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"Let There Be Light"

A Thought For The Thoughtful

"To live and let live, without clamor for distinction or recognition; to wait on divine Love; to write truth first on the tablet of one's own heart,—this is the sanity and perfection of living."
 —Mary Baker Eddy.

Russian Aid

If you were stranded in a snake-infested swamp, you would doubtless prefer being rescued by a beautiful lady driving a new Rolls Royce. But if that sort of rescuer failed to show up and, instead, appeared a recalcitrant bootlegger, fleeing from the vengeance of his gangster colleagues, and driving a dirty old truck, would you decline his proposition that he was going in the same direction you had in mind and was quite agreeable to traveling in your company?

With some qualifications, that is the position in which America finds itself in regard to Soviet Russia.

We have the biblical injunction to love our enemies, but nowhere is the obligation to love our allies made a duty. In other words, as long as the Communists are doing their part toward staying the on-march of Hitler and the system he represents we are going to help the Reds, without indorsing their destructive and subversive principles. The fight the Soviets are putting up against the power-mad dictator is not with any notion of helping this country, except that our benevolent neutrality toward Great Britain makes us partners in the enterprise of preserving democracy. That enterprise perhaps leaves Russia cold, but we happen to have the same immediate objective, even with contrary motives.

In this kind of fracas it does not do to look a gift horse in the mouth. Every German tank destroyed, every Luftwaffe bomber shot down, every Panzer division shattered is so much gained by the forces opposed to totalitarianism, and it is not a matter of consequence whether the destruction is accomplished by the British R.A.F. or by Stalin's troops. A good many people visualize Stalinism and Hitlerism as twin enemies of civilization. Certainly civilization is going to find it easier to survive if the twins fight each other until one or both are exhausted, than if they made common cause against democracy.

It is not because of any delusions we have as to Russia, and the Communist regime and system that we are planning to help the Soviet outfit, but simply because it is expedient to enable Russia to fight as long and as vigorously as possible against the Hitler drive.

Eli Whitney And His Critics

Critics who wall unjustly about imagined slowness in America's defense production would do well to remember the story of Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin and father of the mass production technique. If they don't, they'll find themselves in the same embarrassing position that his critics did.

In 1798 the War Department granted Whitney a contract to make 10,000 muskets within two years. At the end of that time he was criticized because he had produced only a few hundred guns. But he had done something far more important—something the critics didn't know about. He had invented machinery that could make interchangeable parts for those guns, and make them in quantity.

Up until that time gunsmiths had made each part of each musket individually. Whitney's method of making identical parts could be used in one gun another was revolutionary. It is longer to begin doing, but as the tools for making the parts were finished, they produced muskets in greater quantities.

than anything that had been known before. Whitney's critics were confounded by the facts of the case. Criticism sprang from ignorance of what was going on.

Today those who know the scope of industry's job know that these preliminaries are necessary and they hail the speed with which they are being completed. Mr. Knudsen has just announced that our gigantic task of tooling up is almost over. Such is the genius of industry, however, that even while it has been going on arms have been rolling from factories in quantities that were thought impossible a year ago. When in the near future it is finally ended, we have it on Mr. Knudsen's authority that "America can write its own ticket on war material, and that ticket can, as far as I am concerned, be twice what anybody else's ticket is."

In the light of such a statement, what more can the critics say?

Putting Brakes On Buying Habits

President Roosevelt's Executive Order setting up a system of buying has brought the "do without" phase of the national defense program close home to the average man.

Essentially, there is nothing wrong with installment buying during normal times. More than half of our cars, refrigerators and vacuum cleaners, to say nothing of other goods and services, are sold that way, and the practice has played an important role in increasing consumption and providing jobs—in raising our standard of living.

As the national income has been swelled by defense production, however, installment buying has increased rapidly—too rapidly. One of the reasons behind the Executive Order was a desire to discourage consumers from going too far into debt and thus to check credit inflation of the disastrous 1929 type.

There are other reasons, however. The airplanes, tanks and guns that America needs to defend its freedom are made from the same raw materials as washing machines, automobiles and similar articles. By making it more difficult for people to purchase such consumer goods, less of them will be sold. As a result, the materials and labor that would be used to produce them can be diverted to urgent defense production.

