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Age is a sorry traveling companion — Danish proverb

APRIL

30—Washington inaugurated 1st president, 1789.

MAY

1—1st Child Health Day proclaimed nationally, 1923.
2—Coinage of 20-cent pieces ordered ceased, 1873.
3—Island of Jamaica discovered, 1494.
4—Theological seminary founded at Andover, Mass., 1808.
5—130,000 western miners join soft coal strike, 1939.
6—Dirigible Hindenburg destroyed, 1937.

Sign Your Pledge

Uncle Sam, in this War effort, must know from every production plant just how many guns, tanks, planes and ships he can expect to receive within the next few months so that he can lay his battle plans accordingly.

By the same token he must know from the people of the nation just how many dollars he can expect to receive voluntarily in the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds, so that he can lay his tax plans accordingly, to pay for the War cost. The more dollars voluntarily pledged for the purchase of Bonds, the less will be the tax load.

With this in mind, the Treasury Department is conducting a nationwide inventory by states wherein every income earner is being asked to sign a Pledge indicating how much he will lend from that income to buy Savings Bonds.

The pledge campaign in North Carolina is to be conducted next week May 4-9.

This community is a local sector of the state and nation-wide battle front. The voluntary workers in the campaign are civilian soldiers serving without pay, without glory of thanks, and are as surely fighting a battle for freedom as the soldiers on the battle fronts. They are conducting a campaign which we as a nation cannot afford to lose. Their only weapon is a Pledge Card and a cheery word.

They will offer every income earner the privilege and opportunity to pledge an investment in the safest risk in the world, the United States Government.

Every person who is financially able should support this Pledge to his or her utmost financial ability. The

Pledge is entirely voluntary on your part, but upon the success of this campaign will depend the freedom of America, for without the tanks and guns and supplies to be purchased by your investment, your Pledge, we cannot win this war.

So join willingly, cheerfully, in this mobilization of American dollars, so that America will continue to be free. Sign the Pledge and do your share.

Farmers Should Join County Farm Bureau

Every farmer in Washington County should join the county unit of the Farm Bureau in the campaign now under way. This organization has already done a great deal for the farmer in the way of holding up market prices of farm products and in bringing pressure to secure needed farm legislation, both in the state and nation.

Under the leadership of Roy Manning, elected president of the county organization at a recent meeting, the Farm Bureau should become active in this county. It is through this and similar organizations that farmers can best protect their interests in the matter of securing favorable legislation. During the war period, especially, while strict economic controls are being applied in all lines of business and industry, it is important for farmers to have a live, strong organization to present and battle for the rights of agriculture.

Thinking It Over

"England will fight to the last American".

This is the "divide and conquer" strategy, such a favorite device of the Nazis. And the tragedy of it is that in the countries already overrun by the hordes of Hitler this sinister stratagem has worked.

The enemy propaganda machine is trying to drive a wedge between the United States and Great Britain by the insidious insinuations, adroitly whispered around, that England is quietly resting while America does the fighting for her.

But what are the facts?

Sixty per cent of the British national income is being spent for war. Last year seventy per cent of all the casualties suffered by the Empire armies were British.

More than 43,000 men, women and children were killed and 50,000 seriously injured by the devastating air raids over the British Isles.

The R.A.F. and the English navy have put out of commission more than five and a quarter million tons of enemy merchant tonnage. Through the alertness of Britain's fighters half of the Axis convoys never reached Africa while the loss in British convoys has been less than half of one per cent.

When Russia was attacked last June English fighters jumped to their guns in the West and kept Germany from sending half of her fighting planes to the Russian front.

Eighty per cent of England's war products and every soldier for whom there can be found shipping space are being sent to the front.

The R.A.F., naval and merchant ships of England have already destroyed nearly 10,000 aircraft.

More than 300 English ships under heavy protection are constantly on the waters to keep British armies moving into the Middle East.

And who doubts that if those fighting R.A.F. pilots had not prevented an invasion of their country it would not have long ago been the base for an attack upon America?

England not fighting? Tell that to Mr. Hitler.

Our Great America *by Tryon*

TO BUILD A NAVY OF 30 BATTLESHIPS, 40 CRUISERS, 100 DESTROYERS AND 500 SUBMARINES WOULD REQUIRE LESS THAN THREE PER CENT OF ONE YEAR'S STEEL OUTPUT OF AMERICAN MILLS.

UNTIL AN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY WAS INTRODUCED BY THE WHITE MAN, THE AREA NOW ENCOMPASSING THE UNITED STATES WAS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR ONLY ABOUT 800,000 INDIANS!

FOREST LANDS IN THE U.S.A. ARE EQUIVALENT TO NEARLY FIVE ACRES PER PERSON—ENOUGH TO GROW ALL THE TIMBER NEEDED FOR DOMESTIC USE, PLUS A REMAINING SURPLUS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT!

Purge The Traitors

With slight changes in the methods the purging of those traitors who would delay the war effort is in order just as Russia puts its house in order. While we were riding to the devil in high gear and condemning Stalin for cleaning his house of traitors, we invited defeat within our own boundaries.

