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Editorial

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The Senate votes 43 to 28 against subsidies to hold down consumer food prices but does not suggest any other way to do it.

The time has come when all economic pressure groups within the country should recognize that they have no right to expect to be paid for winning this war, but that the country and American posterity has the right to expect them to start paying for winning this war by much greater financial sacrifices than any group has made to date.

—Wayne L. Morse, member National War Labor Board.

WHY WE ARE WINNING

Up to now the full story of the development and production of 100 octane aviation gasoline has been a military secret. But at last some breath-taking statistics are being released. Following are a few of them:

1. One thousand 4-engine bombers use 1,800,000 gallons of 100 octane gasoline on a 6-hour mission.
2. In January, 1942, only 22 refineries were producing 100 octane gasoline or components of 100 octane. There are now more than 100.
3. United States and Caribbean refineries are supplying today 88 per cent of the 100 octane gasoline used by the United Nations.
4. To train one pilot requires consumption of 12,500 gallons of aviation gasoline.
5. One thousand 4-engine bombers, flying to an objective 1,000 miles away, and using 100 octane gasoline, can carry 5,000,000 more pounds of bombs than could be carried if ordinary pre-war aviation gasoline were used.
6. 100 octane gasoline was specifically developed for combat use.
7. 100 octane gasoline was a laboratory curiosity as recently as 1933, at which time its cost would have been \$16 a gallon. The first 100 octane sale, made to the Army in 1934, was at \$2 a gallon. Today 100 octane gasoline is being bought by the government at less than 15 cents a gallon.

These are a few of the achievements of a single industry in wartime America. The cold figures describe better than glowing phrases the value of unrestricted individual initiative; the kind that built the oil industry and now brings victory within our grasp.

TAX BARGAINS

Americans have always had a reputation for seeing the funny side of things—even very serious things.

That's why most of us can laugh at the story of the man who went bargain hunting among internal revenue advisers to get the best figures he could on what he actually owed the government income tax. As we heard the story the first adviser told him that he owed the government \$60, the second said that he owed over \$200 and the third, after looking over the same data presented to the other two, figured that he was entitled to a \$30 refund.

It makes a good story, but it also throws the limelight on a situation which should not be allowed to exist in our country. If the men trained to figure income taxes are totally unable to get the right answers, how can an untrained wage earner hope to file a correct income tax return?

It is high time that Congress takes this tax business out of the realm of higher mathematics and writes a new, simple tax law which we can all understand. It's bad enough to have to pay the big taxes which we are obligated to pay these days without having to shut our eyes and try to figure what we owe by guesswork.

FINAL EFFORT

"The war began a long while ago. I am getting fed up with the thing. I think it is nearly time we finished it."

Although many of us have felt just that way, we should be cautious about making such a statement because it would make others feel that we were lacking in the stamina and the willingness to make sacrifices which are necessary to assure victory.

But the above quotation happens to be from General Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the British ground forces in the invasion command. Coming from him we know it has nothing to do with weakness but expresses a confidence in bringing about the unconditional surrender of our enemies in a comparatively short time.

The general made this statement to the troops in his command in order to stimulate them to the greatest possible effort when the invasion begins. And the statement was released to the people—not as a cue for them to relax in their war work and sit on the sidelines watching for a quick victory—but to inspire them to join in a really all-out, final effort to overwhelm our enemies by record production of arms and equipment.

Leap Year



Successful Parenthood

DON'T TAKE OUT GRUDGES ON YOUR CHILDREN

This is a report on a conversation overheard between a father and his daughter. I do not apologize for my eavesdropping for the father had picked so public a place for his lecture that I couldn't have avoided hearing it. That was in fact his most grievous error in dealing with the girl—choosing a restaurant for a scolding, one where the tables were so close together that he must have known and surely the humiliated girl knew, that others could hear.

What was he upbraiding her for? Well, she was a young college girl about to leave for school after the Christmas vacation at home, and her father, as his parting paternal duty, was calling to her attention that she had wasted much valuable time during the holidays. He had her sins of omission and commission neatly catalogued in his mind and he recited them off from A to Z.

A She had spent too much time getting ready for bed at night. This, he pointed out, had been a great fault of her mother's, one that had caused him much loss of sleep. All this fooling with cosmetics and hair brushing was silly, according to this precise parent. Any efficient person should be able to get ready for bed in 15 minutes, according to him. Now, as a matter of fact, a girl who plans a business career might as well make up her mind that she will have to spend almost an hour at night in preparation for a well-groomed appearance at the office next day. Business demands that nails be carefully manicured, hair brushed and trained so it will stay neat all day, skin immaculate, clothes pressed. I could scarcely refrain from telling the father that his daughter's grooming, which was exquisite, was as much of a business asset as knowledge of a slide rule.

B. For the slide rule, it seemed, was the father's greatest disappointment. His daughter had asked him how to use one and then she had gone to parties and had dates and hadn't practiced with the slide rule. "If you had put your mind to it," he scolded, "you could have become proficient with the slide rule during vacation." No laughter at the year's most festive season, no learning to be at ease with the boys, no raids on the ice box with the grateful feeling "This is my home—I can invite my friends and they'll be welcome"—without these in a young person's life what profit the mastery of the slide rule!

