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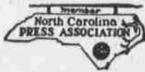
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BIBLE THOUGHT

That we may be fellow-workers for the truth.—III St. John 8.

Only religion can kill war. There must be a new power of faith, a new will to fellowship, a new dimension of understanding, and only the very genius of the religious spirit can achieve these results.—Joseph Fort Newton.

Clock No. 2062

ART HOCKING of Syracuse, New York is no mighty figure in the world of industry. He is probably not known personally beyond his small circle of friends. He is just one of the thousands of employes of the Carrier Corporation. But Art Hocking has written a letter to his fellow employes that deserves the widest circulation. Here it is:

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS IN FACTORY AND OFFICE:

Seven weeks ago my only son was killed in the war. Most of you know this but you can't possibly know how Hardy's mother and I feel. That is, none of you except Walt Gardner who just lost his boy too.

Since Hardy's death I've been doing a lot of thinking. What I'm trying to figure out is why so many of us are taking things for granted and not doing all we can to help win the war.

Maybe it's because we keep hearing and talking about the war lasting for years. That sort of thinking might keep anyone from hurrying.

It could be that this long-pull stuff was why we lost almost half a million minutes of production time last month through absence and tardiness.

Anyway I'm fed up with all this talk about a 5 or 10-year war. There's no sense to it. We can win this war quick. We've got to. If we don't your boys will be killed like mine was.

So put those 5 and 10-year thoughts out of your head. Finish our refrigeration machines for the synthetic rubber program this month—not next. Keep our portable cold storage line going 24 hours a day—not 16 or 20.

Sure this means sacrifices. It's no fun to work the night shifts. It's not easy to put 10 per cent of your pay into War Bonds. None of us go for gas and fuel and food rationing.

But these are nothing compared to losing someone you love. I know.

Please, please don't wait for the casualty lists to come rolling in. Throw yourselves into high—NOW.

Get going as though both the Huns and the Japs had to be licked in 1943. Maybe they will be if we really try.

I suggest a new slogan for Carrier. Here it is—Let's get it over quick!

I hope you won't think that I'm preaching. I'm not. I'm praying.

Yours truly,
Arthur Hocking
Clock No. 2062.

The nation is full of Art Hockings. Their numbers grow daily as our fighting services come to grips with the enemy on Guadalcanal, in North Africa, in the air and on the waters of this world-girdling war. They are the fathers of those who die for the republic.

Art Hocking is both a symbol and a rebuke. He is a symbol of the heart-breaking sacrifice which is necessary to the winning of the war. He is a rebuke to those of us who are doing less than our share.

If you are consuming more gas than is absolutely necessary, think of Art Hocking—and be heartily ashamed of yourself.

If you are malingering at your job, giving much less than your capacity in production, think of Art Hocking—and be remorseful.

If you are resorting to dubious devices to aid your son in avoiding military service, think of Art Hocking—and remember that the sons of others are dying.

Art Hocking is the America that counts, the America that deserves to be saved.

—The Asheville Citizen.

Macon's Refunded Debt

CITIZENS will note with interest the changed status of Macon county's bonded indebtedness brought about by the refunding of outstanding bonds of \$724,000. The market for bonds at this time is high, and the financial statement of the county which was presented with the official notice and blank proposal required was favorable to the material reduction of interest.

The County Commissioners and the county attorney have done an outstanding service to the people in accomplishing a saving of nearly \$10,000 a year for the next twenty-five years in interest.



HOT WORK AT SHORT RANGE—The Thompson ("Tommy") sub-machine gun in the hands of a trained infantryman offers a formidable combination which can spell the difference in fire-power when American troops clash with those of the enemy.

Press Comment

(We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of the La Verne Leader, containing the following editorial. It was sent by our long-time subscriber, E. D. White, who has written several articles on the history of Macon county which we have published from time to time.—Editor.)

SOUTHERN COUNTY LEADS THE "SCRAP"

Recently we published a brief government release lauding the city of Holyoke, Mass., population 55,000, for turning in over a million pounds of scrap, an average of 18 pounds per person. Mr. E. D. White of La Verne, a former resident of Macon county, N. C. dropped in the Leader this week with a copy of his old home town paper, "The Franklin Press." In this paper Macon county with a population of 13,700 modestly announced a total of 2,862,491 pounds collected, an average of 180 pounds per person. Macon county's modesty may keep them from being featured in government releases but 180 pounds per person is a goal any county, or city or even La Verne might well strive to equal.—La Verne (Calif.) Leader.

