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BIBLE THOUGHT THIS WEEK

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—think on these things.
—Phil. iv. 8.

PLANS FOR V-DAY

Final plans for V-Day celebrations, consisting of memorial services, parades, victory programs, etc., are being made in many cities and towns throughout the nation. Lexington has completed plans for a dinner meeting of the Man O' War Post of the American Legion, memorial program at the court house, parade and a program at Stoll Field in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. The celebration is planned to begin one hour after Lexington newspapers publish the news of German's surrender.

No one knows the exact hour when Germany will surrender, but it is the opinion of The Mercury that some plans should be made at once for similar services, or celebration, in Carlisle. Probably some moves have been made in that direction, if so, The Mercury would be pleased to publish details.

TIME FOR STATESMANSHIP

Statisticians have made a good case in support of the idea that demand for the products of the dustry will be nearly insatiable after the war. However, industry holds no illusions about a possible Utopia. It knows that the remorseless battle to hold down costs will continue. It knows that production must be combined with broad distribution to insure stability.

For these reasons, postwar planners of production are joining with postwar planners in retail distribution to work out the problems of securing and maintaining a maximum flow of goods to consumers at reasonable prices. As never before, mass distribution will be relied upon to keep living costs on an even keel. A leading retailer declares that unless retail distributors can help move into consumption anywhere from 40 to 50 percent more consumer goods than have ever before been produced, we face serious unemployment and depression.

Of course, producers and distributors cannot be expected to work miracles. The continuance of cost-cutting which has marked the growth of mass production and distribution, will depend in large measure upon the people and the representatives in government.

Before the war, legislative bodies pursued the fallacy of trying to equalize competition by enacting punitive tax laws designed to curb efficiency. These curbs on efficiency are best typified in the class taxation against chain stores, which spread across the country like a plague a few years ago, before it was finally realized that efficiency and size in industry do not necessarily spell monopoly. Postwar prosperity depends on public opinion eliminating the demagogic approach to industrial problems.

BE CAREFUL

Under the withering late summer sun, the danger of fire increases. Forests and fields are tinder dry. Farm barns are crammed to the roof with inflamable livestock feed.

This year the danger of fire is greater than normal, because of the manpower shortage. Forest protection agencies have lost many of their trained "smoke chasers" and no longer can count on large numbers of men to combat conflagrations. Last year in the single state of California, fires in timbered areas, water sheds, and grain fields swept through 675,000 acres.

Nine out of ten were man made and therefore preventable. Such fires do irreparable damage to the war effort. They destroy natural resources" that only time can replace. Where standing timber has been wiped out, this means hundreds of years.

From now until the first soaking rains, efforts to prevent fire care should be used in burning trash. Every cigarette butt should should be redudced. Extreme be completely extinguished. Extreme caution should govern the use of matches.

There are stiff penalties for failure to observe preventive measures during the fire season. But even these are futile unless the public wholeheartedly cooperates with fire protection authorities. In most instances, the thoughtless culprit who starts a fire through carelessness, is not apprehended. He may wreck destruction totaling many millions of dollars. He may also bring death to many persons.

These are things we should take time to think about during dry summer days.

EXCUSE, PLEASE

Irresponsible spokesmen for labor attempt to measure the manhours lost through strikes in terms of the time lost by the striking workers only. The hypocrisy in this method was damningly revealed during the Philadelphia transit strike. In a letter to the President regarding the strike, William H Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, wrote: "It involves upward of 6,000 employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Co., It is depriving some 2,000,000 people of transportation, about 30,000 of whom are war workers."

Actually no one can measure the full extent of the effects of a wartime strike. Anyone who even attempts to justify such a strike is tarring himself with the same brush of disrepute that has been heaped on the near treason which blackens the soul of every striking worker. The plain fact is that there is no excuse whatsoever for strikes during wartime. They will boomerang against the cause of legitimate unionism as surely as the sun rises.

Instead of trying to excuse past strikes, labor leaders can never be repaired, union representatives should work to avoid further strikes until the war is over and won.

GOVERNMENT GENEROSITY A MYTH

Anyone who has been dazzled by the seeming benevolence of government in recent years, should talk to the farmers in Washington's apple producing centers. . . . When the turn came them, grown weary of unjustified attacks of private ownership producers on the private electric company serving his district, wrote a letter to a local editor, observing that: "When the big depression of the 30's came, irrigation districts and the county took over thousands of acres of orchard for back taxes and unpaid water assessments. But the . . . power company continued to stand by the farmers. It did not run out on them.

