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AMERICA
I know a land so fair and broad
Where men are free to think and
toll;
Where honest toil wins just reward
And all may own and till the soil.
No other land so broad and free,
The land I love, America.

Oh, in that land my home shall be
Where'er my birthplace may have
been;
To thee I pledge my fealty,
None else shall my allegiance win.
Oh, I would give my life for thee,
Dear land I love, America.
— Mary E. Beck

Here and There
By Raymond E. Lynch

I have received quite a number of letters from the boys in the armed services but I received my first telegram this week. It was from Sgt. Tom Payne who sent: "Greetings from the top of Pines Peak."

It is kind but this week as I think I will just reprint some of the wise sayings that Norman Fisher has from week to week in the Kings Mountain Herald. They will make much better reading than anything I could write anyway so here they come:

A frozen look doesn't cut any ice.
Think twice — speak once.
Jumping at conclusions is about the only mental exercise some folks take.
The only school with no graduates — the school of experience.
Men are not what they think they are, but what they think.
Digging with a gun is the only business where you can begin at the top.
Opportunity is a blank cartridge, without a good trigger.
If you have an hour to spare, don't spend it with someone who hasn't.
There's to love, the only fire a saint which there is no insurance.
A pessimist is one who, of two evils, chooses them both.

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The Home Front
As the machinery of war production moves at a steady pace, with fewer starts and stops and less grinding of gears, plans that were only paper a short while ago become realized facts. One question long under discussion was how to combine the productive resources of plastic manufacturing similar, competitive articles so that a limited supply of these articles still would be available after most of the plant had turned to making war goods. The British have had a system of pooling industrial resources for some time.

America's first real test of the new method of operating SURVIVING plants comes in the bicycle field. Last year's output of these machines averaged about 150,000 per month. This year the figure has been steadily reduced until it is now set at no more than 10,000 bicycles per month, with Army, Navy Maritime Commission, War Shipping Administration and Lend-Lease having first call on those produced. Ten of the dozen bicycle plants already have been converted strictly to war manufacturers. The two remaining plants will continue to make bicycles but only the Victor Model, a light machine that uses a scant amount of critical materials. The two makes will be alike, distinguished merely by the letter W or H before the serial number.

Lack of Fuel Oil Creates New Problems.
War needs are like ten pins, a STRIKE from one direction setting in motion a whole series of effects in like or even unlike fields. The drain on our fuel oil supply for instance, has affected the demand for artificial gas to such an extent as to require restrictions of gas supplied to new industrial and domestic consumers. The natural gas fields in the midcontinent are feeling the pull. At the same time, however, drilling of new wells in Kansas and Oklahoma — except by direct permission — has been halted in order to save materials, compel wells opened but not producing to connect with pipe lines.

Yankee Inventiveness Overcomes Obstacles.
Yankee inventiveness is beginning to overcome many handicaps caused by shortages. New types of containers have been developed by the container industries — heavy paper cartons are taking the place of wooden containers and wire-bound boxes for overseas shipments. Many kinds of canned goods now come in jars and bottles. Paper containers are substituted for scarce burlap bags, and paper cans with metal ends are used for packing some brands of baking powder and dried fruits.

A manufacturer of molasses powder for ginger bread mix, forced by restrictions to use a new type of molasses, worked out a higher quality of powder and was granted an increase of 1 1/2 cents a pound on his product. With bedsprings confined to 30 pounds of steel per spring, manufacturers have been encouraged to make four war models of wood-frame coil bedsprings. Ceiling prices have been placed on these models.

The Bureau of Mines will build the first pilot plant for making sponge iron, a substitute for scrap iron in steel manufacture. — In spite of the millions of pounds of scrap turned in thru salvage campaigns, the supply is below the pressing needs of the steel industry — scrap rubber goes into wartime rubber heels, which now come in four grades stamped from V-1 to V-4, according to quality, and their prices at the shoe repair stores will be fixed — Government control of the steel and out of women's wartime clothes has saved about 100 million yards of cloth a year, but housewives can save still more by choosing practical wartime styles — and by taking care of their clothes they have.

Washington Snapshots
JAMES PRESTON

Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the View of This Newspaper.

Of the Government news reel comes the comforting word that certain wavering policies are being streamlined for quick, decisive action. From now on the WFB term "essential civilian needs" is out. Emphasis on war production boils down to a catch as catch can basis for civilian and non-military interests. Officially head by the Executive Service section that every man, physically fit, between 18 and 45, will be in uniform within two years. The term "essential civilian needs" is dropped from General Herby's list. These are merely examples of what is being done here to gear our sprawling, care-free, pleasure-loving democracy for its fight for the things we cherish. His tasks will be made. Students will be exempted. Out of the smoke should come direct directives, quick execution, and the results that America, unafraid, has prepared for.