C. Her telephone conversations had been too long, too repetitious, and "after all the visits you had with Bunny what could you have to say to her on the phone?" Ah, me, what father hasn't writhed over adolescent phone jabber! But this father made a crime of it—how can anything be really wicked which seems as necessary to a teenager as breathing? Think back, fathers and mothers too, to those giggle phone conversations of your own youth. Waste of time—without a doubt, but somehow one of the steps in becoming a social being.

Mind you, we aren't criticizing this father for giving his daughter what was probably well meant and carefully thought-out advice. But into each word he put his own bitterness against the girl's mother, his own disappointment that the world didn't appreciate slide rules. So long as parents take out their grudges on children how can we expect understanding between the generations? And now, as never before, we need just that.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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HOW ABOUT YOUR SOUL?

Amid the tasks, toils, duties and responsibilities of life; amid your carelessness, your pleasures, your frivolity, your indifference; amidst your evils, sins, iniquity and wickedness; amidst your aims, plans, purposes, achievements, success; or amidst your failures blunders and downfalls; how about your soul? What attention are you giving it? Do you ever stop to think that you have a soul? And do you ever think about your soul's salvation or damnation?

Remember that you are facing God at the bar of divine reckoning, or will face Him just out in the future. Remember also that you have a soul that you shall have to give an account of when you meet Him. Don't forget that you will also meet God with the life you have lived, whether it be good or bad, right or wrong, clean or unclean, godly or wicked. Just as you live and die Judgment will find you. How much will you be profited if you gain the world, or much of it, and then lose your precious soul?

All your money, your pleasures in evil, sin and wickedness will profit you nothing when you stand in the presence of the Judge of all the earth. In fact, such will condemn you. Whatever may be your achievement in life or whatever may be your position if you neglect your soul's salvation, you will stand condemned when you face the Lord after this life.

Instead of giving so much to the temporal affairs of life, and going on carelessly through the world, you had better stop and think of eternity and the welfare or damnation of your soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:3). O what a solemn, awful statement! Sinner, backslider, indifferent, careless man or woman, boy or girl, that means you. Better give attention to your soul while you have the time and opportunity. Tomorrow may be too late. We know not what a day may bring forth. Today is the day of salvation. "Procrastination is the thief of time." This thief is robbing millions of heaven and sending them to a devil's hell. If you miss heaven you have missed all that is worth while in eternity. O dear reader come to Jesus! He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37). But Jesus says again that you should come to Him that you may have life. Say, it is up to you. The way you choose to live is the way you shall die. What about your immortal soul? Where will you inhabit eternity?

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED MAY 18

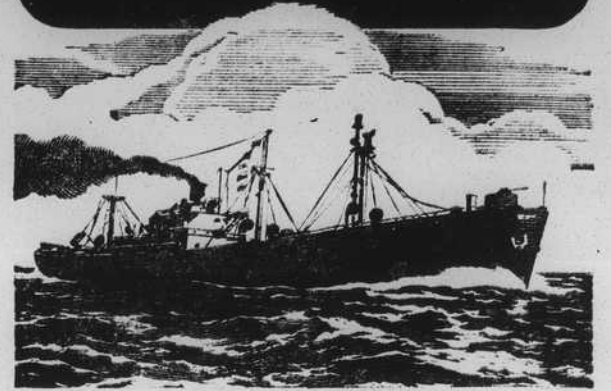
RALEIGH.—The fifth anniversary of the Brewing Industry's voluntary cooperation program in North Carolina will be celebrated May 18.

Organized in 1939, the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina Committee has cooperated with law enforcement officials and military authorities in maintaining wholesome conditions wherever beer is sold.

Edear H. Rain, of Goldsboro, former State Senator and a veteran of World War I, has headed the program in this state during these five years.

SODA?

Every Pound Possible for '44 Crops!



FACING THE biggest food production job of all time, you will need every pound of soda you can get. It is coming in faster and, while ships are still the big problem, there is reason to believe there will be enough for every essential requirement.

1,000,000 tons of natural Chilean nitrate—the tonnage U. S. farmers used last year—properly applied, would produce 250,000,000 bu. of oats or 100,000,000 bu. of wheat; 125,000,000 bu. of corn or 4,800,000 tons of forage crops; 6,000,000 tons of vegetables, or 2,500,000 bales of cotton and 1,100,000 tons of cotton seed.

These figures show why farmers need all the Chilean Soda they can get to smash '44 goals and help make Victory sure!

Natural

CHILEAN NITRATE of SODA

Rubber in one raincoat is enough to make one gas mask.

We Are Going OUT OF BUSINESS For The DURATION

Due to the scarcity of merchandise and the loss of four men to the Armed Forces and four more facing an early induction, we have decided to take this drastic action.

OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN

Absolutely every piece of merchandise in our store will be offered to you at Reduced prices.

OUR BIG CLOSING OUT SALE

Now that the above conditions force us to discontinue business, we are giving the public an opportunity to supply their household needs at prices that cannot be duplicated. We have the largest selection of house furnishings to be found in this section of the country.

Will begin Thursday, February 17th, and will continue until the entire stock has been sold.

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