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### BIBLE THOUGHT

O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.—Psalms 79:12.

### A PRAYER

O God, who seest that in this warfare we are seeking to serve Thee, and yet in the waging of it must needs do many things that are an offence against Thy love; Accept, we pray Thee, our imperfect offering. Arm us with Thy Spirit that our warfare may further the victory of Thy justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### "One Nation, Indivisible"

THE two radio messages of President Roosevelt since Japan's attack and declaration of war against the United States have sounded the clear call to "every man, woman and child" in this nation.

The unity of the nation was swiftly achieved by the bombs of Japan that rained death and destruction on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, last Sunday afternoon. In record time Congress passed the declaration of war, and opposing factions of labor and other groups quickly pledged loyalty to the president's leadership to meet a deadly foe.

The damage already wrought in the Pacific tells louder than words the power of the foe we face. That Japan's attack at the time she was pretending to seek peace is part of Hitler's plan, there is no doubt. It is the "Nazi pattern" to use perfidy to make more deadly the first surprise attack upon unsuspecting victims. That the war is going against the United States and the Allies in the Pacific during these first three days is the stark truth.

But if war had to come it could not have come in a manner that would more completely unify our people. The treacherous massed attack delivered simultaneously at widely separated points of the Pacific islands and mainland were planned weeks, if not months ago. We have made the mistake of trusting a partner in the axis to be on the level when a smiling envoy flew to Washington from Tokyo, expressing hopes for peace.

Japan's answer comes from every recruiting office in the United States, from every home that sends its sons to their country's defense, and from the other countries of the western hemisphere who are declaring war against Japan and mobilizing their forces for action. The last vestige of a false security is gone, nobody cherishes a shred of an illusion about this war. Peace-loving America has prayed and striven that this cup might pass from our lips. Now that the fateful hour has come we bend our heads and stiffen our backs to the task of sacrifice and sorrow. Lives and treasure will be poured out immeasurably. Our President warned the nation last night that this is going to be a long, hard war. But the people share his courage in his closing words:

"We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows.

"And in the dark hours of this day—and through dark days that may be yet to come—we will know that the vast majority of the members of the human race are on our side. Many of them are fighting with us. All of them are praying for us. For, in representing our cause, we represent theirs as well—our hope and their hope for liberty under God."

### This Christmas

A LETTER in another column from the Christmas Cheer Fund chairman suggests to the Macon county churches in every community that the community Christmas celebrations be arranged in each locality rather than through the central committee as has been the custom. It is suggested that times are better for most of the people, and that this arrangement will provide more personally for cheer and gifts. This seems to be a practical suggestion.

Aside from need, however, the meaning of Christmas to a little child is borne on the boughs of a beautiful tree as in no other way.

It is hoped that the suggestion of the committee be carried out in the churches or schools of every neighborhood.

### Press Comment

#### THE MEN OF THE MOUNTAINS (Asheville Citizen)

There are more than 60,000 young Tar Heels in the armed forces of the United States. Before many days pass thousands more of their own volition will join them. Army and Navy recruiting offices from the mountains to the sea are crowded with volunteers. The scene is not unfamiliar. The first call for volunteers in 1917 brought half again as many as were needed. In all our wars the Old North State has flocked to the colors in serried ranks.

It is to the men already in uniform, however, that our thoughts turn on this third day of terrible challenge. Particularly so we think of the sons of Western North Carolina. Many hundreds of them are at bases in the far Pacific and on ships in those waters. They have heard the sound of bombs and the crunch of brick and steel at the impact of exploding metal. They have seen the torpedo's spray and felt the angry kick of anti-aircraft guns. They have tasted battle.

Among them are heroes. That is a certainty. It is always thus with the men of the mountains. On distant shores, in tossing waters and high amid laden skies they defend their America once again. The grave news of the past few days has brought home to us the meaning of war and the dimensions of the sacrifice our men are making. Proudly, reverently, but without fear, our hearts go out to them.