"During those dark years, any grower who could not pay his power and light bill and laid his cards squarely on the table, continued to get power even though his bills had not been paid for three, four or five years—and more. . . . When the turn came growers began paying their back power bills but the company did not collect for all the power it delivered . . . The power company took it on the chin along with the rest of us."

The fiction that private industry is completely selfish, while government generosity knows no limit, will eventually be revealed for just what it is—fiction. Every man knows that if he fails to pay taxes, no matter how hard up he is, the tax collector will collect—every dime, plus penalties and interest, or sell his property.

FARM INDEPENDENCE

Eventually the day will come when government subsidies and political manipulation of agricul-

INTERESTING LETTER . . .

Husband of Nicholas County Girl Writes of His Experience When Invading France

The following is copied from a portion of a letter written by Hubbard M. Endicott, husband of Tempa Gaines Endicott, who is located at Oak Ridge. Term Endicott is on the U. S. S. Arkansas, one of the battleships participating in the Normandy and South France invasions.

"The Allies struck a heavy blow in the invasion of Southern France several days ago and the Arkansas, as in the Normandy invasion, was present at the initial assault helping to blast a path for the first landings. Not long after we left port the captain spoke to us describing the task which lay ahead. Meanwhile, we were briefed by men-of-war of both our own and other nations. As we plowed onward through the blue Mediterranean I wondered if the enemy realized when or where we were about to strik and would he ready to "take it" and "dish out".

"During the night many shapeless, obscure forms of transports and landing craft were overtaken and left behind in the darkness as we moved into our assigned position. Angry rumblings of bomb bursts and flashes of fire came from the distant area as bombers unloaded their deadly cargo. Swarms of bombers, fighters and troop transport planes droned overhead from the south and from the engaged area.

"When the time came to glow just before dawn, we found ourselves surrounded with ships and landing craft of all descriptions; while the shores of France loomed surprisingly near, shrouded with a haze of dust and smoke from night bombings. Behind us were then well within range of enemy coastal batteries and no one hoped we would not long delay our opening fire 'cause I was fast becoming convinced that the only admonition that "if your knees knock kneel on them." We had not long to wait, however, as the main battery was given the emergency installation of casemated guns and the sounding of the firing order "Commence firing" began the opening salvo." With a deafening roar we sent our parties to Hitler's crowd on the beach. All around us ships of many nations were blasting away as our initial salvo after salvo while hundreds of landing craft moved shoreward.

"As you know, the Army took the beach in short order and moved inland in high gear. We had a number of Germans aboard before we left for a while. They didn't have the rough superman appearance the German propaganda experts would have us believe. A couple of eighths were sighted fairly close, 88 snoopers but a lusty barrage of anti-aircraft fire soon them off.

"The run crews really enjoy throwing big stuff over here at the Nazis and are getting worried that for fear the war will be over for the Navy and we will be left out at the finish. Anticipating this possible situation the gunners are trying to have the engineers install wheels on the "Arky" so we can catch up with the Army and help chase the Heines through the streets of Berlin."

DEATHS

SWINDLER

Mrs. B. F. Swindler, widow of a former Baptist Minister in Carlisle, died Sunday at the early age of 97 at the home of her son, T. M. Swindler, in Covington. She was a native of Kentucky and survived by two sons and three daughters, one of whom is Miss Sue Swindler, who is well remembered here.

Funeral was held Wednesday at the funeral home of her son and burial was in Highland cemetery at Fort Mitchell.

TUNE

Mrs. Sadie Bell Tune, wife of Robert M. Tune, died Saturday, August 26, of a heart attack at her home in Akron, Ohio. Funeral and burial was in Youngstown, Ohio, on the 29th.

BARLOW

Coburn Russell Barlow, 45, died Tuesday afternoon in Nixon, Tex., from paralysis.

He was a native of ~Nicholas county, being the son of C. F. Barlow, of Headquarters.

Besides his father, wife and daughter, he is survived by two brothers, Floyd and Russell Barlow, and a sister, Mrs. Earl Veach of Delaney, Nicholas county.

Mr. Barlow resided in Texas for over 20 years, and was in the U. S. Army until a year ago when his health broke down, he received a medical discharge.

Funeral and burial will take place in Nixon.

