To Spite His Face

On City.

War Closes

By Dick Young

EACH day the war comes closer to us all. And the City Hall

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Thomas Polk to consider the state of the country in May 1775. He was there when the declaration was signed on the 20th of May. He lived in what is now lower Buford Township, Union Country, then a part of Mecklenburg.

part of Meckienburgs, then he was the west of the west

BUT THE LEG WAS GONE

In 1875 when the centennial was their and was introduced to the crowd by Governor Vanne. He was then in 10 years old. Returning the condition of the condi

Il is a well known fact that people who have lost a limb often imagine that there are paints in the foat and buried. The physiological explanation is that the nerves which convey impulses to the brain continue to refer sensations to the lost member, and the sensation, to the convey impulses to the brain continue to be "fell" as if in the foot or hand that is gone.

Mr. Lathan's recollection of James Belk is very clear. The old main had two sora, both well rewarded to the continue to the father of Dr. Sam Belk, Rev. George Belk and Rev. Darling Belk, and Mrs. Alice Broom, who is still living. The other son was

Belk and Mrs. Allee Broom, who is still living. The other sho was Rev. Joilius Belk, who was the father of the late Mrs. J. W. Mc-Cain of Waxhaw. His one daughter, Esther Belk, married Burrell Belk, whose son, Liggett Belk, was father of the late Squire Sanford Belk, who was coroner of Union County 40 years

Greensboro News
Bergeant York Danks the War
Department to let him form a
battalion of Tennessee mountaineers him have been full filleracy.
We are for it, because if we were
the enemy we are satisfied that
we would rather take our chances
with a battalion of PhDys

Tide

A man we know neglected his account with his laundress for months. Finally he found this note among his olean clothes:
"Dear Sir-You have owed me \$6 for four months. If you do not he whole by next week, I will put too much starte in your collare.—Operatiny, Mrs. Smith."

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Rifle-Shooters vs. Bull-Ditto

The Laundress Threatens Revenge Sea Control

THE new offensive spirit that is tak-ing hold of the United Nations is expressed in the timely forehanded oc-cupation of Mads-



gascar.
This is once the United Nations got there first. It is the kind of thing that the British attempted in 1940 when they made their unsuce

made their unsuccessful assault on
Dakar. Falling in
that because the aftack was not made with sufficient force,
the British lapsed into a defensive
psychology. It was understandable, especially in view of the peril which England barely escaped after Dunkirk.
Nevertheless for nearly two years there
has been little initiative on our side, and
the lack of it has been costly.

### NEW NAVAL STRENGTH COMING INTO THE WAR

Now United Nations strength is grow-ing rapidly. There are signs that new naval strength is coming into the picture on our side. President Roosevelt recently mentioned that American naval forces were operating in the Mediterranean and now Berlin says, two American bat-tleships have passed through Suez into the Indian Ocean.

The British were outclassed re-cently by the Japanese naval forces in the Bay of Bengal but they have since mustered enough force to ec-cupy Madagascar. The United States announces its intention of

Thus by joint naval action Great Britain and the United States are moving to prevent the Japanese from accomplishing their fatal-purpose of closing the Indian Ocean. New naval strength now coming and due to come in the next few weeks gives our side greater freedom of action. We are taking the first opportunity to exercise it in the critical area on the other side of Africa.

### RUSSIA SHOULD TAKE HEART-FROM ACTION

No development could be of greater encouragement to Russia. For Mada-gascar lies directly on the supply line to Russia. Your geography is correct, Madagascar is way down on the lower eastern coast of Africa. You might think it was of little concern except to South Africa. But this is a world-wide war and supplies to Russia go around the Cape of Good Hope and up through the Indian Ocean.

Cape of Ocon rope and up through the Indian Ocean.

Japan is trying to edge over and take Ceylon, off the lower up of India. That would enable her to point out across the Indian Ocean from the easiern side. She already has acquired some stepping eiones ioward Madagascar, and if she could have gone on across and eccupied this Vichy French island, Japan would have been able to close the gate.

From Tokyo to Madagascar is as far as from New York to Madagascar. Pew places in the world are without importance to both sides in this war.

