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### Time For All To Wake Up

Writing interestingly of his return to life following 21 days at the mercy of the Pacific Ocean, Eddie Rickenbacker tells much about his sight-seeing mission and the hardships that befell him and his companions in the Pacific. He returns home and forcefully suggests that it is time to wake up on the home front. We can sympathize with Mr. Rickenbacker or any human soul who experienced the hardships he suffered or similar hardships. While his mission had the earmarks of a costly sight-seeing tour, it may have been of great importance. We do not know, and will presume it was important. We go further and agree with Mr. Rickenbacker that it is time for labor to wake up back home.

But when Rickenbacker centered his charge against labor and remained silent as far as profiteering, cheating, lying, politicking and the other evils in the high places are concerned, he accomplished little. He merely helped to divide the people. Apparently Mr. Rickenbacker would stop the blood in one vein and let the country bleed to death out of another. Hero or no hero, Eddie Rickenbacker has joined the old camp where the life blood of this country has been and is still being sapped for selfish reasons.

He was not satisfied with his indirect attack on labor. He went further and said, "In the decade before the war, we spent billions on the theory that a superior few could plan the lives and duties of 130,000,000 people," and added that the New Deal was the greatest fallacy of our times. It is hard to believe that the words came from Rickenbacker, that they were not inspired by some one who would rather see America fall than to see the present administration lead us to victory.

He goes on to say that the men who are doing the real work in Guadalcanal are 18- and 19-year-olds. Those lads, or many of them, were nurtured by the New Deal, were given a new hope and something to fight for. If Hooverism had continued during the last decade, it would have been quite possible those young men would be fighting in a revolution right here at home and not to protect the good gained during that decade which according to Rickenbacker offered the greatest fallacy of our times.

We hold no brief for the contemptible worker, and one can't say that labor has a clean record. But at the same time we also point out that we hold no brief for profiteering, cheating and the unsavory acts chargeable directly to those in the high places and who Rickenbacker apparently would protect with his heroic backing. What's wrong in one place is wrong in another, and if we are to progress in war or peace we must attack that wrong wherever it might be. The great hero Rickenbacker should recognize that fact. But, sad to relate, he muffled the ball.

Yes, it is time to wake up, not only on the labor front but also on the managerial front, the political front, the spiritual front, the moral front and all other fronts and put every ounce of energy into the task at hand. It is also time to get wise to the Rickenbacker talk, and to others who would bore from within to destroy us.

### Explains Fix We Are In

In his Christmas Pastoral Letter, released to the German people a few days before last Christmas and later to the world, the Bishop of Berlin, defying Hitler and the Gestapo, denounced the leader of the Third Reich and explained the fix in which the world now finds itself. He said, in part:

"This denial of God's sovereign rule is directly responsible for the uncertainty and bewilderment surrounding the idea of right—more than that, for the downright lack of right. Power rules in place of justice and profit in the place of right. The moment this standpoint is adopted the word justice loses its connotation. The moment mankind—whether as individuals, as larger communities or as nations—no longer feel bound by an immutable eternal law the result can only be strife and discord, hatred and disorder and chaos.

"If power creates and represents right, there can be no peaceful communion between indi-

viduals or smaller communities or nations and a fight of all against all will result. The most powerful will win until a still greater power arises and crushes him—the result is an existence devoid of all human dignity, a fight for existence on the level of creatures deprived of human intelligence . . ."

### Thinking Straight

By Ruth Taylor.

In our hurry, in our patriotic fervor, in our zeal to be of service at this crucial hour, we must not overlook the fact that there is a need to think as well as act. Just as we drop peacetime habits from our lives, just as we drop all our efforts on work that will help in winning this war against the powers of darkness—so must we think straight toward our goal, so must we drop fears, prejudices, petty hatreds and personal preferences from our mind.

Now most of all must we learn to think straight. Elmer Davis, the director of War Information, made a statement some time ago which every one of us who fight for democracy, must well remember: "Not only does our future, and probably the world's future, depend on our ability to fight straight on through to victory, it depends as well on our ability to think straight through to the end of the war and afterwards."

This is a time of complete reorientation. We must realize that even history is speeded up these days. The changes that are taking place are rapid and we must be able to keep up with them mentally, and adjust ourselves to the idea that the way we had thought things out may not be the best way to work things through.

We must ruthlessly discard old habits of thought. We must think in broader terms. We must praise the right action—no matter who does it; and we must condemn the wrong, no matter whose it is. We must not detour for selfish motives, whether that selfishness be a selfishness of an individual or a group. We must think straight through toward the high end of victory both of the war and of the peace, and we must recognize the source of all efforts to divide us and create hates and dissension.

