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Keeping Faith With the Selectees

On the face of its contract, the United States Government is almost honor bound to release its army selectees at the end of their one year of service. However, the crisis facing the freedom of America may demand that the terms of the contract be altered. It is a baffling problem and one that the Army heads should solve. As far as the contract entered into between government and the young men is concerned, the young men have every right to terminate their army connections and return to civilian life. As far as the freedom of the country is concerned, it would appear that the young men are still needed in the service. It is imperative in many, many cases to alter the rules and regulations from time to time, and if the authorities deem it necessary and wise to alter the contracts to meet new conditions it would seem that the only thing to do is grin and bare the consequences. Day by day, it becomes more apparent that many of us, if not all of us, will have to surrender some and possibly many of our claims to certain rights if we are to maintain a hold on those rights in the years to come.

Victims of Propaganda

Selfishness and wishful thinking have made many of us adept victims of propaganda. In too many cases we have warped the facts to coincide with our own policies or to parallel our own thinking. Apparently many of us do want the facts, all the facts, and on that basis we let off steam, shouting to the world that we are right and all others are wrong. Aside from the war, the most disgusting propaganda is being distributed by self-appointed agencies. Manufacturers are often the victims, and the wishful thinking that follows would do a child no credit. It is fairly well established that some smart young fellow establishes an office in Washington or some metropolitan center. He contacts manufacturers and industrialists, offering an enlightening service covering all the sins of the opposition and all the great acts of his patrons. The statements released in some of the services have been proved unfounded, and yet there are those who are gullible enough to literally eat them up. The sad part about it and the truth about it all is, the agent writes what his patrons want to hear. They pay for what they want to hear, and in the final analysis they are just plain victims of propaganda, and they slumber around in their wishful thinking. The courts of this land with some few exceptions, of course, acknowledges the right of the most dastardly criminal to be heard. But it is customary in other fields to listen to only that which we wish to hear, losing many important and determining facts that should have been learned before reaching a definite conclusion. As for the war, it is sickening to see how many of our people have fallen victim of propaganda. Back yonder we were told about every act in Russia, how many were killed in the army purge, how Russia was faltering on the brink of destruction from within. Today, the leading militarists openly and frankly admit they do not know much about Russia, that her military strength is a secret. It just doesn't make sense when we learn all about the bad things chargeable to a country and then know little or nothing about the good things traceable to the same country. It isn't unreasonable to believe that we have been propagandized and misinformed. Just the other day, the nation's press in two-column headlines told about the thousands Russia had shot in the back while withdrawing from Poland. In this little village of ours, the story was a topic of much discussion. The possibility that the weird story had been inspired and fed to America for gullible citizens to gobble up and wage their tongues never occurred to them. A few days later a recognized press dispatch was released. It read: The Soviet Information Bureau today charged that German reports of the finding of hundreds of bodies of Ukrainian and other nationalists allegedly executed by the Soviets in

Lwow and other Soviet cities were deliberate fabrications.

"The German office Wilhelm G., who together with his unit went over to the side of the Red Army, testified that shortly before the attack on the Soviet Union the Gestapo (German Secret Police) and Ministry of Propaganda prepared a wide assortment of 'descriptions of Bolshevik atrocities,'" said the information bureau communique.

"As regards photographs fabricated by the Germans and showing dead bodies, it is well-known that wherever the Gestapo appears on the scene there is no shortage of mutilated dead bodies. To photograph the results of one's own work is not too difficult, either."

That the other side is resorting to propaganda is not to be denied, but strangely enough a parallel story had its origin in Poland and it was buried deep in the same paper. The story declared that the Germans had swept through a small town, destroying and kinning everything in its path. As the last of the soldiers passed through, angered Poles fired on them. The troop movement was halted until the soldiers turned back and wiped the little town off the face of the map, killing every man, woman and child in it.

Returning from Poland not so many weeks ago, an American engineer stated that the Poles were carrying on against the Germans, that anti-German newspapers, printed secretly and at great risk, were still appearing in the country. It would appear that Polish sympathy would certainly be anti-German, and yet we in this country swallow German propaganda that would have us believe that Poland and Germany are on the best of terms.

Happiness And Sorrow

By Ruth Taylor.

