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ARMISTICE DAY A DAY OF PRAYER

A great change has come since the first Armistice Day. Then we were beside ourselves with a sense of victory. For that we had been praying and fighting. This year we have approached the day conscious of the necessity to think and to pray.

We pause, therefore, before we pray for victory in the spirit of a quarter of a century ago. We would ask ourselves whether we are ready to pray for victory apart from the spiritual bases upon which it must come if it is to be a blessing.

The Church of Christ throughout the world refuses to lay first emphasis upon prayers for victory. There must first come our approach to God that He may be the center of our lives, asking that we may first be cleansed that we may pray aright for others.

We cannot, now, be satisfied with prayers only for members of our family or those especially dear to us, but we must go beyond. Our prayers must be an approach to God for the whole world, remembering that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred... let me sow love; Where there is injury... pardon; Where there is doubt... faith; Where there is darkness... light; Where there is sadness... joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

A. R. Morgan.

"The End Of The Beginning"

THE news that full-fledged invasion force of our Army, Navy and Air units had arrived in Africa was electrifying to this country. This long-looked-for aid which has opened the long-promised "second front" brought this from Winston Churchill: "It is not the end, not even the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning."

Hitler knows now that he is on very thin ice indeed. Winter is settling down on his vast unconquered Russian front where he promised his people victory more than a year ago. His vassal states and enslaved nations are seething in revolt as they see the hope of liberation appearing on the horizon.

Careless Matches Aid The Axis

NO truer words were ever spoken when last Wednesday a forest fire three miles northeast of West's Mill was reported by Cowee Bald Lookout Tower. To corral and make safe this forest fire required the efforts of four men of the West's Mill community and two members of the Nantahala National Forest for one-half a day.

Wherein did Careless Matches Aid the Axis? Here is the full story: On the afternoon of November 11th—Armistice Day—four men were engaged in clearing out a road to the Burrell Mountain mica mine when they were called to go to this forest fire, two Forest Service employees were engaged in timber work—one in computing acidwood salesbooks and the other in making preparations to place four million feet of National Forest sawtimber on the market.

Now, the forest fire was started through carelessness. Judging from its location, it was probably started by a hunter's warming fire or a smoker's matches. Due to its prompt discovery and the efficient work of the fire-fighting crew it was held to a very small acreage. But the fact remains that productive labor—labor engaged in producing war materials—was diverted to the non-productive task of extinguishing a forest fire caused by some careless individual. WE MUST NOT LET "CARELESS MATCHES AID THE AXIS".

Official Vote of Macon County November 5th

Table with columns for Precincts (Mill Shoal, Ellijay, Sugarfork, Highlands, Flats, Smith's Bridge, Carboogchaye, Nantahala No. 1, Nantahala No. 2, Burningtown, Cowee, Franklin) and Candidates for various offices (U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate, Representative, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Coroner, Surveyor, Chm. Commissioners, Member Bd. Comm.).

Clippings

THE FINAL TEST

The people of this country are face to face with one of the most critical of all tests that can be exacted of our form of government—inflation. It is more difficult to understand than war. It is intangible.

Dr. Paul F. Cadman, leading economist, has pointed out that it will take a lot more than laws to fight inflation. The present policy of one group blaming another group in seeking a scapegoat for the rising cost of living, will prove disastrously futile.

Inflation is a challenge to the individual. As Dr. Cadman observed: "This is one of the real occasions when the American people have a chance to demonstrate the moral fiber of the nation in their willingness to be obedient to the unenforceable. For, of a truth, inflation cannot be controlled by either legislation or compulsion."

Most of us have occasionally been guilty of unconsidered attacks on industry, labor, or politics, as if each group was a separate entity. We need all three groups and the sooner we realize it, just so much sooner will leaders of each group moderate their policies.

It is a mortal certainty that if the irrelevant disputes don't cease, we might as well abandon the hypocrisy of waving the American flag and consoling ourselves in our discontent with brass bands. It is inconceivable that we cannot live up to the ideals of freedom and opportunity that made this nation.

Only production, thrift, economy and honesty in public and private life can stem the tide of inflation now.—Industrial News Review.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of W. M. Queen, 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 9th day of November, 1943, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This 9th day of November, 1942. J. FRANK QUEEN, Administrator

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Letters to Editor

(The excerpts below from a letter of H. Taylor Crockett to his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Crockett of Hazelwood will be of interest to his many friends here. The Editor).

Dear Folks:

I suppose it is alright to say that I was in southern England for a while. While training, I got to see a good deal of the English countryside. It is very quaint and picturesque. There are lots of old houses enclosed by stone or brick walls. The barns, sheep sheds and out-houses are also in the same enclosure. I was surprised at the size of the fields. They run from ten to fifty acres and are planted in wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, cabbage or collards—no corn.

I got acquainted with an English soldier whose home was at Oxford. He wanted me to go home with him, but I did not get the chance. We did start one Sunday morning, but had to turn back for fear of getting back to barracks late. He thought I would be interested in seeing some of the old buildings there. He was very interested in and very well informed about America. He asked me about the Smoky Mountains, the Rhododendron Festival, the gardens at Charleston, and numerous other questions.

I ran into a Scotch boy, 19 years old, an R. A. F. gunner with a bomber crew. He was in the battle of Dunkirk. He told me he was with a ground crew at that time, and that the English Expeditionary Force was down to ten planes, and could not get any more as all the planes left in England were being used to protect the evacuation.

I had a rather pleasant experience recently. On the way in from a very strenuous night march, we stopped at a village to wait for transportation to our headquarters. I was walking up the street looking for a shop where I could get some hot tea, as I was wet to the skin and very cold.

I was taken into the kitchen, the old lady saying that the "poor wet laddie" should come where he could get warm. When the bugle blew for the troops to assemble they told me to come back anytime I could—that I would al-

Press Comment

NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Although we do not know yet who the winners of the newspaper contest will be—we received a copy of the Franklin Press today... and Macon County has collected 180 pounds per capita. Congratulations, Macon County. That is really showing those Japs!

The following collections are responsible for the large increase over last reports: Nantahala Power and Light Company, 183,000 pounds; Utah Construction Company, 901,800 pounds; Burrell Motor Company, 130,095 pounds. Other western counties running close to Macon are Graham, with 132 pounds per capita, Transylvania, 126; Jackson, 112; Cherokee, 106 pounds per capita, respectively.—The Tar Heel Scrapper.

Authority to control the disposition of livestock, including cattle, calves, sheep, and swine, has been conferred upon Secretary of Agriculture Wickard by Donald M. Nelson.

ways find a bed and something to eat. The genuineness of their hospitality gave my spirits more of a lift than they have had for a long time.

Our performance in certain harrowing operations was commended by the British officers.

I am standing by, with all equipment to report to regimental headquarters, when told. This means another change, I guess.

My regards to all.

H. Taylor Crockett.

GOING TO TOWN!



Eggs are 40 cents a dozen. Why not make your hens lay more with Purina Layene and Purina Lay Chow. We have Purina Chow for the cow too, and feed for all your farm animals.



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Social Security Official Will Be In Franklin

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the Postoffice, Room 103, Franklin, Thursday, November 19, 1942, 1:00 p. m., eastern war time.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives of deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

In addition, persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the Act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

Notice to Tax Payers

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Franklin, an order was passed that proceedings be instituted at once for the collection of all past due taxes due the Town. Payment of these taxes at once will save the tax payer additional cost.

E. W. LONG, Tax Collector, Town of Franklin

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