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## Editorial

### IN HOPEFUL PROSPECT

A press dispatch out of Hickory a few days ago related that additional substantial cash payments had been made on building funds subscribed by individuals or family groups, which assure three more new buildings for the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne College as soon as war conditions release material and men for dammed-up construction.

None of these are big buildings as some educations institutions these days run, but they will be substantial additions to a campus equipment that has been steadily growing in recent years. One would provide a \$100,000 memorial science building, another a \$100,000 auditorium (if we recall aright) and the other a \$15,000 infirmary building. The progress made in cash payments seems to assure that the full amounts will be ready for all these by the time the buildings can be started.

In addition to these, a campaign is well under way to raise \$150,000 for the erection of a church building on the campus that will be in keeping with the present and prospective building equipment of the college. The indications are that this sum will be realized in time for this building to rise along with the others assured.

Enrollment at the Hickory college was not far under 500 at last report, despite the fact that the armed services have sharply cut the number of male students. The prospects for this college so loyally supported by its Lutheran constituency, by other alumni and friends and by the city of Hickory at large would appear hopeful indeed.

### POLITICAL ARITHMETIC

The fact that you can prove almost anything with figures depending upon the figures you happen to use and how you interpret them, has become more and more obvious since the war started.

Of particular interest have been figures on strikes. Anti-labor groups have been able to pull out figures to prove that strikes have caused criminal delays in war production. Labor groups have used figures to demonstrate that strike-hours are so microscopic compared with work hours that they don't amount to a drop in the bucket.

Probably Einstein, if assigned the job, wouldn't be able to get the real answer as to just how much loss of production has been caused by strikes.

The President was right when he said that only one-tenth of one per cent of man hours have been lost by strikes. But the Republicans were also right when they pointed out that his figure applied only to the men actually striking and did not apply to the man-hours lost by thousands of others who, although not striking themselves, were unable to work because of the strikes. The strike of 6,000 transit workers in Philadelphia which prevented 900,000 war workers from getting to their jobs, is an outstanding example.

Because of the trickiness of figures, we must watch out for them during the election campaign. Figures may not lie, but they are a leading tool for creating false impressions.

### V-DAY PRECAUTIONS

News of the end of the war in Europe will affect people in many different ways. To most it will be a day of thanksgiving, but with the reservation that many long months of fighting are still before our armed forces in the Pacific.

Whether fires and other damage to property will result from observance of victory in Europe will be largely in the hands of individual citizens. Municipal officials therefore are urged to stress measures which will minimize the likelihood of such damage. Following are suggestions to consider in connection with such prevention efforts:

1. Urge that conditions in offices, stores, factories, and homes which might cause fire be properly cared for before leaving. Fire guards in office and mercantile buildings should be charged with the duty of maintaining fire watch after other employees have left.
2. Try to prevent false fire alarms. Some cities plan to assign off-duty firemen or auxiliary firemen, or other civilian defense workers, as watchers at fire alarm boxes.
3. Try to prevent bonfires. This duty could be assigned to local civilian defense fire wardens and fire watchers.
4. Auxiliary police can be used to point out to drivers that cars parked to watch parades could obstruct fire department apparatus which might be responding to an alarm.
5. Urge that children be kept out of crowds. Panic may easily occur under the condition of excitement which probably will exist.

V-Day will be a time for universal thanksgiving, but the observance of European victory should not carry with it any element that may endanger life and property.

## Heavy, Heavy Hangs Over Your Head



### BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. — For some time to come, retailers, jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers will have a source of merchandise and materials in the surplus property which various government agencies are beginning to sell in large volume. The sales during August totaled \$28,000,000, an increase of 75 per cent over July.

While the only market for much surplus property will be the dealers in scrap and waste materials considerable ingenuity is being exercised both by government disposal experts and by business men in finding ways to utilize surplus property, with minor modifications, in its present form.

An assortment of scabbards left over from last war, for example, was snapped up recently by a company which intended to convert them to shoe scrapers for America's doorsteps. The treasury department's procurement division has just disposed of some 2,000 rubber life rafts of five-man capacity, with oars, repair kit, bailing pump, and other equipment thrown in. The rafts were bought by sporting goods dealers who plan to sell them to summer camps, life guard stations and sportsmen. In offering a large number of cavalry spurs, the procurement division advertised that they would make attractive paper weights or bookends.

In another case the army had a half million yards of surplus cloth for making parachute flares it was sold back to the manufacturer, given a new finish and dyed various colors. Department stores and other retail outlets throughout the country will soon have the material to sell to American women as piece goods for dresses.

The treasury Department, which seems to have the biggest collection of surplus materials readily adaptable to civilian use, has 11 regional offices—Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, Atlanta, Fort Worth, Kansas City, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Boston and New York. Prospective buyers are asked to list themselves with one of these offices.

MINING FOR SHOES—Father may not have to "dig down" so often for shoes when miners dig up the materials out of which they are made. Shoes are beginning to come out of the mines already with the introduction, just announced, of Koroseal shoe soles and top lifts (bottom layers of heels), and it is said these synthetic soles, even on Junior's hard worn kicks, will outlast the uppers. Koroseal, you know, is the famous synthetic created by B. F. Goodrich company chemists out of coke limestone and salt, which stretches like rubber sheds water like the proverbial duck's back and is impervious to oil or grease. The word out of Akron is that other Koroseal shoe parts will be available later including uppers, inner linings, and ornamental bows. They'll make possible shoes in vivid rainbow hues or pastel shades or even transparent should fashion so decreed to match any dress, and with unprecedented non-cracking and wearing qualities.

