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BIBLE THOUGHT

A good land and a large . . . a land flowing with milk and honey. . . . -Exodus 3:8.

People who own their own land are unconquerable. -Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Obituary notices, cards of thanks, tributes of respect, by individuals, lodges, churches, organizations or societies, will be regarded as advertising and inserted at regular classified advertising rates. Such notices will be marked "adv." in compliance with the postal regulations.

Christmas Seals

AGAIN we buy seals as part of the joy of giving at this season. More than ever the battle against tuberculosis must be fought, when physical unfitness helps the Axis. So let the little penny seal brighten every letter, card and package you send. It is the symbol of your heart's interest in the suffering and a reminder to the recipient to join you in this work.

Women Sell Bonds

WE venture to say, when the results of the sales of War Bonds and Stamps during Women-At-War-Week are totaled, that the women of Macon county will be in the forefront in per capita sales. The Franklin women have had fine leadership with Mrs. John Archer as chairman and her capable committee; and Mrs. W. T. Newton in Highlands. The work has been carried on in a spirited manner, with cooperation from every group in the community.

The women have been encouraged and ably seconded by the men of the county who have lent their aid by buying bonds to the limit. This campaign, like others in Macon, will prove the loyal spirit of cooperation which always marks the contribution of this county to every call. This call is intensely personal, because every woman is working for the fighting fathers, sons, brothers and friends. Bonds mean equipment for them and for our Allies.

"Dr. Andy's Crop"

THIS is the title of an article in November 16 issue of Time magazine under the Education section, paying homage to our much beloved and appreciated-at-home Andrew Jackson Ritchie, just across the line in Georgia. If giving his kind of education to Macon county people makes him belong to us, then we claim him for our own, and we know the big heart of Georgia will be willing. The rich and great Harvard University is likewise proud to claim him as its own, too. Upon the unique, creative work he and Mrs. Ritchie have done for the humble-Time does not mention Mrs. Ritchie, but we do-all the rich and great should look with a deep humility, as all the toiling mountain farmers with big families look with gratitude.

In characteristic style, Time says a lot in a few words and tells thousands a brave story in a gay way-the way Andy Ritchie will enjoy reading about himself, no doubt. We are glad for the world to get told, even so briefly. We are glad that an American magazine with a world circulation has dedicated a page to a work which, if multiplied, would help save the world.

Learning By Doing

THE TARHEEL BANKER - North Carolina Bankers Association monthly paper-has its eve on Macon county. It features on the October cover two Macon county Future Farmers, Bob Parker and Harry Kinsland, proudly displaying four steers raised by the Vocational Agriculture class at the Franklin High School.

The banking magazine has the right idea when it features an article bearing upon this work, entitled "Learning By Doing". The accomplishments of the Franklin High School class under the leadership of E. J. Whitmire-who, by the way, has received a state honor in the title he has won as "Master Teacher" in recognition of the work of this class—are recognised as an example of "instruction which is successful." The Future Farmer of America organization is commended in the

article. "The application of intelligent and business principles in farming" is stated as one of the purposes of the organization, with the ultimate objective, which is . . . "to make the county a better place in which to live."

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE TOWNS



West's Mill, N. C. Nov. 22, 1942

Editor Franklin Press:

I feel impressed to write a few words about Thanksgiving, which comes next Thursday. We, as a free people must go to God in earnest prayer for God to be with us and keep us in this war and give us peace. Oh, that our nation may win. Never before have our people been in such an uproar, but God is our ruler. If we will go to God he will conquer our enemies. We must love one another and pray for each other. God said pray without ceasing. Get right with God and our prayers will be heard,

In olden times the people would ing the past five-year period. go to church and pray with eachother on Thanksgiving day. It would be so good for us to do like our people in olden times. God has blessed us bountifully this year and all these years. God save our people and our nation is my

MRS. J. L. WEST, SR.

