BLUE LICKS

Miss Alma Barnett

Mrs. W. C. Maffett of Detroit, Mich., spent the week end with her parents and accompanied her two children home.

Mrs. Simon Kenton and little son and Mrs. Ella Cay of Maysville, were recent guests of Mrs. Martha Kenton who has been quite ill but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Melvin Sampson and baby are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Allison at Stony Creek.

William Ritchie has been on the sick list but is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Jett and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams of near Cynthiana, spent one day recently with Mr. and Mrs. George Selby. Afternoon guests were Mrs. Tom Fitzpatrick and son, Leonard Patton, of Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purcell, Boyce Heringer of Mt. Olivet, and Miss Naomi Selby of Cincinnati.

Miss Nettie McClanahan is getting along nicely after her illness a few months ago.

Pvt. Frank Rigdon has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rigdon.

Geo. W. Steinford, a Democrat of Covington, won the election for Representative from the 61st district here by a large majority. George and wife visit their relatives, Mrs. Ed Barrett and daughter, here during the year and have friends who send congratulations.

Mrs. Lee Foxworthy and Miss Geneva Sibert of Cincinnati, spent a few days recently with Mr. E. G. Sibert.

OAKLAND MILLS

Mrs. Earl Hamm

Pvt. Charles Hamm of Camp Berry, Ohio, spent the week end with his wife in Flemingsburg—Mrs. Elsie Tursney spent last week with her aunt near Parnassus—Miss Imogene Shannon spent the week end with Katherine Daleoff of Carlisle—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm and daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fryman and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamm and two children spent Sunday with Pvt. and Mrs. Charles Hamm in Flemingsburg—Mrs. Clyde Marshall is on the sick list—Mrs. Hobart Shannon and two daughters spent Monday with Mrs. Earl Hamm and two children—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne had as Sunday guests, Mrs. John Burns and daughter, Lida Ruth—Mrs. Raymond King and daughter, Virginia, spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Laura Purcell—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamm spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm Saturday afternoon.

HOOKTOWN

Daisy Ritchie

Alvin Heflin and wife spent Friday with Coley Ritchie, wife and daughter—Everett Wiggins, wife and two children spent the post week with his father, Bob Wiggins at Milford—Mrs. Dock Hill and sister, Miss Josefi Smith have returned from Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Hill has come to spend the winter with her parents, Forest Smith and wife. Her husband is stationed at Washington, D. C. in the armed forces—Aubrey Wiggins of the U. S. Army, who spent a few days furlough with his father and other relatives, has returned to Camp Claiborn, La.—Mrs. Coley Ritchie received two letters last week from her nephew, Wauter Lawrence, who is stationed somewhere in North Africa, saying he is well and getting along. Just fine—Oscar Jones and son, John Paul, are reported on the sick list—Several folks in this locality have been killing hogs the past week.

STONY CREEK

Mrs. Roy Anderson

Owen Proctor has returned home after several days in the hospital at Fort Thomas, Ky. He will report back to the hospital the 28th of November for further examination before entering the U. S. Army—Mrs. Leonard Alexander has returned home after spending several days in Lexington for medical treatment—Mr. and Mrs. Waldren Brumagen and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Proctor—Mr. Jay Pryor spent several days recently with Mr. Pryor in Maysville—Mrs. Grace Ward of Maysville, Mr. and Mrs. William Getz and daughter of Ewing, spent one afternoon last week with Mrs. Waldren Brumagen—Mr. and Mrs. Vester Mann and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Holder and family.

BANTA

Emma Walton

Mrs. Ethel Feeback has returned home after ntwo weeks stay in Maysville where she was employed—Mr. and Mrs. Acie Earlywine and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Earlywine spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Earlywine and family at Sardis—Mrs. Laura Purcell spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond King and Mr. King—Mrs. Will Caswell spent Monday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Morris at Carlisle—Miss Velva Flora of Millersburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Flora and daughter—Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard are sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodard and daughter—Frank Walton of Myers spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Walton and family—Mrs. Annie Bittegar is on the sick list—Pvt. Estill H. Walton has the transferred from Monterey, California, to Camp Bowie, Texas.

TUNNELL HILL

Mrs. Anne Henson

George Henson, wife and daughter have moved back from Chicago. Mrs. Henson and daughter Joyce will take room in Carlisle and George will leave for the Army soon.

Mrs. Alma Henson and son, George Henson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boone, Sunday.

