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A MIGHTY FORCE

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, on September 15, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson invited America's school children to become partners—in war and peace—with the American Red Cross. Thus was set in motion a mighty force—one-fifth of the population—gathered in the schools of the Nation, became organized as the Junior Red Cross, for an active share in the national task of winning the war. Membership mounted to 12 million.

During World War I this army of youth raised three million dollars for war relief and made nearly 16 million articles for the soldiers and the Red Cross Child Welfare program in Europe, besides taking part in the war program at home.

A story of mighty achievement has rolled up since this beginning in time of war, guided by the teachers in the schools and inspired by the following objectives during the years of peace between the last and this war: (a) To develop social consciousness; (b) To guide humanitarian tendencies through activities for community needs; (c) To give practise in social and civic responsibility of a local, national and international character through participation in the work of the Red Cross wherever needed throughout the world; (d) To teach the social aspects of health—physical and mental—and emotional fitness; (e) To promote world understanding.

After the last cannon was silenced, the American Junior Red Cross started reconstruction activities with a million dollars to care for the needs of starving children in the war areas of Europe and Asia Minor. Projects were carried out for children made destitute by war and to fit them for useful lives in their communities. The Junior Red Cross was organized in all the countries and letters were exchanged between these children and the children in the schools of the United States.

By 1937 a world membership of 18 million had been reached and helpful activities were being carried on in schools all over Europe, Japan, Thailand, Iceland, and a number of South and Central American countries.

Now, the qualities of leadership and cooperation and of skills developed through the 25-year-old existence of the Junior Red Cross have made the more than 14 million members capable of assuming major responsibilities in this war. To enumerate only a few of the major projects: there are the toys and clothing made for hospitals; training in First-Aid, Water Safety, Accident Prevention, Nutrition and Home Nursing. The Junior roll call will soon be launched to further extend this work to meet ever-growing needs of the present war and future reconstruction.

The extent and quality of these achievements of one-half the total pupil population of the schools of this nation cannot be measured. It is a mighty force, often invisible, working for the "healing of the nations."

THE THOUSAND MILLION

THE Thousand Million—that is the title of a folder issued by the Office of War Information about the war work of the United Nations, where live, work and fight one thousand million friends of the United States.

It is heartening to know the Axis has so many enemies. Not one person we questioned came near guessing the population of the anti-Axis countries—one thousand million—and they all are our allies and our friends. Surely we will win by the end of another year with such support!

The government booklet goes on to state:

"The thousand million live in tropic Caribbean ports; in Chinese mountain villages; in Britain's seaswept countryside and in the incredible vastness of Russia. They live in the darkened streets of Dutch and Polish, Czech and Belgian towns where the invader's sentry hammers at the door.

"Our destiny is bound together by the declaration by United Nations signed at Washington on New Year's Day, 1942. We are determined to win this war with the overwhelming might of our combined strength—and thereafter to establish a new age of freedom for all men on this earth.

"Victory will be won—and victory will be preserved afterward—only by strength of United Nations' arms and the fighting spirit of the thousand million . . ."

—Newsworld.

Small Destroyers, Rugged Sailors Out-Menace Atlantic Coast Sub-Menace



PLOWING through calm off-shore waters of the Atlantic, these Canadian-built Corvettes, so fresh from the shipyards that their rivets are hardly cooled, head for the high seas to be put through their paces before being declared fit for service. Scores of these trim "pocket-size" destroyers, bearing names of Canadian cities and towns from coast to coast, are joined in the grim battle of the Atlantic to maintain vital life lines of the Allied Nations.

Alphonse Normand (right) of the Royal Canadian Navy, who sports a "navy beard", is typical of the seasoned, rugged sailors who man these new and modern destroyers. Normand likes to recall a sea battle

that took place somewhere on the Atlantic when his destroyer played host to four Junkers bombers of the Luftwaffe. All four attacking planes were brought down; two by the ship's Pom-poms, the others by a British fighter plane.

Press Comment

A PLEDGE FOR AMERICANS

I am a citizen of the oldest republic in existence. I am proud of it.

I take pride in being a free citizen in a free society, but I know that the priceless blessing of liberty is not a heritage, but is won afresh or lost by each generation.

I therefore pledge myself to all those Americans who have gone before me and to all those who will come after me to do my part and to pass on this Freedom.

I will listen to no idle rumors. I will repeat no destructive gossip.

