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Texas Leads Again

The Army and Navy bave more than 100 camps and establishments in Texas, including the West Pont of the Air at San Antonio, and the world's largest nav al air station at Corpus Christi

When these are counted in, Texas participation in the war of fort is truly immense. And that's likely save his life". The victum aside from the \$3.642,268,000 usually has sufficient warning of (billions) worth of war contracts the onset of the desease, but all held by Texas industeries.

Texas literally is greasing the skids for the Axis. Much of the noticeable enough to attract at- his first plane tested out and was madas move across the globe to that persists, loss of weight, easy pilot as being the best he had day on Texas oil and gasoline. tiring if any of these symptoms tested in nine years. Texas has one fourth of the world are present, delay in seeking proreserves.

captured by the Japs shortly after disease" the Toyko raid. were Texans, two Texans were interned in Russia. Attend Reunion Texans march in the streets of Toyko.

Local Items

Mrs. Freston Fitzbugh spent several days in Robert Lee visiting friends Lt. Fitzhugh is some where in foreign service.

Pvt. David H. Lowrence spent a few days with his parents last week. He is located at Camp Getting Ready Rucker, in Alabama.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt and W. J. Cumbie attended the Baptist Workers Conference at Drasco Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Vaughn after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Cumbie for several weeks! last Wednesday.

Glenda, aaccompained by Mrs. and father. Especially do we J. M. Rippetoe of Bronte, visited thank the ladies who with loving in Lipan, Texas over the week hands pr pared lunch. end returning Tuesday.

Carlos Rabb left Sunday for Seattle Washington, where he will work in the Pudget Sound shipyards.

Miss Nina Gramling after spend ing several weeks here with her mother Mrs. B. M. Gramling left for Pyote, Texas, where she has employment.

Two of our Robert Lee boys represented the NISTC track squad in several events at San Marcos May 1st for the 12th Annual Lone Star Conference track and field meet Clifford Robertson a sophomore student at NTS. TC and Johnnie Hickman a fresh man at North Texas.

Tied To Mother's Apron Strings

Will be the subject of the ser mon at the Methodist Church next Sunday marning This should be a wonderful time. It is a Sunday when we should mske special efforts to go to church and honor mothers We will be looking for you and Jesus Christ will also be looking for you

Our church will be host to the Baccalaureate School Service in the evening.

W. Vasco Teer, pastor.

Department Of Health

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, declares "If a tuberculosis patient realized his plight in the earliest stages of the disease, immediate treatment could very to fr quently ignores them

Allied armies. Navies and air ar- tention Dr. Cox said "A cough highly com limented by the test per medical attention only lessons Special Service Two of the eight U.S. flyers the chance of arresting the

The memory of what the bestial Mrs. Leo Morrisey of Coleman be present. Japs did to those captured fliers has been here visiting her sister will still be burning fresh when Mrs. Mattie Tinkler. They at- Observer Readers tended the Eckert family reunion on the Concho River last Sunday honoring their father Frank Eckert of Lometa, on his 78th birth. day.

> Mothers Day is May 9th Remember her with a gift CUMBIE & ROACH

Fred McDonald believes in the future. He has had his gin saws sharpened to a queen's taste and the ribs reworked getting ready for s good crop There will be some increase of acrage.

CARD OF THANKS

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Pvt. Julius Keading

Pvt. Julius Kaeding of Hunters Field Savanah, Ga, a crew chief The warning signs are usually on a B 25 Bomber Airplane, had

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W. D. Markham, Homer Car wile, Jett Hood. John F. Robertson, W. E Bevers, F. M. McGallion, D R. Campbell, Turney Casey, E. R. Conneley, Mrs. W.L. Clawson, W. A. Blaylock,

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Ration Book No. 2 Blue stamps, G H J through May 31 for canned and processed getables and fruits.

Red stamp G (meats, fats and cheese) becomes valid May 9; H, May 16; and J, May 23. All expire midnight May 3..

Fe d Wheat Available

We will take orders for feed wheat as long as farmers need it and we can get it. The price is \$1.04 per bushel until further no. for Sunday, were Mr & Mrs Russ tice from gover ment uthorities Mathers, Mrs Ern Mathers, and Travis B. Hicks, County Agent.

NOTICE -

shop will reopen Tuesday May 11 at 7:3 in the Jordan building, under the direction of C.S Brown

D.B. Collinsworth, Sv.

Your Mother is the bravest Soldier of them all, Remember her with a Gift

> From CUMBIE & ROACH

Workers in a Michigan refinery fixed up a very low, false door leading to the pay office. On it is inscribed, "You will learn to duck lower if you don't pair of shorts. · Buy a Bond.

Local Items

Geo. Hester of Miles was here Sunday visiting relatives and getting some data for future refer-

Mr and Mrs. Fred Baker from Abilene visited with Gene Baker and family Wednesday, Fred is Gene's baby brother

'Wa sages' suitable for Mother's Day gifts, will be sold from the Bond Booth Saturday

Mrs. W. E. Wilbanks took h er unday school class picnicing on the river last Friday, wading and picture making were the leading ieo ures of entertainment, they all reported a grand time.

Week end visitors in the home of Mr. & Mrs S. M. Connor were Mrs C. C. Davis, Claudette and Ronnie of Amarillo, Mr and Mrs N. E. Jameson of Fritch, others Crystelle, Mr & Mrs Ben Tubbit was Mrs Connor's birthday.

Allen Davis and family have The Farm Machinery Repair moved to Ballinger from Big Spring he has accepted employment withthe King Holt Funeral Home enrout they stopped over for a visit with Mrs. Allen parents Mr. Mrs Bruce Clift.

> The interior of the Methodist Church is being redecorated

G E. Davis received word from Bob who is located in Trinidad that his barrack was destroyedby fire a n d burned every thing he had except a sport shirt and one

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The happiest heart that ever beat Was in some quiet breast That found the common daylight sweet,

And left to Heaven the rest. -JOHN VANCE CHENEY. No man ever became great or good except through many and

great mistakes .- Gladstone. The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.-Plutarch.

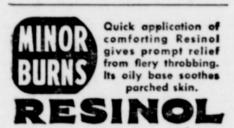
Bride to Be Kept Off of Ground for Three Days

Among the strangest wedding customs of the world are those of the Bugis tribesmen of the Celebes in the Dutch East Indies.

When a woman is to be married, it is necessary for three days before the ceremony that her feet do not come into contact with the ground. During this period she is continuously under the influence of drugs administered to her as she is carried about on the shoulders of members of her family.

