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day a success; and, quite naturally, it was bound to succeed. The next community undertaking will be just as unqualifiedly successful, if everyone cooperates in the same manner. Working together, nothing is impossible.

Plymouth Theatre Shows the Way

Operators of the Plymouth Theatre this week announce that every cent of money taken in at the box office there on Mondays, beginning next week, will go into War Bonds. This is a very generous patriotic gesture by the Brinkleys, and should stimulate attendance at the Monday shows in the future.

The operators of the theatre are to be commended for their patriotism, and they have suggested a plan which might well be followed by other public-spirited local firms. Money is urgently needed by the Government to fight this war, and this is an excellent way to raise it.

The Lesson

By RUTH TAYLOR

Most people talk about the last war as though nothing came out of it. They forget that there was time before the First World War, and that sanguinary struggle changed their lives completely.

Debt, depression, new quarrels in place of old, broken lives, disjointed relationships, these came out of the war—but so did idealism, awakened social conscience, a broadening of knowledge, of opportunity, a self-determination of individuals.

But the real benefit from the last war was the lesson we have slowly learned, and which it has taken this war to bring home. As a man suddenly awakens to the meaning of what he studies as a child, so we as a nation are just coming to realize what we learned in the holocaust a quarter of a century ago—the lesson which, if had we put its precepts into practice, might have given the world a peace lasting long enough to prove the futility of war.

We have learned that patriotism is not measured by power; that love of country thrives on oppression and that a man will fight more zealously for his faith than for his possession.

We have learned that we are not the only people, that there are no Herrenvolk except in their own eyes, that the aristocracy among nations consists of those who are willing to take responsibility for protecting the rights of the weak.

We have learned that we can't solve a problem by ignoring it, that what menaces the freedom of some menaces the freedom of all.

We have learned never again to stop a fight before it is won and not to be maudlin with those who come whining for mercy when they are losing, but who are merciless when their side is on top.

We have learned to beware those who never stand on their own actions, but who always seek scapegoats, who



always have an alibi ready when they are caught.

We have learned that more powerful than "invading armies" is the power of hope for the future. We won the battle behind the lines with the Fourteen Points. That we did not win the peace was due not to the cleverness of others but to our own stupidity.

We have learned that no nation liveth unto itself alone—that because we tried to live alone, walking out on the world, we had to pass through a period of distress before we could again have a chance to help establish the kind of world in which we want to live.

A lesson came out of the last war. We have been long in learning it and our education has been costly but we can at last say, in the words of Kipling after another war, "Let us admit it fairly as a business people should. We have had no end of a lesson. It will do us no end of good."

CHERRY

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis of Virginia Beach, spent the week-end with Mrs. G. F. Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Spruill, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Bessie Spruill.

Quincy Sawyer, of Washington, D. C., is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sawyer.

Miss Diane Morris, of Columbia, visited Bryon Davenport the past week at his grandparents.

Mrs. Robert Libkey who has been working in Baltimore, Md., is home for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Spruill.

Miss Lucille Davenport spent the week-end with Norma Belanga at Creswell.

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OBSERVATION Post Schedule

Following is the Plymouth Observation Post schedule, from 8 a.m., Saturday, May 29, to 8 a.m., Saturday, June 5:

Saturday, May 29
8 to 10 a.m. Gwen Hurley
10 to 12 noon Mrs. Hal Willford, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Darden
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Jack Booker
4 to 6 p.m. Anne Cahoon
6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Jack Read
8 to 11 p.m. Rev. W. B. Daniels, c.
11 to 2 a.m. Alton Mayo

Sunday, May 30
2 to 5 a.m. Reynolds Davenport
5 to 8 a.m. Raymond Leggett, Jr.
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. J. G. Watson
10 to 12 noon Mrs. Frank Nurney, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. C. C. Slankard
2 to 4 p.m. Mary Duvall
4 to 6 p.m. Lois Meunier
6 to 8 p.m. Collia Davenport
8 to 11 p.m. Bill Joyner, capt.
11 to 2 a.m. J. E. Westray

