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"Every sheep with its like"—Don Quixote

AUGUST

- 6—First Congregational church in America, Salem, Mass., 1629.
- 7—First settlers land in Maine, 1607.
- 8—German air offensive against Britain begins, 1940.
- 9—First Commencement of Harvard College, 1642.
- 10—U. S. Naval Academy founded at Annapolis, 1845.
- 11—Fulton's "Clermont," first successful steam vessel, appears on Hudson, 1807.
- 12—Wrangell Island in Arctic taken in name of U. S., 1881.

W.C. DEWEE

Seasonal Commodities Rise on Price Scale

On our food front, foods not under OPA control have risen sharply in price during the past few months. Lamb, for instance, the price of which is not controlled, went up more than 10 per cent between mid-May and mid-June and roasting chickens went up nearly 9 per cent in the same period. Apples, which aren't controlled, went up 25 per cent in that period and this fruit now sells at prices 50 per cent above those of last March. On the other hand, the price of controlled beef, veal and pork, fell off and prices of other foods which are under the price ceilings either remained steady or dropped. Price Administrator, Leon Henderson, says that Government control of price and rents where they are in effect are doing a good job of holding down the cost of living, but that uncontrolled prices show a definite tendency toward dangerously high levels. Nevertheless, Henderson said, "The President's program will prevail and the battle against inflation will be won."

Flowback of Scrap Metal Slows Up

Most definitely, we must redouble our efforts to get scrap metals back into the furnaces. The Office of Price Administration says that the flow of scrap is not increasing enough and shipments lately have been of poorer quality and both OPA and WPB attacked rumors that there was to be a rise in the Maximum Price for iron and steel scrap. WPB further said that these rumors caused grounds for concern lest they bring about a slackening in the nation-

wide salvage drive. This we cannot afford, this we cannot tolerate. Already, in some factories, production has slackened because of a shortage of materials. Anyone who contributes to this shortage of scrap, anyone who knows of the existence of a scrap pile and does not act to see that it gets back to the furnaces, is helping our enemies.

One by one the metals and materials were drafted for war. One by one their use has been prohibited except in the most necessary civilian production. Until, as scarcities grew, only gold and silver—ironically—remained as metals worthless for the job which is today our only job.

A Real Job

War has brought new and vitally important jobs to the retailers of this country.

The pinch of shortages is only just beginning to be felt by the bulk of consumers. Stocks of certain kinds of goods which are no longer manufactured are dwindling fast. Even in the food field, many items will disappear. In all fields, the consumer will have a smaller range of choice than he has been accustomed to.

So one of the retailer's new tasks is to help the consuming public make, with as little discomfort as possible, the great adjustments in living standards resulting from war's enormous demands on our productive resources. And most retailers of the country, little ones as well as big, are cooperating to the limit of their abilities in doing that. They are featuring abundant, reasonably-priced foods and manufactured goods. They are helping the consumer choose suitable and satisfactory substitutes for scarce and costly items. They are showing us how we may avoid waste, and make what we buy go farther.

On top of that, they are doing other work of great importance to the war effort. They are, for example, aggressively selling and promoting the sale of War Stamps and War Bonds—at their own expense, and without a penny of recompense. They are cooperating with the government in fighting speculation, profiteering and hoarding. They have accepted great responsibilities, and they are discharging them fully.

The retailers are protecting our standard of living to the greatest possible extent. While they can't keep us supplied with "luxuries as usual" in these times, they are doing a real job, a vital job, in our interest.

The Production Offensive

By RUTH TAYLOR

Before we can carry the war to a successful offensive against the enemy, according to Donald Nelson, we must have a production offensive.

The production offensive is the battle front upon which every one of us may fight, shoulder to shoulder, farmer, mechanic, industrialist. Even the housewife has her part to play.

The production offensive is not the task solely of those who work in the factories. The public is in it as well—for here is the real second front. Here is where the battle lies. Here is where we must begin the offensive. We have gone far in the short span of months. We can go farther if every one puts his shoulder to the wheel.

The secret of Napoleon's success was that he used all his strength. And it was the extra force he flung in which oftentimes won the victory.

We must use all our strength. We must not stand on our own rights and privileges. We must remember

War Bonds Guard Home Front



We can't all go... but we can all help!
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This new color poster, which soon will be seen throughout the United States, emphasizes a new theme in the War Bond sales campaign. The present goal of the Nation wide drive is to persuade all citizens to invest 10 percent of income in War Bonds and Stamps.

that production comes first. We must re-orient ourselves to our particular job. We must realize that the restrictions of war aren't the handicaps of war—they are our share in the cataclysmic struggle.

