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"He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still"—Samuel Butler

JULY

- 16—Robert Bridges becomes poet laureate, 1913.
- 17—Drawing held for draft of 21-year-olds, 1941.
- 18—First mail coach from San Francisco reaches Kansas, 1861.
- 19—First Woman's Rights convention, Seneca Falls, N. Y., 1848.
- 20—First special train with fruit for London leaves California, 1892.
- 21—John Scopes convicted of teaching evolution in Tennessee, 1926.
- 22—Pilgrims sail for America from Holland in Speedwell, 1620.

W. W. Service

We Haven't Begun To Fight—But It's Time

"As a nation, Americans haven't been fighting this war—not by a long shot," said Life recently. "A comparative handful of boys and officers have been fighting bravely and eagerly. But at home the fighting hasn't even begun. Most of America is earning big money, eating well, rolling up new betting records at the horse races, dashing around the country on rubber that is absolutely irreplaceable. . . . The only battle the U. S. citizens have won so far is the battle of the newspaper headlines. . . . Meanwhile the Axis pushes in, rings us with steel, accumulates real bases all over the world."

That is a pretty tough statement, but the facts certainly bear it out. The incredible optimism concerning the war that still seems to prevail in some quarters is not shared by real military men. As General Somervell, the Army's chief of supply, said in a 4th of July speech at Detroit, the United Nations have taken a terrific shellacking in every corner of the world. And most of us, he added, have no idea of the magnitude and difficulty of the job that lies ahead. The hard truth is that Hitler and his brother dictators have done more to change the map of the world than any conquerors in modern history.

The Russians showed great valor in the defense of Sevastopol. They were hopelessly outnumbered in both men and equipment, and after the first few days the Luftwaffe had command of the skies. The Red Army made the Germans pay tremendously for their victory, and according to the Moscow account, Sevastopol was left a pile of useless ruins. But Sevastopol was a vital position, and its loss is extremely important. Now Germany can release many battle-

trained soldiers for service elsewhere. Sevastopol is a key point in Hitler's drive to seize the oil resources of the Caucasus, and to shatter the U. S. supply line to Russia. That is why the German commanders figured it must be taken, no matter how great the cost.

At this time, it is impossible to explain the British defeat in Libya—the facts are not available, and the Cairo censorship has been complete. As Mr. Churchill frankly admitted, the British had the edge in numbers and in arms. The fate of Libya was settled on a single day—when 300 heavy British tanks went into action, and only 70 were left at night-fall. No comparable losses, Mr. Churchill said, were inflicted on the enemy. Rommel seems to have lured the British into a trap. The British commanders seemed confident that Rommel could not fight an offensive action in the desert heat. But Rommel did.

As yet, we have not fully appreciated the extraordinary fanaticism of Axis leaders and troops. With them it is "win or die." They take incredible chances. They fight under the worst climatic and geographical conditions. They violate classic rules of warfare. The commanders are, apparently, completely callous when it comes to shedding the blood of their compatriots. These Axis hordes can be compared in many respects to the brutal hordes of Genghis Khan. To stop them, to defeat them, will require a comparable fanaticism, held in a very different cause, on the part of all the United Nations.

From the U. S. point of view, the Jap landings in the Aleutians cannot be passed off casually, as some optimists have tried to do. It is true that a few rock islands, shrouded in fog, off the tip of Alaska, aren't important in themselves. It is also true that Aleutian and Alaskan outposts could be used for devastating raids on the U. S. proper. General Billy Mitchell once said, in effect, that whoever controls Alaska would win the next war. There is no reason to suppose that the Japs raided Dutch Harbor and seized remote Attu and Kiska just for the sake of what military men call a diversion. The Jap commanders have shown, all along, that everything they do is part of a carefully-prepared plan, and that everything has a bearing on their grand strategy. It will be hard to drive the Japs out of their Aleutian footholds. The Axis is seeking to encircle this country now, and it has made gigantic progress. That circle must be broken.

Sacrifice Freedom To Preserve Liberty

All of us these days are sacrificing temporarily a measure of freedom in order that we may preserve liberty. This surface paradox is as old as the concept of liberty, it emerged when the first group of freemen banded together and pledged their all to resist despotism. It is only a surface paradox, of course, because the sacrifice of freedom is a free and voluntary sacrifice.

Today, as individuals, we are hedged about increasingly by all manner of restrictions. We cannot live as we did in the days of peace because the things which went to make that full life of peace are needed now for the work of war. And what is true of individuals is equally true of all the governments within the united framework of the United States—true of town and village and city and county and state.

Just as we aren't wasting the metals and materials we need for guns and ships and planes on the non-essentials and luxuries of normal living, so we aren't wasting these

Our Great America by Tryon

SEAGOING SHIPS FOR THE U. S. NAVY ARE BEING BUILT INLAND. SUB-CHASERS ARE BEING FABRICATED IN NUMEROUS MID-WESTERN CITIES. WHEN COMPLETED THEY ARE FLOATED DOWN THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.

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Home and Club News

Monday night; County Bridge club.
Tuesday night; Pleasant Grove club.
Wednesday; Swain club.
Thursday; Creswell club.
Friday; Alba club.
Saturday; curb market in basement of courthouse.