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South American Jungles Throb With New Rubber Boom; Scientific Methods Are Used to Protect Native Harvesters

Old Industry Revived in Neighboring Tropics; Transportation Biggest Problem as Countries Lack Rails and Roads; U. S. Grows Rubber in Miami.

In this crucial year of 1943, Latin America will have contributed more than 50,000 tons of natural rubber to the United States war industry stockpile, according to estimates compiled from official sources. In 1944, natural rubber production south of the Rio Grande will have doubled, or perhaps exceed 100,000 tons. At the same time U.S. horticulturists announced success in growing the Hevea rubber tree in the experimental station at Miami, Fla.

Fourteen American republics, besides British Guiana and Trinidad, have signed agreements with the United States, calling for a substantial increase in the cultivation and collection of natural rubber. These nations are Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela. In Brazil alone, about 50,000 workers have been recruited for the purpose of extracting the milky sap from wild rubber trees.

In order to get natural rubber out of trackless jungles and remote places, new transportation systems making use of donkeys, canoes, steamboats, airplanes, human carriers, etc., have been organized. Medical stations along the routes have lessened, but not eliminated, the hazards which threaten every man who works in the jungles.

The natural rubber needed by United States tanks, airplanes, jeeps, artillery, etc., must be extracted from wild and cultivated trees scattered over an area encompassing hundreds of thousands of square miles.

In order to protect rubber harvesters against fevers, animals, and insects, the Latin American countries, aided by United States government health officials, have created modern sanitary centers, where preventive medicine is taught and treatment given to rubber collectors and their families.

Once Rubber Center.

Brazil forests, of course, yield most of this hemisphere's present supply of natural rubber. There, in the Amazon valley, natives first found the gummy substance that plays such an important part in modern war. Before seedlings of "Hevea Braziliensis" had been exported from Brazil and exploited commercially in the Dutch East Indies and the British Malay Straits Settlements, the Brazilian industry enjoyed a heyday. In order to market their natural rubber, Brazilian promoters had built the costliest railroad in the world. When rubber was a Brazilian monopoly, it fetched as high as three dollars per pound. However, not even in its balmy days did Brazil produce as much

rubber (42,400 tons) as it is contributing in 1943 to a United Nations victory. According to the coordinator of Brazilian economy, Joao Alberto Lins de Barros, Brazil in 1943 will produce 45,000 tons of natural rubber; and 1944's estimates call for 75,000 tons.

The future holds even greater promise for rubber from South America's largest country. That is because commercial plantations, similar to those in the Orient, are well on their way to production, and it is anticipated that by 1945 these plantations will yield more rubber than the millions of wild rubber trees in the Amazon valley produce at present.

Some Brazilian rubber is transported by airplane from jungle depots to the Atlantic port of Belem, whence it is shipped northward. With the exception of eight or ten thousand tons which Brazil requires

Among South American rubberproducing nations, Ecuador ranks second. The figures of 1942 pro- yields. duction have not been announced, but in 1941, when Brazil produced 17,500 tons, Ecuador yielded 1,500 tons.

Indians Want Beads.

The Yumbo Indians, a source of rubber workers in the Ecuadorian forest, are not attracted by money in any form. On the other hand, they covet colored beads and machetes. The Ecuadorean Development corporation understands native tastes and is now supplying the wind-blown spores, had not infected Yumbos with trinkets and useful ar- them. They were immune. ticles, like scissors, razors, salt, mirrors, and even rifles.

yielding two tons of rubber daily, all trans-shipped by the same airplanes which supply the workers cross pollination is an arduous task.

with their needs. is supervised by a committee made up of representatives of the Colombian government, the United States supply of latex. embassy, and the Rubber Reserve

dispensaries has been organized to ing with "home-grown" rubber look after the rubber workers in the trees.

Colombian jungles. This is in cooperation with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Washington which aids local authorities in the work of hygiene and sanitation. The same procedure has been followed in other countries.

Last February an agreement between the United States and Peru provided that South American republic with an airway system for transporting rubber from the forests to river and seaports.

By the end of 1944 it is expected that Haiti will be producing 10,000 tons of natural rubber per annum, which will be marketed by SHADA (Societe Haitiano-Americaine de Developpement Agricole), an organization set up by the governments of the United States and Haiti. One hundred thousand acres have been sown with "cryptostegia," a rubberproducing plant that grows very rapidly. Thousands of Haitians have | manent moisture. The creamy,

of rubber heels from the latex of "Hevea Brasiliensis" trees growing in Florida. The experiment cost the department of agriculture 17 years of research and thousands of dollars but government chemists reported the quality of the latex compared favorably with East Indian. In this promising test-tube rubber

Proof that progress has been

made was demonstrated recently by

the Bureau of Standards in Washing-

ton, D. C., which produced a pair

plantation are growing more than 2,000 Hevea from Haiti, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the East Indies. It is the only rubber project on plantation scale ever attempted outside the tropics. Some of the trees are 35 feet high and ten inches in di-

Tree Survives Florida Clime.

For a tree whose natural habitat is in the region of the equator, the Hevea's endurance and adaptability to temperate climate has amazed scientists. Periodic measurements have shown that its early growth has been as rapid in Miami as in Haiti and Mexico. Its resistance to cold weather has been incredible, surviving temperatures as low as 28 degrees. Like many northern trees it has been found to shed its leaves in winter, reducing frost danger and making it particularly well-suited to Florida cultivation.

The entire rubber reserve has sprung from seeds, many of which were sown nearly two decades ago. After sprouting from seedbeds the young trees were transplanted into deep depressions near the water-table so the tap roots could find per-



Workers tap the Hevea rubber tree at the U. S. agricultural experimental station at Miami, Fla. The U. S. has experimented with 2,000 species, and satisfactory results have been obtained.

been engaged to attend the planta-

"Cryptostegia" originated in Madagascar and reached Haiti in 1912 as a decorative plant. Since then it has spread without assistance over

many parts of the island. Combat Leaf Blight.

Dr. E. W. Brandes of the U. S. department of agriculture is enthusiastic about the progress made by the Americas in combating rubber plant diseases. The South American leaf blight, he said, is being confor domestic industry, the entire quered by development of diseaseproduction is exported to the United | resistant trees. These hardy trees in turn are being crossed by hand pollination with high-yielding Oriental rubber trees further to improve

Victory over the leaf disease is a great forward step in the hemisphere's rubber expansion program, said Dr. Brandes.

