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CLINTON, S. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1943

The Green Benches

A number of restful benches have been placed in the business section of the city during the past week. They were paid for by the business firms in front of which they are located.

The seats have been provided especially for the cadets of the 39th Training detachment as a convenience during their off hours up town in the evenings. It is much more inviting during this sort of weather to be seated than to stand and perspire. The seats are also for the convenience of the public.

It is a nice courtesy shown by the participating firms who have made the benches possible. We know they will be enjoyed during the hot months ahead. They give the city a sort of mountain resort appearance like Hendersonville, N. C., and other places.

Seven Food 'Firsts'

We all know by now that meat is not necessary every day, since there are alternates for it. But there are also alternates in almost every group of food "musts."

This list of seven basic food groups, which should be included in the daily diet of everyone, is the consensus of the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, the United States Department of Agriculture, and of the country's food industry.

1. Green and yellow vegetables—some raw, some cooked, frozen or canned.

2. Oranges, tomatoes, grapefruit or raw cabbage or salad greens.

3. Potatoes and other vegetables and fruits—raw, dried, cooked, frozen or canned.

4. Milk and milk products—fluid, evaporated, dried milk or cheese.

5. Meat, poultry, fish or eggs or dried beans, peas, nuts or peanut butter.

6. Bread, flour and cereals—natural whole grain, or enriched or restored.

7. Butter or fortified margarine (vitamin A added).

In addition to the above list, we are told to eat any other foods we deem advisable, and drink six to eight glasses of water every day. Plan these foods around home-raised products.

The Pay-As-You-Go Plan

The new pay-as-you-go tax plan will become effective July first. Beginning on this date there will be withheld from all employees' pay an amount equal to 20 per cent of the excess wages over the family status withholding exemption, or three per cent of the excess of wages over the victory tax withholding exemption, whichever is greater.

A great many people are confused about the new income tax program and are interpreting it as meaning 20 per cent of gross salaries will be withheld. This is incorrect. There is not a flat 20 per cent withholding tax on the wages and salaries of employees. The deduction is applicable only to that portion of the wage and salary over and above the taxpayer's legal exemptions.

For example, a married man claiming the whole of his personal exemption would be subject to the withholding tax only on his income above \$1,248 a year. If he earned \$1,500 annually, the 20 per cent would be applicable only to the excess of \$252, which would amount to a total annual withholding of only \$50.40. For each child or other dependent he would of course be entitled to \$312 additional exemption.

A single person with no dependents would be subject to the withholding tax only on that income in excess of \$624 a year.

It also seems that many people are under the impression that the new tax is in addition to the victory tax. The victory tax is, of course, entirely absorbed under the new 20 per cent rate.

The 20 per cent reduction from excess wages is going to hurt while we are adjusting ourselves to it—but it's going to be a nice feeling next March to realize that we are all paid up on income tax.

The plan is definitely a progressive step in the handling of taxation which is mounting daily. Generally speaking, in the long run there is no doubt that it is easier to pay taxes each month on the amount we earn that month and thus have our payments adjusted immediately if our wages increase or decrease.

Under the old plan, many people who lost their jobs or took cuts in income were suddenly obligated to pay a large tax on money they had earned in better days the year before. Under the new plan we will never be under any big obligation to the government at one time.

And so, although we are going to have a sizeable chunk taken out of our wages the philosophical view to take is that the program is a step

toward putting our personal finances on a sounder and more efficient basis.

Harry E. Sturgeon

The passing of Dr. Harry E. Sturgeon brings a heartache to all who knew him at the college and in the city, and leaves the community poorer.

Dr. Sturgeon, known to many intimate friends as "Harry," was an adopted Clinton son. He came here 24 years ago as a stranger from a distant state to dedicate his life to Presbyterian college as a valuable member of its faculty. He dearly loved the institution, he stood loyally by it during all the years, he always gave to it his best. He possessed many gentlemanly and professional attributes that endeared him to the hundreds of students who have filled his chemistry classes over a long period of years. He went about the performance of his work with no display, he never played to the grandstands. To whatever he turned his attention, he was painstaking, courteous and thorough.

