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An Unpleasant Picture

L. A. Warren, a nationally known figure in the food supply field, has presented some interesting figures for public consideration. Following the government's announced plan for rationing of canned goods, Mr. Warren said:

"Somewhere along the line a lot of canned goods have disappeared. I don't believe that food has been consumed. It is around, either in packed pantries or in warehouses of speculators, or still in the canneries.

"One of the situations is the disappearance of the pea pack. The pack in the past has been between 22,000,000 and 23,000,000 cases. This year the government said it wanted 12,000,000 cases. So the pack was upped to 35,000,000 cases. Yet the supply of canned peas has disappeared in sixty days."

All people must join in plans to save or distribute needed food supplies. Grocery stores are doing their best to apportion food fairly to make supplies go around, before compulsory rationing is inaugurated. All of us can cooperate and help in this necessary task.

We all know what a run on a bank will do. A run on a food supply will accomplish the same result—misery for all the people.

"Legislative Courtesy" An Overworked Term

The absurd lengths to which "legislative courtesy" may extend is being brought home very forcefully to the unfortunate people of some counties in this State at the biennial session of our General Assembly. It is custom to pass practically any measure presented by a legislator provided it applies only to his county, the supposition being that he is better qualified to judge "local matters" than the entire assembly.

In most cases the supposition is right. In others, a single man occasionally sets out to completely rule and govern his county exactly as he sees fit, without regard for the wishes or needs of his people. It is made possible only by the legislature passing his "local bills" with question.

We have the spectacle of one political faction in Halifax County going about adding five members to the board of county commissioners. These five members—named by a legislator from that county—have the power, in effect, of nullifying any action taken by the five commissioners



U. S. Treasury Dept. WSS 7222 Courtesy Los Angeles Examiner

Volunteer for the Observation Post

Completion of the aircraft warning post here will give our folks another chance to render a patriotic service. Again, we are not called on for any great sacrifice, only a few hours of our time each week. The work is not hard, but it is important to the Army, and those who have been wanting to know "What can I do to help?" now have their answer. At least, one answer.

With upwards of 100 volunteers enrolled, there is still need for many more. Ted Blount, the chief observer, hopes to have more than double the number now on his list. Give in your name today.

Rally To the Support of "Victory Book Campaign"

Plymouth folks in particular, and those of Washington County in general, should rally to the support of the Victory Book Campaign, now in progress. Gather up your old books and deliver them to the store of the Norman Furniture Company; that is, if they are good books, because no "dime novels" or similar reading material is wanted.

This is not much to ask, and the response should be liberal. To determine if the book is worth giving to the men in the armed forces, ask yourself this question: "If this a book I would like to keep?" If it is, then don't keep it; turn it in to the Victory Book Drive.

ected by the people themselves.

This is a vicious practice, and there are other examples even more ridiculous. For instance, Representative Gid Boswell, of Currituck County, has presented one bill, among numerous others, which would have the effect of repealing an act of the national Congress insofar as it applies to Currituck County. Now, Mr. Boswell has made himself a laughingstock to most members of the legislature, but doubtless the people of his county fail to see the because they are to be governed by joke. It is a serious matter for them, the buffoonery passed by the legislature in gales of hilarity.

With men fighting and dying in the name of democracy, such demonstrations as our state legislature sometimes present raise the question of whether it is worth it.

Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

The Cross—

"The true cross, so legend tells us, for many years lay buried under a heap of rubble topped by a pagan temple. It was St. Helena who dedicated herself to the search for the true cross. By her orders the temple was torn down and an excavation undertaken. At last her search was rewarded. And what did she find? Not one, but three crosses. Which was the true



cross? "Like St. Helena we must, if we would be loyal followers of the Crucified, dedicate our lives to the service of the true cross. And like St.

