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BIBLE THOUGHT

Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted?
 Matt. 5:13.

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.
 —RUSKIN.

MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so
 I want to be fit for myself to know;
 I want to be able as the days go by
 Always to look myself straight in the eye,
 I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
 And hate myself for the things I've done,
 I want to go out with my head erect;
 I want to deserve all men's respect;
 But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
 I want to be able to like myself,
 I don't want to look at myself and know
 That I'm bluster and bluff and show,
 I never can fool myself, and so
 Whatever happens I want to be
 Self-respecting and conscience free.
 —Author Unknown.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT

In keeping with the progressive and aggressive spirit of the business men and women of Jackson county our Chamber of Commerce is about to be reorganized and become active in the work of building a greater Jackson county. For the past year or two the commerce body has not functioned in the full sense of its scope of usual activities. This, however, does not mean that we have not been mindful of the work, but rather stresses the fact that most of our attention has been in helping win the war as best we can on the home front. The time that most of us have had outside of carrying on regular business under the handicap of manpower shortages, has been given to War Bond drives, War Fund drives, Red Cross, and other activities for financing the struggle and bringing relief to our fighting men and their families.

As the war goes into the final stage of victory in sight, we will do no less toward helping bring this victory about, but we have also a further responsibility, and that is to see that Sylva and Jackson county are better places for our returning heroes to live than when they went away to war. This is one thing that they are fighting for; we should not fail them. The Chamber of Commerce, through its progressive membership, can help greatly in bringing this about for boys as well as for our own good.

Vote for the board of directors and then become an active member of the body.

"ON TO TOKYO"—WITH PULPWOOD

On entering Manila General Douglas MacArthur adopted a new motto, "On to Tokyo", as a sequel to his famous "I shall return". And every American thrilled at the thought that some day U. S. fighting men will march into the Japanese capital.

But military experts say the hardest fighting in the Pacific war is ahead. War production at home will have to be maintained at a high peak even after the fall of Hitler to assure our victory over Japan.

Thousands of tons of V-boxes, shell cases, bomb rings, k-ration boxes, and blood plasma containers will be needed to supply our Pacific armies and navy as they advance on the Japanese home islands.

And it will take thousands of cords of pulpwood to make these and many other military items available. For every cord of pulpwood we fall short of military needs—if we should fail now—some American fight-

ing men will suffer or perhaps die.

All of this does not mean that the war in Europe is over or that the need there has lessened. On the contrary the need has grown as American and Russian armies unite for what we hope is the final drive.

What can we do to hasten the day of victory both in Europe and in the Pacific? We can devote every effort to getting out the pulpwood now to make sure that there will be no shortage of pulpwood war products at any time.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

Special to General Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has given the first official word that the Russian winter offensive in the east and the Allied assaults in the west are in fact planned, co-ordinated offensives against Germany.

Military observers for over a year have been unable to get any official confirmation that the three-power assault on Germany is, in fact, a combined military operation.

At the big three meeting in Teheran, in December of 1943, it was announced that plans for a co-ordinated attack on Hitler's fortress had been worked out. Since that date, however, there has been no military activity to indicate that this co-ordination extended to the timing of military drives.

Until barely a week ago, in fact, the view prevailed generally that Moscow was following the course of prosecuting an independent military operation from the east. Some Washington sources privately voiced deep concern over the failure of Stalin to launch his winter offensive during the recent break-through on the western front.

All doubt of the nature of the Allied operations seems to be dispelled by Stimson's remark at his most recent press conference that "all these Soviet offensives reflect the constancy of the Russian effort, in co-operation with that of the United States, Great Britain and other Allies, to bring about the complete defeat of Germany."

THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT that the Renton, Wash., Boeing Aircraft plant will produce 200 Superfortresses a month by July is a hint of things to come for the Japanese as the war against Japan gains in intensity.

Considerable emphasis is being given the production of huge bombers which will supplant smaller aircraft in the Pacific war. Army and War Production Board officials are particularly interested in the production of B-29 and B-32 bombers.

B-29 production figures have been a closely guarded secret but Army sources gave an inkling of the strength of initial striking forces over Tokyo when it was publicly revealed that... Superfortresses took part in the first raid over the Japanese capital.

War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug parries all queries about overall production by saying that "We don't want to give the enemy any information."