It is high time that the traitors in this country face the firing squad. Give them a fair trial, but let no man who would act to endanger the nation or the lives of others escape with a minor fine or a brief term in prison. Those who are responsible for delays, be they unionists, managers, common people, politicians or high-ranking family members, should be called to answer. But we should be careful not to condemn others until we have moved to do our own part.

Rambling R...About
By THE RAMBLER

Congratulations Graduates

Godspeed—to each and every boy and girl who graduated from the white and colored schools in this county last week. Graduation was a happy occasion for the boys and girls, and it is a mighty important one too, because it marks their entry into new fields where they will assume new responsibilities.

These young men and women assume their places in a world that is torn with the horrors and sacrifices that follows in the wake of war. In a little while they will have the duty of rescuing the remnants of civilization from the havoc caused by war and they will be charged with the task of charting the course of humanity back on the way to restoration and recovery from the conflict.

One tragedy of war is that a generation builds for destruction and conflict, while the succeeding generation must rescue Democracy from the shambles and start to rebuilding a country that has been shattered by their predecessors.

No matter how small one may feel, their work in the war and its aftermath will be important. More crops must be grown to feed the starved world; more inventions must be made to assure protection; and it may be the duty of those who survive the present period of destruction, to police the world and see that this great catastrophe is not repeated.

So congratulations and Goodspeed to these boys and girls who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

Funny—Or Is It?
Philadelphia Record

From our scrapbook we cull this priceless prophecy by the Chicago Tribune in March, 1941:

We have no reason to fear any nation or combination of nations that can be brought against us. Japan has her hands full in China, and the end of that war is not in sight. Germany is still trying to overcome Britain. Italy is punch drunk. Even if all their plans of conquest should succeed within the next few months, it would still be long after January of 1943 before they would turn their attention to us.

Funny—or is it?—that the same Colonel McCosmic (Colonel Robert R. McCormick) who gave the world that one year ago, is now trying to tell the Government how to run the war—against Japan, Germany and Italy.

Dollar Vs. Cent—

Miss Sadie Lee Fagan, of Dardens, contributes the following item to the Rambler this week:

A big silver dollar, and a little brown cent
Rolling, along together they went;
When the dollar remarked, for the dollar can talk,
You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,
I'm bigger, and more than twice as bright
I'm worth more than you a hundred-fold
And written on me in letters bold,
Is the motto drawn from the pious creed
"In God We Trust," which all can read.
Yes, I know, said the cent.
I'm a cheap little mite, and I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright.
And yet, said the cent, with a meek little sigh,
You don't go to church as often as I.

Why A Home?

Modern Young Lady (to real estate agent who tried to sell her a house)—A home? Why do I need a home? I was born in a hospital, educated in a college, courted in an automobile and married in a church; I live out of the delicatessen and paper bags; I spend my mornings on the golf course, my afternoons at a bridge table, and my evenings at the theater; when I die, I am going to be buried from the undertaker's. All I need is a garage.—Exchange.

On Forgiveness—

Another contribution by Miss Fagan:

It seemed that a neighbor was sick, so he sent for his old friend, with whom he had had trouble. "Jim I'm

WINNIE WINKLE by BRANNER

BOSS, I'D BE GLAD TO ACCEPT PART OF MY SALARY IN DEFENSE BONDS! IF ALL THE WORKING GIRLS IN THE NATION DO THIS, IT WILL HELP US GREATLY IN OUR FIGHT FOR VICTORY!

WHAT ABOUT IT GIRLS? HAVE YOU STARTED THE PAYROLL PLAN IN YOUR OFFICE?

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EACH
Wed. Afternoon
Beginning MAY 6th

going to die, and I want to die in peace with every body, please forgive me for the ill feeling that I caused.

Jim forgave him, and they shook hands and talked of the good old days they had together years ago, and wished to meet each other in Heaven.

Just as Jim had left the door to mount his horse, the sick man called him back: "Jim! Jim! if I don't die, we are to be just like we used to be."

Dogwood Tree—

Miss Fagan writes on the legend of the dogwood.

During the past two weeks, I have been admiring the beautiful white dogwood blossoms that's scattered among the green trees beside the highway, and thought that I'd send the little legend of the dogwood.

At the time of the crucifixion of Christ the dogwood had the size of the oak, and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross.

To be used for such a purpose, greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this, and in his gentle pity and sorrow is reported to have said to the tree: "because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall a dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a

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Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals, and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints with rust, stained with red, and in the center of the flower there will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

Buy More—

Another contributor this week is Miss Phyllis Anne Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, of Plymouth, who submits a poem entitled "Buy Some More."

Defense stamps, defense stamps, defense stamps galore,
Buy them, come on, buy them, they still have some more.

With the Japs in the Philippines, and the Germans near Leningrad,
The way things are, its beginning to look bad.

But we must wake up to this fact
And show those Japs and Germans,
that we, too, can fight back.
They might have gotten Manchukuo,
France, and Greece, too
And they may get the other ones, but
they can't get me and you.
The people of America may be extravagant, that's true,
But do you want a dictator, to tell
you what to do?
So recall all these facts,
They're as plain as the nose on your
face,
So buy defense bonds and stamps at
the nearest place.

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