STEELE

William M. Steele, 73, died Tuesday at 9 p. m. at the home of his son, Floyd Steele, near Carlisle, where he had been ill three week.

ture will end. Farmers will not be sorry. They will again breathe the air of independence that made American farms the most productive in the world.

CHURCHES

THE CARLISLE METHODIST CHURCH
S. Hampton Barnette, Minister
Church School 9:30.
Preaching 10.45.
Methodist Youth Fellowship 7 o'clock.
Preaching 7.30.
Sunday morning Rev. M. P. McClure, Dist. Supt. will preach. Rev Robert Green, Millersburg, will preach at the evening service.
Mrs. E. H. Barnette will hold prayer meeting.
Prof. E. M. Norsworthy was elected Director of Religious Education of the church, and Supt of the Adult Division.
Rev. Barnette was in Carter-ville, Va., the next two weeks for revival. He will return for services September 24.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
The Friendly Church
Rev. Ted Sue, Pastor
Bible school assembly 9:30. (Orginized classes for all).
Communion and preaching at 10:30 a. m. Sermon subject, "Thy Word."
Sunday services at Bald Hill church at 2:30.
Junior, Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship service at 7:30 Sermon, "A Discovery," by the pastor.
Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

THE CARLISLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday school. Come and get prepare for Bally Day.
11 a. m. Preaching on the theme, "A Man of Fight or Faith—Which?"
7:30 Evening worship The pastor will preach on "Paying My Debts."
As V Day draws near, let us draw nearer to God and His church. That is the best expression of our gratitude for Victory.

PREACHING AT MOOREFIELD
Rev. Cecil Crabb will preach at Moorefield Thursday evening, September 14, at 8 p. m. Friends and members are cordially invited to attend.

MT. ZION CHURCH
Rev. Ted Sue, Supt. Bible School
Bro. Glenn Giese, of Cincinnati, will fill his regular appointment at Mount Zion Sunday, September 17. Let each of us do what we know we should and be at church on this day.
Bible school at 10 a. m.
Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.
Christian endeavor 7:30 p. m.
Sermon and song service 8 p. m. Bro. Giese said "If you have ever got well keep my commandments" —John 14:15. What about your love for Him if you stay away from His church on His day—the Lord's day.

MOOREFIELD AND HEADQUARTERS CHURCHES
E. F. Burnside, Pastor.
Services at Headquarters first and third Sunday each month, and at Moorefield second and fourth Sunday each month.

CARLISLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Every member is urged to attend the Sunday morning services as the church begins a search for a new pastor.

He was a native of Bath county, but the most of Clark Steele's life was spent in Nicholas county. For the past two years he had lived in Bath county.

Mr. Steele is survived by the following children: Clarence Steele, Carlisle; Mrs. Ethel Powers, Bourbon county; Floyd Steele, Carlisle; and Robert Steele, in the U. S. Army, located at Tampa, Fla., and several grandchildren.

The body is at the local funeral home where it will remain till time and place of funeral services are announced. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

Letters to Editor

"I get The Mercury every week and sure enjoy reading the news from home. Would be glad to hear from any of my friends around Carlisle and Barterville."—Pvt. S. 2-c John R. Jenkins, USNATB, S & R, Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Writing in to have his address changed from Ft. Thomas, Ky., to Ashland, Ky., where Cpl. has been transferred as superintendent, Rev. John 14:15 writes: "We enjoy your splendid paper so much."

Enclosed find check for a subscription to The Mercury. My present address is 101 Wilkinson street. I am very mindful of the courtesies shown me, by the Mercury staff, during my term as Superintendent of Schools, in Carlisle. Your paper has always stood for civic progress.

With best wishes to all.
Cordially yours,
E. E. Fimstahl

The World At War
No. 143
By Charles M. Knapp,
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With this issue the writer begins the sixth year as a commentator on the news from the battlefronts and the capitals of the warring nations. How long ago it was his task to record and interpret the defeats of the year after another, the Allied countries suffered. For the past year the news has been brighter and he has been able to take a more optimistic view of the Allied cause. For the past three months it has been possible to believe that the end of the war in Europe was in sight this year. Such views as recent events have been voiced by Gen. Eisenhower and others in position to know a far better view of the European operations.

EUROPEAN BATTLEFONTS — In France, the Allied armies had, at the beginning of the week, extended their fronts so far that they had to wait for supplies to be transported. That time has been used to reorganize for the drives into Germany which must be expected to materialize soon. In Belgium and Luxemburg the American armies reached the German border and the Allied armies had the beginnings of the west wall defenses of the west