On one of the Ford plantations in Brazil, a million trees fell victim to its ravages, but it was observed that a few full, leafy canopies of healthy trees stood out sharply against a background of pest-ridden neighbors. This meant that the blight, carried from tree to tree by

Scientists then bud-grafted the immune tops to other trunks and pro-Colombian forests are already duced a high-yielding, disease-resistant plant. The work of developing the resistant tree by the system of but it is ultimately the best solution In Colombia, rubber exploitation to the problem. It is being done on a large scale in Brazil, where lies the hemisphere's greatest potential

Meanwhile horticulturists at the Federal Plant Introduction Garden, A service of floating hospitals and Miami, Fla., have been experiment-

white latex tapped recently was a welcome sight to the botanists who had cared for them so long.

Experts have found that trees grown from selected East Indian seeds in the Florida garden has produced a higher yield of latex in general than miscellaneous Hevea from other tropical lands. Experiments in hand pollination have been tried with marked success to determine its possibilities.

Two methods of tapping have been tried-the half spiral every other day, and the full spiral, every three or four days. The half spiral has proved most desirable, enabling workers to retap over the old scars every seventh year. As in most rubber trees a purer and slightly increased flow of latex is found toward the lower trunk.

Technicians do the tapping here. Two grooves are cut into the tree with a regulation tapping knife-an oblique cut to start the flow of latex and a vertical channel cut to guide it to the spout which empties into a glass receptacle held to the tree by a wire holder. In the wellequipped laboratory of the Introduction Garden the chemist coagulates the latex with ascetic acid. It is then rolled, washed and dried, and the samples sent to Washington for study.

Operation of the station at Miami has been generally overshadowed by other steps taken to relieve the rubber shortage in the United States.

Much publicity has been given to the effort to bring the guayule shrub into cultivation in the Southwest. A variety of chemical compositions have been exploited for their rubbery characteristics. And, of course, there is the government's vast synthetic rubber program, utilizing oil and grain.

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The Questions

1. The littoral of a country is its what?

2. An army pursuit squadron embraces how many planes?

3. George Washington belonged to what political party?

4. What city is known as the Russian Pittsburgh?

5. How many pounds of V ...film are required to send a ton of letters to our boys at the front?

6. What is the largest single printing job to date?

7. The longest baseball game by innings played in the major leagues lasted how long?

The Answers

- 1. Coastal region.
- 2. Twenty-five planes. Federalist.
- 4. Kharkov.
- 5. Twenty pounds.
- 6. Printing the government's new point-system ration books No. 2-150 million books.
- 7. Twenty-six innings—Brooklyn vs. Boston, May 1, 1920.

Uncle Phil Says: 3

Life begins not at 40, but when we apply that which we have learned.

To many people "love" is just a word you put at the end of letters.

Avoid the man whose life is an open book. He'll probably read you a chapter.

The use the workman makes of his tools is more important than the number of tools.

Age is tolerant. Perhaps because it has seen so many flops. In these days a million is only a drop

Mixed with salt, vinegar will clean discolored copper, brass and silver, and remove ink stains from the fingers. Diluted with water, it will clean gilt picture frames.

Worn bath towels may be cut in squares or circles for washcloths. Either crochet an edge around them or bind with washable cotton tape.

Use a stiff wire brush to remove crumbs and other particles from the burners of a gas or electric stove.

Perhaps It's Best to Tell

Other Side of Story First

"Yes," said the lawyer to the

grocer, who had come to consult

him, "undoubtedly you've got the

"Thanks," said his client, quickly grabbing his hat and making

"Here, what's the rush," asked

"I'm going to settle this case

'But I told you it's the best

"Maybe so," said his client,

"but not for me. I've told you

out of court and that right away!"

the astonished lawyer. 'Where

best case that I've ever heard."

for the door.

are you going?"

the other informed him.

the other fellow's story."

case I ever heard."

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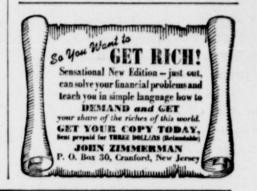
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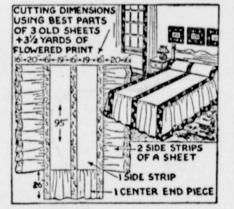
According to a statistical expert, during 15 hours of wakefulness a man speaks, hears, reads, and thinks of words to the tune of 50,000 a day.

Certain native dialects are famed for sundry peculiar distinctions in speech. In this connection the British and Foreign Bible society tells us that whereas a verse in the third chapter of St. John runs to 15 words in English, 51 are required for it by the people of Mare, in the Loyalty Islands, and by those in Burma who speak Kachin. More remarkable still, there are 600 ways of pronouncing the word "God," some of them very lengthy.

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Here, the figured goods is in a pink and white pattern that is especially effective with the white muslin. It is also used to trim the curtains made from old sheets. Another interesting color note is the mats of the pink and white material used for the row of framed photographs over the bed. It also edges the full white lamp shades.

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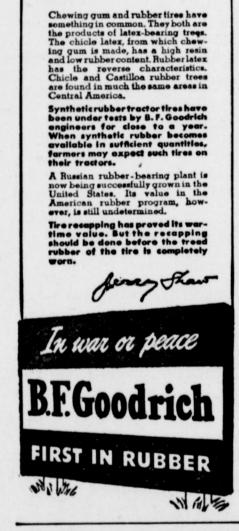
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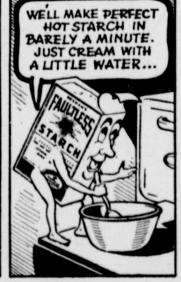
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These four young women have been judged the most beautiful students enrolled in Texas State College for Women, Denton, by a jury of army officers and are featured in this year's Daedalian, college yearbook. Miss Lillian Hutchens (upper left) represents the senior class of TSCW; Miss Mar Gwen Ball (upper right) the sophomore; Miss Jean Wilson (lower left) the freshman, and Miss Margery Brewer, the junior. Miss Brewer's home at College Station while the others live in Fort Worth.

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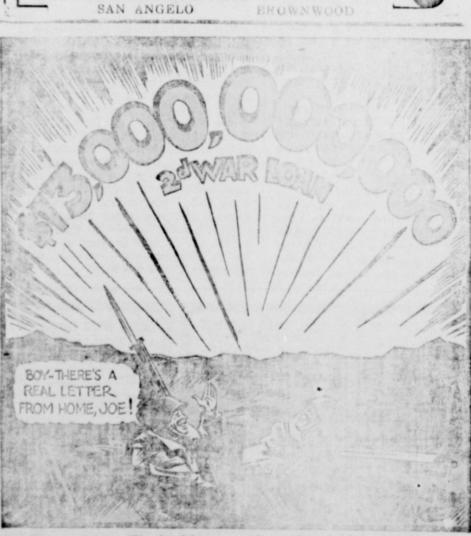
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Hurrying along "K" street in Washington a few weeks ago, the cab in which I was riding narrowly escaped an accident. Somebody, absorbed in thought, carelessly stepped off the curb in front of the taxi and the driver veered sharply to the left to avoid striking him. I saw the man. He was tall, dreamy-looking, carried a big package and needed a haircut rather noticeably.

