

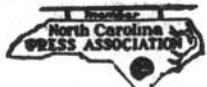
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## Why History Is Often Wrong

It is a wise thing for one who reads not to accept in full everything that he does read. For instance, Marshal Petain, in World War I, was given credit for the saying, "They shall not pass," at Verdun, when it developed later that he never said it. The truth was that the higher army officers had difficulty in keeping Petain from surrendering his army to the Germans, because he did not believe that they could withstand the German onslaught and he did not see the necessity of so many French soldiers being killed in an attempt to hold off the Germans.

In this present war, Chaplain William Maguire was given credit in the daily papers for having voiced the following expression, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition," during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He stated he may have said something like it, but did not remember, then later on claimed that he never said it. It developed that Chaplain Hawell M. Forgy was the author of the expression. In the Petain case the misstatement still goes on and the correction has never caught up with it in full, and probably the same thing is in store for the other incident.

## Efforts Made To Conserve Oil

Although fuel oil rations have been increased 10 per cent in 13 Middle Western States, every effort is being made to conserve oil stocks throughout the entire area of 30 rationed states. In order to encourage conversion from fuel oil to coal, new coal stoves have been made available to those who will use the heaters to replace fuel oil equipment, who need to heat an unheated space for essential working or living whose present coal-burning equipment is not usable, or who are eligible for additional fuel oil and will use a coal heater instead.

Because of increased military needs for the "red meats," there'll be further reductions in civilian quotas of beef, pork, lamb, mutton and veal, but these reduced allowances will be partly made up through the release for civilian use of millions of pounds of cured and frozen beef, dried beef, beef sausage material, and various domestic cuts not suitable for military diets.

## Farm Labor Presents Big Problem

The supply of farm labor will be one of our major problems next year. The War Manpower Commission expects that some 7,900,000 persons will be employed in year-round farm work, and additional millions will be needed seasonally in the various agricultural areas. In December of this year farm hired labor showed a decided drop over the same time two years ago. A large part of the loss was due to enlistment in the armed forces, the rest to the attractions offered by war industries. The deficit in farm labor must be met by keeping labor on farms and by enlisting the services of an army of volunteers throughout the country to help harvest next year's crop.

Additional labor, too, is needed to meet our lumber production goal of 1943, set at 32 billion board feet. While our civilian lumber requirements will be about 40 per cent less than for 1942, we'll need far more lumber for aircraft, ship decking, pontoon construction, ship and boat timber, and structural timbers.

## Civilians Will Not Benefit

Although American farms must raise a great deal more crops of many kinds next year, civilians must not expect to benefit by the increase. Our armed forces will need much more of all that is raised, and so will our Allies, England, Russia, and the French in North Africa. For not only is food, as it supports fighting men, a direct instrument of warfare, it is an essential bulwark of civilian populations in war time. The hatred felt by the people of occupied Europe for their Nazi oppressors is fed by the pangs of hunger, their hopes of liberation and of ultimately getting food from us strengthen their resistance and definitely aid the Allied cause.

The plight of starving millions abroad and the fearful conditions under which many of our soldiers are fighting in jungle and desert should awaken in all of us at home the willingness to take cheerfully the slight discomforts and minor hardships which necessarily go with a war of this kind, especially the inconveniences connected with rationing and other restrictions of scarce goods.

The combined savings of millions of Americans, in motoring and heating, particularly among those living along the Atlantic Seaboard, helped our army land in North Africa and attack the Axis, but the total quantity of these products needed for a continuing campaign is enormous, and will require the service of a fleet of tankers. For this reason, the Army has sent an urgent plea to civilians to save gasoline and fuel oil in every way possible. At the same time, the Petroleum Administrator has warned that several areas in the East have only enough motor gas for essential needs—supplies in storage have been drained by non-essential driving beyond previous estimates.

## 'Seal Lips—Save Ships'

No one can reckon what ships, or how many, have been torpedoed through chance remarks of relatives or friends of sailors and others, or what vital information about our war production, war equipment or other confidential matters has leaked through to the Axis through careless gossip. A safe rule, applicable to all such matters, is expressed in the saying, "Seal Lips—Save Ships."

Fruit and vegetable growers and shippers are urged to stock up on used wooden boxes, crates, baskets, barrels and hampers for 1943 crops, and cotton growers should save and recondition old cotton bale ties. . . . The telegraph industry will abandon its special services to customers, but low-rate form messages may still go to members of the armed services. Production of alarm clocks will be resumed early next year. . . . The nation's castor oil supply is at low ebb. . . . The Director of Defense Transportation urges the abandonment of all meetings and conventions, requiring travel, that do not contribute in an important way to winning the war.

