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"Waste not fresh tears over old griefs"
-Euripides

NOVEMBER

- 19-Lincoln's Gettysburg address, 1863.
- 20-First National GAR encampment, 1866.
- 21-Australian air force appears in Western Egypt, 1940.
- 22-Pillory lost used as punishment, Boston, Mass., 1801.
- 23-U. S. patent system established, 1836.
- 24-Kerensky resigns Russian dictatorship, 1917.
- 25-First U. S. draftees inducted, 1940.

Proposed Use of Old Unclaimed Bank Deposits

A recent suggestion by a Virginian horticulturalist that unclaimed bank deposits throughout this country, estimated to total 30 million dollars, be used to buy War Bonds, has been received with many favorable comments. It seems odd that it was advanced by a horticulturalist instead of a banker, but the custodians of the money probably would look with horror on any proposed diversion of money placed in their keeping from the credit of the depositor.

Yet many of these unclaimed bank deposits are hoary with age, the depositors and places of residence long unknown, many or most of them probably dead and their heirs unaware and never will learn that money awaits the proper claimants. This money might well be invested in war bonds and yet be held as an unclaimed trust. Nearly every bank has such unclaimed deposits and it might well be used for governmental aid.

The horticulturalist's suggestion goes further. He says the bonds should be redeemed after the war, held by the banks, and used as government loans to assist worthy stu-

dents obtain college education. He urges that ten per cent of the total sum loaned out each year would accomplish much good, and more and more of it could be used as it continued to increase. It would become a revolving fund that would prove a blessing to the nation, helping develop talents that otherwise might remain undeveloped.

Congressional action would be needed to permit any diversion of these unclaimed bank deposits, but the suggestion seems worthy of well advised action to turn them to governmental aid and a real blessing to the people.

Income Taxes Must Be Paid Next March

Holiday buying season is at hand and Roger W. Babson, statistician and writer on economics, says that it is probable this year all previous buying records will be broken. "Millions of families are today enjoying the largest incomes they have ever had," he states.

Money in circulation per individual in this country has risen from \$59.50 in 1940 to \$103.38 on the same late fall date in 1942, says Babson. Total currency in the hands of the public is nearly 14 billion dollars and expanding at the rate of 400 million per month, he declares, and this without any allowance for the improved credit position of millions of shoppers. Wages have increased more than one billion dollars a month for the past two years and the total of such disbursements for the current year will be in the neighborhood of 75 billion dollars. The national income has risen above 116 billion dollars.

This sounds nice. The shopper likes to have plenty of money with which to buy and the merchants like to sell to those who can pay. But there is another side to the picture which should not be overlooked for it soon will loom up and have a far from cheerful appearance. It will be very much in evidence when next March rolls around, when the time comes to pay income taxes.

The government has ways and means of checking up on all salaries and wages paid, on the totals of all incomes and has found it necessary to impose heavy taxes on them. Heretofore the burden has fallen chiefly on large incomes. They will not now be spared, will pay more than ever, but the small wage earner who has heretofore escaped must now pay his share. Many of these have paid no income taxes in the past and this will be a new experience for them. Thoughtlessly they are spending all they are receiving, buying all they can of what the merchants are able to procure to sell them, and are making no provision for paying income taxes next March 15. When that time comes they are going to be in the doldrums.

It is said to be a recorded fact that 80 per cent of income taxes last March was paid with borrowed money. That is likely to be repeated next March. It will mean nice business for the banks, which will lend

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upon good security, but many wage earners who are spending all they receive very quickly will have no security to offer and must face a stern government demanding payment of a just debt. Those who are wise enough to buy War Bonds will not be disturbed, for after 60 days these may be used to pay income taxes or for other purposes if the owners care to part with them.

Wages like all other incomes must be prepared to pay income taxes next March and suitable preparation should be made.

Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

Study In Contrasts—

Henry McLemore, the popular columnist whose writings are syndicated widely, advocated recently "A Program of Treatment for Axis Before Start of Peace Talks." This column appeared for local consumption in the November 18 issue of the News and Observer and is the product of typical shortsighted, vengeful war-time thinking. Space does not permit a full quotation of Mr. McLemore's remarks, but here are enough excerpts to give a general idea of what he was advocating:

"The leaders of the United Nations would make a lot of us happy if they came out with a flat statement saying that before any names are placed on peace treaties, the aggressor nations will take a sound beating. . . . There is a feeling that once the Axis powers sue for peace they will be treated as honest members of the morning it would be rarely fine. What he meant by "rarely fine" might call for a demonstration.

human race, and accorded all the niceties of international diplomacy. The average citizen in this country doesn't want this to happen. He wants the Italians, the Germans, the Japs, and all of the other creatures who threw in their lot with the Axis to get the full and complete treatment. He wants their houses knocked in over their heads. He wants them to get the concentration camps. He wants them to forage for a bite of food. . . . There are lots of Americans who want Italy to get the works before it is allowed to make peace. I am one of them. I want to see bombers tear their towns apart, naval guns knock hell out of every thing in their reach, and the whole country humiliated. . . . The same is true of Germany. . . . Give them what they gave Holland and Poland and Greece and Norway and all the rest. Let bombers come in roof-top high and drop everything but the compass. Bust 'em, burn 'em, starve 'em, and beat 'em down. For every city they ruined, ruin one of theirs. Let their mothers and fathers know the horror of all-out warfare. . . . Let's lick them until they know that it isn't wise to pick on decent people. . . . In short, let's knock their brains out this time."

Twenty centuries ago there was a citizen of a "conquered country" whose people groaned under the oppressor's heel. This man was just a Galilean peasant with nothing of military power or civil authority in his possession. He wrote nothing. His words were not syndicated and published abroad. But he said a few things to his companions which have lived down through the ages, and which have exerted a power greater than that of bombing planes and naval guns. May we offer these words in contrast to Mr. McLemore's program of vengeance: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despiteful-

RECORD

The production of fats and oils from domestic materials is expected to total nearly 12,000,000,000 pounds in 1943, greatly exceeding all previous records.

BAGGING

The 1943 cotton-bagging-for-cotton-bales program, calling for the manufacture and sale of up to 8,000,000 cotton "patterns" or bale covers, will encourage the further use of domestic cotton.

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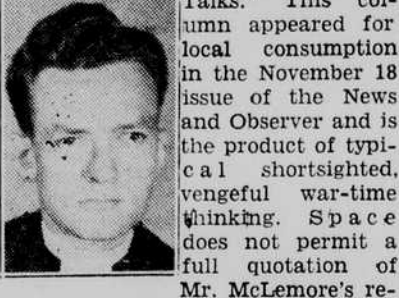
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Jumping At Conclusions

A columnist notes that onion and garlic combined prevent the gathering of germs, quoting a health item, and adds, "and friends." That's as many be. An offensive breath is likely to follow a diet of onions and garlic, but it passes away and should not break friendship. Perhaps it does not gather friends at the moment, but if it disperses germs it does establish a foundation for friendships.

A Harvard professor is credited with saying that a raw onion, a slug of whiskey and a pipe of sailor's twist tobacco taken just before going to bed would give one a bad breath, but when he awoke in the



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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...

"Judge, I didn't realize till the other night when I ran across an article in the paper what a whale of a lot of industrial alcohol the government needs for the war."

"I should say it does, Chet. I understand the beverage distillers around the country are producing about 240,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol this year for ammunition, tires, and other things. I'd say it's mighty fortunate these distilleries are available to do the job. Otherwise, if we still had prohibition, the government would have had to spend millions of dollars and use up a lot of critical materials to build plants . . . to say nothing of all the time it would take. It might have been just another case of 'too little, too late!'"

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