While Boeing's Wichita, Kas., aircraft plant has been the blue-ribbon bomber producer, officials are constantly keeping a weather eye cocked at Omaha, Neb.; Renton, Wash., and Marietta, Ga., plants to make sure that manpower shortages, lack of materials and labor turnover are not permitted to hamper output.

Clothes Rationing? Too Late!

WHILE THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION WISHES devoutly that clothes rationing had been initiated long ago when there were ample stocks on hand, the agency feels now that it is too late to start to ration clothing. Despite stock shortages, therefore, civilians can expect to buy without resorting to ration coupons.

The War Production Board and the Office of Price Administration are now concentrating on trying to discover some means of increasing civilian clothes production and cutting down clothing costs which have risen through the drop in production of less expensive clothing.

To balance the discouragement caused by low clothing supplies the hosiery industry predicts that nylon stockings will be more plentiful and better in quality after the war than they were at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Furthermore, they insist that rayon hosiery will be more popular than before the war because of the development of better, high tenacity rayon yarn which will be turned into peace-time full-fashioned hose.

Silk stockings are not expected to be very popular in the post-war period. It is estimated that they will be worn by only about 20 per cent of the women in the United States after the downfall of the Axis.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

OLEO—After July 1 housewives may be able to purchase oleomargarine already colored, but this does not apply to hotels, cafes, and general eating places.

Did you ever mix the coloring in oleomargarine? Well, if you have, you will appreciate the move to allow colored margarine to be sold at the corner grocery.

The dairymen and the peanut and cotton and soybean oil folks had it out in the Legislature last week, and the dairymen—after the House Agricultural Committee gave them a slap in the face by voting favorably on the measure to allow colored margarine—compromised, saying they would permit colored oleo for housewives. The oil folks (oleo is made from various kinds of oils, peanut, soybean, cottonseed) accepted the compromise. Now it's butter vs. oleo. Take your choice.

MEDICINE—Nothing will be done in this Legislature toward setting up an all-out rural health program in North Carolina. Plans originally called for a big hospital at Chapel Hill, broadened health services in the counties, State physicians, and so on. It won't be done.

In the first place, Governor Cherry is not especially keen on the idea. You remember, he didn't touch on it very much in his inaugural address. In the second place, there isn't any money to get the program going. It is one thing to sit back and say let's do this and let's do that, but it's another thing to find the money with which to do it. There is a feeling in the State administration that the Federal government is coming along with the rural health work and that it is too big for North Carolina—and that even if it were not too big there would be a duplication of services, if the U. S. is going to do it.

Statements of this same flavor were made in this corner when the Legislature convened, but they are worth repeating.

The activities of the State Board of Health will be enlarged, for this can be done without any great outlay of cash. But as for any big appropriation for a "far-reaching health program touching every hamlet from Manteo to Murphy", that's out.

TEACHERS—Any big raises above those recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission for teachers are out, too. Take it or leave it. There is a report that some teachers plan to resign at the end of the sixth month, or along there, if big raises are not forthcoming.

Well, the late Rev. W. V. Brown, of Yadkin County, remarked one time that if he had ten million dollars, he would use it for the cause of the Lord. He would take the money, he said, and hire as many ministers as he possibly could to quit preaching—and he would then give the rest of the money to those he couldn't hire to quit. Those who could be bought into resigning, he explained, were not fit to be preachers anyhow. Chances are that few good teachers will quit—and those who do get out—well, good riddance. They will come straggling back after the war. Here's hoping they don't get in again. \$125—The monthly salary of an A-Grade teacher will be at least \$125 basic pay—as compared with \$70 in 1933—but it will not be much more, if any more. And remember this: **GOV. CHERRY WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE TEACHERS MORE—AND WILL, IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.**

INSANE—Don't expect much money for work on asylums for the insane. Dix Hill, for instance, about which you have heard so much, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEND THE \$900,000 SET UP FOR IT TWO YEARS

AGO. Then what is the use of appropriating more money? Much of the two-years-ago appropriation was for new buildings, but the materials have not been available, and for labor, but who is going to work at an insane asylum when he can work anywhere else?

An insane asylum is no pretty thing, nothing to wax poetic about, even if it is housed in a palace.