In addition, the fact that people will be doing without those articles will create a demand for them when the defense program is over. In that way factories will be given something to manufacture when they stop making armaments, and the jobs of countless employees will be protected.

Final effect of the curb is expected to be an increase in the amount of funds available for investment in defense bonds and other forms of savings, thus building up a reserve fund that can be drawn upon for purchases when jobs in defense industries end.

Though the new restrictions are bound to cause many inconveniences, they will be welcomed by every American anxious to do his bit for the defense of his country and to help it through the difficult emergency period ahead.

Bundle For Berlin

THIS Canadian-made bomb which weighs a mere 500 pounds is just one of some 100,000 that Canada expects to manufacture and ship to Great Britain this year. In addition to equipping and maintaining her own forces on active service at home and abroad, Canada is aiding Great Britain to purchase materials of war in the Dominion by providing her with Canadian dollars for this purpose. During the current fiscal year, Canada expects to lend the Mother Country \$1,500,000,000 to help her do this buying; and this sum in terms of American population and income is equivalent to \$23,000,000,000 under the Lend-Lease Act.

Discipline and Morale

The four-year-old dawdled over his lunch, as little boys will, and his mother said, "Drink your milk, and you'll soon be big enough to have a bicycle."

How different from the old formula for raising children, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." The school to which the modern mother sends her children does not have "readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic", taught to the tune of the hickory stick.

Threats of goblins and boogey men are things of the past. Instead of holding fear of punishment over the child's head, we hold hope of reward. We stress co-operation, not compulsion. That applies not only in raising children, but in almost every phase of American life. In fact, this country is based on the idea of voluntary co-operation.

A man who had just returned from Europe drew a sharp distinction between the Dictatorships and the Democracies. He said that the Dictatorships have discipline, but the Democracies have morale. That distinction is as sharp as the difference between living behind prison bars and being free.

The dictator way of life is forced upon the people. Every man or woman living under it must comply, or face the firing squad or concentration camp. The democratic way is the net of the wishes of all the citizens, co-operating voluntarily. In this defense effort we are inspired by our devotion to the principles we are arming to defend. We want to preserve freedom, opportunity and hope. We have a real goal to which we aspire because of the zeal within us.

When the American mother sends her children to school this Fall she knows that they will not be taught by slaves of a Dictatorship who are forced to censor facts and distort truth. In her own home she can talk freely with them and know that she is not being spied upon and that she will not be persecuted for teaching them her religious faith.

A youth who takes a job knows that his country has not placed any limitation on the height he can reach, and he knows that there is opportunity to rise, that there is hope of reward. He works, and thrives and grows because he is free.

Yes, Democracy and Freedom give a nation like America morale—a spirit which no Dictator could commandeer. An ounce of morale is worth a ton of discipline.

THE FELLOW BEHIND CAN'T READ YOUR MIND—USE HAND SIGNALS!

Answers will be found on Back Page

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat



AMONG THESE THINGS ARE PERSEVERANCE AND HARDHOOD, AS FOUND IN JOHN PAUL JONES, SON OF A GARDENER, IMMORTAL ADMIRAL, FATHER OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.



Unhappy Brewers!

The brewers are very unhappy these days, and they have reasons to be. At least that was the expressed opinion of church and social welfare groups on the eighth anniversary of the return of beer.

Reviewing that beer was the wedge used to bring back the entire liquor traffic, the W.C.T.U. said in its study of the eight years of beer's relegalized history:

"History is a warm comfort to the temperance forces. Throughout its existence there has been repeated efforts to control the liquor traffic by regulation and by partial prohibition. It again will find prohibition to be the only answer."

"Repeal gave the liquor traffic enough rope, and it is hanging itself. Misled in 1933 by very clever propaganda, American citizens since have learned through first-hand observation that liquor is an ally of crime, of all the forces inimical to the American standards of moral, physical, and religious life."