Press Comment

C. PRESS PRAISED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Broughton praised newspapers of the State for the "highly successful" campaign they waged for the collection of scrap

"The newspapers of North Carolina sponsoring and participating in the special scrap collection campaign which has just closed have rendered signal service to the nation in this critical hour", the Governor said. "The spark and drive that was put into this campaign not only resulted in the collection of considerably more than 125,000,000 pounds of scrap, but gave life and stimulus to the whole program of salvage collec-

"The complete results of this campaign are not yet known, because the response was so enthusiastic that committees in many sections have not even been able to assemble and weigh the collected scrap. It is definitely known, however, that the effort has been highly successful and has reached virtually every section of North Carolina. The newspapers have given unstintingly of their space as well as the time and efforts of their business and editorial staffs. For this they are entitled to highest praise.

"It is earnestly hoped that the people of the State will continue all-important effort to collect for war needs every ounce of available scrap metal and other salvage material".-N. C. Press,

Compost Will Enrich 1943 Victory Garden

Every farm family, and as many urban families as possible, will need to grow a Victory Garden in 1943 to supply home food needs and free commercial vegetables for the armed forces and industrial war workers. H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State college, says now is the time to begin to prepare for next year's Victory Garden.

"Compost is an excellent garden fertilizer," the Extension worker declared. "The compost pile should be prepared now because it will require from four to six months for the material to decompose and

be ready for use." . Niswonger's suggestions

Letters to Editor | MORE BABIES

N. C. Vital Statistics Report 8,937 Births; 2,368 Deaths

Raleigh, Nov. 21 .- The 8,937 babies born in Nortth Carolina in October comprised the largest number ever reported in this State during a single month, it was announced by the Vital Statistics Division of the Board of Health. This figure was 1,906 in excess of the number of births reported in October, 1941, and 2, 196 higher than the average number of monthly births dur-

In spite of the greatly increased number of births reported last month, an all-time low marked the death rate among babies under a year old-just 37.4 per 1,000 live births, as compared with a rate of 57.1 for the corresponding month last year, according to Dr. G. M. Cooper, who is in charge of the State Board of Health's maternal and child health services and who supervises the State's clinics for mothers and babies.

There was also a decline in the causes during the month, which Franks. was 2,368, against 2,490 in October, 1941, the monthly rate having dropped from 8.3 to 7.8.

The number of deaths from preventable accidents was 107 last month, compared with 199 the corresponding month last year. Tuberculosis deaths for the month dropped from 130 to 116, while deaths from diarrhea and enteritis among children under 2 years of age totaled 43 last month, against 75 in October, 1941. There were no deaths reported from undulant fever, smallpox, measles, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis, epidemic cerebrosphinal meningitis, rabies or tetanus. Only 2 deaths were caused by pellagra, against 5 in October, 1941, and homicides dropped from 39 to 23.

COFFEE

Nov. 22-28 inclusive-Retail sales halted. Only restaurants, hotels and other institutional users who have purchase certificates and the armed services may buy coffee. Nov. 23-25 inclusive-Institutional users_register at local ration

Nov. 29-Sales begin under ra-

making compost are: Use straw, old hay, grass clippings, weeds, and leaves from hardwood trees. their full co-operation with this Pile out in the open. Spread out a layer one foot thick of convenient size. Sprinkle one quart of commercial fertilizer to every five feet of diameter of the layer, Also add a sprinkle of lime and a small amount of animal manure to

> each layer. Repeat this procedure, putting the next layers and fertilizers on top of the first until the pile is as large as desired. Leave the center lower than the edge of each layer so the rain water will not run off, but will saturate the material to be decomposed. During dry weather the compost pile should be watered occasionally.

> The horticulturist recommends the use of a 4-8-4 or 4-10-6 commercial fertilizer. The compost should be thoroughly mixed with

the soil before planting time. Niswonger also suggests that soil for the 1943 Victory Garden be ployed or spaded between now and February 1 in order that winter freezes will aid in pulverising

Turkey Raisers Urged To Keep Breeding Birds

Thanksgiving turkeys have all been marketed, and in many cases eaten, C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman, says that the demand was good, the supply was adequate, and the quality excellent. In most cases, he said, prices were satisfactory to the producers.