Of course, I wondered who he was: maybe a hopeful inventor going to the Patent Office with some contrivance he believed would win the war, or perhaps some learned bureaucrat pondering weighty figures such as fill the pages of the federal budget. Imagine my emotion at hearing the driver remonstrate, "Wake up, you dumb farmer! Dis ain't no corn field."

Did He Mean It?

The driver meant "lout" but he said "farmer", and set me to wondering how many people in America think these words mean the same thing. Not all of them, certainly. But all too many are not aware that farming is a real art at which louts do not succeed. Not enough people realize that the farm problem ought to be receiving far more intelligent attention than it is getting. One of America's gravest dangers in the present crisis is a low appraisal of the skill required on American farms.

The average farmer in the United States is an alert, thinking individual. Even a good farm hand is amazingly versatile. He is obliged to be, in order to do his work. Farming is a calling of many skills. A farmer does not have to be a veterinary surgeon but he must know how to breed and feed and care for livestock. A farmer need not be a graduate meteorologist but he has to know something about forecasting the weather if he hopes to succeed.

It's a Broad Field

There are many kinds of farms and many kinds of farmers but they have a great variety of fundamental, scientific knowledge in common, most of it unknown to men of other callings. In fact, one real farmer can do more on a farm than five equally strong, intelligent men who are not farmers. For this reason I honestly believe that a large percentage of the farmers now working in factories ought to be sent back home to protect America's armed forces and the civilians, too, a a food shortage of growing serious

The agricultural manpower problem of 1943 cannot be solved by rele gating miscellaneous industrial misfits to the country. If they can't learn factory work there is no place for them on the farm. A neighbor's son, now holding a position of some responsibility in an eastern war-production plant, visited home recently and told me some things that illustrate the point perfectly. The young man is earning \$200 a month now at a job he learned in four days. His daily output was above average when he had worked there a month. Starting green, as he started factory work, it would take nearer four Gears than four days to learn farming.

"Incentive" Wages

He is an energetic young fellow but he can't earn \$200 a month on his father's farm; couldn't do it if he owned it. That's why he left home when his country could not rightly spare him from the farm. The food administration would have to pay him quite an "incentive" to put him between plow-handles again, I fear, although he says the . country boys in factory towns are all homesick.

The food problem at a glance is this: Farmers can't net anything at today's fixed prices but they can learn in a week to earn good wages in a factory, so they leave the farms to old men and small boys who will unavoidably produce less this year than they did last, although more is needed. Farmers in the armed forces under 38 can't be brought back but those in factories can and ought to be. Somebody else can do their work in the mill but not at home.

Worse Than Nothing

Farmers have had advice enough. Texas cotton men provide an example. Lacking gin capacity they needed new machinery and more repair parts than they could get, so they inquired of bureaucracy. Don't miss this: They were told to move their gins south-to-north across the state as the cotton matured, serving a farmer's thinking is silly and danmore cotton with fewer gins. The gerous. In two years it can start expert didn't know a cotton gin was permanent as an ice plant. He was to the country hunting a real farmer smart as his contemporary who sug- and a square meal.

Betty's Beau Is Calling



"D love to go," Betty says, her face all smiles.

The young fellow she met Saturday-the one Dad liked so well-is calling to suggest a movie.

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take thom wear longer.

This country's farm problem has been bedly muddled, and in part by who couldn't make a living on 1,000 acres with two county agents to tell them how. The real need is more farmers on farms. The notion that anybody can farm or do

"Renegotiation" Might Touch You

Under no other circumstances is the fine spirit of neighborly cooperation shown to better advantage in a rural community than in the case of fire or other calamity. This friendly spirit is not based upon personal interest, but upon the deep sympathy that just naturally arises in case of disaster. Of course, there is a personal interest if the fire threatens our own property, but we like to think this unity of spirit in our rural life is typical of America.

There is this same community of interest between industry, labor and agriculture, although sympathy for each other's troubles seldom comes to the surface.

Every farmer knows that his best market for the produce of his farm is our local domestic market. He depends upon this domestic market to consume over 90 per cent of what our American farms produce each

year. If anything happens to his domestic market, like the depression and loss of employment in the early thirties, agriculture is at once affected. On the other hand, if anything happens to the buying power of agriculture, industry is hurt just as badly.

Right now congress is considering the renegotiation of all government contracts. The law was passed on April 23, 1942. Some people are urging that these new renegotiation bureaus should examine contracts made long before the law was passed.

Take the case of a contract made in 1940. The work has been done and paid for; taxes have been paid to the government on the profits, if any; labor has been paid and the money balance distributed either in repairs to plant or perhaps paid in dividends to stockholders.

Danger of Retroactive Measures. Suppose that same thing happened to our local store, or even to our farmers themselves. Suppose the prices we received for our crops, or the conservation payments by the government for 1941 or 1940 were suddenly to be "renegotiated." Every farmer has either fed out or sold his crop, purchased new machinery or perhaps painted the barn, or bought a new dress for his wife. If, under a retroactive law, he were suddenly put up against the threat of renegotiation, all of his credit, and perhaps even his investment would be disturbed.

No one wants unfair profits or excessive dividends out of war contracts. Investigation has shown that over 95 per cent of industry and business made no excessive profits out of the war. Certainly no farmers have received excessive prices for farm crops.

Now Is the Time for Unity We want to get on with this war. We must have unity. Unity is based upon mutual confidence in our gov-ernment and in each other. We are all looking forward to a return of peace after the war has been won. We will then want to resume our domestic markets, replace worn-out farm machinery and resume our normal trade relationships. Industry and business will need all of their American ingenuity and strength to provide jobs which, in

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Just now the fire seems far from put out the fire.

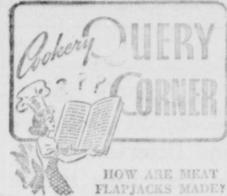
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Q. In what names may a War Savings Bond be issued?

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2. The names of two individuals, as co-

owners, or 3. The name of one individual as owner and the other individual as benefici-

Q. May a Bond be registered in



A. Yes.

Q. How can I buy a Bond by mail from agencies other than a post office?

By Gib Crockett

A. Write to the Treasurer of the United States for an order form or send a letter with a check to the Treasury Depart-ment or to a Federal Re-serve bank stating number and denominations of Bonds wanted and giving complete instructions as to the de-sired registration.

