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BIBLE THOUGHT THIS WEEK

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.
—Psalm 11

NEED FOR ACTIVITY

The active committees of the Rotary Club of Carlisle are doing a splendid job through their varied avenues of service. Yet, there is an apparent need for more concentrated activity for local improvement and planning. Especially is this true in regard to after-war conditions in Carlisle.

The organization of the Rotary club here has seemed to have the effect of putting the local business Men's Club to sleep. It is suggested that it would be a good plan to make an attempt to revive the Business Men's Club which would perform many functions now needed here, or, form out of the Rotary Club a committee for the same purpose. There is much that can be accomplished by such an organization or committee and The Mercury would be glad to publish any contributions of-first suggestions designated as a "Public Forum."

It is well to remember that no town ever stands still—it either goes forward or backward. A live Business Men's Club with plenty of vitality can be of valued assistance in helping to move forward.

A GENEROUS OFFER

Carlisle and Nicholas county extend outstretched arms to men like Sat. S. C. Payne, who recently offered as a gift thirty-five acres of land for the site of a tuberculosis hospital should one of the five to be located in different districts of Kentucky be built in Nicholas county. This was, indeed, a generous offer by Sgt. Payne and he deserves the plaudits of every loyal Nicholas county citizen.

It is evident that Nicholas county has a good chance of securing one of these hospitals, since the county is ideally located geographically and is one of the healthiest counties in the state. Let's show our appreciation of Sgt. Payne's liberality and do all we can to help secure one of these sanatoriums.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The President has proclaimed October 8-14 as Fire Prevention Week. Once again the signal has been given for a renewed offensive against our remorseless enemy, uncontrolled fire. Despite the ceaseless efforts of fire prevention authorities, fire losses have doubled in nine years, reaching a total for the past year of more than $400,000,000.

In an appeal to the American people in commemoration of Fire Prevention Week, W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, says: "If America's wartime fire waste is to be reduced, it will be necessary for every interested person to cooperate in a campaign to spread information about fire dangers. Fire losses increase because most people are not sufficiently interested, and they are not interested because they have not been informed adequately as to the seriousness of losses and hazards. Citizens who do appreciate, can perform patriotic jobs by transmitting information to others and convincing them of the need for special efforts to reduce fire waste. To be specific, begin in your own home by locating all fire dangers there and eliminating them. Branching out from there, tell your neighbors about fire safety and get them to clear all fire dangers from their premises. Then contact fire prevention headquarters in your community and offer your services. Finally, make an effort to promote fire safety in your business. If nothing is being done there, be the one to initiate a safety campaign, for its patriotic to save materials."

Let's all include the prevention with our daily work, not just for a week or a month, but throughout the year—and let's start now.

ARE WE MICE OR MEN?

The determination of the Department of Justice to fasten the claws of Federal regulation on fire insurance by having it declared "interstate commerce," thereby dragging it under Federal jurisdiction instead of leaving it under the control of the various states as it has been, is just part and parcel of the program to make states' rights secondary to a super-centralized government. If insurance is interstate commerce, so is most anything the bureaucrats wish to so designate. Certainly a newspaper would be if one subscription crossed a state line. If that is the case, Federal control and domination of the press is but a matter of time and destre on the part of those in power.

The insurance industry and the various state insurance commissioners, in seeking to preserve state regulation of insurance from domination by Federal officeholders, are fighting a battle which, if carried out, will ultimately engulf the independence of every state, industry and individual in the nation. They are opposing the hated totalitarian form of government which sought to rule the world, and which-tens of thousands of our boys are dying on the battlefields to defeat.

It wasn't so long ago that we scoffed at the idea that we faced such a menace from abroad. Are we going to scoff at the idea that we have the same danger at home? It is high time we opened our eyes and began to fight every move that seeks to subjugate the state and the individual, by making them subservient to a Federal bureaucracy.

WHERE THANKS ARE DUE

A country grocer recently said to a somewhat irate customer: "If you had to keep track of all the rules and regulations that I get from those pencil pushers in Washington, you would be more lenient in your attitude toward the merchant. Men who apparently know nothing about meat cutting tell us how to cut meat, what cuts we can keep in our show case, and how we can prepare it. We are all glad to help ration supplies and control prices but the rationing and price fixers ought to be required to have some practical experience before they are allowed to make their fancy rules and regulations."

