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A NEW START

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed.
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;
I will waste no moment whining, had my heart shall know no fear;
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that baffle the grumbler's gaze.
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread.
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown.
I will not deny his merit but I'll strive to prove my own.
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine;
I will cease to preach your duty, and be more concerned with mine.—Selected.

CHEERFULNESS

Cheerfulness is as natural to the heart of a man in strong heart, as color to his cheek, and wherever there is habitual gloom, there must be either bad air, unwholesome food, improperly severe labor, or erring habits of life.—Ruskin.

WORDS OF THE WISE

We are not fighting enemies whose production is free. We are fighting enemies where management is forced and where labor is forced. Both, upon pain of death, must do exactly what they are told and exactly as much as they are told. They are actually slaves. That is what we are up against, a Germany and a Japan whose production is at its peak.—Donald M. Nelson.

A GOOD AMERICAN

The real strength and security of any nation depends upon the character, the integrity and intelligence of its citizens.

A good American is a good citizen.

A good American believes in freedom of thought, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion, exercised with due regard for the rights of others and the good of all.

A good American believes in fair play, in being a good sport, he does not even stoop to sharp practice nor hypocrisy.

A good American practices the Golden Rule instead of worshiping the Golden Calf.

A good American recognizes his responsibility to take a sincere interest in community problems and public affairs; that his own welfare depends finally upon the welfare of others.

A good American votes, he places his country's welfare ahead of mere personal attachments. He favors sound principles and the candidate best fitted by character and ability to faithfully seek the greatest good for the greatest number.

America can never be safe from the dangers of hypocrisy and stealth within, nor from propaganda and aggression from without, unless and until we all become "Good Americans."

Here and There

By Raymond E. Lynch

One Kings Mountain man who is not worried about the gasoline rationing is Harold Hammick, who has two tanks on his car, one for gasoline to get his car started and one for kerosene to operate it after it is running good. After the motor has been warmed up Harold just turns on his kerosene tank and rolls merrily on his way.

I stopped in the other day to see Harry Page at the Pauline office. I met Bill Parrish and J. H. Jenkins talking to a couple of traveling salesmen. Yep, you guessed it, they were telling jokes so if you want to hear a few good ones contact one of the mentioned Paulinites.

I understand a fellow stopped in the Post Office the other day and told Marion Feltis that he wanted to buy a stamp. But before the friendly postal clerk could fill the order he had to ask the customer whether he wanted postage, defense, hunting or car stamp.

Dr. J. S. Norman who commutes daily from Kings Mountain to his office in Gastonia says that traffic has greatly decreased since the more stringent gas rationing went into effect last week. He reported that he met only two passenger cars on one trip when ordinarily he meets 15 to 20.

Mr. A. J. Gallant who is quite a genius when it comes to machinery, has perfected an "anti-chicken stealer" which is in the form of an electric bell and light that automatically goes off when anyone lifts the latch on the chicken house. So if any Here and There readers are bothered with chicken thieves they are hereby notified to contact this Kings Mountain inventor.

Mr. Honore Joe Thomson is fortunate in having Ex-His Honor Jonah Thomasson to fall back on to appoint to important civic offices such as Chairman of the Salvage Drive. It's a big help to a busy mayor to have someone to call on and know the job will be done right.

The person responsible for the attractive patriotic V in front of the Pauline and Kingsgate Mills are to be congratulated. The red, white and blue emblem with the American Flag in the middle contains the names of the employees who have entered the armed services. This is a fine way for those at home to be constantly reminded of those who are in distant fields sacrificing for us, and it should make us glad to do our part on the home front.

THIS AND THAT

By H. Y. Belk

Somewhere I don't think much of this woman's army. I realize that women have played an important part in all wars but not on the firing lines. But if they were drafted to the front when the battle is over many Japs and Germans wouldn't have much hair up there. Now, ladies if you want to help win this war, don't get excited and rush to the front; sign up for a nurse or get on a defense job. They need every last one of you.

Why does women admire uniforms? Is it the men or the uniforms? I have noticed this from the Spanish-American War down to the present, that girls go wild over men with uniforms on. Or course, it is a certain class not the rich girl or the poor girl. I don't think many girls that have been contacted by a soldier boy for marriage have had the heart to say no. Not only here in good old America do girls go light-headed and soft hearted over a soldier. You find the same condition prevailing in all other civilized countries. Our boys hardly get across the pond to Australia until the word echoed back to America that these Australian beauties were in love with our American boys and hundreds of them have married. Gosh! They say they are beautiful. Probably it is worth a trip to the under side of the world if they are all handsome. I hope our American girls don't get jealous. We think our American girls are the finest in the world. Good looking too. We don't want them going on the firing line, they might get hurt. Girls, I advise you to stay close at home. Get you a defense job where you are badly needed. You can help in a big way by buying stamps and war bonds, and gals remember Pearl Harbor and Grand-pappy Milner.

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G. E. Younger Supervisor

Office For War Information

V.A., N. C., & G. C. REGIONAL OFFICE

There probably aren't many people in the United States who are still naive enough to think that this is going to be a war easily won—a war won without great sacrifice at home and on the field of battle. If there are any so naive last week's news must have gone a long way toward making them realize the sort of war we are really in.