Dr. Sturgeon was a valuable member of the college faculty. He was recognized as a man of sterling character and of uncompromising principles. With the students he was always popular. We have heard many college boys refer to him through the run of the years, and always they spoke in favorable terms. As an illustration, the writer was with one of the fine young cadets at the college Monday morning and informed him of the passing of Dr. Sturgeon. The young student was both surprised and saddened. Said he, "I am a member of one of his classes and the other day, when we heard of his illness, we took up a collection and sent some flowers to the Greenville hospital for him with our best wishes for an early recovery. He was a fine gentleman, an excellent teacher," said the cadet who had known the professor only a short time. That was the testimonial of all who sat in his classes.

Not only at the college, but also in the community, Dr. Sturgeon's influence was felt. He loved his church and served it faithfully, he gave his support to civic efforts, he responded freely to educational, cultural and religious causes.

In many ways Dr. Sturgeon will be missed in this community as a first-rate citizen, a Christian gentleman and a true friend. He has left his family and friends a golden memory.

To Honor Dr. Lynn

The churches of the city have announced a "farewell" service to be held Sunday evening at the First Baptist church in honor of the Rev. L. Ross Lynn, D.D., who, upon his own request, is retiring this month as president of Thornwell orphanage after 25 years faithful service. Similar farewell programs have recently been held in his honor by the local Kiwanis club of which he is a member, and by the board of trustees of the institution he has served since 1918.

Dr. Lynn's record here is well known by those who are acquainted with the institution. By his Christian character and example, his fidelity to duty, his upholding of the principles and traditions of this great institution he has endeared himself to those with whom he has labored, and under his direction the institution has shown steady growth, the plant has been enlarged and improved, and substantial increases have been made in the endowment.

In his work as father to three hundred children he has had an able and consecrated helper in Mrs. Lynn, who has truly been a friend and mother to the children of the home. Their happiness and successes have been hers and by her sincere friendship and Christian character, she has been a blessing to Thornwell and a valuable helpmate to her husband.

Not only at the orphanage have the services of Dr. Lynn been appreciated, but in the community as well. A gentleman, a sincere friend, an exemplar of citizenship and one willing always to do his part whatever the call might be—he has won and held the confidence of the community from the day he came here from another state to the present time.

As Dr. Lynn goes away he carries with him the best wishes and prayers not only of the orphanage family, but also of many friends in the city in all walks of life. He will be missed in this community where he has served well.

Growing Absenteeism

One of the big problems, in war production work as well as private industry, is absenteeism. Recently we were shown through a large government shipyard and prominently displayed in the center of the property was a large bulletin board with the caption in big letters—Absenteeism. We asked an official of the plant

who was showing us over the project, "Do you have trouble with absenteeism?" "Very much," he said, "and we can't do a thing about it. Especially over the week-ends do we have heavy lay-outs."

This condition generally exists today, both in large and small industries. More than three billion man-hours of work in war plants were lost last year. There are a number of reasons for this deplorable condition. One, of course, is the inflated wage scale in government work. Short hours, high pay, excessive over-time, double pay, easy money, make it easy for workers to lay out on their jobs. When a man used to making \$20 to \$40 a week is paid from \$60 to \$80 per week, more absenteeism is the inevitable result.

Another contributing factor is drinking over the week-ends of beer and liquor. This, in many cases, produces crime, prostitution, juvenile delinquency and unwholesome conditions. All added up it means a retarding of the war effort, a highly inflated war cost.

Absenteeism is a human problem, and once you eliminate the underlying cause, the trouble is likely to disappear. Human problems revolve around human frailties as old as Adam, and such ancient quotations as "Easy comes, easy goes," "Fools and their money soon part," and "An idle brain is the devil's workshop," are as true today as when first spoken.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE McGEE

A Quiz By McGee

Q—How long would a crooked labor leader live in the South?

A—About 15 minutes, or until some loyal American could draw a bead on him.

Q—Where do you think "Happy" Chandler could render the most valuable service to the United States?

A—Back home in Kentucky plowing a mule or an ox.

Q—What do you think of Rep. Bill Rogers, the son of one of America's greatest personalities?

A—Bill should be seen and not heard . . . to be really appreciated, if such a thing is possible.

Q—What do you think of the Ruml plan, Mr. Taxpayer?

A—What do you think of Santa Clause, Mr. Citizen?

Q—What is your opinion of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Madam Perkins?

A—Don't push me.

Q—How many non-essential employees are working for Uncle Sam in Washington: note—the word "working" is used advisedly?

A—About two-thirds of those that are on the payroll.

Q—What is the duty of every farmer in this country?