Joyce Henson was the week end guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton McGohan. Joyce will enter school at Carlisle.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cannon an eleven pound son Billie Allen. Mrs. Cannon was before her marriage, Miss Mae Barton. This is their second child.

Mrs. Hallie Clark is very ill at this writing.

Clarence Boone and family were in Maysville Saturday.

Mrs. Lula Robertson and daughter Frances, of Mayslick, were guests of R. W. Boone and wife, Sunday.

Bro. Bruce Dampier filled his appointment at Pleasant Ridge Sunday. He was accompanied by Arnold Bowen and Miss Tillie Dampier.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas McCord have returned home after weeks visit with their son and daughter in Dayton, Ohio.

Most of the so-called future farmers are already working at the job.

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Special Attention for Thanksgiving issue. The Mercury will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day—November 25, next week—you are urged to get your reports in Saturday, this week, if possible, for next week's issue.

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

PROCESSED FOODS

Blue stamps X, Y and Z in Book 2 good through Nov. 20. Green stamps A, B and C in Book 2 good through Dec. 20.

MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER, FATS, CANNED FISH, CANNED MILK

Brown stamps G, H and J in Book 3 good now. Stamp K, Nov. 14, all expire Dec. 4. Stamp L, Nov. 21, M, Nov. 28, N Dec. 5, P, Dec. 12, all expire Jan. 1.

SUGAR

Stamp 29 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds through Jan. 15, 1944.

SHOES

Stamp 18 in Book 1 and No. 1 airplane" stamp in Book 3 good for 1 pair each until further notice.

GASOLINE

Stamp 4-5 good for 3 gallons through Nov. 21. B and C stamps good for 2 gallons, and used in state and local war work must be written on face of each coupon immediately upon receipt of book.

TIRES

Next inspection for A-book vehicles by March 31, 1944. B-by Feb. 29, 1944. Cs by Nov. 23 commercial vehicles every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever is first.

FUEL OIL

Period 1 coupons for new season good through Jan. 2, 1944, and have the following values: 1 and 10 gallons, 5 units, 50 gallons, 25 units, 250 gallons. All change-making coupons and reserve coupons are now good.

STOVES

Certificates to purchase most heating and cooking stoves that burn coal, wood and oil or gas must now be obtained from local board.

MYERS SCHOOL NEWS

The 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 10 at 1 o'clock in Miss Anderson's room. At the close of the program Mr. Strauss discussed some projects for this year's work. After the meeting adjourned the members enjoyed a Bean Bag Game in which the Reds scored the greatest number of points.

The Little Zoo visited our school which was enjoyed by all. A part of the money taken in from this show was given to the school and we put it into our movie fund.

Our lunch room is progressing nicely under the supervision of Mrs. Ella Conway.

—Geraldine Dalton, Reporter

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BAREFOOT

Cordia Coy

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coy were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harney—Mr. Willie Coy was a Sunday afternoon guest of W. E. Morris—Mrs. Johnnie Tapp is spending the week with Mrs. Howard Sidles and family—Mrs. Lucy Brumfield and family were Sunday guests of Mr. Carl Garrison and family—Mr. Henry Livingston and son, Grover, Mr. Cecil Howard were Sunday afternoon guests of Willie Coy—Miss Ruby Brunker of Maysville, spent the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Brunker.

HEADQUARTERS

Mrs J H Smith

(Delayed)

Mrs. Effie Earlywine and son, Raymond of near Paris and Lloyd Smith of near Forest Retreat spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs J H Smith—Mrs. Brooks Swann and two children of near Carlisle, spent the week end with Hudson Snapp and family—Mrs. Mildred Stewart and little daughter have returned to their home in Dayton, Ohio, after several weeks stay with her sister, Mrs Geneva Earlywine and two daughters, Emily and Beverly—Mr and Mrs H B Earlywine, Mr and Mrs Valney Earlywine of near Paris spent Sunday with Mrs. B'ts Earlywine and family—Mrs. Anna Mae Feeback and three children spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs Charlie Feeback—Mr. Hudson Snapp and wife spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs Alva Green and family near Butterville—Mrs Brica Campbell of Carlisle, is spending a few days with Mrs. Lizzie Gaunce and mother.