From now on WFB takes over priority control from the Army, Navy, and Maritime Commissions. On top of this comes a new method of allocating critical materials which will give WFB complete control over producing, processing, and distribution of all materials from "ore to arm."

The draft policy of General Herby leaves little for debate. Employers are advised to prepare to lose every able-bodied man, 20 to 45, within two years and start training replacements prepared now, so it is only a matter of weeks before a general substitution of deferred classes will start. Essentiality of occupations will carry little weight. The General believes that, if a number pilot can be trained in eight months, our entire substitute can replace the loss now in six. Women appear to be the most likely new source of production.

The Navy Relief Society provides distress from reaching the Department of Navy men away from their homes. The Navy Relief Society is contributing to the clothing of the way.



FOUR LESSONS WORTH LEARNING

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a smile. No one cares whether you have the crache head ache or rheumatism.

Learn to stop grumbling. If you cannot see any good in a world, keep the bed to yourself — Selected

At the last census the Soviet Union contained more than 170,000,000 people.

Soldier Dad Visits Sons

(Editor's Note: Below is reprinted an article which appeared in the Washington, D. C., Post that will be of interest to Herald readers.)

Private Vance C. Wright, 50, of Kings Mountain, N. C., stepped on his toes from Camp Meade Md., yesterday and adjusted his Signal Corps cap to a jaunty angle before he set out to visit his two sons, Wilton and Troy, who live in Washington.

Too old to fight? he queried in reply to a question. "All King Mountain men are fighting men. We are never too old to fight. Far as that goes," he added, "the boys will be with me before long. You see Wilton reports for Army duty Sept. 7, and Troy is I-A in the draft."

Troy and Wilton, it developed, are both bellhops at the Hamilton Hotel and have lived in Washington for the past five years. Both are proud of their dad, who is a former textile worker in the Southern town, and both are anxious to get into uniform.

"It would be swell," Wilton said, "if we could all get together. I don't know yet where I'll be sent, but I hope to Camp Meade so I can be with dad. Then, when Troy gets his notice, maybe he will be sent there, too and we can all do our fighting in the same outfit."

17 STUDENTS TO ENTER COLLEGE

The following members of the 1942 Senior Class have applied to Sept. 8. N. Barnes for their credits to enter college. The list of students and their respective colleges follow.

Meek Carpenter, Clemson College, Clemson, S. C.; Charles Jackson Gamble, N. C. State College, Raleigh; Ben H. Goforth, Jr., Clemson College; I. Ben Goforth Jr., Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone; George Lattimore, Duke University, Durham; Eugene H. Mathis, Jr., Clemson College, Clemson, S. C.; Charles Moss, Jr., N. C. State College, Raleigh; Charles E. Nelder, III (Hilly Gene), Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa.; R. G. Plunk, Jr., University of N.C. Chapel Hill; Florence Elson, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill; Ethel Randall, Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory; Gloria Rawles, Montreat College, Montreat; Norman Speer, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Edward Henry Smith (Middle River), Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia; A. G. Sargent, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill; James Threaburg, Lenoir Rhyne, Hickory; Michael McJohn, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story
By WILL ROGERS

THE Worst Job I heard today was told by a fellow that said he was a pair of shoes. You don't often catch a shoe salesman that tells jokes, but I think it's a pretty good one out of that. The shoes are always looking down, and that



gives them a whole new expression. The undertaker, I always had the feeling of my hat in a shoe store. — account of all the customers. Some of the big stores even have thick rugs on the floor, so that it makes everything comfy and quiet, and I keep looking around to see who's going to ask the thing. And after awhile, you know, some fellow that gets his shoes polished by a new shoe store out like a patent shoe, and then they come the red-eyed color and take up the collection.

Well, this here shoe was a cutting job all the time, and the other fellows that were sitting down the end way was looking at him like he was a nut or like he'd been told to look at a dog that would tell the patient that wasn't any use in cutting out his appendix. And he told us how to cut another shoe that went to a better shop to be shined and the better shoe to him, "Say, your hair cuts is in awful shape. It needs a trim!" And my friend says, kind of mad like, "Well, and your shoes is about the saddest thing I've seen today, but I can't go home! You cut about them before your friends, do it!"

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SUPT. BARNES ATTENDING RALEIGH MEETING

Supt. B. N. Barnes has been appointed Chairman of a special Committee of the North Carolina Education Association on Federal Aid. Other members of the committee are: Mr. M. E. Yount, Supt. Albemarle County Schools, Graham, N. C.; Mr. J. S. Blair, Supt. Bladen County Schools, Elizabethtown, N. C.; Mrs. Lilian F. Thompson, Bryson City, N. C.; and Miss Ann Barton, Charlotte, N. C.

Supt. Barnes left for Raleigh yesterday afternoon where he will hold a meeting of this committee at the headquarters of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh today.

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