Q. Can Bonds be attached for debt in case of a judgment? A. Yes. The right to receive payment of a Bond may be trans-ferred through valid judicial proceedings, but only if the Bond itself is surrendered to the Treasury Department. See Tre sury Department Circular No. 530, Fifth Revision.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Pledges Bombs to Japan's Heart; Allies Break Axis Mountain Defenses As Drive for Tunis and Bizerte Speeds; Russ-Nazis Locked in Caucasus Battle

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American arms, ammunition and equipment were a potent factor in stepping up the fighting strength of French armies aiding the Allied cause in the Tunisian campaign. Above, Gen. Henri Giraud (center), French high commissioner of North Africa, is seen inspecting U. S. war equipment sent for French army use.

TUNISIA:

Nazis Counter-Attack

Fighting stubbornly to delay the

inevitable day of reckoning, Axis

troops sought desperately to pre-

vent the Allied armies from further

narrowing their last hold in Tunisia.

German counter-attacks were fol-

lowed by successful Allied thrusts

that wrested mountainous terrain

from the enemy and forced the Axis

armies nearer to their last-stand po-

In the north, the British First

army pushed southeast after repel-

ling major enemy assaults in the

Medjez-el-Bab sector, destroying

more than one-third of the Nazi

In the north, General Montgom-

ery's British Eighth army made im-

portant gains in the strategic hill

country north and west of Enfida-

ville which brought it closer to

tactical air force kept up constant

attacks against the few remaining

Continuing to employ "strive at

any cost" tactics, German armies

in the Caucasus kept up full-scale

attacks against the Russians in the

Kuban delta despite heavy losses

and lack of success in the early

Two objectives were included in

the Nazi plans, military observers

believed. One was to relieve So-

viet pressure on the enemy's bridge-

head at Novorossisk. The other was

to build up the momentum of a

As the fighting increased in in-

tensity, the activity of the opposing

communiques reported that the luft-

waffe was straffing Red supply

bases on the Black sea coast. So-

viet communiques revealed that

one enemy effort to ferry reinforce-

ments across the Black sea to Novo-

rossisk, the Germans had succeeded

later in providing substantial rein-

forcements for their army in the

fund, the house adopted an amend-

this money in the \$5,000,000,000 in-

ternational banking fund proposed by

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau for

The senate had previously with-

drawn the President's power to de-

value the dollar while approving

continuance of his power of the sta-

In effect, the house amendment

introduced by Representative Reed

of Illinois gave congress control

over the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization

fund and the proposed postwar bank-

ing fund. House leaders indicated

that congress would provide funds

POSTWAR FINANCE:

Congress Holds Reins

Caucasus bridgehead.

a postwar world bank.

bilization fund.

set up.

a new Axis spring offensive.

Caucasus Front Active

Meanwhile, bombers of the Allied

tanks opposing them.

Axis-held airfields.

RUSSIA:

Tunis.

On both the north and south fronts,

VENGEANCE:

For Jap Executions

Stern punishment for the Jap military leaders responsible for the execution of American fliers captured after last year's raid on Tokyo was promised by President Roosevelt, who said the United States would "hold personally and officially responsible" all those who participated in these crimes and bring them to justice.

That the Japs' barbarity was a confession of their vulnerability to air attack was clear. This was underscored by Tokyo broadcasts threatening to execute American fliers captured on future raids over

The reply to such threats was given by Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the air forces, who

told his fliers: "Let your answer to their treatment of your comrades be the destruction of the Japanese air force, their lines of communication, and the production centers which offer them the opportunity to continue such atrocities.

To this Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the Tokyo raid a year ago added: "Soon our bombers will be there again, striking at the heart of Japan until the empire crumbles and they beg for mercy."

RUBBER:

Showdown on Oil Use

Rubber continued to be a controversial subject as William M. Jeffers, rubber director, came to grips with Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, and Harold L. Ickes, petroleum administrator, in a dispute over the use of gasoline in the synthetic production program.

Patterson, supported by Ickes, charged in a statement that Jeffers was weakening American air strength against the Axis by reducing combat supplies of high octane gas for the benefit of the civilian synthetic rubber manufacturing

schedule. Still at odds with Elmer Davis, OWI director, over publicity releases on the rubber program, Jeffers briskly took on his two new opponents declaring that their charges called for investigation to bring out the true facts to the public.

PACIFIC:

U. S. Fliers Busy

From the Aleutians to New Guinea, American airmen continued their assaults on Jap airfields, shipping and ground installations.

Liberators, Mitchells, Lightnings and Warhawks made 15 raids on the enemy at Kiska, carrying the total of forays on this menacing Jap installation to more than 100 in the course of a single month.

In the Solomons, Yankee fliers battered Jap positions in four air raids, attacking Tonei harbor and Kieta and smashing at Kahili and Munda.

From Australia, Allied aircraft made 10 forays in a single day, destroying enemy planes and straffing Jap base installations and occupied villages. Rabaul and Ubili, New Britain, the Saidor area of New Guinea and Laga on Timor island for the latter, in the event it was were the principal targets.

Calling submarine losses of United

U-BOAT DAMAGE:

More Ships the Remedy

Nations' shipping "heavy but not disastrous," the Truman senate committee revealed that approximately 1,000,000 tons a month were sunk last year-or more than the total tonnage built by the United States and Britain combined in 1942.

Adding that losses were reduced in the latter months of the year, the report declared: "The submarine menace can and will be effectively

Most effective answer to the U-boat threat will be increases in new construction of merchant ships and escort vessels this year, the committee said. The report estimated that between 18 and 19 million deadweight tons will be built in 1943, compared with 8,000,000 tons last year.

Increased speed for newly constructed ships was promised through the building of new Victory models and the redesigning of Liberty ships to permit speeds of 15 to 17 knots compared with 11 knots for the present design.

VACATIONS:

Public Must Co-operate

Summer vacations by train for Americans remained a probability in spite of a ruling by the Office of Defense Transportation that no additional summer train service requiring the use of Pullman sleeping car equipment would be authorized. Rail officials expressed the belief that regular services would be sufficient to accommodate vacationists if the public is willing to accept inconveniences and co-operate by spreading travel throughout the week.

Only exception to the curtailment policy, the ODT stated, will be 'coach trains operated in the period between Saturday noon and Sunday midnight utilizing primarily commuter equipment otherwise idle in that period and additional trains of semi-commuter type operated on other days of the week within a radius of approximately 50 miles of

All other requests for extra coach or parlor-car train service for daily, tri-weekly or week-end summer operations will be denied, the ODT indicated.