We are in the midst of a battle for

We are in the midst of a battle for these strategic places. Japan has most of them in the southwest Pacific. She is trying to get those in the Indian Ocean. We may expect that Laval's new power will mean German use of Dakar, a key point on the west coast of Africa.

Long ago President Roosevelt was foresignted enough to occupy Greenland and
to Join the British in Iceland. As
American and British in Iceland. As
American and British navel strength
increases from the furious building of
the last year, we may expect the United
Nations to become more aggressive in
this battle of the bases. It may be
that the first sign of a decisive turn in
the course of the war will come through
the battle of the bases.

Certainly, before the United, Nations
can hope to be effective in land campaigns, they must regain superficitly on
the sceas and hold and regain bases vital
to the profection of our aupply routes,
particularly those that feed Russia and
those that will be necessary in supplying
a continental offensive in Europe. Long ago President Roosevelt was fore-

a continental oriensive in aurope.

Immediate reverses in Burma are heart-breaking for the Offinese, Loss of eastern India would add to the difficulty of China continuing, her resistance. Yet those are incidents I nithe large scheme

of the war.

Victory for the United Nations will
come only after we have made eafe the
sea routes over which we can send the
stream of supplies and men for the
land offensives. That is why this recovery of initiative, as illustrated by the
occupation of Madagascar, is a hopeful
ster.

Visitin' Around

Oh, for a Quiet Life On a Farm

(Walnut item, Marshall News-Record) Never think you are perfect till you have attained that goal: Till we all come unto the mea-aure of the stature of the full-ness of Christ.—Ephesians 4:13.

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### Glorious Victory

The Wall at Our Backs in The Pacific Still Holds

"There was a good chance," said a awal spokesman in Australian Allied eadquarters, "that we would have beneated out of our beds last night Thursday), if this had not happened, the we got in there and did the job."

Thursday), if this had not happened, ut we got in there and did the job."

There was too, though people gener-live and the property seemed not be immediately conserved about it, a chance that the infortunes of our war with Japan side take in this invasion of the Coral sea a turn inexpressibly for the worse, where the bold Jap armada was headed, whether toward the island of New Cale-onia, now occupied by a U. S. and Free remenh force, or toward the east coast of remenh force, or toward the east coast of incomed, and now may never be. But if had been the American fleet which uttend and seaded before the fire of the Japa, if the Coral Sea had been tweet-clear—of many of position, New called the word of painfully extended, the fate of sustralia would have been several or painfully extended, the fate of countriously in the balence, and with it ould have gone the wall against which let U. S. has been backed in the Padfic, Bat as it turned out, and from the sea of Australian communities. But as it turned out, and from the ne of Australian communiques, despite derstandable reticence over our losses, indubitably turned out to be a glorins victory, the Jap has been driven
ick behind the screen of islands which
is outposts. What is more, the

be behind the screen of Islands which is his outposts. What is more, the pipply lines to Australla have become propiy lines to Australa have become remight, or over the five days during hich this battle raged, an infinitely der route for men and munitions. Our swal and air forces have met the semy, stopped him in his tracks, turned im and sent him flying before them. In the months to come we may look eak upon this great naval victory, the title for the Coral Bea, and it is posble that we may say gratefully to irrelyes, "There—there after Manila, object, of the core of the difference of the corrected of the turning plant in the War with Japan. There, attes, we first began to teach the Jap is Jong-earned lesson.

#### 'Me Surrender!''

One Jap Captain Discovers Substitute for Hara-Kari

Not all Jap soldiers, it appears, are as anatical about shedding their last drop f blood for the Emperor as they have een represented.

wen represented.

We are thinking in particular about certain Nipponese army captain who ras—in command of several armored deat-loads of invaders trying—to sneak p behind General Wainwright's lines in Battaan. The plot was shattered by the arrival of Lieutenant John D buikeley's high-speed torped boats, thich let the Japs have it fore and aft. Lieut. Buikeley takes up the story rom there:

We let 50 Japanese drown after one.

"We let 50 Japanese drown after one boat sank because they opened fire on us first and wounded one of our officers, "We took two prisoners, a Japanese captain and a private. The captain was on his knees, bit hands in the air, cry-ling: "Me surrender!" Me Surrender!"

