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## FINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

This week Cherryville has shown another fine spirit of cooperation when the Red Cross Drive almost doubled its quota. S. M. Butler, chairman, called a meeting of the Red Cross on Thursday night and plans were made for a drive to be put on Friday, March 12th. Early Friday morning each volunteer worker set out to cover the territory given them and each one was met with a fine spirit of cooperation from the public. The drive proved a double success and when all tabulations was in and checked on, the quota was surpassed by 71 per cent. The quota set for Cherryville was \$2,402.00 and amount collected was \$4,112.74.

This is just another one of the highly successful drive put across in Cherryville. The Cherryville boys who are in service should feel proud of the people at home who so liberally gave to this good cause, THE RED CROSS.

## AMERICANS LIKE THE TRUTH

Labor today is the most powerful single group in the nation. It can make or break the war effort. Labor leaders, by demanding their pound of flesh during the emergency, can bring disastrous inflation which would wipe out a half century of labor gains, together with the savings and standards of living of every man, woman and child in the country.

Is it any wonder that Captain Eddie Rickenbacker has asked labor to make sacrifices along with the rest of us, forego a ravaging overtime demands, help to protect the working rights of men returning from war, cease disruptive jurisdictional strife and make work tactics; are these things too much to ask of labor at a time when the country is fighting for its life? They certainly are not.

The public agrees heart and soul with every word that Rickenbacker has uttered. Those who attempt to discredit him as a labor hater, will hurt labor, because the words he has spoken were born when he was near to death. Men near death think and speak the truth.

## TODAY'S READING HABITS

The war has brought surprising changes in the book-reading habits of most people—with Bibles, cookbooks and textbooks showing the greatest increase in popularity.

Records of book sales compiled by Marshall Field & Company, which can be taken as a fairly accurate yardstick of our nation's reading habits, also show a great increase in interest in children's books as well as in books about the foreign countries in which the war is being fought.

There are many obvious explanations for these changes. In the first place, people are reading more than they used to because of gasoline rationing and more evenings at home. The war naturally stimulates an increased interest in religion and the Bible. Rationing and shortages make cooking books more necessary than ever before. Textbooks are being eagerly sought after by men who hope to get a commission in the armed forces or to learn a war job.

## NO BREATHING SPELL

The U. S. Treasury department is now considering a plan for the sale of post-war purchase certificates which would give those holding them a priority on the first automobiles, refrigerators and other high-priced items for which there will be a tremendous demand after the war.

The purpose of the plan would be to start us all paying installments now on the things we will want later—and to insure post-war prosperity by building up enormous orders for manufacturers before they consider having a breathing spell between record wartime production and record peacetime production.

Although "breathing spell" is an innocent sounding phrase, it is quite probable that it would be synonymous with "depression" if it were permitted after the war.

To keep the millions of men now employed in wartime industry working after the war, and to make room for the soldiers who must be given work as soon as they return to civilian life, it is imperative that our factories keep booming without interruption.

Whether we do it by the purchase certificate plan or not, it is up to the public to demand merchandise as soon after the war as it can be delivered.



# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWNS) — "We who have lain in shell holes watching the skies for bomber and fighter plane help which failed to appear feel bitter about the whole thing. In the army, acts less treasonable than this are punishable with death before a firing squad."

That statement, issued by a group of American soldiers wounded in Africa and now in the Walter Reed hospital here, following a walk-out of workers in a Boeing Flying Fortress plant, has aroused the whole nation, as well as congress, to demand immediate action to make strikes or slowdowns subject to severe punishment for the duration of the war.

Senator Connally, who introduced a bill in the last session to outlaw strikes and then withdrew it at the request of the White House when the unions pledged themselves to a no-strike agreement, immediately reintroduced his measure. His bill provides for army seizure of plants where strikes occur and calls for heavy penalties for those involved. No matter what action the President takes, unless he issues an order, which is just as stringent as the Connally measure, it is expected that this bill will now be enacted.

It is true that the War Labor Board has delayed for many months in taking action on the demands of the airplane workers for increased pay—and the union probably felt that the only way to get action was to create an emergency—but it is clear from the present attitude of congress, the Ruml plan, which calls for the forgiveness of all 1942 taxes, is being given greater consideration and it now seems increasingly likely that by June we will be on a straight pay-as-you-go basis with the last half of 1942 taxes erased from the books.

stringent legislation it deems necessary. If it becomes a question of taking sides with the armed forces or with labor, the President, like everyone else, will demand regulations to keep labor on the job.