DRAFT:

Payrollers on Call

Probability that many of the 840,-000 draft-eligible men on government payrolls would be inducted into the armed forces was seen in the selective service's ruling that federal workers could not be deferred for occupational reasons except through examination of individual cases by a special presidential committee.

Up to the present, thousands of government workers had been given deferred classification as essential.

Selective service announced that effective May 15, the 6,500 local boards must submit menthly to Major General Hershey, for transmission to congress, the names and numbers of federal employees classified as 2-A or 2-B, the classes of deferment for occupational reasons

POISON GAS:

British Ready

Prime Minister Churchill had warned the Nazis several times previously that the use of poison gas on any front would result in immediate retaliation by the British. Now he cautioned the enemy again, add-



WINSTON CHURCHILL

ing that he had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front."

Munitions centers, seaports and other military objectives throughout the whole expanse of Germany, he said, would be the target of British gas attacks should the Nazis use this weapon against the Russians.

Increasing Allied mastery of the air plus the fact that Britain had stepped up its chemical warfare preparations in the last year lent an ominous note to the British statesman's warning.

Washington Digest

Nation's Railroads Move 50,000 Troops Each Day

Special Surveys Decrease Cross Hauling; Developments Abroad May Force Unexpected Shifting of Troops.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building | er. Thomas represented many peo-Washington, D. C.

Recently I had to make seven consecutive week-end trips between Washington and New York-I left Washington after a late Friday broadcast and had to return Monday for one at noon. Not once was I able to get reservations for the return trip until at the last minute when some unused space was turned

If I groused a little too loudly over this, it may have been because I didn't know then what I learned officially only the other day; namely, that "if the war department insisted in having all the Pullman equipment it could use, all the Pullman cars of the country would be carrying troops."

In other words, if Johnny Doughboy didn't step aside occasionally, we'd all use coaches or walk.

Compromise

The present arrangement is said to be a compromise in recognition of essential civilian needs. At present, a million and three-quarter soldiers are being moved a monththat is 50,000 a day-in America's trains in official troop movements. This does not include the many men on leave.

There are, of course, movements of whole divisions with full equipment but these are the exceptions. As you have probably noticed if you travel very much, there are usually a few cars containing troops attached to your passenger train. This is the way most of the troops are transported-in small groups of 250 or less. However, that is a considerable addition to the regular passenger traffic.

travels a lot more in proportion to his normal civilian peregrinations. when he reached London or Cairo or New Delhi. I know a pilot who dropped in at the airport here recently and had several hours waitover. When he was asked why he didn't cross the bridge and look the capital over, he said he'd never | and trolley cars. been in a big city and didn't want to get lost. The next thing heard from this particular was that he was in Calcutta.

Average Number

In the last war, the average number of moves made by a soldier were three. Here is a list of typical moves he makes in this war, drawn up by the Office of War Information:

- 1. To the induction center
- 2. To reception center
- 3. To replacement training center
- 4. To his particular branch of service
- 5. To big maneuvers
- 6. Return
- 7. To special training areas 8. To port of embarkation

Special studies are made to cut down unnecessary cross-hauling but sudden developments abroad may force soldiers who are located near one port to be shifted to another far away. Or a special need for particularized training may arise and that may force men to be doubled back to desert or mountain for the specialized practice in snow or under a hot sun that new requirements make necessary.

Maneuvers in the southeast and southwest, including the desert training areas of California, have sometimes required the moving in of as many as 300,000 men within a few weeks, equipment and all. Naturally, that disrupted a large part of passenger traffic for several weeks at a time.

Unessential Travel

Efforts are being made to cut down extra passenger travel by discouraging conventions, trade shows, big sports contests and other gatherings. One exception has been made, and that is the lecturer. Even the President saw fit to come out with a statement encouraging the plea for a good word for the speak- and vou know that spring is done.

ple who do considerable public speaking. I know how difficult it is. I, myself, have been unable to accept lecture dates because it is so difficult to be certain of connections and a broadcaster has to move with the regularity of a train schedule -a train schedule in peace timethe microphone waits for no man.

There have been rumors of late that transportation was snagged; that because of the U-boats, supplies were piling up on the docks and loaded freight cars were jamming the yards and causing congestion. But the Office of War Information says that latest advices indicate that congestion is being lessened. In fact, the official word is: "The battle of transportation . . . at a crisis at Pearl Harbor time . . . is now being won."

Nearing Limit

I hope that this statement isn't over-optimistic. As a matter of fact, the reservation is noted that "the victories are not necessarily permanent. Our transportation equipment, with few exceptions, is being used close to its limits"-and there remain two situations which are not satisfactory, one is movement of oil and the other is the problem of getting the war workers to and from work.

The latter difficulty is responsible, according to some investigators, for much of the recently decried ab senteeism.

To get an idea of what the traffic has to bear in a city where war industries are concentrated, there has been an increase of use of the Detroit street railway systems of 76.9 per cent. The Baltimore transit line It's said a soldier eats twice as is up 90 per cent and the Washingmuch as he did in civilian life and | ton, 131 per cent. I know what these that is one reason why food has to figures mean as does anyone who be rationed to civilians. But he has to make his way to and from work in the capital. I have also seen that fabulous city of San Diego, Many a man saw his first big city once a pleasant, sleepy town which seemed to move lazily with the pelicans that flew over the bay or the whispering palms. The pelicans have been replaced by planes and it's a 24-hour town, with a 336 per cent increase in the use of its busses

Diary of a Broadcaster

Today I made it from bedside to desk in one hour and 18 minutes, including the time to make my own breakfast of coffee, poached eggs, grapefruit and zwieback (my wife is away) also to traverse on foot some 13 Washington blocks. I think that this record is not bad considering the variety of activities included. I managed to hear the early fiveminute newscast and scanned the headlines which told me whether the news wind was blowing in the same direction this morning that it was last night when the newspapers went to bed-in other words, was I to plow fresh fields or harvest what I could from the old ones.

I also removed the blanket that shields our three parakeets from northern drafts and waited for the welcoming chirrup that one, the least snobbish of the three, condescends to give me before I leave the room. As soon as I do, they all burst into song.

Walking to work in Washington these days is like reviewing the armies of the United Nations for one can spot almost any uniform between Dupont Circle and Pennsylvania avenue. But it seems that the WAVES are in the preponderance. The WAACs are smart but the navy has a uniform that is a little bit less drab than the olive. It is surprising how an elderly matron turns out in that navy blue-and-gold as smart as a midshipman.