"We are in one of the critical and fateful hours of human history," said Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., recently. "The furnace of life is hotter than ever before. It is not an overstatement to declare that the world of tomorrow will be determined by the ideals we cherish, the goals we seek, and the convictions we hold about man, about brotherhood, and about immortality. . . . The

Clippings

LOAN DRIVE BACKED BY SENATOR GLASS

We reprint the following Associated Press release:
Lynchburg, Va., November 26.—Senator Carter Glass (D., Va.) one of the first to assert we should "lick hell out of Hitler," today said the response to the victory loan drive will determine whether America is behind the fighting men who have gone overseas to do it. "If we fail to support the treasury we will be supporting the axis," said the 84-year-old senator who was father of the federal reserve system and secretary of the treasury under World War President Woodrow Wilson.

The Virginia senator emphasized the importance of wide public participation as the soundest part of war financing in calling for support of the nine billion dollar drive opening Monday—the largest single piece of financing in the world's history.

"The victory loan drive for nine billion dollars," Glass said, "is a challenge to all of us on the home front. Either the country is behind its fighting men or it is not."

"The parade of dollars from citizens' pockets will determine the answer. These dollars must be converted, through loans to the government, into guns, tanks, planes and ships for our men on the

healing of the world's woes will not come through this or that social or political theory, nor through violent or ill-considered changes in government, but through the silent and sure process of the Christian gospel."

Women Prisoners Sew Shirts For U. S. Navy

Raleigh, N. C.—Women prisoners at the female division of the N. C. State Prison are turning out some 39,000 shirts for the U. S. Navy.

This is the first war order to be received by the North Carolina Penal Department.

The women prisoners will make the navy shirts instead of turning out the clothing ordinarily used by the 10,000 inmates of the North Carolina Prison System.

Supervising the work will be one of the youngest women wardens in the country, Ethel Strickland, a comely brunette, who has been in charge of the Woman Division, as the first woman warden in the State of North Carolina for almost a year.

It will take some 50 prisoners, working with 36 sewing machines and assembling and cutting instruments to manufacture the war order. Their crimes range from larceny to murder, with every thing else thrown in.

Prison Director Oscar Pitts, who heads up the the Prison System hopes that the Woman's Prison contract will represent only a beginning of other war orders to follow, utilizing some of the other equipment to be found at the men's division.

Pitts says that prisoners as a whole are anxious to play a part in the winning of the war. Capacity of the shirt plant will be some 35 dozen shirts per day.

Cloth for the shirts will be purchased by the North Carolina Prison Department from the Alabama State Prison. So the entire manufacture of the garments will be by prison labor.

fighting fronts. It is the greatest single piece of financing ever undertaken by any government in the world's history.

"As one who has always had a sincere interest in the banking system of the country," the senator added, "I know it is vitally important that the greatest possible amount of private and institutional funds be invested in these securities, in order to keep resort to bank borrowing at a minimum. The soundest treasury borrowing is from member banks, for in that way we will avoid laying any foundation for currency inflation. We on the home front are not leaving comfortable homes and risking our lives; we can and must enlist our dollars.

"If we fail the results can be disastrous for all of us. I urge my fellow citizens, without qualification, to purchase victory bonds to the utmost of their ability."

Through new steel alloy processes, Army Ordnance saved enough nickel to supply the needs of 46,000 heavy tanks and 17,000 75 mm. howitzers.

Michigan is the only area where chickory is grown to any extent, and coffee roasters are getting the entire supply, anticipating the demand for mixing it with coffee.

Poet's Corner

(The now famous war sonnet below was written 30,000 feet in the air by Pilot Officer John G. Magee, Jr., of the Royal Canadian Air Force on September 3, 1941. He was killed last December in England.)

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds
of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-
silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined
the tumbling mirth
Of sunsplit clouds—and done a
hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled
and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence, Hov'ring
there,
I've chased the shouting wind along,
and flung
My eager craft through footless
halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious, burning
blue
I've topped the windswept heights
with easy grace
Where never lark, nor even eagle
flew—
And while with silent lifting mind
I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of
space
Put out my hand and touched the
face of God.

TIDES

There are tides that roll against
our shores
Beating back the ships that are
our thoughts
And our intentions, when we try
to launch them.
Failing now, we look to future
years
To complement the lack in those
gone by.
Lest, resting on the oar or on the
shore
We miss our chosen port of
of destiny.

Seldom is it given mortal men
To know the course that has been
set for them;
So they lay their own, and be the
tide
At ebb or flow, set what sail they
have
And tack to wind and tide if it
must be.

Lucky one he is who sees his star
When tide and wind and moon
are all just right.
But luckier, perhaps, is he who
meets
Them all against him and, for a
while, is lost.
Then, torn by strain of will
against condition,
Finds himself.

John A. Johnson
Edenton
1942.

A New Orleans drugstore gets about 100 calls a day for alarm clocks, has none for sale, and can't get any more. Alarm clocks have gone to war.

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