What is the real secret of life—the secret of living at one with one's self and in that inner circle of calm and quiet through which the winds of worry cannot penetrate and which the storms of discontent cannot shake?

Van Dyke phrased it once as "to have known happiness and never to be afraid of sorrow." If you stop to think it through, that is a charm which any one of us may have. For happiness is not dependent upon material prosperity. Think over the happiness you have had. How do you remember them? By some possession—or by a snatch of well remembered music, the afterglow of a summer sunset—or a hillside white with snow and girdled by black pines, the scent of flowers or of fresh cut grass, a longing for laugh, a quiet companionship—an hour of peace. Aren't those the things that spell happiness? Remembered happiness is a jewel whose value grows with the years—but like pearls they must be worn to live. Guard your happiness by enjoying it to the utmost. Live happily, rejoicing in all of beauty, joy or contentment that comes your way. Do not discolor your happiness with brooding on sorrow to come. And when it does, as it comes to all, don't be afraid. Sorrow bravely met is not an enemy but a friend—bringing with it a sense of comradeship with others who have endured—and in the end a quiet peace for remembered joys. Sorrow is the shading that emphasizes the reality of happiness. If we will face it with courage—sorrow is never greater than we can bear.

Today there are among us many sorrowing hearts. As the war clouds loom closer and the headlines grow darker and larger—the dread of sorrow enters many a home where happiness always dwelt. Youth resents this unseen specter, and those older ones who remember the past too often fear sorrow so deeply, they wrap its grey cloak around before the chill hour arrives. They overlook the years of happiness in fear of sorrow. The evening prayer which Stevenson wrote for his household in Samoa belongs to us all these days. It was used there when his nearing death would have saddened a lesser spirit and it breathes the comfort of faith we need today. "We beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, folk of many families and nations, gathered together in the peace of this roof. Be patient still; suffer us awhile longer to endure and, if it may be, help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies. Be with our friends. Be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest. If any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns to us call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts—eager to labor—eager to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion—and if the day be marked for sorrow—strong to endure it."

A Parable For Our American Defeatists

Coronet.

This is the story of the struggle between the mind of man and the minds of beavers which went on near Farmington, Me., in 1940. The beavers' dam was dynamited. It was repaired overnight. A six-inch pipe was concealed in the dam to drain it. Both ends of the pipe were plugged with mud. A hose was rigged to drain the dam. It was gnawed through three times. The entire dam was removed. A complete new dam was built. A scarecrow was rigged up. It was torn down, divided into pieces, and incorporated into the dam. The beavers were trapped and their skins nailed to the wall. But at least they made a fight of it.