NO—If you have been keeping up with the Legislature, you have heard and read a great deal about tearing up the Conservation and Development setup, divorcing the Inland Fisheries and Game Division from its parent.

It won't be done. There isn't a chance in a million. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the present setup apparently, but not enough to warrant a separation.

MONEY—The Advisory Budget Commission last fall recommended the expenditure during the next fiscal year \$63,000,000 from the General Fund (\$41,000,000 of this will go to schools), and the amount expected to be taken into the General Fund for the next fiscal year has been estimated at about \$65,000,000.

The recommendations have been set within \$2,000,000 of estimated expenditures, Gov. Cherry says he won't permit spending more than is taken in, so how can any big idealistic programs be undertaken—unless we want to go in the hole again as we did under Gardner's administration?

FIGURES—Due to the fact that much of this State's revenue comes from sales tax, intangibles, and incomes, North Carolina's income is closely linked with the Nation's business. We figure that we will have an income in this State of one-half million dollars for every billion taken in for the United States. Last year, the Nation's income was around 150 million, and this State's was 76 million.

The estimates for this year for the Nation is around 130 billion—from January 1 through December 31, the calendar year. But our State operates on a fiscal year, which will begin July 1, 1945, and will go through June 30, 1946. So we can figure with the Nation from July 1 through December, but we don't know what our incomes will be from next January through next June, hence we have to figure conservatively—65 million seems about right.

SO—So the State is not so well off as you would think. Those who come to the Legislature and do the most clamoring for money seem to be the very ones who know least about it.

STATE—There is a move under way to make the heads of N. C. State College and Woman's College presidents of their respective institutions. The measure was reported favorably last week by the House Judiciary Committee. The bill is being fought tooth and toenail by Josephus Daniels and O. Max Gardner and other Greater University folks.

It will not be passed as it is now written, and the Greater University will go along much as it is for another two years.

But the fact that the women and the N. C. State College folks had the courage this time to suggest a move toward the breaking up of the Greater University shows a definite trend toward a disintegration of Gardner-sponsored legislation—which has held tight since 1942. You will see some more signs of it as time goes by.

FAVORS—Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott went on record last week as favoring making Aubrey Williams head of the REA and Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. They helped us in the depression days, says Scott, and we may need them again when the war stops.

Lucky to Be Alive



BLOWN from the waist blister of a B-29 while on a mission over Tokyo, Sgt. James B. Krantz, Hickory Point, Tenn., was pulled back into the plane by crewmen after he had been suspended by one leg in his safety harness. He hung for fifteen minutes at an altitude of 29,000 feet. He's shown at a Pacific rear base hospital where he is recovering from frost bite. Army Air Forces photo. (International)

FEBRUARY GARDEN NOTES (1945)

The gardening season is here. Do I need to grow a garden in 1945? This question is capably answered by Secretary Wickard who said:

"Victory gardens are going to be just as important this year as they were last year. Victory gardening is more than a patriotic hobby, it is a wartime necessity and a vital part of our food program. We should not forget that food is still a vital war weapon, and a powerful peace force. That is why farm and city people alike are being asked to grow Victory gardens this year.

"There is every reason to believe that food will be just as important a factor this year in winning the war as it was in 1944. To support offensive military action on the global scale that our forces are fighting takes more food just as it takes more ammunition.

"Aside from the many practical reasons for continuing to grow Victory gardens this year, there is a lot of satisfaction in gardening. All of us, farm and city people alike, enjoy seeing things grow. And the time of greatest enjoyment comes when we sit down to the table to eat the foods we have grown.

"So I hope that everybody who has access to a suitable plot of ground will grow a garden this year.

"Though all of us can't dig for fox holes over there, we can still dig—in our gardens over here—for victory."

All these statements were made before the German Counter offensive. If they were made today, they would probably be more urgent.

JOHN H. HARRIS,
 Horticultural Extension Specialist

STILES IN PACIFIC



S. 2-c Lloyd Stiles entered service July 14, 1944, and received his boot training at Camp Perry, Va. He is now serving somewhere in the South Pacific area.

Seaman Stiles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stiles of Sylva. Before entering the service he was employed by the Ford Bomber Plant in Detroit, Mich.

Four hundred special corn demonstrations will be established in the State this year to show how corn may be greatly increased.