Although strikes, slowdowns and absenteeism among war production workers hold the limelight here, the problems of help for farmers and taxation are continuing to receive great attention. One of the major problems on the farm front which must be settled quickly is whether to give farmers increased "incentive" payments for producing more crops or whether to permit price rises which would assure greater income to farmers. In addition, the plans for providing farm labor are still considered inadequate and it is agreed that if farmers are to be expected to plan for greater production a workable plan for supplying help must be offered at once.

Congress' worries over tax legislation have been increased by reports of people being unable to meet their March payments and a large number having borrowed the money to make such payments. It is agreed that a pay-as-you-go plan is absolutely necessary if the treasury hopes to collect full taxes from the people during 1943—and congress is agreed on enacting some pay-as-you-go plan. But those who favor collecting taxes on 1942 incomes in addition to pay-as-you-go collection on 1943 wages are becoming increasingly aware of the collection difficulties which this would cause. For this reason, the Ruml plan, which calls for the forgiveness of all 1942 taxes, is being given greater consideration and it now seems increasingly likely that by June we will be on a straight pay-as-you-go basis with the last half of 1942 taxes erased from the books.

## ABOVE the HULLABALOO



### Representative Luce Starts Something

Rep. Clare Booth Luce's new famous "Globaloney" speech—quite apart from the soundness or the unsoundness of its arguments—seems to have created a series of reverberations which may very conceivably start the nation on the road which leads to more realistic post-war thinking.

America is an educated nation; but unfortunately our schools do not require of us a thorough knowledge of history; not even our own history—much less that of the rest of the world. The tragic result is that we lack the groundwork essential for estimating the course of future events, for we possess insufficient knowledge of the past upon which to base our calculations. We can only guess! What, for instance, has been the trend of the social and political reactions following the various major disturbances which have from time to time upset the routine of our world? What happened after the Great Plague? What happened after the Thirty Years' war?

All too often our answers to these questions are: "I don't know," or "I didn't get that far at school," or "I have forgotten." The same questions would not elicit like replies from educated Europeans. Their answers would emanate from a thorough study of those subjects. That study has been an essential to national survival. A nation literally could not exist for a hundred years, if its leaders were not thoroughly familiar with the fundamental lessons which history teaches.

That knowledge has not been an essential over "isolated" here. It has been a luxury—indulged in alas by all too few. But after this war it will be a necessity for the reason that the rapidly improving airplane will, from now on, impair our security and thus decrease our enviable isolation. We too will have to inform ourselves about the known reactions of the human races.

There are those among us—and would to Heaven they are right—who sincerely believe that this war will purify the world as the Flood was intended to do. They visualize a permanent peace on earth, a United States of the World, and other Utopian conditions to follow this current "baptism of fire." The average European, on the other hand, who bases his assumption upon his knowledge of 2,000 years of his own history, believes that war does not purify; that it simply adds complication to already complicated conditions; that it breeds more and bitter hatreds and incentives to revenge; that it further confuses the chronic geographical and political controversies which past wars have engendered—and he plans for his future accordingly.

America is fighting for a glorious ideal; an ideal which this very spirit will some day make a reality—"freedom" in all its variations, for mankind. But our nation will not be present to participate in the fulfillment of this

deal unless its people guard its interests through the trials and tribulations of more than just his war and its immediate aftermath. War, after all, is only an accident—though a cruel and devastating one. It is the condition which maintain through the normal years of peace for which we must continually plan and normally struggle.

It is well to dream, for it is to be dreamers, primarily, we owe the little civilization we have had acquired. But it is also wise—while we battle toward the consummation of these dreams of "future harmony"—to drop the anchor of "lessons of the past" to seaward of our Ship of State—just in case history should prove severe in its nasty habit of repeating itself.

## SIX INCH SERMON

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

In the Upper Room.

Lesson for March 14: John 13: 12-20; 14: 1-6

Golden Text: John 14: 6

In the upper room Jesus as a servant washed the disciples' feet. He said that if he, their Lord and Master, had washed their feet, they ought to wash one another's feet. Some take this in a literal sense as in the foot-washing of a certain sect. The most regard the whole incident as teaching love and humility. Many gladly render lowly service to lowly people. But let us not shrink from any service in Jesus' name.