There he, was, this proud officer of he Mikado, grovelling on his knees, his wo handed sword, no doubt, tangled up inder him. No last ditch fighter, this ellow. All he could say wis "me sur-render." And something tells us we haven't heard the last of that entreaty.

### Company

Misery Loves It, but at This Price-Whew!

The old favorite description of sometife who outsmarts himself—that he has
seen histed by his own petrad—applies
all the income taxpayers. Who have
seen clamoring for the Government to
ower the exemptions so as to create a
nuit-inde of new income taxpayers. The
agent suffer in initiating new taxpayers
and Unicle Henry Morgenthau's March
tast Club was that everybody ought to
sup to defray, by direct taxation some
part, no matter how small, of the cost
of this war we are fighting. Beside. If
more and more people have to pay taxes,
acre and more people will be intolerant
of the New Deal's extravagance.
Testeriasy Unicle Henry proposed to
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credit for dependents from \$400 to \$300. Thus at one swipe there would be created a new group of \$,000,000 tax-payers, almost as many more as paid taxes last year. But, Observe, From the intricacies of Form 1904 would come only an estimated \$100,000,000 in new revenues, whereas from the further low-ering of exemptions there would be extracted from the old boys an estimated \$1,000,000,000 in new revenue, or ten times as much.

Ah, well; maybe misery loves company that much, but ten-to-one is a steep price to pay for it.

#### Missionaries

Total War Only Magnifies Their Usefulness

Since Pearl Harbor, some of the good church brethren hereabouts have been saying that they had always thought it was a waste of money to send missionaries to Japan and that now they knew it was. Those rascally Japa, they allowed, took the hospitals and churches built by our subscriptions and laughed up their sieeves at us.

However, on the basis of Paul Mallon's However, on the basks of Paul Mallon's recent report, it looks like the missionaries are having the last laugh. Overseas workers of the Mormon church, he says, have been helping the American Government plan the bombing of Japan—checking the location of steel mills, foundries, oil refineries and other mill-tary objectives in Jap industrial centers. The missionaries picked up the information during their years of residence in Japan and it is considered invaluable by the Board of Economic Warfare.

This is not the first time missionaries have become active participants in total

This is not the first time missionaries have become active participants in total war. There was Dr. Corydon M. Wassell, the American missionary whom President Roosevelt cited in his last radio address. Dr. Wassell, as the President pointed out, was in China when the war approach although he was received to see pointed out, was in China when the war began. Although he was nearing the age of 60, he volunteered for service in the Navy and was commissioned a Lieutenant Commander. He helped care for the wounded of the U. S. Cruisers Marble-head and Houston in the battle for Java. The story of how he evacuated his little flock of a dozen wounded to a ship and virtually commanded its voyage to safety under heavy enemy fire and bombing was well covered by the President.

The enemy had its missionaries, too. When the Japas landed in New Guinea.

When the Japs landed in New Guinea, it was "German missionaries" who reportedly guided them through the mountains toward Port Moresby. No doubt the Nazl missionaries were more spies or "tourists" than men of any church. At any rate the enemy hasn't reached Port

Moresby yet.

There is a place in total war for missionaries. And even larger responsibilities wait for them with the coming of

#### One Balanausal

Charlotte Symphony Turns in A Professional Performance

After last night's charlotte Symphony concert, someone asked Maestro de Roxio how many times the orchestra had rehearsed with Beal Hober, the brilliant soprano who had won a tremendous evation from the local audience. (It should be explained that Madame Hober and the orchestra had breezed through three difficult selections and an encore without a bittel).

difficult selections and an encore without a hitch.)

The Maestro's reply was impressive:
One time. We went through the numbers with Madame Hober only once.

This, we submit, is in itself rather
conclusive evidence of the degree of
professional and artistic skill achieved
by the Charlotte Symphony. It indicates
that the community has built up an
institution that is worth preserving,
even during the days of Spartan sacrifice that surely lie ahead.

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It is not primarly a question of doing
without symphony music. If the var
effort demands it, Charlotteans will
cheerfully forego all except the bare necessities of sustaining life. And no
thoughtful person would make the extravagant claim that the Charlotte
Symphony was a necessity.