We can all allow for many mistakes under the price control act, but we never want to accept the idea that after the war it will be necessary to continue indefinitely the restrictions which the buying public and the producers and merchants have had to endure.

Rationing and price control have been a success because of an efficient and fair merchandising system which was able to carry out a rationing and price control program which, without the cooperation of the merchants, would have been impossible of accomplishment. The nation has its merchants to thank for the unprecedented distribution of necessities and luxuries which it has enjoyed during the war emergency.

MERCHANT SHIPS

Private American shipping companies are preparing to resume operation of their line on a much larger scale than before the war. The American President Lines will enter upon its new field of operation with a fleet of 30 ships. The American-Africa Lines, and the Grace Line, are figuring upon broad enlargement of their services.

After the war steamship lines will face stiff competition from the airways—this will mean more luxury, solid comfort and relaxation on board ships; while the travel by air will appeal to millions of people who are in a great hurry to get there and back, despite of discomfort of travel on planes that will be over-crowded.

Unconditional Surrender

YOU EAT LABOR COSTS

In the campaign to hold down the cost of living as the labor cost in production has gone up, the farmers of the country have been put in an unfavorable position.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers who produce a great portion of the nation's food, used to have a "hired hand" who received $40 or $50 or $60 a month and room and board—and this meant more net income for the worker than two or three times that amount in a city.

Today the farmer pays double and treble these pre-war wages, and $1.00 an hour for inferior "extra help."

All the price ceilings, rationing and restrictions in the world won't produce food, and the cost of food must be located to the cost of production or there won't be any food. So if food prices have increased higher proportionately than other prices, it is simply because farm labor has increased more proportionately than in the other industries.

THIS IS NOT AMERICA

Because a national election is soon to be held while the country is engaged in a war, a lot of people assume that this event in itself proves that American freedom is secure. Such an idea is not air, pure and simple. American political liberty is based upon economic liberty—the right of a man to create and run a business or hold a job unhindered by coercion or dictation from any source, in a free competitive market. The exigencies of war have banned the free market. Unless it is restored, our economic liberty and our political liberty are in danger of destruction.

The completeness of the extinction of the free market is eloquently emphasized in the current bulletin of the National Association of Food Chains. Figures and other contents under fifty or sixty headings is devoted to informing food retailers on the latest government decrees affecting the brend and better existence of the American people. A few of them read as follows: New Point Value Charts, Rubber Order Eased, Used Commercial Vehicle Prices, Stapler Control Revoked, Ration Book Deposits, New Trade Point Values, Agricultural Container Prices, Soup Bean and Cucumber Prices, Storage Restrictions Tightened, OPA Boards of Review, OPA Procedure Regulations, Fresh Vegetable Pricing, Potato Prices Raised, New Red Stamps Valid. And so on, ad infinitum.

This is not the American way of doing business. It is not a free market. If continued indefinitely into the peace, it will result in the destruction of freedom. As the magazine Life points out in discussing the problem of reconversion: "The only proper objective of government economy policy is to encourage efficiency, given the free market is the only economic system on which Americans can safely count to increase their standard of living, release their own creative energy, use their resources efficiently, govern in the finitely complex jungle of their daily trading and protect their political democracy. All at the same time."

—It Pays To Advertise—

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

Some labor representatives claim that a majority of the armed forces are union members, so the question of whether returning service men will be forced to join unions or go without jobs is irrelevant. Assuming that a majority of service men do support unions wholeheartedly, does the United States, whose young men are now dying in battle all over the world to protect the rights of minorities in foreign lands, propose to disregard the rights of minorities within its own borders after the war? That question should be free to join or not join a union, whether or not a majority of workers favor it. Unless freedom of choice is preserved for minorities, we have sacrificed in vain the flower of our manhood.

Memorial Services For Ben Murray

Relatives of Ben W. Murray, Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy, who was reported missing in action in the South Pacific, received two commendations last week from his commanding officer and chaplain.

Lieutenant Commander Marshfield gave the following report concerning the missing man:

"We were moving our unit from Australia to the Admiralty Islands. The flight on which Ben was a passenger was the first to leave Brisbane, and had on board 17 of our best men, who were to start operations in the Admiralty's. The officer in charge was our most experienced pilot, and the airplane was in good condition. The flight departed from Cairns, Australia, cleared directly to the Admiralty Islands. The airplane did not arrive at its destination and has been unreported since July 23, 44. The admiral in charge ordered a thorough search, with all the aircraft that he could use, over practically all areas in which the plane might have been. We were hoping and praying for our ships mate, but after investigation of every respect we knew they were lost at sea.

"We express to you the personal sympathy of all the officers and men of this unit. Your nephew was very well liked and respected by all of us. We know that the suspence of the report that he is missing is hard to bear. We are always hoping that the men who were out on this flight will be found. It is best, however, not to be too optimistic. It is hard to determine how such a large plane occupied by 17 men can disappear. But that is what has happened. We know no more than this particular aircraft failed to arrive at its destination.

"We are anxious for this war to end. It was for this purpose that your nephew went out on his assigned task. His contribution has been made for the sake of all humanity. We trust that the things the world will never forget what it owes to our heroes. There is nothing more we can write. We want you to know that we are with you in God cares. We add to our prayers to you for the safety of your husband and your children.

The letter from the chaplain follows:

"I feel that you would like to know that a special service of prayer and hope was held July 30 for your nephew and his shipmates who were in the missing aircraft. We realize that their fate is in the hands of God. All of the officers and enlisted men in Ben's unit attended the service. Your nephew's friends have told me what a fine man he was. He enriched the lives of all he touched. Even though things look black, it is in the will of God, we hope that he may be found.

"I want you to know that our prayers go up to heaven with yours in this trying time. We also pray that Christ will minister to you in your moments of need. We realize as you do, that our only help and strength lies in God."

Murray, who had completed 2½ years service in World War I and 2, is a brother of Mrs. C. M. Steuart Carlisle, and Reed Kirk of Bedtsville, and a nephew of W. B. Murry, Carlisle.

HOG JAW

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Early, Mr. and Mrs. Bradna Gaunce, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Eckhouse and Mrs. and Mrs. Fannie Gaunce were guests of Uncle Bill Earlywine and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ritchie and family were guests of relatives in Sunday.

Mrs. Chapie Ritchie visited Mrs. Bruce Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. Hollar and daughter, Grace, were guest of Mr. John Webster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sallee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Wagoner and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ritchie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sallee Monday night.

EAST UNION 4-H CLUB ELECT OFFICERS SEPT 2

Officers were elected at the meeting of the East Union 4-H Club Sept. 13. They are Anna Lee Gates secretary, Marjorie Loy president, Louise Vice vice-president, Vernon Brooks treasurer, Charles Guthrie reporter, Jean Bauch and Billy Joe Scott song leaders, Allen K Scott and O. H. Foster cheer leaders.

The project leaders are: sewing, Majorie Loy; tobacco, Allen Keith Scott; gardening, Majorie Loy; corn, Charles Guthrie, colt, Frank Terrell; poultry, Edgar Boyd, pig, O. H. Foster.

County Agent Wm. T. Straw and Mr. McKinley visited the East Union 4-H club October 2. Project reports have been completed and tentative plans for the 4-H club were discussed.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Several friends gathered at the home of Mae Collyer last Saturday night to celebrate her birthday anniversary with a surprise birthday supper. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

25 Years Ago

Thursday, October 9, 1919

James H. Tilton, news editor of the Mercury 1916, enters real estate business as part of firm Milford, Tilton & Co.

Kentucky short 1000 public school teachers

J. C. Taylor, J. W. Brierly, Zac Bixley, Tony Dotson and Ike Dotson, Barbourville, form oil company under title of Barbourville Oil and Gas Co. incorporated for $15,000

Teddy Bryson sustains broken toe in football practice at M. H. S.

R. W. Neal buys stock of general merchandise of Wm. Tucker at Moorefield and assumes charge of business

Russell Shrout accepts position in dry goods store of Hart-dupont.

Little Jane Ross ill with scarlet fever

Miss Ida Florence Plummer, formerly of Carlisle girl, given grading at Orpheum Theatre

R. C. King leaves for Battle Creek Mich. for benefit of health

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Miss Mary Ed Rice and Mr. Grant Metcalfe, Miss Olive Robertson Cord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cord, and John R. L. Carrington, at Covington.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, October 11, 1894

Governor Brown appoints Hanson Kennedy delegate to Immigration Convention in Louisville.