Last week brought news from the armed forces, from the field of transportation and the vital lines of materials and supply which served to underline the grim, hard task before us all. The Office of War Information released the total casualties suffered by our armed forces since hostilities broke out. The figures stood at 44,143 soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardmen, and members of the Philippine Scouts, killed or wounded or missing—many of those missing are believed prisoners of the Japs—and their sacrifice emphasizes the pettiness of those who complain of restrictions on our normal lives at home.

Here at home our one concern must be, as it has been since Pearl Harbor, to see that every bit of material we can spare goes to make weapons for our troops and that there are trains enough and trucks enough and ships enough to take these weapons where they are needed.

This great task may be subdivided into three main jobs—the job of supplying materials for our factories, a job which includes the important work of salvage and saving—the job of production, a job which enlists all the energies of a vast and constantly growing army of American craftsmen—and the job of transportation. Let us see what progress we have made as of today with each of these jobs.

MATERIALS AND SALVAGE

Production Reaches New Record

The War Production Board last week moved once more to assist the flow of critical war materials to those points in our industrial system where they are most needed. Because of changes in the Priority System WPB from now on will know the supply and requirement situation so well that the most important needs of our fighting men may be met as they develop. This is tremendously important, because we no longer have enough to go around, we must put the weight of our production where it is most needed.

Production itself booms along to record heights. Scarcely a day goes by but what the men who make steel report to War Production Headquarters that they have smashed another record.

From the great steel centers of the Eastern industrial triangle, from the Middle West, and from the Pacific Coast, Labor-Management Committees send in production reports which a few short months ago—seven and a half months ago—would have seemed unbelievable. A single plan, The Ashland, Kentucky Division of the American Rolling Mill Co. have set more than a 1,000 new production records since Pearl Harbor and its workers and management commented last week that this is the pace we have set for ourselves until the war is over.

PLANTS CALL FOR SCRAP METALS

This pace will win the war, too, but it cannot be maintained unless we keep scrap iron and steel flowing back to the mills. The great new salvage drive is on—now—and there is no excuse for half-measures or half measures on the part of any city or any town or an individual. If we want to win the war we must scrap metal. An indication of how much scrap iron and steel we need was a statement by WPB last week that it would require more than 750,000 freight car loads of this scrap to keep our steel furnaces going at capacity this year.

And that much of this load must be moved by trucks to rail points. WPB Chairman, Donald M. Nelson, has asked state and local governments to lend trucks and manpower to salvage committees to help get this scrap to the railroads. Steel mills today, some of them are operating with less than a week's supply of scrap metal in reserve.

Here's another chance for free Americans to prove that a free people can do a better job than the slaves of a dictatorship. The Nazis need scrap even worse than we do. And the Nazis are going after it, a recent Berlin broadcast for the German home front said Hitler had ordered all unused iron and steel confiscated and added—"active support of the total action will be demanded by the uniformed police."

WPA ENFORCES PRICE CEILINGS

The Office of Price Administration continues to get tough with us patriotic people who try to evade the ceiling prices set in order to prevent a runaway cost of living—runaway which would bring suffering to millions. And OPA continues to protect the honest merchant against inflation.

OPA has started a nation-wide drive to end profiteering in the sale of beer and soft drinks to members of the armed services. Price Administrator Henderson called this racket a "low form of blackmail" and said his office has evidence that grill, lunch wagon, taverns, etc., in the vicinity of Army camps and Naval stations have stuck up the price for bottled drinks of all kinds. OPA is going to stop this practice for civil uses, and where necessary by criminal action. No business can hope to add at a price higher than the established cost unless it charges bad North Carolina prices.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CASE



"I Thought You Were All for Peace, Then You Throw a Brick at Casey!"
"That's Why I Throw the Brick!"

PROPER GIN CARE IMPROVES COTTON

War is making heavier and heavier demands on the cotton crop, so anything farmers and others connected with the industry can do to improve the product will place the Nation a step nearer victory, says J. A. Shanklin, cotton specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

For instance, he pointed out, gin operators can save time, labor, fuel wear on machinery, and the quality of cotton by checkups, proper adjustments, and repairs on gin equipment this summer.

Gins that run efficiently and without breakdowns serve their communities better, and the time, labor, and fuel conserved as a result of good maintenance practices are contributions to the country's fighting strength.

Experimental work conducted by Federal cotton experts shows the importance of keeping gins in good condition. During the period that such research work has been carried on, it was found that gin brushes in poor condition, on the average have cut the value of short staple cotton 80 cents a bale, and of long staple, \$1.50 a bale.

Then, too, replacements of worn brushes have decreased ginning

time from 7 to 10 percent. Airblast nozzles improperly adjusted have caused losses of as much as \$1 a bale on long staple cotton, as well as slowing down the ginning process as much as 25 to 30 percent.

With mills using cotton at the fastest rate in history, it becomes increasingly important that the almost 1,000,000 bales consumed monthly in this country be of the best quality possible, Shanklin said.

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