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**THIS BUSINESS OF Living**  
 BY SUSAN THAYER



**WE WOMEN WATCH HISTORY**

We are a peace-loving people, and we hoped, when the tumult and the shouting of the World War died down, that the nations of the earth were ready to live together as friends. We hoped it so strongly and believed in it so sincerely that we insisted on getting rid of the plants and factories that had been used to provide our arms and munitions in '17 and '18. Wartime machinery was smashed under gigantic hammers and sold for scrap metal. The making of smokeless powder declined to a tiny fraction of previous output, and the industries involved turned to the making of goods and products for normal consumption.

We women played an important role in the peace movement. Remember? We realized, probably more keenly than men, the bitterness of war, and we dreamed a great dream of well-being and abundance. Why shouldn't these things be ours, we asked, with the greatest industrial system in the world devoting itself exclusively to the production of peacetime products?

We worked out many of the elements of that dream here in America, too, before the period of world unrest which saw European dictatorships grow daily more powerful as they batted on economic unrest in their own states. And one fateful week last Spring, Americans—men and women alike—were brought face to face with the realization that the way of life we cherish was menaced. American industry was called upon to forge the weapons that would make our freedom strong. At first it was on the basis of "business as usual" plus defense. Then, as events continued to unfold ominously, industry was called upon to apply "speed and more speed" to production for defense.

The defense accomplishments of industry to date will go down in the annals of history as living evidence of the potentialities of a free people. It is not the way that American men and women would wish to prove the value of their free institutions. But it is striking proof that they cherish those institutions above all else, and that we in this country are enterprising enough and intelligent enough to find the means to see that they shall survive today's storms.

American women will remember this march of events as times move ahead. They know that there will be trying times and sacrifices ahead for all of us. But they know, too, that we are going through these present efforts so that we can have a future which will be worthy of all the endeavors and all the strivings that the history of the last few decades has imprinted on the scroll of American history.

**SNOW HILL NEWS**

Mrs. Bessie Nurney, Miss Elizabeth Nurney, Travis Nurney and a friend, all of Washington, D. C., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Benton.

Mrs. Jack Benton visited her sister Mrs. Wiley Toxey, at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, of near Elizabeth City, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell and son, Pat, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell.

Carlton White, of Fort Jackson, S. C., visited Miss Blanche Cartwright during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright and daughter, of near Elizabeth City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright.

Mrs. J. M. Benton and son visited Mrs. Ralph Harrell Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Knight and Bob Knight, of Norfolk, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Miss Hazel Matthews spent Sunday with Mrs. Mallie Knight.

Mrs. J. H. Harrell is visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., in Norfolk.

Mrs. Benjamin Smith and Mrs. Moody Harrell spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Max Griffin, on Hertford Highway.

Mrs. William Whedbee had as dinner guests on Sunday the following members of her family: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Jr., and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Harrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harrell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Harrell, all of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Harrell and family, of White Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Benton and family attended the funeral of Jack Baker, in Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Miss Eunice Harrell and Vernon Harrell spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Matthews visited Mrs. Louis Harrell, in Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lane visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Proctor, at Burgess, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eddie Harrell attended the district conference at Columbia on Thursday.

**BETHEL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gatling, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end as guests of his mother, Mrs. Maggie

**DELTA SHAMBURGERS MEET**  
 The Della Shamburger Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. W. D. Curtis' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Perry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rogerson, of Ballahack, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Long, of near Yeopim Station, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miles, of Norfolk, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

Miss Anna White, of Elizabeth City, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Broughton.

Jeanne, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Long, was carried to Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Tuesday for an appendectomy. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Standin, of Suffolk, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Standin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish, in Rocky Hook, Sunday afternoon.

**BETHEL CLUB MEETS**  
 The Bethel Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Long with Mrs. W. D. Perry as

assistant hostess. The meeting was opened by singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Miss Maness talked on Pouches and Their Comfort, and demonstrated materials for cushions and covers. Mrs. M. T. Griffin conducted a contest with Mrs. C. E. White winning the prize.

Those present were Mesdames W. T. Griffin, W. D. Perry, T. C. Chappell, Reuben Stallings, R. S. Chappell, C. E. White, S. M. Long, Joe White, E. L. Goodwin, R. F. Standin, Leroy Goodwin, W. P. Long and E. J. Proctor, Misses Frances Maness, Gertie Chappell, Blanche Goodwin and Evelyn Long.

The hostesses served dainty refreshments.

**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK**

**WE WILL KNOW THIS SOMETIME:** He is the Rock and His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.—Deut. 32:4.

**Vote Saturday!**

Peanut growers should mark a red circle on their calendars around Saturday, April 26, if for no other reason than to remind them to go to the polling places and vote in the first Peanut Referendum in history.

A great deal has been written of this referendum and most farmers have heard the details of the reasons for the voting. The Weekly now uses this method to urge every eligible voter to cast a ballot in the election.

This referendum not only means much to peanut growers, it means a lot to the business man in every village and town in the peanut area. Good prices for peanuts mean good business in the fall . . . as well as money in the pockets of the farmer.

Saturday is the day for the referendum and The Weekly hopes the farmers of Perquimans will vote 100 percent.

As explained elsewhere, eligible voters are requested to vote in their home townships, but where this is impossible, they may vote in Hertford at the Agricultural Building, and after checking the eligibility of the voter, the vote will be counted by the County Committee.

Farmers, be sure to vote on Saturday.

**If Wages Rise—**

If wages rise, can prices be far behind? The American steel industry thinks not, and it thinks so the more explosively since Leon Henderson, Federal Price Administrator, has issued an order freezing steel prices at levels of the first quarter of 1941 notwithstanding the general wage increase just granted of 10 cents an hour.

The Henderson order may prove to be only a temporary request, designed to preserve the status quo in steel prices until the Office of Price Administration can study the situation and determine how much of an increase is justified. Mr. Henderson has assured that adjustments will be made promptly if it is shown that they should be. Otherwise there may be a court test of the price control powers.

Steel men probably would agree that some margin of added labor costs could be absorbed by the industry through increased efficiency and in other ways. But to assimilate at one gulp a rise of 11 to 12 per cent in wage costs is a rather large order. The argument often has been made that steel profits rise much more than proportionately when the rate of steel operations climbs above the minimum required to cover overhead. But there also is a point at which any increase of production or capacity is purchased only at a rising cost per ton; and steel production at present is approximately 100 per cent of rated capacity.

A pronounced rise in costs of living would certainly tend to force wages up. Any sudden or marked increase in wage rates tends similarly to start the spiral by which wages and prices or vice versa chase each other up the economists' graphs. The Price Administration was formed to prevent so far as possible any such inflation. On his appointment to the new office last week Mr. Henderson said with reference to steel prices, "We are watching wages as a prime cost. If there are unwarranted prospective wage rises we will have decided interest in them." That interest, as applied to a number of industries, should be a watchful and outspoken one. — Christian Science Monitor.

**HEART ATTACKS KILL COUPLE**

Little Falls, N. Y.—Three hours after being informed of the sudden death of her 73-year-old husband from a heart attack, Mrs. Aibert Weaver, 68, died suddenly of a similar attack.

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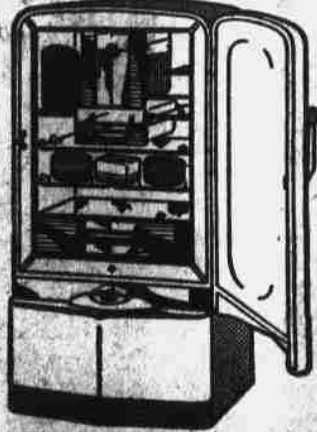
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