MILLTOWN

Mrs. Sterling Jackson

(Delayed)

Mrs. Ruby Lee Sapp Jackson 25, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 9 at the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington, following a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Cpl Allen Jackson 2 sons, Clarence and Lonnie Ray Jackson, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sapp, 1 sister, Mrs Lettie Jones, 1 brother, Cpl Everett Sapp, 1 grandmother, Mrs Ada Sapp, and 14 in-laws. Mrs. Jackson united with the Battle Run Christian church at an early age. Funeral services were held there Thursday afternoon with burial following in the Olive Branch graveyard—Mr. and Mrs. Mason Jones received word from their son, Cpl. Gilbert Jones, that he arrived safely overseas. He writes, "the place is very pretty. The people are friendly. The weather mild."—Miss Katherine Ishmael returned home Thursday from a visit with her aunt, Mrs. James R. Setters—Miss Hildreth Russell returned to her home in Ripley, Ohio, Wednesday, from a visit with Alma and Elsie Ishmael—Miss Ruth Russell of Ripley, Ohio, is a guest of Robert Ishmael—Mrs. Ann Baily of Moorefield, is a guest of her son and daughter, Jeff Baily and family and Mrs. Levi Ishmael and family—Frank Vice returned to his home in Richmond, Ind., Sunday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Jones and family—Mr and Mrs. Guy Neal were Wednesday guests of Willie Chrisman and Miss Gill—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thornsberry and James Marion Russell were guests Saturday of Mr and Mrs. William Russell—Mrs. Thomas Planck spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gray in Carlisle—Mr. and Mrs. Moses Jones received word of the arrival of a new grandchild to Mr. and Mrs Roy Whisman of Dayton, Ohio—Mrs. Mrs. Nannie Snapp of Flemingsburg were guests a few days of her son, Lee Sapp and family last week—Mrs. Alfred Jackson returned to her home Saturday after the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington. She is doing nicely—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russell and wife were guests of Mr and Mrs. Earl Ishmael and family a few days last week—Mrs. Willie Chrisman, Miss Ruth Gill and Mr. Allen Clark were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Gill at Germantown.

We notice where a Kentucky distillery also makes a deodorant, which certainly is one-stop service.

A Carlisle Man Fell Like Swollen Balloon; Full Of Stomach Gas

Recently, a Carlisle man stated that he used to feel like a swollen balloon after every meal. He would bloat full of gas and spit up zeidous liquids for hours after eating. Was terribly constipated. This man is one of the hundreds in this vicinity who now praise EMBATOL. He says he was amazed at the results when he took this medicine. Now he eats what he wants without gas or bloating, and bowels are regular for the first time in years. He feels like a new man.

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The First Revolution

The Revolution for Independence in 1776 was for individual freedom from oppression—from taxation without representation—it was for freedom of speech, of worship, to work when, how and where one pleased. This was before steam, electricity or other power lightened the burden of human toil.

The Second Revolution

Then came the Industrial Revolution. Man's energy through machinery and enormous investment was multiplied a thousandfold. His courage—ability—energy—initiative—thrift—investment—were rewarded with personal profit and accomplishment. Free Enterprise flourished—greater employment ensued—wages increased—living standards improved—new wants were created and satisfied—and our country became the envy of the world.

What Next?

War has further speeded science and invention. Progress is marking time until the war ends. Individual Freedom and Free Enterprise await the go-ahead signal to move forward to greater accomplishment.

The Interests of Capital and Labor are Inseparable

The businessman's profit and the working man's wages and living standards are interdependent. Serving co-operatively, under a representative democracy and a constitutional government, a better world is in the making.

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If granted equal freedom by law, regulation, taxation, as applied to competitive forms of transportation, the "Old Reliable" and its employees will do the same fine job in peacetime for their Southland as they are now doing in war for the Nation.

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The World At War

No. 100

By Charles M. Knapp,
Professor of History,
University of Kentucky

A year ago we were anxiously awaiting details of the news that British-American forces had established bridgeheads at the coastal ports of French North Africa. In that time the British Eighth Army moved westward along the Gulf of Sirte to Tripoli and Tunisia. In this spring the German forces in Tunisia surrendered and preparations commenced for the invasion of Sicily. The conquest of Sicily and the invasion of southern Italy followed, bringing with it the capture of Naples in due time. Now the American Fifth and British Eighth armies are advancing slowly upon Rome. They have covered about half the distance from Naples to Rome, though the worst of the mountainous terrain has probably been passed. Thus much has happened to our satisfaction in the course of one year, though to us at home hoping for so much more, the progress has seemed slow indeed on what Winston Churchill has called the Third Front.

