . expire March 31. C2, D2, E2, F2, G2 . . . now valid . . . expire April 23. H2, J2, K2, L2, M2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 2.

Meats and Fats — Red Stamps — Q5, R5, S5 . . . now valid . . . expire March 31. T5, U5, V5, W5, X5 . . . now valid . . . expire April 23. Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 2.

SUGAR — Sugar Stamp No. 34 . . . good for five pounds . . . expires February 28. Sugar Stamp No. 35 . . . good for five pounds . . . expires June 2.

Shoes — Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 now good.

Fuel Oil — Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season, Periods 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 from this season . . . all valid for 10 gallons each.

Gasoline — A-14 coupons valid through March 21.

Rent Control — All persons renting, or offering for rent, any living quarters whatsoever must register each dwelling unit with rent control office in their rent area. Persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit complaints to OPA. Complaint forms are available at the local War Price and Rationing Board if your area does not have a rent control office.

Rationing rules now require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board.

Rankin Is Baptist Program Speaker

Dr. M. T. Rankin, for many months an internee in a Japanese prison camp and twenty-three years a missionary to the Orient, will be the Baptist Hour speaker next Sunday morning, February 25th, and will be heard over an independent network of thirty-six stations, reaching from the Nation's Capitol to the states of the far southwest.

Dr. Rankin spent seven years as Mission Secretary for the en-



DR. M. T. RANKIN

tire Orient and since he is now Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., having been elected to this position since his repatriation from the Japanese, he is peculiarly qualified to discuss the subject assigned to him, "SHARING CHRIST WITH THE NATIONS."

The music in the Baptist Hour programs is by the Baptist Hour Choir under the direction of John D. Hoffman, with George L. Hamrick at the organ. The music makes a substantial contribution to the programs.

The Baptist Hour programs may be heard in North Carolina over stations WBIG of Greensboro, WPTF of Raleigh, WSJS of Winston-Salem, and WWNC of Asheville.

Ralph Talton, head of the local Red Cross set-up, announced today committees and sector captains for the drive which begins this week to "keep your Red Cross at his side."

Special Gifts — Avon Privett, captain, J. K. Barrow, Sr., R. H. Bridgers.

Business District Employees — W. B. Hopkins, Captain J. G. Godwin, Worth Hinton, Willard Gill.

School Teachers, white — Mr. Lowery, captain. School Teachers, colored—Garland Crews, captain.

Booths — Bank Building, Friday, Mrs. A. V. Medlin, captain, Saturday, Vance Brown, Mrs. R. W. Talton.

Booths—Drug Store, Mrs. Willard Gill, capt., Friday; E. C. Daniel, Mrs. Ruric Gill, Saturday.

Male Helpers at Bank — Walter Page, T. B. Davis, Sr., C. V. Whitley.

Male Helpers at Drug Store — E. C. Daniel, Haywood Jones.

Beck's Veneer Plant, and Paul V. Brantley's employees: — Paul Brantley, captain, A. Carter.

Publicity — Ted Davis. Block Canvas — Mrs. L. M. Massey, captain.

Colored People: — Robert Richardson, captain.

South of Zebulon—J. B. Croom, Capt. Zebulon R1; Johnnie Pulley, Zebulon R1; Garland Richardson, Zebulon, Rt. 1; H. M. Perry.

Wakefield—P. P. Pace, Capt. (through church)

Rosenberg—Mrs. O. E. Strickland, Capt.; Zebulon R2; Mrs. D. D. Chamblee, Zebulon R2; Mrs. Clarice Williams, Zebulon, R3; Mrs. F. D. Gay, Zebulon, R3.

Glory—Mrs. A. S. Draughn, Capt.; Mrs. O. E. Brannon.

Mitchell's Mill—Mack D. Perry, Capt. Zebulon R3; Mrs. Ben Newell, Youngsville, R1; Mrs. S. R. Johnson, Zebulon R3; Mrs. A. R. Perry, Wake Forest, R2.

Hopkin's Chapel—Mrs. W. I. Hopkins, Capt. Zebulon R3; C. J. Morris, Zebulon R3; Mrs. W. M. Brannon, Zebulon, R3; C. E. Duke, Zebulon, R3; Mrs. Leon Fowler, Zebulon, R3.

Bethany Church—Rev. A. D. Parrish, Capt.

Church News

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services to be held Sunday, Feb. 25:

10:00, Sunday School. 11:00, Morning Worship. Sermon: "Stewardship of Possessions."

6:45, Training Union. At this service study courses will begin and continue each night through the week for all members of the B. T. U.

7:30, Evening Worship. Message: "An Open Fountain."

Last Call, Autoists

Chief of police Hopkins says there are a number of citizens in Zebulon who have not bought license plates for their cars from the town. If they do not see him right away and get their plates, there will be a penalty to pay for failure and still the dollar to pay for the plate.

Rat Poison

On February 27 at the Town Office rat poison will be distributed by a County representative. This poison will be made up properly and will be given free to all who will help in the campaign to exterminate rats. Come from about 10:00 a.m. till the middle of the afternoon.

No one should need urging to take part in rat-killing. No more destructive animals live and few are more of a menace to health. The only effective means of disposing of them is concerted action on the part of all citizens.