#### NORTH CAROLINA'S CROSS (Asheville Citizen)

Senator Burton K. Wheeler says: "The only thing to do is to lick hell out of them (the Japanese)." Representative Hamilton Fish has come through with a similarly clear-cut expression of patriotism.

Only Senator Robert Rice Reynolds falters and equivocates. He says: "I am 100 per cent against war. I want to know all about what has happened before I say anything about declaring war." No patriotic North Carolinian can read this shocking statement without a feeling of the deepest shame and of anger—shame that this state is represented in the United States Senate by such a man and anger that he persists in flaunting his views to the country.

Senator Reynolds should be ejected from the Chairmanship of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. It is unthinkable that a Senator holding such views should head a committee of such military importance in a time such as this.

What can we do in North Carolina? We can't unseat him and he will not resign. We can make manifest our feeling of complete contempt for him and his sinister views. The Citizen hopes the people of Western North Carolina will lose no time and spare no expense in communicating their true sentiments to the junior Senator who humiliates and disgusts the people of all North Carolina.

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring me a doll with real blonde curls. I hope she will have an evening dress with a red coat.

Mr. Alf Higdon said he had a tricycle that would just suit me. Will you see him about it?

I will leave you another cup of hot coffee Christmas night.

Love to you and a kiss for Mrs. Santa Claus.  
Marianne Johnston.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas please bring me a pair of gloves, bracelet, puzzle, candy and oranges and nuts.

Please don't forget all other little boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Marie Roper,  
Route 3

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl ten years old. I want for Christmas a ball, pair of gloves, and would like to have a big doll, candy, nuts, oranges and many other toys. Don't forget my little nephew, Charles, and all of the other little girls and boys.

Yours truly,  
Ethel Roper,  
Franklin

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl two years old. For Christmas I want you to please bring me a rocking chair, a baby doll that will cry and go to sleep, a monkey and rubber pig. Candy, oranges and bananas. Please don't forget my little cousin Charles.

Betty Sue Reeves,  
Route 3

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE  
Having qualified as administratrix, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons, having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of December, 1941, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 2nd day of December, 1941.  
Lalar Carpenter,  
Administratrix

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### Christmas Cheer

#### Chairmen Asks Churches Care For Community Needs

The following letter has been sent to the pastors and Sunday school superintendents in Macon county, and is published so that all members of the Christmas Fund and others may have a share in the Christmas plans for the needy of the county.

Franklin, N. C.,  
December 9, 1941

Dear Fellow Workers:  
As the Christmas season approaches once again our minds turn naturally to the Savior and to the spirit of giving which He represents. Surely we could not feel that we had properly carried out this spirit unless we had helped those less fortunate than we to know something of the real joy of Christmas. It is with this thought in mind that we make an appeal to you as one of the church leaders in your community.

As you know, for a number of years our committee has sponsored Christmas trees in Franklin and in outlying areas for the benefit of those in our county who would not otherwise be likely to know much of the real joy of this season. We believe that this practice served a very fine purpose during the depression years. Of late, however, we have come to question its real value. We have felt that the spirit manifested at the Christmas tree occasions has not always been conducive to the highest Christmas ideal.

This fact, together with the conviction that there are fewer families than ever before, has led us to announce that we will sponsor no Christmas trees this year. This does not mean that our committee will not function. There are numerous other ways by which we can render service to the needy of our community. This, we propose to do.

In the meantime, we suggest that you, as a leader in your community, bring before your church the matter of assuming responsibility for the needy families about you. If each church will do its utmost to serve its section—for after all each church knows the needs of its locality better than any central committee—the burden that has heretofore been on a few will be lightened and a larger number of people will come to share in a real Christmas program. This sharing in the spirit and work of Christ we believe, is after all, the purpose of Christmas.

Wishing you success in your every undertaking, we are,  
Very Sincerely yours,  
THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND  
Harley R. Cabe, Chairman  
C. D. Moses, Secretary.