Washington's springtime, one of its two beautiful seasons, is here in April-gone in May. First, the forsythia burns with its yellow flame; then the magnolias blush and fade, and the dogwoods raise their sweet ghostliness among their darker sisters; then the cherry blossoms come -and there are many of them scattered over the city as well as the better advertised ones along the lacontinuation of the work of lecture goon. Soon they are followed by bureaus. He expressed himself to leaves on the oaks and the elms Lowell Thomas, who traveled to and the maples. Then backyards Washington, on that subject-the are brilliant with the rambler roses



BOMBS BURST ONCE By GRANVILLE CHURCH

his wife, Lee, are already on their way to Tierra Libre when he receives a note from Zora Mitchell warning them not to come. When they arrive in Tierra Libre they find both Zora and her husband dead. It is Mitchell's job as chief engineer for a fruit company that Jeff has been called to fill. Later Jeff's friend Bill Henderson is killed, and Jeff suspects his employer, Senor Montaya, of murdering him and the Mitchells because they had found a clue to the strange things going on at the plantation. Other sinister figures are the company chemist, Dr. Toenjes, and the flyers, Ryden and Lannestock. A man named Collins arrives from the Canal Zone to see Mitchell, and Jeff hires him without arousing Montaya's suspicions. Collins later reveals his identity as a naval intelligence officer. When they discover hidden German bombers, Jeff arranges to send Lee and the children away. Now Jeff, Collins, Jerry McInnis and Slats Monahan are carrying out a carefully laid plan to destroy the planes and stop the Nazi activities in which Montaya, who is part German, is engaged. They are at the airfield now.

CHAPTER XIX

Collins' job was to assemble the combs and release all mechanical restraints so that impact on the noses would explode them. He started to wind the vanes.

Meanwhile, Curt and McInnis put saws to use. They cut half through all the ground supports which held the heavy wall firm, then sheered through the ceiling ties. So much wasn't necessary, perhaps, but it helped. Thus, an explosion of dynamite outside this wall would force it back against the noses of the

They then planted the dynamite, dragged the two motors to the spot, measured the fuse.

Curt grumbled. "Collins wants pictures. But we can't risk lighting up the window strip by the flash so early. He'll have to take them when he's ready to light the fuses."

They looked in on Collins. "Okay," he told them, "I'm about set. Only three noses left to screw in, then all pins to remove."
"It's late," worried Curt. "Close

to one-thirty! Took us longer than we'd expected. Slats will be phoning them any minute now.' "Yeh. You two get going."

"Might's well." But Curt was re-luctant. Then, "You've no watch, Collins, take mine. It's synchro-nized with Monahan's."

Curt and McInnis snatched up bunches of tinder-dry grass from sheltered spots as they ran to the front of the hangars. Curt was getting anxious.

His worry was short-lived! Curt and McInnis were brought up short as they rounded the end of the hangars. The tennis court at the other end of the field was now ablaze with lights!

Even as they stared, a small band of men was emerging from behind the office building headed this way.

"Six of them, Jerry! The two of us can't count on holding off that gang with pistol fire!"

"Blaze the grass, Curt! All the way to the fence and around the other side of the hangars to the rear

fence!" Curt and McInnis raced across the black fields, stumbling constantly but making ground. There were

shouts behind them. Then came the furious chugging of a motorcar, headed from the up-

per end of the field. "They expect to get behind us, Jerry, head us off! We'll have to stop that before they reach our

They were close to the airfield branch. They turned, running at top speed toward the car, which hadn't yet rounded the curve of mountainside. There were half-rotted logs left from clearing the field. Curt and McInnis had perhaps a minute and a half-a minute. They tugged and hauled at one of the logs. Rains had sunk it into the ground, set it. They pried it loose and slung it across the tracks. The driver would see it,

but not in time to stop. Then came the car. Around the curve of mountainside it sped. It hit the log, bounced from the rails, turned over. But not before a figure had snapped open the door and shot from it. A man rolled over and over, then scrambled to his feet.

"Toenjes!" shouted Curt joyfully. Toenjes it was—a wild man in the flare of the car's headlights which still worked, curiously enough, one of them slanting skyward. He had a gun in his hand but was helpless from both the glare of lights and the loss of his glasses.

Curt coolly put a bullet into the man's shoulder. "Explain that away, my fine friend," he grunted,

"when the investigation breaks." Between them Curt and McInnis seized the raging, helpless man and hustled him along the tracks toward their car.

They kept glancing up toward the radio station high above. No lights

side. They reached the car, bound Toenjes' hands behind him, gagged him to get rid of his insane, spluttering threats, and tossed him in the back. Another glance upward and a light popped on and off several times under and between the two shafts. A rectangle it showed, a window.

"Man, is that a relief!" exclaimed McInnis. "They'll send no messages

They looked back. The black bulk of the hangars showed up within a solid thick wall of fire.

Against that sheet of light they saw Collins come stumbling their way. He reached them, out of breath, tossed the camera into the car, gasped out that things were ready to pop, and collapsed on the

They'd covered half a kilometer when McInnis, eyes on his wrist, said, "Half a minute, Curt!"



The sentence was lost in another muffled explosion.

Curt stopped the car, all three got out. They stared back.

"Guessed wrong on the fuses," muttered Curt. "Or you didn't light them on the dot."

Then, before anyone could speak again, there came a dull, muffled explosion. In the light of the fire, the straight lines of the hangar buckled, the roof mushroomed-on one end. But the walls held together. "One of the planes," Curt gritted

out from between set teeth. "The completed one," added Mc-

Innis. "At least we got-" The sentence was lost in another muffled explosion which merged instantly into a mighty, pulsating roar

showed, it was a black mountain- that made their ear drums ache, and the aerial bombs exploded by two and threes a split second apart.

Collins began to take some interest in his fellow passenger. He played his flash on Toenjes, and turned the man's head this way and that. Toenjes was beginning to suffer considerably from pain in his shoulder, but his eyes were murderous. A slow, unbelieving smile spread over Collins' face. He ripped open Toenjes' shirt and pulled it away from the wounded shoulder. He found a puckered scar there, an old one, not three inches from the bleeding hole Curt had made tonight. And then he began to laugh.

"On a silver platter," cried Collins. "Mr. Curtis, you've made one of the neatest hauls this year. Dr. Toenjes? I hadn't seen him before, you know. This is Herr Albrecht Werner Fisch, no less. Red-handed. One of the biggest, slipperiest, agents the Nazis have in Latin America."