As the war progresses, the Allies no longer are caught napping, at any point, however obscure it may appear in the grand strategy of the United Nations. If it is surprising that American light tanks are reported in action on the jungle-enclosed strip of New Guinea Beach, how much more extraordinary must have been the means of getting them there.

On the economic front our government must be equally far-seeing. More than 50 million pounds of seed, for example, have been designed for planting on foreign soil, under Lend-Lease arrangements. Some of these seeds are supplied to areas occupied by our troops, who will raise fresh vegetables when they aren't fighting. Grass seeds are sent to new air fields for surfacing barren strips. But the bulk of the seeds go for foods to feed the peoples of Allied lands in desperate need of them and to replant farmlands lately freed from Axis control. And seeds take up less shipping space than produce in any other form.

Living today, and perhaps relatively unknown at the moment, is a man whose force and genius will make his name remembered and honored until the end of time.

If you can sleep well, you've got the world licked.

No man wants to talk sense to a pretty girl.

There's no harm in being cheerful and saying something that will make people smile.

# Letters From Our Boys In the Services

Fort Benning, Ga.

Dearest Mother:  
I am thrilled beyond words, being one of 800 paratroopers who have made the world's record in speed of 120 mile maneuver from camp Tacloa to Atlanta.

We carried equipment weighing more than 80 lbs. and through the most terrible cold weather Georgia has ever had. We plodded through rain and in mud ankle deep. At night we slept between blankets on wet ground, with water floating inside our shoes. When we awoke in the morning our coveralls were frozen stiff enough to stand without a soldier in them.

We were met five miles from Atlanta by motorcycle police, paraded through the city and were honored at ceremonies presided over by the mayor, then were served "eats and smokes" by Red Cross workers. We proceeded to Terminal Station and took train for Fort Benning. After arriving here, they decided we did not need physical examination after such a strenuous trip. You should see my blistered feet. We look like "bums." However, I am proud of myself and I know you are proud of me.

My parachute jumps will be over by 28th. I can't understand why people think it's so dangerous. Not one out of a thousand get hurt. We start leaving for a 10-day furlough the 30th. I can't wait. After then we will be transferred. Hope we go to Fort Bragg. Mom I will see you New Years. With love to the best mother and dad in the world.

"BUNK."  
W. M. Brice, Jr.

**TRANSFERRED**  
Oscar "Buddy" Smith, United States Naval Reserve, formerly young Wallace merchant, was transferred on December 1st from the U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia to Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic Fleet, U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. His unit will receive orders in the near future for further transfer.

## People's Forum

Readers are invited to contribute to this column. Communications should be brief and carry the writer's correct name and address which will be published under the article. No communication will be accepted for publication unless it is signed. The publisher reserves the right to reject any article not deemed worthy of publication.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1942.

Christmas Day.  
To the Editor, Mr. Phillips:  
I waited for Christmas Day to send greetings from the far away West Coast. But when I called the telegraph office I was told I could not send a message of greetings, because of war. Hence, I now extend to you and the folks back home, the best of wishes and cordial greetings for this Holy Blessed Season. May we be inspired with deeper faith and greater service in the Master's work. With the prayer that soon again peace may reign on earth. Repeated thanks to every one for your kindness to me. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one" and everybody the world over. As I think of how different this Christmas Day is—with its plenty of everything and cheer—compared to my Christmas 1941 in sad France, destitute, cold and hunger. As the hour of midnight struck—a collection for war prisoners was taken—not a word of greeting only bowed heads. That was truly, "Silent Night."

MRS. CHARLES  
Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor  
Seattle, Washington.

## Civilian Defense Information

By F. W. McGOWEN

### THE SYSTEMIC POISONS

Hydrocyanic Acid, Arsenic, Hydrogen Sulfide.  
Although not immediately irritating to the skin, eyes, nose, or lungs, these agents cause internal poisoning, and if inhaled in sufficient quantity, they may cause death. Hydrocyanic acid and hydrogen sulfide may be immediately fatal; arsenic produces destruction of the red blood cells which block the kidneys and may cause death in a few days.  
Hydrocyanic Acid and Hydrogen Sulfide.  
Immediate Effects  
Odor of bitter almonds (hydrocyanic acid), or rotten eggs

(hydrogen sulfide) may be noticed but strong concentrations dull the sense of smell and the individual may be overpowered and collapse immediately. Weaker concentrations may produce headache, dizziness, and nausea.