I will support loyally and in friendship all the United Nations who are joined with us in this righteous compact to defeat the Axis powers.

I know my country must win this war, and I will conduct myself as if I alone bore the responsibility for the victory of Democracy. In the words of a soldier of other days, "I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

I dedicate myself to this cause, I swear that to win it, I will make any sacrifice, however great, and perform any task, however humble. — New York Times.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green of Franklin, a girl, September 13 at Angel clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolen announce the birth of a son, James Garner, September 1.

New Supreme Governor Of Moose Fraternity



FRANK J. LA BELL, of Boston, Mass., textile authority, was elected supreme governor, Loyal Order of Moose, at the closing session of the 54th annual international convention of the fraternity held at the Moose child city, Mooseheart, Illinois, August 25. Immediately following his election he was installed in office by U. S. Senator James J. Davis, director general of the Moose.

Mr. LaBell's elevation to the highest elective office in the gift of the Moose is in recognition of his many years service in building the membership of the Order in the New England states. He is a fraternalist of long and wide experience; is a past exalted ruler of the Elks, and a past officer in the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America.

CLARENCE WILLIS DIES IN GASTONIA

A message was received here by relatives on Tuesday of the death of Clarence Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willis, formerly of Macon county, now living in Gastonia. Cause of death was diabetes. The funeral was held Wednesday and interment was in Belmont, a suburb of Gastonia.

This and That

By FRANKIE MACON

If you are not buying War bonds, why don't you take a good, square look at yourself—a good tough look? Has it occurred to you that wars can't be fought without money? That men half your age are walking and flying and sailing straight into enemy bullets and being changed into a gold star, just to keep you and your families safe? You read of butchery and rape and torture—of old people tramping down long roads that lead to nowhere. You don't want to start tramping down that long road, do you? War hasn't come to burn and ravage your homes—and kill those you love—but it can. And if it does, you'll wish you had bought War bonds with every dollar you possess. There are a lot of you "birds" who haven't come through yet! Doesn't it make you feel small? They're only asking you to loan your money—they'll pay it back with interest when it's over. Your dollars are needed—needed to get this war over with—quick! Won't you let your country use your dollars for awhile?

"British Troops in Libya Form Stone Wall," says a headline. Must be making use of those mortar troops.

It isn't surprising that the Senate has rejected the Rummel plan for pay-as-you-go taxation. It was much too practical and sensible to appeal to a Senatorial financial expert.

State College Hints

Nowadays everyone is interested in thrifty meat dishes. Good stew is an old standby and here is how to make it: Allow about 2 pounds of lean, raw meat without bone for a good, all-meat stew for six persons. For a stew with vegetables, you can use less meat, of course, but the more meat you have the more nourishing and tasty will be the stew.

To make a good stew, first flour and then brown the meat in fat before you add water. Brown the vegetables a few minutes in well-flavored fat. Vegetables are at their best when you cook them quickly, so don't add them until the meat is almost, if not quite, tender.

It doesn't matter whether the water is cold or hot. Add enough water to cover the meat and simmer slowly until the meat is tender. Don't boil. Many cooks like to add a sliced onion for savory flavor. If the stew is not thick enough by the time the meat is tender, mix one or two tablespoonfuls of flour to a smooth paste with a little cold water. To the paste add several spoonfuls of the hot stew and then stir the mixture into the rest of the stew, and cook until smooth and thick. Season to taste with salt and pepper and a little chopped parsley if you have it.

Traffic Cop: "Use your noodle, lady! Use your noodle!"
Lady: "My goodness! Where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

Baptists Hold Successful Revival

The Macon Baptist association closed a two-week revival August 23, which was very successful. There were about 100 new professions of faith and several renewals. The 16 churches that entered into this movement were Franklin, Itha, Cowee, Tellico, Rose Creek, Buck Creek, Newman's Chapel, Ridge Crest, Sugar Fork, Watauga, Wells Grave, Cartoogechaye, Mountain Grove, Ellijay, Highlands and Holly Springs. This revival had 16 visiting ministers cooperating with the pastors.

Save nails, screws and bolts. Wire nails are on the scarce list today. Every nail should be salvaged in boards and boxes for the farm work shop. The kitchen may have a nail box, too. Partitions to sort sizes will be helpful and save time in not having to hunt the right size when you are in a hurry. To avoid rust, or check it, give nails, screws and bolts an oil bath before you store them.



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