The important fact is that, by an
extremely modest investment, the people
of Charlotte can keep the Symphony in
being, can save the community from
loaing a time-proven cultural asset that
yould take years to rebuild. fice that surely lie ahead.

come," he said, to lower personal exemp-tions from \$750 to \$600 for single per-sons, from \$1500 to \$1200 for married persons or heads of families, and the credit for dependents from \$400 to \$300.

MANY SERVICES

But there are many other funcmoney than the services must be carried out
in spite of the war. The community must be protected against
those who would rob and steal.
Fire protection must be given and
this becomes all the more must
appear in the air over us. The
community's health must be safeguarded. Oarbage must be removed and water and sewer facilities must be kept to standardfected by the struggle against the
dictators but most of them must
be maintained. HATS OFF TO THE SCHOOL TEACHERS

SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our hats are off to the school teachers of the City and County who this week performed a here to be compared to the compared

by the teachers, with some outside add, in the span of sees than a large of the span of th

#### INSCRIBE YOUR NAME ON THE PAY ROLL OF HONOR



Buy U. S. War Savings Bonds and Stamps through the Pay-Roll Savings Plan at your office, factory, or store.

War needs money-America needs your help.

### The Blinds Are Drawn

By Paul Mallon



ment.
But now it has requested the American Petroleum Institute to as published in this column April error services as published in this column April error Seahand only three-twentieths below last year for the week ending April 11. That is the last weekly figure you will get. API has acceded to the request.

#### NEITHER ARMY OR NAVY ASKED FOR CENSORSHIP

sor Price.

The Exices office says it decided itself that Hiller might get some comfort out of knowing how much gas is on hand in the East or clieswhere.

The rationing system is so complex in itself, it will certainly cause prematurely gray hair among the say they are handling august, life types of cards will be issued.

"It'll be easy to win his father over to the idea of us get-ting married, but it's his mother that I've got to sell!"

## Identification Cards Needed

By Dorothy Thompson

THE other day I went and regarded for my cardy ration and got my ration cardy ration and got my ration card a monest woman; I told the exact truth about the number of people in my family, and the amount of sugar in the house. In other whelming majority of Americans also acted and will continue to act.

But watching the whole procedure it was perfectly clear to me that if anyone wanted to cheat at highly trained criminal to do so. In fact, a trained gang of would-house the content of the content o

INTERLOCKING RACKETS
WOULD BE EASY
And bit by bit all essentials will
be rationed. Presumably the procedure will be the same as with
sugar. And unless it is more carefully done than it is at present,
there can be interlocking rackets
in all the essentials of ille.

It is to prevent this that I am writing this column, It is to suggest that the whole rationing hustness should be more carefully planned, and provided with checks:

animed, and provided with these.

It is not my intention to use this means of suggesting to would-be cheats how they could come into possession of a dozen sugar-rationing—authority of the country of th

word and his signature.
To check these things after the card is issued is difficult to do.
The applicant has to describe himself as of a certain neight, not compelled in any case to purchase his own sugar; my cook, for instance, can purchase mino, as she doubtless will. And the describtions are wague enough to fit every greet into a detective,

DENTITY IS ESSENTIAL
TO ALL RATIONING
Actually, no rationing can be
thoroughly effective, unless it beclins by the unquestioned establishment of the identity of the
holder of the card.
Now this is not difficult to do,
it is, as a matter of fact, done
in the case of every "enemy"

alien. He has had to register, present three photographs, of which two were kept by the office, and in return week pet by the office, and in return week the property of the personality; something like a passport, and this has not been hand-personality; something like a passport, and this has not been hand-personality; something like a passport, and this has not been hand-personality; something like a passport, and the postnam instructed to deliver it only against the personal definition of the applicant, and to face of the signatory.

Now, an effective rationloss

ace of the signatory.

Now, an effective rationing system demands that every person applying for rations possess a similar certificate of identity, and that ration carda can only be delivered against such a certificate, which is linen stamped whenever a ration card is issued.

The possession of such an iden-tification card is no humiliation of any kind. It is just common sense, and efficient protection of the honest against the chisclers or the outright criminals.

#### A Man Who Remembers Old Man James Belk

Monroe Journal
The Journal has found a man The Journal has found a man who connects by personal confact with the Metchenburg and the second of the Metchenburg and the Metchenburg and the second of th James Belk's father went to Charlotte at the call of Colonel



# Side Glances