Monday, May 31
2 to 5 a.m. Bob Tetterton
5 to 8 a.m. B. G. Campbell
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. Addie Robbins
10 to 12 noon Wilmet Johnston, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. C. C. Slankard
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Nellie Allen
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Jamie Dunning
6 to 8 p.m. Patsy Dixon
8 to 11 p.m. C. M. Ange, capt.
11 to 2 a.m. W. R. Price

Tuesday, June 1
2 to 5 a.m. C. E. Avers, sr.
5 to 8 a.m. Al Latham
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. Vandalia Darden
10 to 12 noon Mrs. T. W. Earle, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. Lloyd Owens
2 to 4 p.m. Iris White
4 to 6 p.m. Martha Manning
6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Eddie Getsinger
8 to 11 p.m. W. F. Winslow, c.
11 to 2 a.m. Bill Styon

Wednesday, June 2
2 to 5 a.m. E. E. Harrell
5 to 8 a.m. C. W. Dinkins
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. W. H. Thomas
10 to 12 noon Mrs. Sam Garrett, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Jane Read
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Bob Campbell
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Leroy Bateman
6 to 8 p.m. Frances Basinger
8 to 11 p.m. Archie Tetterton, c.
11 to 2 a.m. R. E. Dunning

Thursday, June 3
2 to 5 a.m. George Barden
5 to 8 a.m. L. E. Peele
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. Eddie Blatz
10 to 12 noon Mrs. A. R. Modlin, c.
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. Louise McGowan
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. W. F. Winslow
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Nona Newman
6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Kate Willoughby
8 to 11 p.m. Dave Kullman, capt.
11 to 2 a.m. Eddie Getsinger

Friday, June 4
2 to 5 a.m. J. W. House
5 to 8 a.m. W. F. Stubbs
8 to 10 a.m. Elizabeth Willoughby

WALNUTS

Twenty Madison County Growers have set the new Thomas variety of black walnut on their farms to demonstrate that walnuts can be produced on a commercial basis, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. E. Waiwer.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Friday nights, a bunch of us fellows all get together over at Bill Webster's place.

We don't play cards; we don't sing or carry on.

We just sit quietly over a glass or two of beer and talk about world affairs and local politics, and what not.

You mightn't think that just sitting and talking would be so much fun. But it is.

And it's wonderful how friendly talk over a glass or two of beer

can bring out the best in people—good sense, for instance, and good fellowship, and tolerance.

From where I sit, there ought to be more of this quiet talk over a glass of beer. He'lls folks understand each other—and be more friendly to each other in these trying times.

Joe Marsh

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"However...all the toluol you could get from coal-tar would make far less than half the TNT we're using now! The other half is made by that Esso process perfected back in 1935.

"Now...I didn't know then that you'd

need bombs, and neither did you. And I can hear a lot of people say 'Boy was that discovery a lucky thing!'

"But I don't call it luck. I call it the American idea at work. We hit on that process because free American people expect so much that American companies have to learn everything they can about new and better methods just to stay out front in business.

"If this war didn't prove anything else, it would prove that nothing like America ever existed anywhere before.

What other idea ever did so many people so much good in peacetime? What other idea ever turned out so much might so fast in time of war?"



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AN EXPRESSION OF Appreciation

The Plymouth Merchants Association wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who helped in any way to contribute to the success of Washington County Victory Bond Day here last Friday. It was a very successful occasion, and we are indebted to the bidders and all those who attended and took part in the observance.

We especially wish to express our thanks to the Edenton and Plymouth High School Bands; to the Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs; to the North Carolina Pulp Company and the Plymouth Theatre; and to those who contributed prizes to be auctioned off.

The results amply justified the efforts put forth; and we hope all those who took part share with us the satisfaction of having accomplished a worth-while cooperative undertaking.

PLYMOUTH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION