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BIBLE THOUGHT THIS WEEK

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. —Prov. iii. 6.

CIVILIAN D-DAY

Next Monday, June 12, is Civilian D-Day. On this day Secretary Morgenthau will open the $16,000,000,000 5th War Loan Drive from Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. This should be the day when Americans as home take a look at themselves and each ask the question—"am I doing all I can to help the boys at the invasion front"

A report from headquarters in European theatre of operations of the United States Army states that "foot soldiers were conditioned for tough fighting," just before the invasion. How many of those at home are being conditioned for "tough" experiences in anyway comparable to what the boy at the front—your boy, your neighbor's boy—are experiencing right now?

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of the Invasion Forces, says that public opinion wins wars. Public opinion is largely in the hands of the average American citizen. Each of us can play an important role in the decisive events now taking place. Unless the home front stands ready to equal in some measure the sacrifices which our fighting men are called upon to make, we will not only be cheating our duty but we will be imperiling our whole plan to defeat the Nazis and the Japanese.

It is time to take stock in our homes and in our places of employment. Are we ready on the Bond front and on the production line? D-Day on the fighting fronts meant the day when all the forces which are dedicated to the attack moved into action in full force. It was a Show-down Day.

Let's make Civilian D-Day, June 12, a success, and work every day thereafter till Nicholas county reaches its quota of $270,000.

MUNICIPAL TIN CUP PLANNERS

Eric Johnston,President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, told a House committee on postwar policies that state and city demands for Federal support of their public works must diminish—that local governments are generally in condition to finance their needs.

At a Chicago meeting of the American Society of Planning Officials a member of the New York City Planning Commission stressed the importance of Federal-State financial aid in carrying out the postwar plans of the greatest city in the United States.

Commenting on municipal begging, the Wall Street Journal said the New Yorker "is far from alone in holding out the municipal tin sup, or dishpan."

If cities haven't the ability and pride to handle their own postwar financing, the nation can kiss the idea of a balanced national budget goodbye and scrpare for Federal taxation, and inflation that will make a dollar bill look like a thin dime.

CONFUSION IN AGRICULTURE

A most maring situation exists in the nation's field of agriculture, according to "The Farm Journal," of Fortune for May. It shows we had 82,220,000 head of cattle as of January 1, as against a ten-year average of 69,400,000; and 83,800,-000 hogs, as against a ten-year average of 51,600,000, and that the chief cash return to farmers is from livestock and livestock products, not crops.

It is estimated that the needs of dairy, beef cattle, sheep and lambs, horses and mules, swine, turkeys, chickens and ducks, will be 145,094,000 tons of concentrate feeds for the feeding year, and that we are 12 per cent short of that amount.

"In essence, the problem resolves itself down to the price of feed-stuffs. Ceiling prices on feeds," says Professor Cunningham, "prevent prices from rising to sound the danger warning and check livestock production before feed supplies are exhausted. In a free market price situation, rising feed prices would taper off demand."

"Under the circumstances it appears that a bad situation may become worse and could be extreme in event of the quick end of the war."

In the meantime, price ceilings, floors, subsidies, rationing and crop controls, confuse the farmer who is in a large measure helpless to meet his problems.

RIGHT ON THE BOTTOM

The public, the industries and the retailers of the nation, have tried to cooperate with the OPA to control the rising cost of living. But OPA's latest announcement on the "highest price line limitation," involving further delay in settling this issue of major importance in low-cost distribution, and on claims advanced in defense of the limitation, leaves retailers "dumbfounded," says Robert A. Seidel, controller of the W. T. Grant Company.

Mr. Seidel declares that "it's high time that the American public learned out that the Office of Price Administration, by limiting and eliminating the competition of low-cost distributors, has forced the American housewife to pay an extra dollar, or 33 per cent more, for a $2.99 dress, and from $3 up to $5 more for a $20 coat.

"The highest price line limitation has not controlled prices, as evidenced by the latest figures of the National Industrial Conference Board. During the last 12 months prices of goods covered by this ridiculous provision have increased almost four times as much as the prices of other lines; the disappearance of women's and children's low-cost outer wear has been more pronounced than is the case in other lines.

"We repeat the suggestion made hundreds of times during the last 12 months: Permit free competition on available goods. Permit low-cost distributors to sell goods at prices lower than those now legally permitted to be charged by specialtiers and profiteers.

"Perhaps we should repeat the proposal made to Congress: 'Allocate 1,000,000 yards of 68 to 72 prints to us and we will have $1.50 dresses on sale in all our 493 stores within 60 days.'"

INTRODUCES ANOTHER SCHOOL FUND BILL

Much has been said, numerous proposals made and but little or nothing has been accomplished by the Kentucky Legislature which has been in session for the past several days.

Another school appropriations bill was introduced in the Senate June 1 by Senator Stanley Blake, Carlisle Democrat. It embraced subjects in the administration bill but called for bigger totals. Supplementary funds out of the Treasury surplus would be limited to $1,000,000 for each fiscal year, is one of the provision of the Blake bill.

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The next time you write to your boy in the service, tell him how you have done about the Fifth War Loan drive. Tell him that every dollar he can save and invest in War Bonds helps to shorten the war and to bring him home sooner. Tell him that you are doing your part to back the invasion. Tell him that you are making sacrifices to help him. Tell him any sacrifices to help him. Tell him anything about the invasion that will make him proud of the people of his country. Tell him that you are making