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BIBLE THOUGHT

Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. —The Epistle to the Hebrews 12:1.

"God trusts me beyond what I now am: I trust Him beyond what I now see."

All Saints Day, A. D. 1941

SAINTS-IN-THE-MAKING and others will do well to remember All Saints Day, celebrated throughout Christendom on November first. All "those who from their labors rest", all they lived and died for, all they bequeathed to us of light and truth and holiness, is rudely challenged in this Year of Our Lord, 1941.

When the President of the United States announces over worldwide radio that the world's would-be conquerors not only plan vassal states in America but further plan to annihilate Christianity, then it is time for Christian nations to turn their thoughts to the saints. In their lives upon earth most saints were very practical people. They labored and suffered and died for supreme values, without which life is not worth living for anybody. The saints were thinking about others than themselves.

The President stands by his claims that he possesses documents published as facts. These reveal a German plan to abolish the doctrine of the God of love and a world brotherhood for a Nazi-dominated religion which worships a superior German race and accepts the doctrine of violence preached by Hitler in his book, *Mein Kampf*.

The saints of today must see to it that the saints of yesterday did not die in vain.

First Aid For Defense

EVERY citizen who can do so, whether previously trained in "First Aid" or not, should take the course which will be given at the Agricultural building by the Red Cross, beginning next week.

First Aid is one of the many peacetime services of the past two decades that has grown out of national needs so effectively served by the Red Cross since World War I. We are all familiar with the annual Roll Call appeals which include training in first aid for emergency accidents and disaster relief.

It is this service that Franklin will receive through a trained teacher. Now that the needs of every community are being more and more geared to national preparedness and defense it is readily seen how first aid is increasing in importance.

Perhaps it has never occurred to many of us that this great national semi-governmental institution, the American Red Cross, is so planned that peacetime activities may be adapted speedily and smoothly to national defense needs. Every chapter has a disaster relief chairman and home service chairman. The Macon county chapter must not fall behind on any count.

The civilian population of the United States may never have to face death from the air and other types of wartime disaster that the peoples of Europe and Asia are suffering today, and we pray that the bitter cup of suffering may pass from our lips. But even though Franklin may never be bombed, and may never hear the sound of a gun, there are reasons why every person should know the principles of first aid.

More and more of our nurses and doctors will be called into the services of the armed forces and their places will have to be filled by volunteer helpers. Accidents in the home, on the highways and in places of business are happening around us constantly. The knowledge of the principles of first aid by a passerby or a neighbor may save a life. WPA foremen and timekeepers will be trained in first aid as part of their job.

Now it is part of every good American's job to help save life wherever and whenever the emergency arises. This knowledge and training may be received at these First Aid classes offered.

Press Comment

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE
(Asheville Times)

Chief spokesman in the nation's celebration of its mighty first line of defense, President Roosevelt at the Navy Day dinner solemnly yet militantly accepted the challenge of Hitlerism to the free civilization of America and its religious foundations.

To the doubters and defeatists, here and elsewhere in the world, the President presented from captured Nazi documents Hitler's plan for slave states in Central and South America—and the Panama Canal Zone stands large in the list.

Mr. Roosevelt gave special emphasis to the religious issue. He seemed to be saying to the Vatican and all those Protestants who had stood by consenting to the Axis victory in the Spanish war, "Let us not prove our incapacity for liberty by twice making the same terrible blunder."

America is at war on the seas, the President explained to those who still engage in academic debate over preserving peace by maintaining American neutrality.

It is a war we sought to avoid, he said, but now—"Very simply and bluntly, we are pledged to pull our oar in the destruction of Hitlerism."

For the achievement of this purpose, it is the nation's will, he declared, "that America shall deliver the goods. In open defiance of that will, our ships have been sunk and our sailors have been killed."

The nation's slow-moving will is ready for the testing in the battle of the Atlantic. Even as Mr. Roosevelt spoke, the dispatches on the course of the war in Southwest Russia revealed an ominous fact. Britain regards the German threat to the Russian supply line through Persia as very grave. The menace to the Archangel line of communication is also serious. It may be necessary again to transport munitions to Russia over the 10,000 miles through Valdivostok; and therefore it may be that war with Japan is not far away.

The President spoke as commander-in-chief of a Navy ready for the first phase of America's actual fighting against Hitlerism, the war on the seas. He spoke as a tribune of a people whose Navy is already under Nazi fire, regardless of combat zones, anywhere in Seven Seas. The people will not fail in answering this summons.

