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OUR FLAG
"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."

WHAT ABOUT FATHER?

Another "Mothers' Day" is past and gone. Ministers from the pulpit, eminent writers, vested choirs and solists everywhere, paid glowing and meritorious tribute to motherhood, and sung the praises of that gray haired "Angel" mother whose sweet memory we cherish. We wore a white carnation for her and a red one if we are fortunate enough to still have her with us. Our thoughts were with her and for her all the day, and we rejoiced and were happy to do her honor. Now it would seem to us that it would not be out of place to give father a passing thought.

We would not detract one iota from the love and respect which is Mother's due, nor would we blot out a single one of the sweet and cherished memories of her life. But we must not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to Father. In childhood days, when Mother toiled with tender devotion, it was Father who was the bulwark and backbone of the family. From early morning until late at night he toiled with unrelenting zeal to provide for the home and pay for the little farm. He was just as devoted and just as solicitous for the welfare of the family as was Mother. Then as we grew to manhood and womanhood, it was Father's counsel and advice that meant so much to us in after years. In times of fancied troubles and perhaps insurrection, it was Father who smoothed out the rough places and guided our footsteps in the pathway of duty. Now we must not forget Father. Give Mother, God bless her, all the praise we can, and strew her pathway with flowers, but don't forget Father. Give him at least a passing thought as the days go by.

In cartoon, in editorial, in proclamation, in appeals without number the farmer is being apostrophized as the savior of the country. His increased acreage is to feed us and our Allies, to strengthen the fighting hand of all who have raised the sword against the Hun, and to win the final victory in the war, yet without the planting of another acre, it is possible to increase the stores of flour by twenty-seven per cent through the simple expedient of milling the whole of the wheat instead of using selected portions of the kernel to produce the fine white flour which the aesthetic taste of this generation requires. Whole wheat is more nourishing and healthy than belted wheat, it furnishes more calories, it is cheaper. Bread made from it may not be as pretty as the other, but it will produce more punch. Today we are utilizing only about seventy-three per cent of the food-content of our wheat—and we are clamoring for the farmers to plant more wheat. Suppose we shift the loud pedal to the milling end of the problem. Suppose our flouring establishments begin to use the whole of the wheat and increase the output of flour by more than a third.

It was only a week ago that the big headlines of the papers announced that "The Liberty Loan" had been oversubscribed. Now comes the startling announcement that the government is very much disappointed at the showing, and surprised at the apathy of the American people in subscribing to the big loan. It is proposed to send secretary of the treasury McAdoo on a stumping tour of the West to arouse the people to a sense of loyalty and duty. The Grand Rapids Herald suggests, that the place for McAdoo and his fellow federal financiers is in Washington, and their duty is to evolve a sane, sensible and workable plan for raising the money to bulwark our battlements. The trouble with "The Liberty Loan" says the Herald, does not lie in public lethargy or in backwardness. It lies in the failure of the government to make the terms of "The Liberty Loan" specific; and to back it with a war revenue plan which, in its efforts to get money, will not destroy the sources from which the money must come. Mr. McAdoo is needed less on the Western stump than he is in his own office and in consultation with his congressional party managers who offer no excuse for their confessedly unsound proposals except that they "need the money."

The great dread and fear in the present World War is that Russia will make a separate peace. Powerful influences are at work in Russian diplomatic circles to bring this about, and the announcement that Germany was about to withdraw 600,000 troops from Russian soil to strengthen the Western line in France would indicate that there was some chance at least for their efforts to be successful.

The new army appropriation bill carries an item of \$48,500,000 for aviation. It is to be hoped that no red tape in the executive departments will paralyze the effectiveness of this appropriation. A large sum of money was once before set aside for aviation, only to find that it was rendered unavailable through the technical rulings of the officials who pass upon expenditures. In consequence we find ourselves without adequate knowledge or equipment for this most important branch of military service. The United States organized the successful aeroplane, just as it originated the successful submarine. Mastery of the two arms, however, passed away from us to European nations. It is time to take back our own.

Those who have been so confident that Germany was about "All In" and that the war would be over in a few short weeks, have a severe jolt coming. Military experts and those in a position to know the exact conditions are making preparations for a long drawn out conflict. And don't forget that the United States now has just as much and more at stake than any of the Allies. It is our war now, and the outcome of the stupendous struggle depends more upon the United States than on any other nation on the face of the earth. Prepare to do your "bit."

Congress, having acted in the light of history in the matter of conscription, might well take another leaf from our past experience. The direct taxes of the Civil war period were of tremendous financial productivity; and an economist has estimated that if they were to be applied now they would produce fully two billions a year. They were of a nature to bear a little upon all and heavily upon none. Why not look them up and give them another trial?

The "Garden Scheme" for the local schools has evidently been abandoned. The soil it is said in the contemplated garden plot is not suitable for the purpose, and no other plot has been located. It is to be regretted, as the plan was a commendable one, and training such as the boys and girls would have received would have been worth as much or more than any other feature of the schools.

Wouldn't it be a good plan to give the high school base ball team a little more encouragement? We have a mighty good team this year, and the boys are fighting hard for the pennant. Small crowds at the games, and lack of local interest are not conducive to the best efforts of the boys. Enthuse a little and give the boys the patronage and encouragement they merit. It is not only a boost for the boys and the local school, but a boost for Paw Paw. Get in the Game.

As heretofore suggested, there is more than one way to encourage use of vacant lots. A police judge out in the West has announced that if any person is convicted in the court under the ordinance prohibiting the growing of weeds in the city limits, the fine will not be a small one.

Again we have reason to be proud of our voluntary fire company. The fire bell rang at five minutes to twelve Tuesday, and at twelve-thirty a bad fire had been extinguished, the surrounding buildings saved, and the company was putting away the apparatus.

We all have a duty to perform now, and every one must be willing to do their "bit."

Don't display the flag over the hole in which you are hiding from Uncle Sam.

"He that is not for us is against us"; he that is not for Uncle Sam is for the Kaiser.

SOUTH WEST PAW PAW.

Mr. Bert and daughter Mrs. Gertrude Walker of Harrisville, Michigan have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roll Larkins and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Betaque. While at the Larkins home Mrs. Walker had the misfortune to fall down cellar and sustained quite severe injuries. Dr. Hoyt was called and dressed the wounds inflicted on the head.

The members of the Add-A-Link met at the home of Jennie Toney last Thursday. New officers were elected and a beautiful and heart rendering "Hilo solo" was rendered by one of the charter members which will be repeated any time on request. Several guests were present and the day was ideal, and so were the refreshments. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Helen Allen. This will be the last regular meeting of the year.

Mrs. Ada Haney of Conaut, Ohio is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Ida Larkins.

Miss Lena Richmond is the happy possessor of a new piano.

Mrs. Irma Lee Geldhof of Chicago returned to the city Saturday leaving Master Lee with his grandparents. They started from Chicago Monday for a two weeks trip through the South and will sail on the Mississippi Ohio and Tennessee rivers.

Mothers Day was observed at the Lyle school house Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sherrod visited his sister Mrs. Erdman of Lawrence on Monday.

Mrs. Edson Woodman is repairing and refinishing her new home recently purchased in Paw Paw and will soon move into it as a permanent home.

George Hood and Roll Larkins having been busy looking after sick cows.

Bill Wooden of Kalamazoo has rented the Wilson farm at Eagle Lake. "Willie" expects to beat the Dutch at farming.

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