The prospects for the opening of campaigns for the conquest of the Balkans seems better today than for weeks. We have just received reports that an Allied fleet has bombarded the Albanian coast and the most likely point for the establishment of a bridgehead for an invasion of the Balkans from the Adriatic. In Albania, Jugo-Slavia and Greece, action by the guerillas has been stepped up materially. Supplies have been landed for them on the coast and they seem now to be operating in large organized bands, which might well be described as armies. They hold several ports and they have been reported as attacking Durazzo from the hills above the town. London has reported that Anthony Eden, the British foreign minister was in conference with Turkish foreign office representatives in Egypt. That has caused much speculation about the part that Turkey may be expected to play in the last phases of the war in Europe which most observers believe is fast approaching. There has been a report, which at this time is still unconfirmed, that the Turks flew granted to Britain permission to use the Gallipoli peninsula as a bridgehead. That is a distinct possibility as the first step in Turkish cooperation with the Allies. It is, at any rate, most likely that the Turks will be in the war within a few weeks, since there is little doubt in the mind of the government that whether the Turks favor it or not, the Allies will soon start on invasion of the Balkans via Salonika and the old World War I invasion route of 1918.

RUSSIA—More important advances this week by the Russians along the Black Sea coast and around Kiev on the upper Dniepr River have endangered the whole German defense line south of Pripet Marches, west of Smolensk. Thus it stands today that all that prevents the complete defeat and the disaster to probably hundreds of thousands of Nazi troops, is the Dniepr line about Kiev. Roy Peckop was taken and the Crimea entirely cut off early in the week. The Germans retreat from Russian troops have advanced to within 45 miles of the Latvian and Polish borders. With the Dniepr line in crushed, Russian troops are reported to have advanced to within 25 miles of the Rumanian border, where the Dniepr River may provide temporary defense positions. There can be no question now about whether the Germans can counter-attack again in the east with any hope of success. They cannot prevent the Russians from winning back all of the Ukraine in the next few months or from entering Poland and the Baltic States. In view of the current reports of the success of the diplomats who met a week ago at Moscow, there is a feeling everywhere of the greatest optimism about the outcome.

CHANGE TO BE MADE IN VALUE OF GAS COUPONS

The value of B and C gasoline coupons issued beginning Dec. 1 will be changed to five gallons, the Office of Price Administration (OPA) has announced, but emphasized that this will not mean more gasoline for motorists.

The present value of supplementary coupons of these types is two gallons in the east and midwest and three gallons in the far west.

The new five gallon coupons will be issued with the designation "B-2" and "C-2" on their face. As the present "B" and "C" and "B-1" and "C-1" coupons run out they will be replaced by the new higher-unit-value coupons. In the meantime, outstanding coupons issued before Dec. 1 will continue to be valid for only two gallons in the east and midwest and three gallons in the far west.

OPA said that while the change does not mean additional gasoline for holders of supplemental ration books, many car owners will buy in five gallon units as they customarily did before rationing, and savings in manpower for the trade and local rationing boards will result, since they will be required to handle fewer books and coupons.

"A" books are not affected under the new arrangement.

FIXES "OLD" THANKSGIVING

Washington, Nov. 12—President Roosevelt, who once experimented with an earlier Thanksgiving Day—on which many states declines to go along—today proclaimed the traditional last Thursday, Nov. 25, as the day "for expressing our thanks to God for His blessings" in 1943.

"These, he said, have been many, including the biggest food-crop year in American history.

DON'T USE BLUE STAMPS FROM BOOK 4 NOW

Some grocers are reported to be taking blue stamps A, B and C in Book 4 for processed foods. These stamps are not valid now, but are designed for use in late February. Green stamps A, B and C in Book 4 are valid for processed foods now as well as blue stamps X, Y, and Z in Book 2

In this war the cost of dying has risen faster than the cost of living.

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Lesson for November 21

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HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 19:11, 13; Luke 19:1-10, 45, 46; GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt not steal.—Exodus 20:15.

Honesty seems to be so obviously right that one might expect it always and everywhere—if better experience were taken into the opposite to be true.

As a matter of fact, dishonesty has become so common that a person who is honest is quite a bit of a novelty. Some even think he is peculiar.

Under such circumstances the Christian needs to be vigilant lest he be caught unawares by the spirit of honesty and begin to justify little evasions rather than brutal disability upright.

The teaching of Scripture on this matter is very plain.

I. Honesty and Fair Dealing (Exod. 20:15; Lev. 19:11, 13).

The very commandment against stealing implies the existence of a right to that which they have made, earned, or saved. If no one had property rights there could be no stealing. Some of our modern laws deny such rights, but their reasoning is clearly not biblical or Christian.