ADS FOR SALE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

### CANNERY OF TEAGUE BROS.

#### Prentiss Enterprise Does Big Business In County

From 1,500 cases output in 1931 to 15,000 cases in 1941 is the record made by the Nantahala Cannery, one of Macon county's home-owned and home-supported industries. The cannery, a modern, up-to-date, well equipped plant, is located at Prentiss.

The plant which is now owned by Wilburn Rafe, Almond and Mrs. C. W. Teague, was first started in 1931. Since that time the growth has been steady and continuous.

Products produced by the concern are sold under the label of the Nantahala brand. At the present time they are distributed through a majority of the Southern states. Among the many different vegetables, fruits and berries canned are green beans, corn, blackberries, turnip greens, and peas.

This local concern is a steady source of income to the county. Plant officials estimated that between \$12,000 and \$15,000 was paid out to local farmers for their produce during the past season. In addition, when the plant is operating at full force, between 25 and 30 employees are hired regularly.

#### Historical Marker On Harrison Avenue

One of the historical markers of the North Carolina Historical Societies in cooperation with the state Highway commission has just been placed on Harrison avenue which is also Highway No. 28, at the turn near Franklin Terrace.

It is the standard design all-

### Marines

#### Urgently Need Men For War Duty

Due to the State of War that now exists, the United States Marine Corps needs men urgently. Men between the ages of 17 and 30, now have an opportunity to enlist in the most outstanding military organization in the world.

The Marine Corps has always played an important and brilliant part in all wars that the United States was involved in. At this time, those who want to show their true patriotism for our country, may enlist for the duration of emergency in the Marine Corps.

There are United States Marine Corps Recruiting Stations in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Raleigh. Why not be the first in your community to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

metal markers with tablet surmounting an iron post. It bears the following inscription:

Juan Pardo

In 1567 an expedition of Spaniards, sent out from Florida by Pedro Mendendez de Aviles and led by Juan Pardo, passed near here.

N. C. State Highway Commission, 1941

#### Weather 'Broadcaster' Lands Near Nickajack

A United States "weather broadcaster" released by the Weather Bureau office in Atlanta, Ga., 11 a. m., December 4 was found when it landed on Nickajack creek by Frank McCall at 1 p. m., December 5.

The "broadcaster" is a form to be mailed to the Weather Bureau office in Washington when found. It is released from some central point attached to a balloon which rises to a height of 12 miles, bursts, thus releasing the report on a small parachute.

### Christmas Jewelry



Elgin and Bulova Watches in the new 1942 models make exceptionally fine gifts. . . . Other items such as rings, bracelets, necklets, wrist bands, etc.



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Jeweler

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#### Passenger Cars

- 1-'41 Chev. Town Sedan
- 2-'41 Ford Tudors
- 1-'40 Chev. Sport Sedan
- 1-'40 Chev. Town Sedan
- 1-'40 Ford Tudor
- 3-'39 Chev. Town Sedans
- 1-'39 Ford Sedan
- 1-'38 Ford Coupe
- 1-'37 Chev. Town Sedan
- 1-'37 Plymouth Coach
- 2-'37 Ford Tudors
- 1-'37 Ford Coupe

#### Trucks

- 2-'41 Chev. 1 1/2-Ton TRUCKS
- 2-'41 Chev. 1/2-Ton PICKUPS
- 1-'40 Chev. 3/4-Ton PICKUP
- 1-'40 Chev. Truck Cab-Over-Engine
- 1-'40 Chev. 1 1/2-Ton TRUCK
- 1-'40 Ford S'dn Delivery
- 1-'39 Chev. 1 1/2-Ton TRUCK
- 1-'38 Ford 1 1/2-Ton TRUCK

10 OTHER USED CARS — ALL MAKES AND MODELS

40 OTHER USED AND PICKUPS

### Burrell Motor Co.

Franklin, N. C.