"It is to be hoped, however," Parrish said, "that trukey raisers looked ahead to next year when they selected birds for the first holiday market. They should have kept back a sufficient number of quality turkeys for breeders.

"It is not too late to do this," the poultryman added. "Practically every turkey raiser has some younger birds to be fattened for the Christmas market, and from these the breeding birds for 1943 may be selected. There will be a strong demand for turkey poults next year, because of the need for poultry meat to offset rationing of pork, beef, veal, lamb and mutton.

Parrish says that characteristics to look for in choosing breeding birds include: Turkeys that made rapid growth, finished quickly, and show other desirable traits.

"Choose only strong, healthy and vigorous birds," he recommended. They should have a broad, full breast bone longer than their shanks. The breeding birds should have wide, long backs, short legs and short necks. The breast, however, is the most important and it should at least equal, and preferably, exceed the shank in length."

Parrish said that some reports have been received about turkeys being marketed for the Thanksgiving trade were not properly finished. He urged that growers withhold from the market all turkeys which are not well finished, fat, and still carrying excessive pin feathers.

First Aid Course For Junior Firemen And Wardens Completed

Twelve Junior Firemen and five of Franklin's Air-Raid Wardens have completed the Red Cross First Aid course. The announcement was made by A. C. Tysinger, Ir., fire chief of Franklin, and official Red Cross First Aid Instructor.

Because some of the Air-Raid Warden's were unable to finish the course, and because knowledge of First Aid is of primary importance to the duties of a Warden in time of emergency, Mr. Tysinger hopes to give more classes later.

The Junior Firemen receiving Red Cross First Aid certificates are: Bill Dean, Bob Leach, Dick Angel, John Dean, Willard Row-W. P. Constance, Logan land, Allen, Larry Cabe, Jack Angel, Allen Angel, Frank Murray, Jr., Bruce Rickman. Air-Raid Wardens completing the course are: C. G., Moore, Paul West, Rev. Philip total number of deaths from all Green, Elbert Angel, and J. D.

Poet's Corner

By EMMA LAURENCE

(Courtesy of Adventure Magazine) Lord God, whose whisper creates worlds-

Earth and seas and sun-lit sky Stretch forth Thy hand, make safe the way. Be with the gallant souls who fly.

Lord God where glory fills all space Beyond the utmost rim of light, Protect them when they climb aloft And stay the perils of their flight,

On unknown roads above the world, Roads never trailed by men before, Speak to their hearts, be heard above The thunder of their motors roar.

From ways of peace they speed

towards war, The cataclysmic tide to stem Through the dark crimson of the

Wing tip, to wing tip, fly with them.

When from their powerful throbbing wings They hurl destruction from the air To drive the tyrants from the

On guard, O Lord! Be with them there.

Lord of winds and thunder bolt, Eternal God we cry to Thee, Be with the valiant hearts who fly To make Thy peoples free!

A NEW VERSE FOR "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Dr. Thomas P. Potter, of New York, church historian and poet, has inscribed a new verse which he would add- to "God Bless America" for the duration of the war. It has already been favorably accepted and sung in a number of church and other groups. Dr. Potter's words are:

"God bless our Service Boys, Boys whom we love; Walk beside them and guide them In the light of thy love from above; Hold them safely in thy keeping Till this world-wide war is o'er. God bless our Service Boys For evermore."

Kyle By MRS. DOSHIE HANEY

Miss Grace Younce and Hazel Ray of Swannanoa spent the weekend visiting home folks.

Mrs. Effic Owenby and son, Don, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rogers of Rob-

Mrs. Jessie Blankenship is spending a two weeks vacation with her husband in El Paso, Texas,

Vester Pendergrass of Camp Wheeler, Ga., spent the weekend with home folks.

Osborne Younce made a business trip to Franklin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ella Beaver of Andrews spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

SPECIALS THIS WEEK:



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