"Thou shalt not steal" forbids every kind of theft, and the passages from Leviticus indicate that this includes more than robbery or ordinary stealing.

It relates to every kind of false dealing with another, such as oppression or the withholding of just wages. That, too, is stealing in God's sight.

Perhaps we ought to be more specific and apply the truth to our own day. Stealing includes such things as loafing on one's job, "borrowing" money from the cash drawer, taking goods from the stock with which one is working, stealing another man's sermon and preaching it as one's own, "lifting" material out of another man's book without credit, contracting debts which one can never pay, using false weights and measures, adulterating food or other material, "watering" milk for sale, selling worthless stock, dodging taxes or lying to the tax assessor, or using a slug instead of a nickel in the telephone to escape proper payment.

One might add gambling (which is taking another man's money without skill or at chance), making an unduly large profit on the labor of another, making money out of the sorrows and failures of others, etc. To be honest means to be fair—and that has broad implications.

II. Honesty and Restoration (Luke 19:1-10).

The reality and thoroughness of Zacchaeus' conversion was indicated by his willingness to restore all the money he had unjustly (but legally, note that!) taken from his fellow citizens—and that in fourfold measure.

Insofar as it is possible to do so, the honest person will make right any known injustice. To be right with God must mean that we are to be right with men. The testimony of many Christians could be presented to show that they have only entered upon real peace and usefulness as they have made consistent effort to right every wrong, to pay every debt.

Often such actions open opportunities for Christian testimony at a point others to the redemption in Christ, which makes a man live right as well as talk right.

III. Honesty and Religion (Luke 19:45, 46).

One might think it unnecessary to urge honesty upon a religious folk. They ought to be honest. But here we are in sharp contrast to the quick honesty and restitution of Zacchaeus, the stubborn disobedience and dishonesty of the priests in the temple. Jesus had already cleansed the temple of the traffic in money changing and the sale of animals for sacrifice practiced there (see John 2:13-17). On that occasion He rebuked them because they made His Father's house "a house of merchandise."

Had they known the change of heart of a converted Zacchaeus they would have heeded His admonition. But they did not believe in Christ and went on with their ungodly desecration of the temple area until it became "a den of thieves" (v. 46).

What happened so long ago needs application to our present day. So apt is the quotation from the "Lesson Commentary" which we have used before that we repeat it now.

Speaking of "the goings on in our own churches" the writer says, "Is a church honest when it assumes obligations that it cannot meet, and is then forced to use all sorts of questionable means to raise money for the benefit of the church? Is a church honest when it turns a building consecrated to the worship of God into a restaurant or a theater? Is a church honest that turns its pulpit into a lecture platform for the discussion of current events or the review of popular books or plays?"

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LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
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FUTURE TAXES

Taxation is sure to be a lively topic for quite a while. The administration, early this fall, was proposing to levy 10.5 billion dollars more from income. Individual and corporate, but the House Ways and Means Committee wisely blocked the move. The committee could not, however, fix taxes so they would not go higher. The American people undoubtedly will be paying more taxes. Only the manner of collection remains unsettled.

And manner of collection was never more important than now, because victory in this war depends primarily on home-front operations. Good citizens who have studied the subject know why taxes must be high and stay high for a long time, but they know also that taxes can be helpful or downright damaging, depending on how they are handled. The United States could raised taxes that will hinder the war effort now or make fewer jobs after the war.

An Outlook Test

The central question in tax problems is "How?" Nearly 200 years ago Louis XIV, king of France, asked his favorite brainbeat, J. B. Colbert, for advice about getting more revenue out of his tax-weary subjects, and Colbert's reply was substantially this: Take a leaf from the housewife's notebook and pluck the goose as to get the largest amount of feathers with the least squawking.

The philosophy of that famous Frenchman is old-fashioned, to say the least—wicked, to say the most. Just the same it is still a powerful influence in taxation. The back idea is. Get the money somewhere and somehow not to anger a powerful voting class. That the great body of citizens will finally have to pay the tax is a point never mentioned, but it's the truth.

Power to Destroy

A statement of Chief Justice John Marshall, U. S. Supreme Court, "The power tax involves the power to destroy," is quoted often but not often enough. The great jurist understood that fundamentally there are two kinds of money, idle and active. In times of depression idle money should be taxed to break the bottleneck of unemployment but in boom times (when money in circulation exceeds the value of things to buy) active money should be taxed to shrink the balloon of inflation.