"It should always be understood that 'liquor' refers to alcoholic beverages, hence includes beer. Science and medicine unite in terming alcohol a 'poison', a 'narcotic', 'dangerous to the human system'. Beer contains alcohol. In fact, beer is the door through which alcohol steps to gain addicts. First, the customers drink beer, then hard liquor, and then may become addicts."

"Eight years ago there was a limited reception for the views of temperance people. Today, the situation is entirely different. The brewers know what it means when there is a rising tide of public indignation at liquor-inspired acts which are inimical to social welfare, when church groups become active against all divisions of the liquor traffic."

"The brewers are worried, not about the fate of human bodies and souls, but for their profit dollars. They should be worried."

IT'S TIME YOU KNEW by LAWRENCE

MONA LISA, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE AND PROTECTED PAINTINGS, WAS STOLEN FROM THE LOUVRE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND HIDDEN FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS! WHO PAINTED IT?

JEWELS ARE USED AS FRICTION-BEARINGS IN BULOVA WATCH MOVEMENTS SO THAT FRICTION IS REDUCED TO A MINIMUM. THESE JEWELS ARE USUALLY RUBIES! HOW ARE THEY CUT AND HOW MANY OPERATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE SUCH A JEWEL?

THE ICE FLOWER, THE SOLDANELLA, FORCES ITS WAY UP THROUGH THE SOLID ICE TO BLOSSOM IN THE SUN. IN WHAT COUNTRY DOES IT GROW?

ONE CENT REWARD WAS ONCE OFFERED FOR THE ARREST OF THE FAMOUS SCOUT, KIT CARSON. WHY?

Alleghany Album

27 Years Ago

For the year 1914 we have succeeded in finding only five copies of the STAR. The issue of September 14, 1914, gives A. S. Carson as Editor. There is much news of the World War that was just beginning in Europe. Kaiser Wilhelm, of Germany, was complaining to President Wilson that the British and French did not fight fairly. England, France and Russia had just signed a pact that one would not make peace without consent of the other two.

Locally, Glade Valley High School was to open September 2nd, under President W. F. Hollingsworth.

The local news recorded that: "Misses Margaret Cheek and Clyde Wagoner, of Whitehead, entered school here Wednesday."

"Carlyle Higgins and Miss Clyde Fields left Wednesday morning to attend the Bryant-Bruce wedding at Bridge Creek."

"Mrs. R. L. Gambill and daughters, Mrs. Porter and Miss Nannie Gambill, were in town Monday."

"J. A. Hardin, with the Roanoke Notion Co., has been in town several days."

But in that issue there was no news from communities out through the county.

THE STAR of November 5th gives F. A. Wrench as Editor, and there is news from Glade Valley, Ennio, Doughton, Piney Creek, and from Stratford.

Among the Doughton items it is recorded that: "Eugene Transou shipped three cars of fine cattle and a car of sheep from Doughton Friday."

"A. A. Woodruff, of Cherry Lane, shipped a pair of fine Shorthorn calves to Woodruff, S. C., this week."

Among the items from Walls it is recorded that: "Dr. B. O. Choate was in the community Sunday in his automobile."

The "Stratford Paragraphs" are signed by one, "Blue Eyes." And we discover that that one is the same correspondent who later signed her contributions as "Caggar McCormick." That was back in 1914 and 1916. She has been writing for the same paper all the years up to the present, and now simply signs herself, "Mrs. Carrie Sanders."

Mr. Wrench was turning out a creditable paper in those days, and he had his difficulties, even then, from hints that creep into the lines.

The Sermon
 by Rev. Kenneth S. Wuest,
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The Road to Heaven

Text: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."—John 14:6.

In Romans 3:23 we read, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." The Greek word here translated "sin" means literally "to miss the mark." We are all sinners and therefore have missed the road that leads to heaven. We are a lost race. Unless we find the road, and put ourselves on that road, we will never reach heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the way." The word "way" is the translation of a word which means "a road." We sometimes speak of a road as "a way." Jesus Himself is the road that leads to Heaven.