The Source Of Power By REV. JOHN HARDY Church Of The Advent

THOSE WHOM GOD CALLS AND SENDS, HE EQUIPS AND EMPOWERS

"It would be folly to send a messenger and give him no message. We can not give what we do not possess. We can not give neighbor-love unless we are given neighbor-love. God does not send His servants out into the world empty-headed, empty-hearted, or empty-handed. No man can serve God or man save with the gifts and powers God has first given to him. God never asks a man to make an offering of what he does not possess. He does ask us to serve Him with all that we possess. 'Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.' 'Of thine own have we given thee.' The principle applies to everything: to money, brains, skill, time, influence. An earthly kingdom in its time of need calls on every citizen to cast in all that he has. How much more God's kingdom, God's commonwealth! Every gift carries with it a call. If God gives us wealth or strength or influence He calls us to honor Him with them. And equally when He gives us weakness or a burden He calls us to honor Him with that weakness or that burden. Likewise with every call there comes the promise of a gift. To Moses' complaint, when he was called, 'I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue,' God answered, 'Go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.' To Jeremiah's attempt to 'beg off,' 'Ah, Lord God, behold I cannot speak; for I am a child,' God answered, 'Say not I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.' Paul's prayer that he might be relieved of a handicap was met by God's word, 'My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' And even the one true Son could say, 'I can of mine own self do nothing.' I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me. Our Lord sent His disciples out without gold or silver or brass in their purses, but He did not send them out unequipped. He gave them a message to deliver. 'Freely ye have received, freely give.' 'What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.' The Lord gave to the disciples and the disciples to the multitude. When we grow anxious because of the Church's lack of money—or equipment it is well for us to remember that the first disciples had nothing to bring to men save what their Lord had given to them out of His poverty. Christ brought to men what man can not give and man can not take away. He brought nothing that money could buy. He had the vision of God and the quiet strength and the faith and the blessedness which are the fruit of that vision. His allegiance was beyond the world; so He overcame the world. He was possessed by the love of God; so He loved men. The Spirit dwelt in Him; so He could give the Spirit. He gave to men the Truth of God they desperately need. He gave Himself. He gave a deep and strengthening companionship with Himself and with one another in Him. He gave some simple acts that need only a little water and a little bread and wine. The sending of God and of His Christ is always a sending with a promise. When God drafts men into His service He equips them for that service, and the equipment is sufficient for the service He asks. 'He giveth power to the faint.' 'I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord,' declared Micah. 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me.' 'It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.' 'The highest gifts of God correspond to the deepest needs of men. Again and again St. Paul greeted his congregations with the words, 'Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.' That was his best wish and his constant prayer for them. The greatest gifts of the Spirit are 'faith and hope and charity.' These are the deepest needs of all men: faith, a strong affirmative 'Yes' to life and its meaning as given by God; hope, a victorious outreach to the good that lies ahead in this life and the life to come; charity, to hold others dear and to enter into true community; peace, to be inwardly reconciled with oneself and one's neighbors and one's God. The gifts that alone can meet the deepest needs of our neighbors can not be summoned up out of our own spiritual poverty by the efforts of our wills. We can not create faith or charity or peace within ourselves by willing them. They come to us out of communion with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the Spirit. They are gifts of grace. We can give them to others who need them greatly only by sharing them and drawing others into the one communion and fellowship."

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

8th Sunday after Trinity. The Collect. O God, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Service at the prison camp in the afternoon.

CHURCH NEWS

Jamesville Baptist Regular services at the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, The New Covenant. It is our regular communion service. It is hoped that all the membership will try to be present and the public is invited.

METHODIST Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Epworth League, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church on Monday, 4 p. m. Mrs. D. N. Hix will have charge of the program.

Holly Springs Methodist Preaching services at 3:30 p. m. The community is invited to attend.

BAPTIST Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. "Your Brother, Does He See Life Or Abide Under God's Wrath?" and "Be Not Ye Therefore Like Unto Them" are the sermon topics for Sunday morning and evening, respectively. Sunday morning the plain Biblical facts on the condition of the believer and non-believer in Jesus as Saviour will be presented. Sunday evening a great danger signal used by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount will be refreshed with practical applications. These messages are from texts full of dynamite, texts that get results. His Word shall not return void.

CHRISTIAN Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Behind Strange Doors." Young People's meeting, 7:00 p. m. Subject, "The Church in America."

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Evening service, 8 p. m. Subject, "He Could Not Take Second Place." Monday, 4 p. m., Circle No. 1 meets with Mrs. Herbert Taylor, with Mrs. John T. Edmondson as joint hostess. Circle No. 2 meets at the same time with Mrs. V. J. Spivey, with Mrs. Robert Coburn as joint hostess. Choir rehearsal, 7:30. Thursday, 8 p. m., Study of 19th Chapter of Acts of the Apostles.

HOLINESS A revival is in progress at the Pentecostal Holiness Church with Mrs. Brown and Miss Margaret Smith in charge. Much interest has been shown in the services during the past two nights. Preaching every night at 7:45 o'clock. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Reita Theatre—Washington Sunday-Monday July 20-21 "BEHIND THE NEWS" with Lloyd Nolan and Doris Davenport Tuesday DOUBLE FEATURE July 22 "Drums of the Desert," Ralph Byrd, Lorna Gray "The Kid's Last Ride," Ray Corrigan, John King Wednesday-Thursday July 23-24 "UNDER AGE" with Nan Grey and Alan Baxter Friday-Saturday July 25-26 "LAW OF THE RANGE" with Johnny Mack Brown

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In cooperation with law enforcement agencies, our Committee has made progress. But our goal is a 100% law-abiding business and we insist that all retail beer outlets be able to withstand the searchlight of public scrutiny.

You can help us attain this objective by patronizing the orderly outlets in your community and reporting any unlawful conditions to officials or to this Committee.

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