M. Shannon, near Myers, kills blue crane measuring 7 ft. 3 in. from tip to tip of wings and 6 ft. 2 in. from bill to tail.

Chas. T. Donnell's horses take 5 premiums at Germantown Fair, Jas. Donnell's, four.

Chas. B. Morford and J. J. Osborne attending court here.

Stock of Eder Harness Co. sold at auction.

Frank Kennedy and Gaines Dudley join Flemingsburg fishing party on Cumberland River.

Mrs. J. T. Layman and son of Indianapolis, Ind., here for funeral of brother, John Steele Parks.

Miss Lummie Campbell, the dressmaker, returns from Cincinnati where she has been looking after styles and fashion in her line.

Dr. W. H. Martin accompanies Gray, to Louisville, to enter Kentucky College of Medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Minnis, of Brother, John Steele Parks daughter, Mrs. Roger Hamilton.

Mrs. Jeff Gray, little granddaughter, Annie Howe visiting sister, Mrs. Unerman in Lexington.

Mrs. John W. McCune and son, Buffer, visiting in Clark county.

Mrs. Thos H. Pickrell and little daughter Isabel shopping in Cincinnati.

W. C. Wood and wife of Miss., guests of sister, Mrs Wm. Mumford.

Belle Holladay Stitt and bride arrive home and are comfortably located at Mrs. Tureman's residence.

Andy Boyd returns to Cincinnati Monday.

Major Glenn and Wm. Dinsmore on fishing trip in Mountains

T. S. Spafford visiting relatives in Indianapolis

Jno. Johnson and wife of the brighter young lawyers of Cynthiana, visiting court here.

J. W. Johnson and wife of Jacksonville, Ill., visiting relatives here.

McFalls's on Main street, next door to Farmer's Bank, offers new fall clothing in the way of cheviots, cassimeres, cheviots, square sacks and spike tail cutaways, black and brown.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shrout, of Myers, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burris, a son. To the wife of John Barnett, of Sharpsburg, a daughter.

MARRIED—Mr. J P Gilvin and Miss Lura T Layton. Mr. Wm. H Langford and Miss Lucy W. Freeman.

John Steele Parks, 48, only son of Col. T. S. Parks, James B., 38, in Robertson county. John F. Gray, Will Clary, 40, near Shannon, Mason county. Mrs. Campbell, 72, brother of John W. Campbell.

The American Legion presents The KENTUCKY KAVALIERS featuring WINONA VOCALIST and TAP DANCER ONE NIGHT ONLY Thursday, October 12th, 1944 MAYSVILLE'S OWN BAND of Fourteen Members, playing in the newly decorated Ballroom. MAYSVILLE, KY. Hours: 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

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ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. Robert Stuart Curry and daughter, of Springfield, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Blackmore, of Cincinnati, were recent guests of Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Taylor.

Mrs. Charles McChord, of Danville was the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Shearer, and Mr. Shearer.

Mrs. C. B. Pumphrey left Monday for Lexington, where she has accepted a position in the V. W. A. cafeteria. Her daughter, Miss Mary Alice Pumphrey, is taking nurses training at St. Joseph's hospital.

Miss Jane Squires, of Lexington, was a recent guest of Miss June Stewart.

Frank J. Mathias, of Lexington, spent the week-end with his brothers, Joe and Charley Mathias.

Miss Geneva McGuire, of the Maysville road, entered K. F. O. S. at Midway this week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen.

Clyde Snelling has been confined to his home for the past week with a head infection.

Frankie Caswell and family have moved to the Galbraith home on East Main street, which they recently purchased from Mrs. John O'Connell.

Mrs. Bruce Cleaver and daughter spent the past week-end with their parents, at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he is in paratroop training.

Mrs. C. V. Crabb returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Lexington.

Mrs. Enoch Quilliam, of Washington, Ind., arrived last week for a visit with her brother, Mrs. R. J. Hamilton, and her mother.

Mrs. R. L. Talbert and baby daughter, Mary Elizabeth, were guests of Mayne and Mrs. W. C. Talbert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Estill Glass and Mrs. Ethel Glass, of Georgetown, were here Sunday to accompany Mrs. Bruce Sexton home after a short visit with them.

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