Nothing worse could be said of one than Christ's statement of the traitor whose presence marred the occasion. For nothing could be worse than breaking a circle of brotherhood. Soon Judas slunk away into the night before Jesus instituted the Sacrament. Beautiful were the words of comfort which Jesus spoke to the troubled hearts of the disciples. They believed in God, let them also believe in Jesus, and trust him. We cannot know all about the wondrous mansion of which Jesus spoke; it is sufficient that we shall have a place in the better world. No "housing problem" will trouble us there. The blessed words of Jesus lifted the troubled thought of the disciples beyond their sorrowing world to an eternal one. When Jesus will come again, not even the angels know; it is enough that he has promised that he will come again and receive us unto himself.

Consider the words used as the Golden Text. Jesus is the Way that leads to God. All we need to know of God we may learn through Him who is the Truth. And through the risen Lord we may have life more abundant—now and evermore.

## Taxpayer's Dream



## Church Attendance At Army Camps

Atlanta, Ga.—Feb. 28.—Church attendance in the seven south eastern states, for a three-month period just ended, totaled 1,937,432, according to figures released by Chaplain John O. Lindquist, (Colonel), Chief of the Chaplain Branch, Fourth Service Command.

There were 29,000 services held, a large proportion of which were outdoors. This, it is pointed out, is the result of the Army chaplains taking the services to the men when duties or other factors prevented them from attending a centralized service. Sacraments were administered on 15,746 occasions to 129,722 participants. Chaplains have officiated at 1,957 marriages and have baptized 309 persons, including infants.

Hospital and guardhouse visits numbered 19,066. Chaplains also visited 1,964 services, civilian and military, other than those conducted by themselves. They distributed 59,102 Bibles and Testaments, including those fur-

nished by the government and smaller portions furnished by civilian organizations; 79,031 tracts of religious subjects and quitted soldiers' reading by distributing 28,121 newspapers and magazines. There was a total of 1,079 professions of religion. These men united, in most cases, with a nearby civilian church or with their own home church.

In their pastoral activity on military reservations, the chaplains were in contact with 2,009,127 persons, while in civilian communities they reached 400,915 persons.

## TRAFFIC COPS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—The Nazis were so certain they were going to take Tunisia in the now-smashed Kasserine Gap offensive that they sent along a number of military policemen to serve as town traffic cops.

Seven of these MPs' rolling merrily along the road to Tébessa were captured by United States troops. They thought the town had fallen to the Germans, but were assured that the Americans still were directing traffic there.

## INDIGESTION

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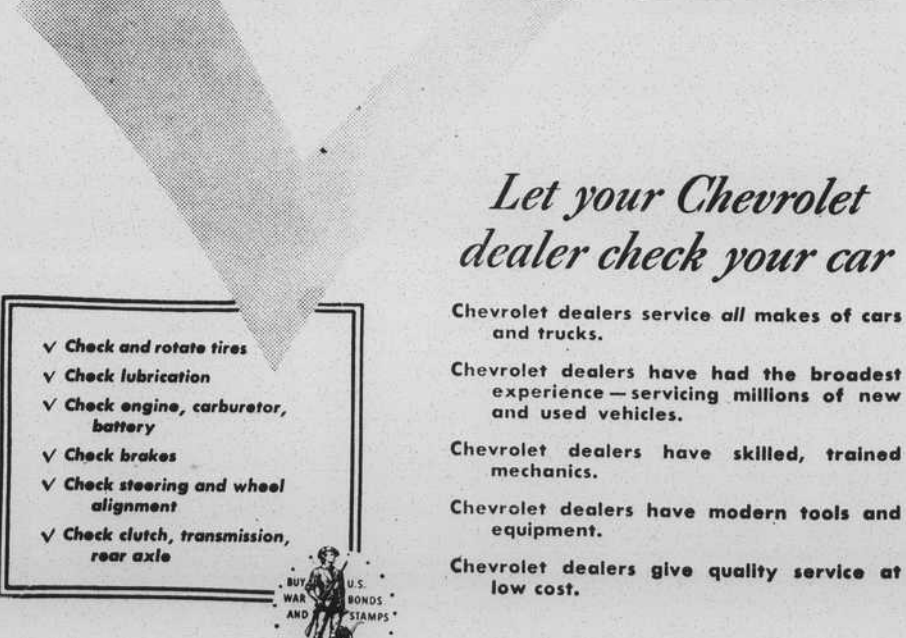
## HERE'S HOW TO TREAT THE MEAT SHORTAGE?

Housewives who are worried over the shortage of meat can learn to make the best of a bad situation with new recipes in which meat plays just a small role. The whole family will enjoy the "Down on the Farm" recipes to be found in the March 21st issue of

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