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JAPANESE TRADITION OF NO SURRENDER SHATTERED

The tradition that the Japanese soldier will not permit himself to be captured in war has been shattered by the American leathernecks on Guadalcanal, Solomon islands.

At the present time the marines now control a camp in which the largest number of Japanese prisoners in the world is located. Instead of being morose and gloomy, the Japanese are happy. They are especially pleased with American cigarettes and swing music.

The tradition has been shattered like the old saw that Singapore was impregnable.

Americans generally feel that after the united nations have disposed of Germany and Italy, they will still face a long fight with the Japs because of the reputation of the orientals of fighting to the last man. Who did the Japs ever fight to the last man, except the Russians more than 30 years ago? In the last war, the Japanese fought to the last American, Frenchman and Englishman.

The Japanese have never been up against an opponent worthy of their steel until now and when the British and Americans are freed sufficiently in Europe and Africa to release men and materials, the Japs won't last long, especially if and when bases are secured from which to bomb the armament and industrial plants of Japan.

THE USDA HAS SOMETHING THERE

Weiser American

There is a lot in this farm mobilization idea that appeals to us. First thing we know we are going to find ourselves having a lot of respect for Claude Wickard and his gang in the USDA.

One thing that strikes us at the moment is the freedom involved in the whole thing. Even the registration program is a leisurely thing, unlike so many recent ones where every person in the county has had to rush pell mell to some registering depot to sign up quickly, or else—.

In this one each community works out its own sign-up schedule, and there is no compulsion about it at all, just so it is completed by March 1. The entire program is based upon a faith that the average citizen has a bit of sense and judgment in his own right, all of which appeals to us imm-

ediately.

The program, as we read it, starts with the farmer, which is just the opposite of the way in which such things have been done in other countries. There such a program starts with the state, and the farmer must fit into his little niche. Here the farmer plans his own program then lets the government know what it is, which is another affirmation that democracy is still functioning even in war time.

Besides this, we would like to put in a plug for a kind of patriotism which probably will not receive much publicity. It is tough going for the farmer to raise that extra acre of corn or beans, or add another cow or two to his already strenuous program. It is even going to be pretty hard to go through another year on the same level as 1942, let alone a stepped up year. But we are predicting that the farmer is going to come through a lot of good hard work that is going to have just as much to do with the final victory as is the man in uniform, crawling on his belly in the swamps of Tulagi.

Somebody has said that there is something almost holy about a man doing something hard without glory or monetary return in mind. And that is about what the farmers will be doing in 1943. A few of them are going to grumble and growl, but not many. Farmers of the Weiser district are a patriotic group of fine citizens.

L.D.S. News

By T. Carol Bybee

The Lord said "Lovest Thou Me? Then feed my sheep?"

APOSTLE SMITH SPEAKS AT STAKE CONFERENCE

Apostle Joseph Fielding Smith of Salt Lake City was the main speaker at the Weiser stake conference held in Weiser last Sunday. Samuel O. Bennion of the council of the seventy was also one of the main speakers.

The immense double halls were filled to overflowing with throngs of people, members of the L. D. S. church. President Luther Fife conducted the morning session. Special music was furnished by the choir from the Letha ward, with solo numbers from Payette and Weiser.

The first song could be heard for blocks around when the huge congregation arose and sang "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation". Prayer was offered by Mr. Yates, a member of the high council. Second song was by the Letha choir, "Let Zion In Her Beauty Rise".

In the report that President Fife gave he said "The people have contributed in everything to the church \$10 per capita".

There are approximately 3291 people in the stake. He asked the members to help increase the percentage of attendance at sacrament meetings. He asked that they show more brotherly love and refrain from fault-finding.

Elder Lewis Bassett of Emmett returned missionary, was the next speaker. His subject was "Forgiveness". He told of his missionary experiences. A ladies trio from Letha sang, "Holiness".