THINGS TO COME—Fluorescent instrument dials for post-war automobiles to make night driving easier. Electronic water fountains which go on only when a person leans over to get a drink. When the light from an electric eye is intercepted by your body, the water is turned

travel of tomorrow.

Likewise our government, faced with shortages of vital medication resulting from the Japanese seizure of the Far Eastern sources of supply, and with the need for discovering effective medicaments for our Armed forces, has developed such substitutes as atabrine, a drug substitute for quinine, which has materially reduced the ravages of malaria among our South Pacific fighters.

VACUUM PACKED—Judging by the pace being set by one of the country's leading can manufacturers in unfolding optimistic plans for the postwar era, it appears that food retailers may count on an increasing consumer demand for vacuum packed wares.

Only a month or so ago the American can Company reported it would manufacture cans, when torpedo production ceases at its plant in St. Louis containing 600,000 square feet of floorpace.

On the heels of this, the company announced it would build a \$6,500,000 plant in St. Paul to produce fruit and vegetable cans. And now R. C. Taylor, vice-president reports that return to the production of containers in the company's Jersey plant, when materials are made available will provide employment for approximately 2,000 workers, 600 more than are at present employed. Among reasons cited by Mr. Taylor for expecting heavier post war employment in can manufacture are the continued growth of demand for canned beer, which was arrested by the war indications that there will be a greatly increased demand for vacuum packed coffee.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Zoyzia, a tough variety of grass, may offer a new volume market for seedsmen if experiments are successful to utilize it for airports. Zoyzia grass is said to thrive despite crab grass and insects, and its leaves curl to form a woven mat. The days of dollar-down, dollar-a-week installment selling so popular before the war, may be gone forever, in the view of a Federal Reserve official, who reports that the public seems to be well satisfied with the present controls, while thousands of merchants for the first time, find their accounts on a stable basis.

PRaise the Lord—AND PASS THE SANITATION

ROUND THE GLOBE—Hitler's "total war" is catching up with him at last. Already historians are sharpening pencils, to write tomorrow's history books. When they are completed, there will be conflicting reasons for the Axis' unconditional surrender. Only tomorrow can accurately write the story of today. But when that story is finally written, one of the vital factors in the United Nation's victory will be the amazing story of all out health and sanitation, unprecedented in former wars and responsible in this one for the first epidemic-less war in the chronicles of man.

The story of health and sanitation in this greatest of all human conflicts is a tale of immunization, medication and sanitation. How important a part immunization plays in this global strife is best exemplified in inter-continental flights, itself a vital factor in Allied strategy. This has been carried so far by airlines that this measure of protection has transcended ordinary military precaution and now includes wholesale immunization of transient civilians and soldiers alike. It is because of this that, despite flights into the sub-equatorial areas of the world, no epidemic has been returned to these shores. Such a high standard of protection was born of this war, and will be commonplace in the air

# Dale Carnegie

"THIS, TOO, WILL PASS AWAY"

One of the pleasures in running a newspaper column is finding the unexpected appeals that certain columns have to their readers. Columns that I would never have guessed would create such wide enthusiasm. For instance, I wrote a column about mottos. It seemed to me just an average column, but it brought in a basketful of letters wanting me to print more mottos. I like mottos, myself—I guess my readers do, too.

So today I am printing some other mottos that people live by. For instance, I was touched the other day in reading about William George Shedden Dobbie, the hero of Malta. He was in command of Malta for two and a half years—when it was the most bombed spot on earth. In fact it stood up under 2,500 bombings during the time he was stationed there. He was responsible for the safety of 260,000 Maltese. But he was considered the calmest man on that stubborn and unyielding rock. Once, in the midst of an air raid he demonstrated his calmness by leaving the cave where he was seeking protection and going out into the open and rescuing a cat. (He took him home and fed him and took care of him so well that the cat followed him everywhere.)

Well, a man who has successfully gone through 2,500 air raids must have something to lean on. And he has. On his desk in Malta, all through these devastating raids, he had this motto: "If ye lack wisdom, ask of God."

Herbert J. Grant, president of the church of Latter Day Saints, or, as they are popularly known, the Mormons, carries his motto around in his pocket. He has it printed on cards and when he meets a new person, or someone he likes, he gives him one of these cards. On the card is printed: "That which we persist in doing becomes easy to do; not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased." How true!

Abraham Lincoln had a motto that meant a great deal to him and which gave him hope and courage to carry on when the war clouds of the Civil War were blackest: "This, too, will pass away."

When General Eisenhower was a young man in Abilene, Texas, he had his motto for a while on the wall of his room: "If you can't be a winner—then make the fellow ahead of you break a record."

As for myself, I have had different mottos at different times, but I think the one that has given me the greatest satisfaction, is one that I have quoted more than once in this column: "Don't act as if you were going to live forever," a saying of a man who lived more than 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

That motto has taught me to get all I can out of life TODAY, not to put off living fully until tomorrow with the hope that the prospects will be brighter. Yes, indeed the time to live and work and love is NOW. Not a year hence; not even tomorrow. Enjoy the sunset today, smell the rose now.

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