We must not be led astray by those who are seeking their own personal gain or the fulfillment of their ambition in this war, or the satisfaction of their grudges and hates. We cannot even afford to spend time hating them. We have our job to do—and we must think straight to it.

We have a mental code to guide us. The Four Freedoms are not just a statement of national policy, but a challenge to all of us, a call to the minds of men to think straight through to these goals, and to put them into practical application—not merely at some future date when victory rests on our banners, but here and now in our daily lives.

The war will be won by those who have fought straight through to the victory of the United Nations. The peace will be won by those who have thought straight through to the victory of the Four Freedoms.

### Incurable Optimism

From The Common Defense.

It is truly indicative of the spirit of Western man that even in the midst of this most brutal of all wars there should be so much planning for a just and righteous peace to follow it. We simply refuse to accept the notion that wars are inevitable. We persistently cling to the conviction that something can be done about them to stop them.

That conviction is in our bones. It is our heritage. It is the effect that our religion has had upon us. It is because we have learned that God is not apart from what goes on here, that He is in the historical process, and that He works to establish His Kingdom in that day when the "glory of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

It began far back in the days of God's revelation of Himself to the Hebrews. For them God was in the historical process, and because He was, things that happened made sense, had purpose, contained hope. Even the captivity in Babylon could not dismay them. God was in that, too, using their enemies as a means to His purpose, over-ruling the plans of wicked men for His glory.

The years passed. Christ was born. Christianity went out into the Roman Empire, into persecution, and death, but with the conviction that, in Christ, God had entered history, endured all that men must endure, and overcome all, and banished death. God was in the historical process—never in it—raising men to new heights, new levels of life, assuring them that "with God all things are possible."

The resulting outburst of confidence and hope among men was inevitable. It was expressed in St. Paul's question, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This question was answered by generations of men who believed that God was working His purpose out in the world and that, since He was, there could be no such thing as harsh fate, or hopelessness, or the triumph of darkness, or the victory of evil.

Man had a reason for his hope and his new attitude toward life. It was the knowledge that he was a co-worker with God in this world, and that in itself was the assurance of victory as it was, too, the encouragement to try, and try, and try again for peace, and human brotherhood and justice.

We are still trying, still hoping, still planning for these things. We cannot help it. We are incurable optimists. We shall always be so long as we keep the ancient faith of the Scriptures that God is here in the historical process and that victory belongs to Him.

# CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

6th Sunday after Epiphany.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

Evening prayer, 8 p. m.  
The Vestry will meet at the Rectory on Tuesday night at 7:30.

## HOLY TRINITY, BEAR GRASS

Regular services on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Everyone is invited to attend the service.

## CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Man's Equality Before God."  
Prayer service, 7:30 p. m.  
Young People's meeting, 8:45 p. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Lives of the Great Live On."  
Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30, with choir rehearsal following.

## BAPTIST

Bible School, 9:45 a. m. "Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind."  
Worship service, 11 a. m. Our Gibraltar.  
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.  
Worship service, 7:30 p. m. "An Unlimited Salvation."  
Prayer and praise service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

## Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services will be held at the Piney Grove Baptist Church on Saturday at 11 o'clock. The membership is urged to attend these services and the public is invited.

## METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. D. N. Hix, superintendent.  
Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Christianity and a Vexing Problem."  
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Methodist Missions in Argentina and Brazil."  
Wednesday evening devotion and Mission Study, 7:30 p. m. At this hour we will study, "Methodism in Cuba and Mexico."

## PRESBYTERIAN

Mr. Gower Crosswell, Jr., Union Theological Seminary student, will preach at the county churches Sunday, it was announced.  
The pastor will preach in the Williamston Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., going directly from here to Roberson's Chapel at 12 o'clock noon. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock he will preach at Poplar Point and that evening at 7:30 in the church at Bear Grass.  
The membership is urged to be present, and the public is cordially invited.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Mada E. Weaver, deceased of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at Robersonville, N. C., Route 2, for payment on or before the 30th day of January, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This January 28, 1943.  
D. O. WEAVER,  
Administrator.

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No definite date has been set to advertise the delinquent tax list but it is very likely that it will be advertised earlier this year than in former years.

# THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

In the matter of: Ida Greenstone Zemon, individually and trading as The Bargain Place, Williamston, North Carolina. Voluntary Bankrupt.

discharge of this bankrupt may be filed.  
Such objections are required to be specified, to be verified, to be in duplicate, and to be filed with the undersigned.  
WHEELER MARTIN,  
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