And then it was tomorrow. The sun slanted down hotly on the after deck of the San Timoteo. The Associated vessel was pushing her way north over a smooth sea. There was a cooling breeze, and cumulus clouds moved serenely across the sky.

Buddy, Chuck, and Sylvia Mitchell, all in sun suits were playing under the watchful eyes of the ship's

Curt and Lee were standing by. his arm about her waist. They were silent, and Lee felt Curt's arm tighten as the children's voices rose shrilly, hilariously. She looked up and saw the look in his eyes, the beads of sweat above his brows and on his upper lip.
"Don't, dearest," she whispered.

He looked down at her, and his eyes slowly cleared. He kissed her lightly on the temple and they sauntered off, his arm tight about her. At the entrance to the central staircase he paused-and yawned, prodigiously.

"I could do with another nap," he said, on snapping his mouth shut.

"We slept ail morning!" she exclaimed. "We won't sleep tonight!" "We can sit on deck tonight," hopefully. 'No moon."

"There'll be stars. And there's no charge for just sitting." Lee laughed. "All right, silly.

We'll go down again." The door to the purser's office opened and there was movement in the corridor. A steward was tack-

ing a paper on the bulletin board. "News!" said Curt. With Lee, he crossed the corridor eagerly, to stare at the typewritten

sheet. "Puerto Soledad, Tierra Libre," read the radio dispatch. "In a raid by army troops on the headquarters of the Compania Agricola Tropical at San Alejo this morning, what appears to have been a direct Nazi plot against the sovereignty of Tierra Libre was disclosed, with the arrest of Senor Apolonio Montaya and twenty-four persons of doubtful nationality

[THE END]



MURDER AT PIRATE'S HEAD

Lovers of mystery fiction will find in this story by Isabel Waitt one thrill after another. Judy Jason finds the body of Roddy Lane in a chest in the basement of the church she had bought at auction, after receipt of an anonymous letter enclosing \$800 in cash and urging her to buy the church at any price. Events follow in swift sequence after this, each more mysterious than the last.

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Lesson for May 9

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PETER AND JOHN LEADERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

LESSON TEXT-Acts 2:37-41; 3:1-8; 4:13;

GOLDEN TEXT-Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men. they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.—Acts 4:13.

Does the Church have a message for our day? Sometimes one wonders a bit, but a little thought indicates that if it does not, it is not because Christianity has failed, but because Christian people have failed to declare the eternal and powerful truth of God. The primary responsibility for any such failure must rest upon the leaders of the Church.

It is instructive to see the qualities which made the leaders of the early Church effective for the Lord. In our lesson we find Peter and John doing three things.

1. Declaring God's Word (Acts 2:

Peter had just finished the first sermon preached in the Church, which was delivered at Pentecost. The declaration of God's truth in the power of the Holy Spirit brought conviction of sin. It always does, although the cutward indication of its working may not be as marked as it was on that day. Three thousand souls were under conviction and asking what to do to be saved.

What an opportunity for the preacher and his fellow worker, John. How did they meet it? By faithfully declaring the need of repentance and faith, and then of fellowship with others in the Church.

One mark of a real leader for God will always be that he preaches and teaches the message of God without adulteration, without modification, and with plainness and simplicity.

The kind of leadership which is often magnified in the Church today and which is largely made up of personal magnetism, "pep" and fast talk, is not real leadership at all. Test your leaders by their faithful and intelligent declaration of God's Word.

II. Conveying God's Power (Acts 3:1-8).

"Channels only"-that is the function of the worker for Christ, the leader in His Church. As Mary Maxwell well put it:

Channels only, blessed Master, But with all Thy wondrous power Flowing through us. Thou canst use us Every day and every hour.

Silver and gold was a scarce commodity with Peter and John, as it has been with many, yes most, of God's servants through the centuries. But they did have the blessed privilege of being channels through which the healing, cleansing, redeeming power of God could flowand that was infinitely better.

God has for men today, as He had for this beggar, that which is far better than gold-deliverance from sin and liberation from the limitations of spirit which make them content with the paltry alms of men.

God healed this man's body, but what is more important, He healed his spirit (v. 8). We need that kind of healing for the weak-kneed, lameankled, spirit-darkened individuals in our communities and our churches. We will have it only as our leaders are men and women who are cleansed-ready to be channels for the conveying of God's power to a needy world.

III. Doing God's Will (Acts 4:13, 18-21).

The way of life of God's leaders is not an easy one, but it is a simple one. They do God's will-nothing less, nothing more, and nothing else. What could be more delightful?

Peter and John had spoken the truth and declared salvation to be only in the name of Jesus (v. 12). Certain easy talkers within the Church who tell us that we must not be narrow but broad enough to see salvation in all religions, had better read that verse again.

Because they had preached Christ, and for no other reason, they were imprisoned, then released on condition that they would not mention Him again. What a splendid opportunity for a smooth and comfortable compromise! They could preach but just leave out Christ. Did they do it? No! (vv. 19, 20).

Obedience to God was paramount with them, and it must be with every genuinely Christian leader in the Church. Nothing else will do, nor will it have the blessing and approval of God

Preacher Had Hard Time Stopping When He Did!

The preacher's sermon was so exceptionally short that the deacon felt justified, afterwards, in remarking on its extreme brevity.

"Yes, it was short," said the preacher. "As a matter of fact, I am without my teeth today, and find it difficult to speak plainly."

On the following Sunday the sermon ran to a great length, occupying at least 30 minutes longer than usual. The deacon felt prompted to comment once again, and added: "I expect you've got your teeth back, sir?"

"No," said the minister, "I haven't, but I borrowed my wife's, and I wonder I'm not still preach-

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Women's Place in War Work

ica, "Women in Battle Dress," by Russell Birdwell, will reach the book stands across the country this week. The book, published by The Fine Editions Press of New York City, fea-



York City, features a Fore-overa culp Hobby Director, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Shortly after penning the Foreword for "Women in Battle Dress," Mrs. Hobby flew to England with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to study the dramatic and constructive part being played by the British women in the all-out war

"Women in Battle Dress" answers the question of what every woman in America can do to participate in the winning of the war. Mr. Birdwell, who flew the Atlantic in a British diplomatic plane to obtain material for his greatest book, spent months talking with women not only of the military services but in the many war industries. In the pages of his book Birdwell outlines the first complete story of what women in the two English speaking countries are doing to help win the war.

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Author also of "I Ring Doorbells," a story of his newspaper life, Birdwell has achieved renown in the journalistic and public relations world as well as in the field of letters. While in England he covered the entire country gathering material for "Women in Battle Dress" and during this time sailed with a convoy in the North Sea aboard a corvette which was bombed.

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