Samuel Bennion of Salt Lake spoke next. The amplifiers about the large building made it possible for everyone to hear every word he spoke. He said "There is so much to do and so little time to do it in, that we should come to the realization of why we are here and where we are going."

The morning session was brought to a close by the Letha choir of 30 voices singing "Arise My Soul, Arise". Patriarch Brown pronounced the benediction. The Ontario ward ladies served lunch cafeteria style in the west hall.

NYSSA CHILDREN BAPTIZED

There were seven girls and one boy from Nyssa among those who were baptized last Sunday morning in the warm tent in the stake tabernacle. Rosel Anderson officiated with Bishop Childs presiding. The children were then confirmed members of the church by those holding the priesthood having such authority.

SESSION WELL ATTENDED

At 2 o'clock the second session of the conference was opened. The large hall was decorated with several baskets of tall tallsman roses and fern. The long venetian blinds which cover the entire side of the east, was raised only partially to let in the light. Brother Peterson, a member of the stake presidency, conducted the session. The congregation sang "We Thank Thee Oh God For a Prophet". Prayer was given by Dwayne Anderson.

Sustaining the officers of the church was the next business taken up. Grant Webber was put in as the new bishop of the Weiser ward. D. W. Anderson of Nyssa was put in as stake music project leader. There are five on missions.

A vocal solo entitled "Jerusalem" was given by Mr. Holt, accompanied by Mrs. Sparks.

George Chadwick, member of the stake presidency, was the first speaker. He asked the audience, "Are we satisfied with what we accomplished last year as individuals?" He advised to "stay with a thing until it is accomplished. W. O. Peterson, a member of the stake presidency, also spoke.

A male quartet of Letha gave the next musical number.

Joseph Fielding Smith, one of the twelve apostles of the church and main speaker of the conference asked "Why do you belong to the L. D. S. church, or the Church of Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ?" He went on to answer, "Because this is the only church on the face of the earth that is acknowledged by Jesus Christ".

Mr. Smith told of how a young boy read in the Bible, "If any of ye lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally". He told of how Joseph Smith went into the sacred grove to "ask of God" and how he received a vision, telling him upon his inquiry of which church to join. Join none of them. They draw near Me with their mouths but their hearts are far from Me. If Joseph Smith had been a raud, he never would have thought of saying he had received a vision, in which he saw both the Father and the Son, because at that time the world believed only in God. He defied the whole world by telling them what he saw. The elder of the two saying "This is My Beloved Son. Hear ye Him."

LEWIS STAKE CLERK

Lloyd Lewis, former Nyssa ward clerk, was sustained as the Weiser stake clerk last Sunday at the conference held in Weiser. Malcolm Crawford, former state clerk, moved to Boise, which necessitated his release.

REWARD OFFERED

The Relief Society is offering a special reward for the lady attending meetings the most times, starting last Tuesday. At the end of the one year period, the secretary will check the roll and the lady having the highest percentage of attendance throughout the year will receive a gift.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Betty Fife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Fife, was the honored guest at a birthday party given in her honor at her home last Saturday at 2 o'clock. Various games were played. Refreshments were served to 14 guests. She received many lovely gifts. She is nine years old.

FIRE IN HOME

A small fire broke out in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Moyes last week. It started around the chimney but with several of the neighbors assisting little damage was done.

WARD REUNION ANNOUNCED

Nyssa residents will be interested in the L. D. S. Ward reunion to be held February 19. All those who have moved away as well as those now living in Nyssa and vicinity are invited to attend. Detailed arrangements will be made known later. A one act play, a program for old and young, supper and dancing are planned.

Mrs. William Moyes entertained her club at her home last week.

B. G. Bybee of Ontario and D. O. Bybee of Nyssa purchased several truck loads of cattle in Weiser last week.

OFFICERS MEETING

Last Monday evening Mrs. La Vera A. Aston entertained the presidency of the Relief society and their husbands. The fore part of the evening was spent in a president's meeting. Games were played, after which light refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. L. Jammett of Parma, Bishop and Mrs. Arvel Child and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bybee.