Poultry Report
Hoke club: chickens sold \$191.10, eggs \$144.75.
Roper club: chickens sold \$15, eggs \$95.
Chapel Hill club: chickens sold \$20, eggs \$45.30.
Scuppernon club: chickens sold \$125, eggs \$164.95.

Canning Report
Hoke club: 141 quarts. Roper club: 170 quarts. Chapel Hill club: 202 quarts. Scuppernon club 86 quarts.

Dairy Report
Hoke, \$8.40. Roper, \$72. Chapel Hill, \$35.86. Scuppernon, \$4.

House Furnishing
Hoke club—One room wall papered, wood work painted, new rug.
Roper club—Two rooms painted, cabinet, 2 rugs, 3 pairs curtains, painted porch, one room and hall papered, new glider and hammock, slip covered a chair.
Chapel Hill—Papered and painted living room and hall, new fire place, screen door, covered one chair.
Scuppernon—Painted 2 tables, front porch painted, one glider, coffee table, and two foot stools made.

Home Beautification
Suggestions for July by Mr. Harris.

Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

The Last Supper—

Perhaps no painting in the history of art is so well known as Leonardo de Vinci's painting of The Last Supper which was painted on the refectory wall of a monastery in Milan, Italy. This painting, which depicts the last meal of Our Lord with His disciples, took some years to complete and was finished by the great artist in 1497.

The story is told that de Vinci Extension Landscape Specialist: Remove seed pods from shrubs and flowers unless you are saving the seed. Crepe myrtle, pink spirea, roses and many others will continue to bloom if their flowers are removed before seeds are produced. Dust with sulphur to control red spiders. Fertilize azaleas and camelits with cotton seed meal and keep them well mulched. Make summer cuttings now. Use only new growth (but not the extreme tips). Cut into 4 to 6 inch lengths. Keep in shaded place and provide plenty of moisture. Spray or dust evergreens with arsenate of lead to control bag worms. Hand picking is best if the plant is small.

38 Men in Service From Rose Stores

Thirty-eight men have gone from Rose's 5-10-25c stores in the military service, it was stated this week by H. P. Butcher, personnel manager of the organization. Each week sees an increase in the number of employees who have left civilian life to enter the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. Two are in the Army Air Corps, two in the Navy Air Corps, one in the Marine Corps, one went into service when the National Guard was mobilized in 1940, and others are in various branches of the armed services. "We are proud of these men," said Mr. Butcher, "and we hope to have all of them back in the Rose's organization when peace is won—and may that be soon."

Park your car in the shade when you can—gasoline evaporates much quicker in the sun.

chose a splendid young man to pose as his model when he painted in the chief figure of the painting, that of Jesus Christ. After finishing the picture of Our Lord, the artist worked for several years painting in the other figures of the scene, St. James, St. John, St. Peter, and the other apostles. Finally came the time for de Vinci to paint the picture of Judas, the member of the twelve who betrayed Jesus. The painter had great difficulty, however, in finding a model who met his conception of how Judas should look. He searched the slums and brothels of Milan constantly on the alert for an example of human baseness and degradation which would give him a model for the figure of Judas Iscariot.

At last the great artist found his man. While visiting the criminal court of the city, de Vinci saw one of the prisoners at the bar whose face showed so deeply the marks of sinful living, whose eyes were so furtive in their treachery and deceit, and whose every manner displayed his complete degradation of character. The artist, an important personage in Italy, persuaded the judge to release the criminal to him for use as a model for his painting of Judas. Taking the prisoner with him, de Vinci went immediately to the monastery upon the wall of which he was painting the picture of The Last Supper. The criminal took one look at the painting and fell sobbing to his knees. When the artist asked the man the reason for his sudden grief, he could only reply brokenly through his racking sobs, "I was the man . . . I was the man who posed for your painting of Our Lord."

Camp Leachers—

Eleven residents of Plymouth are enjoying the refreshing breezes and stimulating program offered at Camp Leach, the Episcopal Camp and Conference center of the Diocese of East Carolina, located on the Pamlico River, 14 miles below Washington. Campers include Constance Willford, Ann Cahoon, Ross Ayers, Jane Polk.

Wilmet Johnson, Shelton Owens, Rene Bassinger, and Betty Riddle, Miss Becky Ward, Miss Cornelia Edmondson, and the Rev. W. B. Daniels are also attending the Camp as members of the staff. Miss Elaine Barnes will leave next Monday to attend the second week of the Midget Camp period.

A Prayer—
"Revive Thy Church, O Lord, be-binning with me."

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Here are a few ways to get the most out of vegetable values:

- Don't add soda. It lessens vitamins.
- For maximum flavor and food value, cook vegetables in a tightly cover saucepan, in only 1" boiling salted water.
- The water left on washed leaves of spinach, or other greens, is enough to cook them in.
- SAVE the water in which vegetables are cooked, and from canned vegetables; use it in sauces, soups, stews, and gravies.
- Use left-overs in salads. Reheating decreases Vitamin C.
- Don't overlook RAW vegetables; carrot sticks, celery, radishes, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, peppers, turnips, etc., are richer in Vitamin C than when cooked.

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