**First Aid**  
Anyone rendering first aid in a gassed area to an individual who has just collapsed must be protected by a mask or he will also collapse. Do not enter a gassed area without a mask to bring anyone out; you will not get out yourself.

First Aid consists in inhalation of Amyl Nitrite fumes and artificial respiration until a physician can begin medical treatment. Artificial respiration should be continued for hours, even though it appears hopeless.

**Arsenic**  
Odor of garlic and metallic taste are the only immediate effects. Persons exposed to arsenic must be kept quiet and hospitalized as soon as possible. Meanwhile, they should be given large quantities of Alkalies such as sodium bicarbonate, citrate or phosphate to drink. This Alkalizes the urine and may help to prevent coagulation in the kidneys of protein from the red blood cells destroyed by the Arsenic.

## Weekly CHURCH COLUMN

Conducted By  
REV. M. J. MURRAY  
Pastors are invited to take advantage of this column for sermons, church notices, etc. Mail sermons and contributions to Church Column editor, care of this newspaper.

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, which for more than a century has been sending missionaries to South America, recently commissioned six young people to add to their forces in the southern continent. All are college and post-graduate trained, and have had special preparation in language and sociology for the people to whom they are going. Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Dickson, of Hillsboro, Texas, are going to Bolivia for educational work; the Rev. and Mrs. Henry E. Plyler, of Madison, N. J. to Peru for evangelistic service; Miss Ruth E. McKinney, of Lake Ariel, Pa., and Miss Gladys M. Oberlin, of Canton, N. Y., to Brazil for teaching service among Portuguese-speaking people.

"Transform your cranberry sauce into powdered milk for a starving little child in Greece. Your rich dessert into a day's rations for a starving Chinese mother and her children. Your more expensive present into help for refugees now released from forced labor in the heat of the African desert." This is the Christmas message sent to every Congregational Christian Church and Sunday School in America by the Congregational-Christian Committee for War Christmas and Services. It is signed by Dr. Douglas Horton, minister of the General Council.

Liu Liang-mo, a former secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in China, now visiting in the United States says that in the years of war with Japan 8,000,000 Chinese boys have died, 2,000,000 orphans have been made, and 50,000,000 Chinese people have been made refugees. "Today New York's Sixth Avenue 'L' (sold to Japan) is fighting New York's Second Avenue 'L' (used for American armament) in the Pacific Ocean," says Mr. Liu. "If the American people had listened to the pleadings of the missionaries that scrap iron be not sold to Japan, the Japanese would not now have the Sixth Avenue 'L' to hurl against America's sons."

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, retiring as American secretary of the International Missionary Council, has been elected as chairman for 1943 of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. This conference is a consultative gathering of more than one hundred missionary agencies of the United States and Canada. The 1943 session of the conference will mark the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. Two of the founders—Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Robert E. Speer—are to be honorary co-chairman of the jubilee celebration.

## Schools Urged Participate In War Bond Drives

Mrs. J. S. Blair, State Chairman of the Educational War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department Urges Every School in the State Enlist in the War Savings Program.

Mrs. J. S. Blair of Elizabethtown, State Education Chairman of the War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department and President of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, urges that all North Carolina school officials and students concentrate on the School at War program during December and January.

Schools with officials and students showing a 90 per cent participation in the purchase of war bonds and stamps will be awarded a Schools at War flag to fly over their schools.

Every school in the State, if it has not already done so, should elect students and faculty members to war committees which shall be responsible for organization of the school's war-time activities and preparing the school's report to the nation, Mrs. Blair said.

"Each school enlisting in the Schools at War program," she explained, "should keep a Scrapbook containing pictures, written reports, newspaper clippings or any other evidence of the working war organization within that school. The scrapbooks are to be completed on January 7 near the time when the President usually makes his report on the state of the union."

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**PENALTY BEGINS ON 1942 TAXES FEBRUARY 1st.**

**Penalty on 1942 Privilege Taxes 5 per cent per month, as of July 1st, 1942.**

**Payment of City Taxes prior to January 1st may be deducted from your income tax, take advantage of this and at the same time reduce your indebtedness.**

Signed:  
**W. N. ROSE,**  
Tax Collector.