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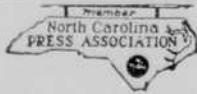
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## ALMANAC



"Every potter praise his own pot"  
—Italian proverb

- JULY
- 9—Mary E. Surratt hanged as conspirator in death of Lincoln, 1858.
- 10—Millard Fillmore becomes president on Taylor's death, 1850.
- 11—Alexander Hamilton fatally wounded in duel with Aaron Burr, 1804.
- 12—Pennsylvania troops take over Homestead Steel mills in strike, 1892.
- 13—Steamer Great Eastern starts laying third Atlantic cable, 1866.
- 14—French Revolution begins, Bastille day, 1789.
- 15—Second Battle of the Marne, 1918.

### Are We Too Easy?

By RUTH TAYLOR  
Are we too easy? In the past weeks I have heard many people say that we are taking this war too lightly: that we are soft; that we are lulling ourselves into dangerous complacency with a lullaby of over-emphasized successes, and under-realized defeats; that what we need is martial music, marching men—and a sight of heartbreak and tears.

Are we too easy? This war is almost too great to be grasped by the mind of man. Are we taking it lightly for fear of facing what defeat would mean—the complete destruction of civilization as we know it, a return to the barbarism of the Dark Ages, a reversal to the rule of brute force, an eradication of all religions, a domination of all the peoples of the earth by a group of sadistic degenerates? Are we afraid to look that possibility in the face?

Are we too easy? Have we grown soft? This war will call upon the utmost that each and every one of us can bring to it of brain and brawn, of selfless, self-sacrificing devotion to an ideal. Can it be true that the progress we have made, the education we have gained has weakened our morale and courage, rather than made us more efficient, intelligent human beings?

Are we too easy? Have we drifted into the half sleep of complacency?

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Ten GENTLEMEN  
from WEST POINT

Saturday July 11  
CHARLES STARRETT in  
"RIDERS of the  
NORTHLAND"

Sunday July 12  
KAY KYSER in  
"My Favorite Spy"

Mon.-Tues. July 13-14  
LAURENCE OLIVER and  
LESLIE HOWARD in  
"The INVADERS"

Wed. Mat 3:30 July 15  
WILLIAM LUNDIGAN and  
JEAN ROGERS in  
"SUNDAY PUNCH"

Thurs.-Fri. July 16-17  
Matinee Thursday 3:30  
ROSALIND RUSSELL and  
FRED MacMURRAY in  
"TAKE A LETTER,  
DARLING"

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**ALL STAR CAST in**  
**"Thru Different Eyes"**  
also WILLIAM BOYD in  
**"TWILIGHT on**  
**the TRAIL"**

Must we be coddled by only bright stories? Have we reached the state of adulating men for doing their duty, and glossing over neglects and defeats? We are a young nation—but we are not childish. We can stand up to defeat as well as we can withstand the dangers of success. Every school child is familiar with the hazards of over-confidence in the story of Braddock's defeat.

Are we too easy? Must we be spurred to patriotism? Must our fighting of this war be a matter of emotional stimulants, or will our intense desire for freedom for all—irrespective of class, race, nationality or religion—our belief that prosperity for all lies in the practical application of democracy, our intense hatred of tyranny of any kind, carry us through to victory?

Are we too easy? Only you—the people of America—can answer this question.

### "Over the Hill"

Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.  
Headline writers of some Kansas newspapers have bluntly reminded the new crop of selective service registrants that they are not as young as they used to be. The men, 45 to 65 years old, inclusive, will include a great majority of World War I vets who have been feeling the swish of the scythe of old Father Time, which has cooled them off on their capers at veterans' conventions.

Typical cracks of the young-blood headline writers include:  
"Come and Tell Uncle Sam About Your Flat Feet and False Teeth."  
The Lawrence Outlook.  
"Old Timers to Register Next."  
The Chase County News.  
"Oldsters Can Register Early."  
The Council Grove Republican.  
"Senile Ones to Have a Full Week-End."  
The Learned Chronoscope.  
"Battle-Scarred Vets to Sign Up Again."  
Exchange.

All of which adds up to mean: "You're over the hill, brother, you're over the hill!"