Helena we must first find it. There is an element of choice in all we do, the God-given result of God-given free will. No one else, not even God Himself, can make our choices for us. Making decisions that are strong, wise and fearless, is always a characteristic of the saints. And so we must choose. Crosses are all around us. We cannot avoid them all. If we would obey our Lord we must take one and carry that through to the end. For our Lord has solemnly warned us. He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

"Yes, there are crosses all around us. In dark days like these it would seem that the whole world is on Calvary. Part of the technique in all the false barriers of creed, class of color, which have created the slums of our common life.

It is this for which we are fighting. It is this hope that is urging our men on the battlefronts on to unequalled feats of daring.

Rejoice And Be Glad

By RUTH TAYLOR

Do you remember when you were first studying history and how you wished you could have lived in the exciting days, when the whole face of the world changed overnight? It is those days in which we live today.

We do not sense the greatness of the hour because it is too near. We do not fully realize our opportunities because of our absorption with the limitations in our accustomed manner of living. We are face to face with anguish and with heart-break. Few of us but have someone near and dear to us in uniform. To but few of us does not the shrilling of the telephone or the sharp knock upon the door bring a sickening, if momentary, fear.

We are living in a tragedy and dressing it up in bunting does not disguise the fact. We can not escape the change the events of today will make in our entire life. But—tragedy has its compensations. An English teacher I once had said "Tragedy is always great and epic.

Comedy is made by man—but tragedy makes men."

If this be tragedy—and an entire world at war is tragedy—then what is there at which to rejoice?

Tragedy is sorrow, but it is also opportunity. You of the flood lands—when the river receded, much that was good was gone, but so were shacks and slums. You of the tornado country—when the high wind struck, good was destroyed, but many buildings that were eyesores went too. You of the coasts—when the hurricane leveled your shores, what did you rebuild? Out of devastation, whether it be flood, wind or war, arises the opportunity to rebuild, and to rebuild upon a firm foundation—to discard the evil and to reinforce the good.

We have the opportunity of the ages before us. Once this war is won, we can make, on the ashes of the old, a new world, retaining the good, the progress that men have made, and leaving behind us the prejudices, hatreds, misunderstandings—

the warfare of the Christian is to learn to distinguish the true cross from those of our enemies. For our three-fold enemy the world, the flesh and the devil, flaunts its own parodies of the true cross. Most obvious perhaps is that crooked cross of the devil, the swastika. Undoubtedly the most respectable and attractive are the well decorated, well padded crosses. The most deceptive are the misshapen crosses which the flesh makes through pride and transgressions of God's law, the most beautiful is the cross of Calvary—so when we are overwhelmed by the sadness of the world around us, it will comfort us to remember that our blessed Lord carried only one cross—but by that one He redeemed the world.—Bulletin, Christ Church, New Bern.

Thought For the Day—

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory."



Victory Book Drive—

"Worthwhile books for service men" may be said to be the theme of the Victory Book Drive now in progress in Washington County in cooperation with the state-wide campaign. It's an opportunity for all of us to

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Due to the increasing cost of supplies and practically everything used in the practice of medicine, the undersigned physicians of Plymouth regret to announce they will be forced to increase their fees for medical service, on and after January 1, 1943, as follows:

- House calls during the day, \$3;
- Night calls (between the hours of 9 p. m. and 8 a. m.), \$5;
- Obstetrical cases (cash), \$50.

The above scale of fees applies within the city limits of Plymouth, and mileage will be added in cases outside this area.

Our reluctance to raise our fees can best be understood when we say it is the first increase to be made effective here in more than 20 years. We trust our friends and patrons understand that we have no alternative under existing circumstances.

**Dr. A. Papineau
Dr. T. L. Bray
Dr. Claudius McGowan**

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Will Be Added To All 1942 Washington County Taxes Which Are Not Paid Before

FEBRUARY 1st

We urge you to pay your Taxes now and take advantage of the savings.

Penalties will increase every month your taxes remain unpaid after February 1st. This is required by state law.

PAY NOW AND SAVE!

J. E. Davenport

Tax Collector Washington County