We think of rationing in terms of shortage—and we blame others for it. We think of salvage as a game. But rationing and salvaging are our share in the production offensive. The fats we save in our kitchens will be used in the weapons of the production offensive. The rubber we salvage will make our mechanized front strong.

The gas we do not use means more hours in the air for our fighter planes, more ships to carry the weapons of war where they are needed. The tires we do not use mean mobility for our armed forces.

So much for clearing the way for the production offensive by rationing and salvaging. There is another thing we must do. We must back up those who are doing the actual job—both in industry and labor. We must not waste their or our time in internal bickering and hates and petty prejudices. Criticize, yes—when criticism is necessary—but stop mere carping and fault-finding. Get behind the men of this army as you get behind those who wear the uniform.

This is our offensive—the production offensive. It's up to all of us to help drive it ahead.

War and Summer

Hertford County Herald

It must be very difficult for even a German soldier, when he wakes up

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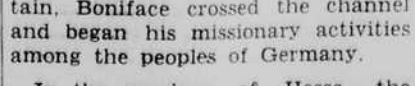
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Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

Apostle to the Germans—

One of the most stirring tales in the annals of the spread of Christianity is the story of St. Boniface, the Apostle to the Germans. Boniface, who was born in England in 680, was fired with the desire to Christianize the savage Germanic tribes which inhabited the north continental Europe. Leaving the safety of his native Britain, Boniface crossed the channel and began his missionary activities among the peoples of Germany.



In the province of Hesse, the Christian missionary found that the natives revered a huge oak tree which was dedicated to the pagan god, Thor. The Germanic tribes held this sacred oak in the utmost fear and awe. Boniface had no such feelings, however, and at a public ceremony began cutting down the huge tree. The tribesmen muttered and grew more uneasy at each stroke of Boniface's axe hastened the destruction of the sacred oak. The people expected their god, Thor, to wreak dire vengeance upon such impertinence and strike the missionary dead in his tracks. Nothing of the kind happened, however, and as the oak fell crashing to the ground, the natives concluded that the God of the Christians was a more powerful deity than the pagan god, Thor. Under the direction of Boniface, the converts built a church from lumber furnished by the "sacred oak".

Perhaps in Germany today there are sacred oaks, dedicated to false gods and holding the people in awe and fear, which must be sent crash-

PLEASANT GROVE

Mrs. Will Everett, Miss Doris Wilson and Miss Dorothy Everett, of Ahsokie, were the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Spruill, Friday.

Miss Virginia Tarkenton, Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, Mrs. Effie Gurkin and son Jack, and Mrs. L. D. Collins spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Norfolk visiting relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. N. M. Spruill, of Elizabeth City, and Miss Myrtle Tarkenton, of Columbia, were the dinner guests of Miss Nellie Tarkenton and T. W. Tarkenton on Sunday.

Miss Virginia Tarkenton, Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. Frances Hutchins and Rebecca, visited friends in Columbia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Grey and family spent Sunday in Edenton, with relatives.

Mrs. Lula Craft has returned home after visiting relatives in Creswell.

Misses Lucy Twiddy and Ruth Anse were the week-end guest of Misses Margaret and Mildred Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lamb and family spent Sunday in Williamston the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chesson.

Miss Virginia Tarkenton left Thursday to visit Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, in Columbia, S. C. She also plans to visit friends at Fort Benning, Ga.

Mr. Clarence F. Wilson left Monday to visit his father at Asbury Park, N. J. Mr. Wilson hasn't visited his father in twenty years. His father being ninety-six years old, he expects a happy reunion. He also plans to visit in the state of Delaware before returning.

Thought for the Day—

"Lord teach us to understand the bewildered people of all lands. Amen."

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THE good old American custom of putting up food for the Winter is being practiced throughout the land this Summer and this Autumn. No doubt you, too, will be filling your pantry shelves while orchard and field crops are plentiful.

That is "Patriotic Hoarding" and we must not forget that the home-front army also travels on its stomach.

We must not forget, too, that it is wasteful to attempt to can fruits and vegetables by improper methods. We must conserve sugar by using substitutes when possible.

Our Home Economists will gladly provide you with many canning suggestions incorporating sugar substitutes... and some berries can be put up in natural juices without sugar.

If you are one of those fortunate women who have an Electric Range you already know how cool canning can be the electric way.

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