### Letters To Soldiers

Goldsboro News-Argus.  
Write them a letter.  
That is the word from Raymond Clapper after six weeks spent in touring Egypt and the Far East. His plea was for the United States citizens scattered over the far parts of the earth with whom he came in contact.  
That plea should be made and urged for every man in the service.  
The little town of Middlesex in Nash county has started something

### Our Great America by Tison

**MASKS FOR SURGEONS AS WELL AS WORKERS IN DUSTY ATMOSPHERE ARE MADE FROM PAPER WITH A VEGETABLE FIBER INSOLUBLE IN LIVE STEAM, BOILING WATER, OR COMMON SOLVENTS, WHEN SOILED THEY CAN BE WASHED OR DISCARDED.**

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**AS MANY AS THREE TREE CROPS HAVE BEEN HARVESTED IN CERTAIN SOUTHERN STATES, FROM COTTON FIELDS WHICH WENT BACK TO WOODS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR**

which every community could follow.

The Methodist church of Middlesex has the name and address of every man who has gone from the community into the service. Every week every Middlesex boy gets one letter from some member of that Sunday school or church.

We were privileged to read one of the letters from one of the boys in reply to a letter from home. This letter was straight from the heart. It spoke volumes of what this friendly gesture from home is doing to build and improve morale among the armed services.

It was an illiterate letter, for the boy had been denied opportunities of an education.  
"I used to hear that the Army was pretty hard," this boy wrote. "But that was wrong. The Army is O.K."  
The Army will be more O.K. if you will pardon the expression, if other towns follow the Middlesex plan.

### Ye Impartial Ed

Harry P. Hornby in the Uvalde (Texas) Leader-News.  
I am absolutely impartial in my judgment of Hitler, Mussolini and Hien Norway. I want Mussolini tried by and impartial trial after this war is over. This is due the bloody butchers who have violated every phase of international law. As I said I was impartial. I want Hitler tried by a Czecho-Slovakia or Jugoslavia, or even Norway. I want Mussolini tried by natives of Ethiopia and I want Hirohito tried by Chinese or American juries. In this way I believe they would receive justice. I would also want the fathers of boys killed or of

## Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

### Brother Lawrence

Nicholas Herman, a lowly, unlearned monk of the 17th century, has perhaps contributed more to the devotional life of the masses of people than any other one man. As a lay member of a monastic order he was called "Brother Lawrence", and his position in the brotherhood was that of a scullion in the kitchen. His one single aim in life was to bring about a conscious personal union between himself and God. Brother Lawrence was not troubled with any theological difficulties or doctrinal dilemmas, but with a simple faith he went about his menial tasks conscious that at all times he was in the presence of God. Whether building the fires in the kitchen of the monastery, or scouring the pots and pans, or scrubbing the floor, he practiced the presence of God. God occupied first place in all of his working, and thinking, and living. So strong became his faith, so buoyant his joy, so deep his adoration, that dignitaries high in church and state made their way to his lowly kitchen for spiritual comfort and help.

Some of Brother Lawrence's conversations and letters have been preserved for us and are published in a thin volume entitled "The Practice of the Presence of God". Thousands upon thousands of copies of this little book have been published and read and re-read for four hundred years by peoples of all faiths and nationalities.

What Brother Lawrence did all can do. A kitchen can become an altar, a factory a church, the blue daughters ravished on the jury. As I said I was absolutely impartial. Justice is what they should receive.

sky a cathedral dome . . . with the practice of the presence of God.

### Wanted: Cooperation

Last week's issue of The Beacon carried notice of the Union Daily Vacation Bible School which is to be held for one week, July 27 through August 1. This school, sponsored by the Christian, Methodist, Baptist, and Episcopal churches of the city, is open to all children and young people of the Plymouth area. Cooperation on the part of the parents of the children of Plymouth will assure the success of this important enterprise of Christian education.

### Recreational Activities

The need for wholesome outdoor recreation for the youth of Plymouth is a problem which must be faced honestly and immediately. Is this not a problem in which Christian people have an interest . . . or does the "brotherhood of man" just include adults?

### Thought For the Day

"God trusts me beyond what I now am; I trust Him beyond what I am now see."

### PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sivills and daughter, Sarah Virginia, and Mrs. Nona Holloman, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton.  
Mrs. Frances C. Hutchins made a business trip to Williamston Thursday.

Edison Alexander, of Norfolk, spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Alexander.  
Col. and Mrs. T. O. Wright, of Oak Ridge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton Thursday.

Mrs. Terry Craddock and children and Mrs. Della Roberson, of Great Bridge, visited Mrs. Henry Ainsworth Sunday.

Rev. G. C. Wood and daughters Misses Katie and Evelyn Wood were the dinner guests of Mrs. Clara Snell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gurganus and family attended a family reunion at Hassell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Chesson spent Sunday with Mr. Dennis Chesson and Miss Christine Hodges.  
Miss Marian Chesson and Miss Doris Gray were the guests of Mrs. Henry Davenport, at Columbia for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox and son left Sunday for Wilmington, where they will spend a week's vacation.  
Miss Dorothy Mae Mann, of Columbia spent last week with Miss Mary Ambrose.

Miss Helen Phelps, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Phelps, of Roper, visited Mrs. Frances Hutchins, Tuesday.

Ben F. Little of Clifton in Ashe county throws most of his old corn stalks that are not eaten by cattle into a rack to decompose so that later he will have more fertilizer for his land.

Marines Corps parachutists release blue "cargo" chutes which carry "Tommy" guns, rifles, grenades, ammunition, and other lethal supplies. Returns from marketings of lint and cottonseed per acre of cotton harvested increased from \$30.13 in 1940 to \$49.23 in 1941, the highest returns since 1919.

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Men spend thousands of dollars to grow hair on their head and cut it off their chins.  
We protect wild game so that we can shoot it. As the Chinaman said: "Funny People, you Americans. You take a glass of water, you put sugar in it to make it sweet, and lemon to make it sour; you put in gin to warm you up, and ice to keep you cool; you say, 'Here's to you' and then drink it yourself."

### But the Queerest of All . . . .

Are the people who make their living in Plymouth and then rush around to other towns to do their trading, when it's a lot more convenient, more economical, and more satisfactory to buy from their own neighbors right here at home.  
**BE WISE . . . Do your shopping in Plymouth and put your savings into War Savings Stamps and Bonds.**

## PLYMOUTH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

THE necessity for conserving rubber . . . essential to the war program . . . and our inability to obtain tire replacement for a large portion of our automobile and truck fleet . . . makes it necessary for us to curtail the standard of service which we have heretofore endeavored to maintain on calls from our customers for construction and other service needs. Nearly one-fifth of our motor vehicle fleet has already been removed from service and stored . . . and other units will be removed. Only vitally necessary operation can be permitted under the present circumstances.

The requirements of our Nation's armed forces come first. It is with this thought in mind that we must shape our operating policies and readjust our service and we ask your co-operation in our effort to meet the demands of the existing emergency.

**EFFECTIVE NOW—To connect or disconnect Electric Service:**

**IN URBAN OR METROPOLITAN AREAS** we will need at least one day's notice.

**IN OUTLYING AND RURAL AREAS** additional advance notice will be required because of greater mileage involved for each call.

(Your help in arranging for our men to enter the premises on the first trip will avoid repeat calls and delays.)

**IN ANY AREA** when a prospective customer plans new construction, or plans to move to a new location, he should communicate with us in advance to determine if electric service will be available. Priority requirements, copper restrictions and other wartime conditions must be considered when plans are made.

**IN AREAS WHERE** public transportation is not readily available to our meter readers, bills for average electric consumption will be sent the customer every other month and actual meter readings will be taken every second month. Thus, the bill based on average consumption automatically will be adjusted by the actual meter reading of the second month. All "averaged" bills will have a small sticker stating that the bill is based on the "average" use during the preceding months.

**AS OUR SERVICE MEN** and other employees calling on customers will use street-cars and buses or will walk whenever possible, more time will be required to answer calls for service on the customer's premises.

Customers are urged to make more extensive use of our telephone facilities. All calls will receive careful attention and handling.

The times are difficult indeed and we will be called upon to make more sacrifices . . . which we will gladly do to achieve the vital goal ahead . . . VICTORY!

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