A—To feed the world even though he himself starves.

Q—Will farm prices follow the rise in wages in industry?

A—Yes, everything grown on the farm will advance in price, after it leaves the farmer's hands . . . with 4 exceptions.

Q—Will cotton, corn, wheat, and barley advance in sympathy with other commodities?

A—My goodness, no. A farmer who grows these four non-essentials need not expect anything except headaches, rheumatism and sun-burn . . . but labor will get the gravy.

Q—Was there very much lobbying going on during the process of passing the Ruml plan?

A—Does the sun shine at night or during the day-light hours?

Q—Are all Americans making sacrifices at this time to help win the war?

A—We should say so. A few are walking that never walked before. A few others are eating round steak instead of porterhouse. And some (limited) others are sleeping late.

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we'll set in the sunshine in the winter time, and a nice shade tree will make summer sublime. we won't have to worry about money and such, wagner's bill will provide the "touch," porterhouse steak will be as plentiful as air; and all other good eating will be right there. we won't care what a day brings forth: we'll rest and sleep for all we're worth. no cotton to hoe, no fodder to pull, no loom to sweat over, and that ain't bull. our government will fix us and we don't mean maybe, it'll take care of ma as well as the baby.

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old easy street will run right by our door; the rich will be worse off than the poor. no poverty, no hunger, no worry of any kind; no debts, no collectors, no contracts that bind. such heavenly bliss all of this will be; it's great to have a common-wealth full of nothing but glee. our cup will be running over with blessings and such; uncle sam is rich and can spare this much. thank you, mr. wagner, for making a heaven to crave; we can stand prosperity from the cradle to the grave.

TODAY . . . TOMORROW

By Don Robinson

VICTORY — Relaxing

The American people do a lot better job of coping with bad news than with good news.

During the war, when news has been bad, most of us have been perfectly willing to make any sacrifices we are called upon to make—and we actually feel better about it when we give up a lot of things which usually are important to us. The more we do the more it helps to relieve us of any feeling of personal guilt over reverses on the fighting fronts.

But when good news comes along—the kind of news we have had for the last few months—most of us are over-eager to get rid of sacrifices and nuisances and resume normal living. It seems to be our natural reaction to relax immediately—to cut down on the war work we are doing, be less concerned about black markets, let our scrap collecting slide, step on the gas and let the other fellow handle details of "mopping up."

In spite of the fact that the biggest and most bloody part of the war is yet to come, many people are actually taking the attitude that we have reached the "mopping up" stage. Recruiting has fallen off, blood bank donations are decreasing, and local defense councils are reporting a cooling off of volunteer work.

NEWS — Needs

Actually, good news, until this war ends, is apt to demand more civilian sacrifices than does bad news.

Good news will mean that we have greater numbers of planes in Europe, Africa and the Pacific—planes which require increased amounts of the gasoline which might otherwise go to civilians.

Good news will mean that we are freeing countries where the people have long been starving under Hitler's rule and to whom we will want to send enormous quantities of food from our shrinking larder.

Good news will mean that we have bigger armies than ever in the field which must be supplied with larger amounts of war equipment and food. And good news will mean that the

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enemy will become increasingly desperate and may resort to the long-threatened bombing of American towns and cities in an effort to bolster morale in their tottering countries.

Thus good news calls for harder work, greater sacrifice and increased alertness on our part if we want to hurry the day when we will get the best news of all—the news of the unconditional surrender of the enemy.

FUTURE — SACRIFICE

Fortunately, in this country, if the people are given a clear picture of the facts the majority can be counted upon to do their part.

Those who are trying to throw off the bonds of war before the war is won are doing so because they don't fully understand the vital need for increased effort or because they belong to that small, selfish minority which, since the war began, has put its own interests ahead of the interests of the country.

Before this war is over we will undoubtedly have to do a lot more sacrificing than we have done so far. Food will become scarcer, gasoline will be curbed more, luxury services to which we are accustomed will be abandoned, large additional numbers of men will be drafted into the army, working hours will be increased, and the manufacture of civilian supplies will be cut to rock bottom.

That day of new automobiles, private planes, improved refrigerators and washing machines, miracle homes and stores bulging with good things to eat may be coming over the horizon, but we have to travel the rough road we have traversed so far before we reach it. So long as millions of our boys must continue to fight, those of us at home should permit no let-up in our war activities.

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