CALLED TO SERVICE

Dale Edward Crouse, who has recently been employed at the Bybee ranches near Adrian, has been called into the service and intends to leave soon.

ATTENDS UNIVERSITY

Miss Onita Despain, who has been employed at the sugar factory, went to Provo, Utah, the first part of the year to enter Brigham Young university.

NEWELL HEIGHTS

Mrs. Hardman returned home Saturday after a seven-month stay in Hood River looking after business interests, visiting and working in the fruit.

D. L. Anderson was honor guest Tuesday evening at his home. A birthday dinner was served to the Drown and Anderson families.

A short time ago a telegram was received by Mr. Barton, father of Byron, which reported that Byron had been transferred to a hospital ship. Mr. Barton has telegraphed to several different places hoping for direct word from his son. This answer does not divulge any other information.

The sixth grade students are all together again as one class, those from Kingman having been moved to Adrian last week. This change gives Mr. Covey 42 pupils, but relieves the congestion in the primary room. The 16 third graders are now in Mrs. Sparks' room.

Mrs. Earl Parker left Wednesday evening for Chicago to visit Leroy before he is inducted into the army January 26 and her married son Charlie, and family. Mrs. M. L. Kurtz is cooking the hot lunches at the Kingman school during Mrs. Parker's absence.

The ladies of the Mary and Martha circle will serve the noon lunch at the Trew sale in the Kolony February 1.

The Modern Pioneer ladies met with Mrs. Lester Goulet Tuesday afternoon. Business and visiting featured the afternoon program. The old officers were re-elected for the coming year.

Kingman Kolony

Miss Mae Beaumont entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newbill of Newell heights, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ashcraft at dinner and cards Saturday evening.

The card club met with Mrs. Wesley Piercy Thursday afternoon. Mrs. William Toomb won the high score.

William Toomb spent Monday at the Adrian high school conducting agriculture classes in the absence of John Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Trew will hold a sale Monday of next week.

The Misses Naomi and Rachel Shaw assisted the Nyssa Nazarenes with their broadcast over KFXD Sunday afternoon. The girls sang a duet.

Miss Jeanette Martin of Caldwell and Miss Doris Hoyer of Boise spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Conrad Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilson were pleasantly surprised Sunday when they received word that Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Mayfield of Arapah, Colorado, was in Nyssa. This is Mrs. Mayfield's first visit to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holton shopped in Ontario Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Nevin were Saturday evening dinner guests in the Wesley Piercy home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane were in Ontario on Thursday. They visited at the Wade Nichols and Mrs. Mary Nichols homes while there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Toomb and family and C. M. Beaumont were Nyssa shoppers Saturday.

Jewell Wilson attended the basketball game in Weiser Friday evening and was an overnight guest of Elbert Hatch in Adrian.

Mr and Mrs Earl Parker and Melvin of Newell Heights called at the Arthur Cartwright home Tuesday afternoon.

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from the **SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

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WASHINGTON

To American Farmers:

Your job is one of the most vital in the war.

It will be fulfilled only if your farm reaches or exceeds its 1943 Food for Freedom production goal. Each farm goal is a personal obligation to our own fighting men and to all who work and fight in our name.

These goals are essential to the growing success of the United Nations. Our Allies must derive a great part of their fighting strength from our farm products. We must send the essentials of life along with our troops to feed and restore the liberated peoples.

Only those who are close to the farm know how tough this war job will be. Everyone must work longer hours. Many tools must be patched up and fixed so that they will serve out the war. The women, the older folks, and the children must help to fill the places left by the farm men who are in other war centers. We must concentrate everything we have in the production of our foods.

The most immediate task is to increase livestock production as much as possible. Get some live stock. The size of the harvest will depend to a great extent on care during the growing season. The greatest challenge will come at harvest time. Farm people will then need all the help and cooperation they can get from their neighbors to town in order to save every pound of produce food.

I know you will all do your best.

Claude A. Wickard
Secretary

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