"ONLY WAY TO WIN A WAR IS TO FIGHT IT"

"The only way to win a war is to fight it". Thus Herbert Agar, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, addressed a mixed British and American audience in London during his recent trip to England as representative of the Fight for Freedom Committee.

Wasting no time with the niceties of mutual compliments that so often characterize gatherings of Britons and Americans, Mr. Agar bluntly told his audience that "sometimes British people here or a 'wandering Britisher' in the United States, in trying to be polite to us about the war, made misleading statements. Do not be polite to us about the war. The theory that the war is going to be won by other people has proved itself inadequate all along the line. We have used up the Greeks and the Yugoslavs, we have used up lots and lots of Chinamen, and today we are using up the Russians. And if the Russians are used up, whom have we left?"

"We have only You and Us. Anyone who tries to persuade the Americans that everything is all right and that we have only to build the machinery and somehow the war will be won, is putting my country to sleep. Do not do it. My people, like other people, are extremely anxious to go to sleep, and it should be perfectly easy for you in the British Isles to understand that, because you are the world's marvel of sleepers. The war has wakened you up. Do not put us to sleep. Help us to stay awake."

WE NEED ONE
(Mountain Echo)

A gym for Franklin Hi! We're sure that that's the dream of almost everyone of the school's students. A place to play basketball and other games, and even for school parties. Who knows? Wouldn't it be much better for school kids to have a place to have clean fun instead of going to some disreputable road houses, where trouble is easy to find?

We say "Yes, a thousand times yes!" We know that material is hard to get this year but it can be had, if some of the parents and members of the school board get together and try to realize that this school needs many things that it does not have unfortunately. What we need most, next to a new and more modern school building, is the gymnasium. It has been two years now, since we stood one morning and watched the smoking ruins of the gym and saw our hopes for a basketball also go up in smoke.

Won't something be done about it?

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I GOTTA STOP BURNING TO IMPROVE! —OR GET A NEW NECK.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:
I have been in Colorado 32 years now, and I still enjoy your paper as much as ever. Enclosed please find my subscription. With best regards, I remain,
Yours truly,
J. D. Rickman.

Ault, Colo.

Muse's Corner

LINES IN OCTOBER
Life, you can do your worst to me—
I still will want to stay
On earth as long as Autumn winds
With scarlet maples play.
As long as the pines against the blue
Are glistening dark green,
And glorious sunset clouds reveal
The lakes of heaven between.

As long as the Autumn sky upholds
A throbbing golden star,
And beyond the dusty Autumn hills
A call serene and far
Finds answer in my soul...O life,
Do your worst to me—
I want to stay on earth as long
As Beauty speaks to me!
—Bess H. Hines.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN
Mrs. Etta Strain started back to California Saturday after a very pleasant visit with old friends and relatives. She will visit relatives in Atlanta and Arkansas on her way. She will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Jennie Shook, as far as Atlanta. There Mrs. Shook will visit her daughter, Mrs. Hays. Everett Mashburn and family are moving to Mrs. Gertrude Strain's place this week. He formerly occupied the John Keener house at Cullasaja. Miss Nina Mashburn of Ellijay was the weekend guest of Mrs. Howard Keener. Mrs. Ann Wiley and two small sons of Highlands are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Keener. Her husband has work in Virginia. Ira Keener is at work at an air defense project in Tennessee. The work on the Walnut Creek road is going steadily forward. Thank goodness for that. Howard Keener has gone to Tennessee to work on a dam defense project. Mr. Tilley, teacher of the Wal-

Prison News

By HAMILTON "Ham" SMITH
Well folks here is the news from State Prison Camp 1009. While the clouds of war darken the world, don't let those same clouds blot your spirit. For we are Americans and we stand for all that is American. We will uphold the traditions of this wonderful United States of America to the last drop of our red blood. German troops might raise the flag of victory over the cities of other nations, but they have never raised the German flag over anything that is American, and they won't. We can protect what we love and what is right, and we will.

There is one thing I want to impress on your mind. Don't think for one moment because we are in prison, we would hold back from war. We would be glad to fight for our country because we love it just as much as you do. There isn't a fellow here who wouldn't fight and die if the occasion called for him to do so.

I have noticed that quite a lot of martial music is played over the radios here. A day or so ago I was standing where I view most of the boys in No. 7 cell block. Suddenly a well known dance band started playing the Star Spangled Banner. When the boys heard the music of the National Anthem they threw back their shoulders. It would have made you glad to have seen them. I could tell from their smiles, they were glad to be Americans.

Well friends, I will sign off, but will be back soon with more news. Watch your subscription expiration date on your Press label.

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