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"A kinder gentleman . . . .

Some will record the fact that Jno. T. Thorne, whose passing on Friday, June 14, has saddened the heart of everyone who knew him, was a foremost citizen of the County of Pitt, and the State of North Carolina; some will speak of him as a man of vision, of his astute mind, and of his fearless pioneering in agricultural and business realms; others will recount instances when his rare judgment and unwavering loyalty to principle saved the day, and of his domination of many situations by the sheer force of his personality.

His delightful companionship, his remarkable sense of stewardship, boundless energy, resourcefulness, fidelity to trust, noble ambitions, ardent championship of the cause of education and his sagacity in spiritual things will be recalled and pointed out by friends for years to come, and rightly so, few men have achieved the marked degree of success in as many important fields of endeavor as did Jno. T. Thorne.

I shall remember him as Shakespeare might have described him, "A kinder gentleman treads not the earth," for he was a gentleman in every sense of the word. My knowledge of his innate kindness, and gentlemanly qualities was gained by my being close at hand from early childhood. During the many intervening years in which I knew him as a next-door neighbor and friend, I neither recall his ever raising his voice in anger or indignation, nor remember hearing him speak ill of any man. I never knew him to be guilty of the slightest act of discourtesy towards anyone, whether he trod the high road or the low road. He was entirely free of all personal bitterness. He put the best construction on every action and his mind was untainted by prejudices. Yes, I knew him as a man who kept before his eyes a vision of the kindly King of men and sought the might of will with which to follow him.

His kindness knew no bounds. Possessing a mind acutely responsive to distress, he was ever willing to lay aside his own deeply engrossing affairs, and lend his counsel. No problem was too small to merit his grave consideration.

One of the most amiable of men, possessing a natural dignity and simplicity of taste and manner, and

devoted to the pursuit of agriculture, he fitted his environment perfectly—a country gentleman.

He was mounted above his fellows with the oil of good humor and he had an irrepressible youthfulness of heart. These kept his vision true and his mind sweet. He did not think it in any way demeaning to his dignity to share a good anecdote or indulge in a bit of good-humored chaff. It was a good humor that was infectious and sent you away with a lightness of heart and step. You were glad that you met Jno. T. Thorne on the street that morning and saw the twinkle in his eyes and the beam of a smile play over his countenance, and you tried to pass it on to the next friend you met and to walk that day, too, on the sunny side of the street.

Yes, his achievements and his virtues are all worthy of chronicle; but when in the course of time these have become somewhat dimmed, I shall still have with me my early recollections of his being a kindly gentleman.

### Army's Deadline Drawing Nearer

June 30 is the deadline for enlistment or re-enlistment in the regular Army with special privileges of family allotment according to the AAF Overseas Replacement Depot Recruiting Office at Greensboro.

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