But in that way is Jesus the road to Heaven? Hebrews 10:19, 20 makes it clear that He is the road, not as a teacher, or as an example, but as a Saviour who died on Calvary's cross and paid for sin by His precious blood. For the Word there reads, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." The word "way" here is again the Greek word for "road." The word "new" is literally "freshly slain." Paul here is speaking of the high priest's path into the holy of holies in the tabernacle of Israel, sprinkled with the blood of sacrificial animals. He is saying that the real road into the presence of God, of which that one was a type, is the road to Heaven sprinkled with the precious blood of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus.

Are you on that road? Have you definitely seen yourself as God sees you, a sinner who has missed the road? And have you put yourself on that road by placing your heart faith in the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour? He shed His blood for you; He died in your place, and took your guilt and penalty.

Can you sing from your heart? "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh, precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

If you cannot now say this, will you not put yourself on that road today?

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, Aug. 26.—Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. John A. Reed this week are Mrs. G. W. Hagans, Mrs. Randolph Hagans and son, George Walker, Mrs. Thurmond Tate and son, Thurmond, Jr., and Mrs. Edd Revis and daughter, Helen Gray, all of Winston-Salem.

Walter Richardson, of Ohio, is visiting relatives here and at Scottville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sheets spent the week-end with Mr. Sheets' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sheets.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sexton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jones, of Scottville, during the week-end.

Paige Bare, who is in North Wilkesboro hospital with spinal meningitis, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. John A. Reed returned home Sunday after spending a week with relatives in Hanes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sexton, of Dublin, Va., spent the week-end here.

Communion service will be held at New Haven church Saturday night, September 6, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q.—Why should Americans buy Defense Bonds and Stamps now?
 A.—Among the reasons are: (1) It is the quickest way in which every citizen can both serve his country and conserve his earnings, and (2) the purchase of the Bonds and Stamps helps not only to finance National Defense but also to prevent high prices and increased cost of living.

Q.—Can I pledge a Defense Bond as collateral for a bank loan?
 A.—No. Bonds are registered and not transferable. They are payable only to the persons named on the Bond.

Note—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail-order form.

The average rate of egg production per layer for April, 1941, was 16.26 eggs compared with 15.76 eggs per bird during April of last year, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

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Rules of the Road

Translating the laws into common language

Drive On The Right

Section 108, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"Upon all highways of sufficient width, except one-way streets, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the highway and shall drive a slow-moving vehicle as closely as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of such highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle subject to the limitations applicable in overtaking and passing set forth in (other) sections of this act."

In other words, share the road with fellow travelers. Stay on your side—the right side—except when passing.

Overtaking a Vehicle

Sec. 111, Motor Vehicle Law of N. C.:—"a) The driver of any vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at least two feet to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such overtaken vehicle."

"(b) The driver of an overtaking motor vehicle not within a business or residence district as herein defined shall give audible warning with his horn or other warning device before passing or attempting to pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction."

In other words, give the car you are passing at least two feet of clearance, and sound your horn before passing a car on the open highway.

The law also imposes certain limitations on this privilege of overtaking and passing, one of these being to forbid passing unless the "left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be made in safety." Other limitations forbid passing another vehicle upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the driver's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of five hundred feet, and forbid passing at any highway intersection or railway grade crossing unless permitted by a traffic or police officer.

Topia

Topia, Aug. 25.—Dinner guests of Mrs. Myrtle Tolliver last Sunday were Mrs. Della Ward and daughter, Edna, of Crumpler, Mrs. Delia Pugh and daughter, Velma.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Pugh returned to their home in Indianapolis, Ind., last week after spending their vacation here with their father, W. R. Pugh. Mr. Pugh accompanied them home.

Misses Edna and Bytha Sturgill, of Piney Creek, visited Miss Irene Blevins, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards and Misses Lucille Black and Lorene Moxley attended the communion meeting at South Fork Regular Baptist church, Piney Creek, Sunday.

Hysen Blevins and Willie Fitzgerald were Sunday dinner guests of Albert Pugh.

Misses Rena and Melba Fitzgerald spent Sunday with Misses Thelma and Fairye Lee Black.

D. M. Pugh visited Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Caudill Sunday morning.

Relatives here have received news that Kyle Ward, of Laurel, Md., will soon return to his home, after having suffered a severe attack of spinal meningitis. He is in a Maryland hospital now.