A good physician first identifies his patient's ailment and applies the right medicine. For example, he puts iodine on a cut and it sets better. The imitating quack observes and feels safe to put iodine on a burn, but it gets worse. So it is with taxes. When money is being hoarded, tax the saver; when prices are running away, tax the speller. Political "allyhoo must not confuse the issue. For quack taxation is destructive.

Good Leadership

People who buy rationed goods at legitimate markets do not swell inflation; their transactions are under control. For the same reason, when manufacturers buy raw materials to make war goods, it does not aggravate inflation because all such purchases are controlled, 100 per cent "rationed" by priorities. A corporation tax law is sure but it is no remedy for inflation. Like iodine on a burn, it makes matters worse.

America's most trusted economists, among them Senator George of Georgia and Congressman Doughton of North Carolina, have made it clear that increased taxes this year are to defeat inflation rather than to raise revenue. Representative Robertson of Virginia, who less than a year ago wrote an income tax bill with provisions to forgive a year's taxes to workers of small income, is now fighting for a sales tax to protect the same group. With such advice, why listen to quacks?

The American Way

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ducts has come down 71%, while during the same period the average wages paid Lincoln workers rose 162 per cent.

Jim Lincoln is mad—mad all over—and justifiably so—that the government which for the past two years has been the chief beneficiary of his sales labor and business policies, now seeks to penalize him for having inaugurated the very labor which has made possible the saving of millions of dollars to that self-same government in its war purchases. Says Lincoln:

"A local representative of the Federal Treasury advised us that, because of our regular profits tax, we would have to pay the Treasury what we believed if we had not paid our factory employees in 1941 an annual wage averaging around $5000. This penalty was put at $1,600,000. Our records show that ever since 1914, when we were gradually raising our total wages to that $5,000 average, we were as regularly cutting costs and passing the benefits along to customers and public in the form of big price reductions. We have had no explanation of the penalty, except that the government appears to be convinced that no factory worker can possibly be worth $5000. Hence it figures that our only purpose in paying him that much has been to avoid taxes.

"During our various discussions, I asked this question: 'Suppose we said the same total wages, not to 1000 employees, but, instead, to 3500—the number which our nearest competitor employs for producing the same total output. Would we then be required to pay this sum?' Believe it or not, I was assured that, of course, in that case no assessment whatever would be made. Can you blame me for figuring that we are being punished for having freed for other kinds of needed war work a tota lof 2500 first-class producers?

"More recently, we have been told that all would be forgiven if we would pay, instead of the calculated sum of $1,600,000, a compromise sum of $500,000. We are refusing. To pay even a single dollar would mean that we admit all our years of thought and practice about cooperation and incentives to be wrong. Our difference of opinion is still under discussion."

Every working man, union or non-union, should be just as mad about this as is Jim Lincoln, and should rally behind him in his fight to uphold the basic principle that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." No arbitrary limit can or should be placed by any government bureaucrat or bureaus, now or ever, as to what a worker should be paid, provided he earns it. The more workers produce, the more they should benefit—without limit.

Last year the American Junior Red Cross collected 3 million articles for members of the armed forces, sent 100,000 gift boxes abroad; collected more than 50,000 tons of salvageable materials.

"THERE'S SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR"

THANKSGIVING Day! Gee! That's funny! Or is it? Have I got anything to be thankful for? You bet your life I have! That dive-bomber missed me yesterday . . . Had a right good meal a while ago. It wasn't fancy, but it tasted good. The Enemy has been pretty busy, and we hadn't anything hot for three days. But we didn't really go hungry. I'm sure thankful Mom and the folks don't have to miss meals.

But Mom doesn't complain. She'd probably thank God for letting her starve, if it would help me get through this O. K. I guess maybe I'm most thankful of all for Mom and Dad—and for the chance to help see to it that some dictator doesn't destroy the way of life they and all Americans like them have lived and been willing to die for.

Come to think of it, I guess after Mom and Dad, I'd put on my list all the folks back home who are working harder than they ever worked so that we can have better guns and more of them than the enemy has. It means something to know that we'll never have to go without something we really need to win this war.

I'm thankful that I'm still alive . . . that we're going to win the war . . . and that America's still America. Over here, we're trusting all of you back home to keep it that way until we return. Don't let anybody change it. It's worth fighting and dying for, the way it is. We want to come back to it and live and work as we please, with equal opportunity for all. We don't want to come back to a country where most of our previous freedoms have been done away with.

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