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thority always has a good text. Ours for today is found in I Samuel 30:24—"as his share is that which falls down to the battle, so shall his share be that which falls from the baggage; they shall share alike." The background of this text resembles the circumstances of our own time in many ways. The Amaliksites had made a sudden, unprovoked attack on southern Judah. The marauding Amaliksites burned houses, destroyed the fruit of the land and carried women and children into captivity. As David's men pursued the invading Vandals, two hundred of his men gave out. They were so tired that David ordered them to stay behind and guard the baggage while the other 400 proceeded to rescue their loved ones and liberate their land. The battle was brief and the victory was complete. The glory of victory was debauched by one single factor. Some of the men who went to battle complained against the few who stayed behind saying "we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered." David was a great leader and statesman, and when he heard of this complaint he rebuked them in the words that I want to ask and try to answer two simple questions. 1. What is the struggle?

I have spent a brief period with our fighting men. I have seen the foot soldier training for battle, and I have seen him as he returned wounded from the front. It is with a message from him that I return to you. In my message to you from the words that I want to ask and try to answer two simple questions. 1. What is the struggle?

Had Three Trips I have observed three distinct phases of military operations. In 1942 our forces were going through the initial training and preparation. In

REGISTRATION NOTICE

City of Bloomfield Hills - GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 7, 1944

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must be registered on or before WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1944, at 8:00 P. M.

Any person who is a Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, who will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election, may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., except that on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, the Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system, and have voted at least once during the last two years, do not have to re-register.

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1943 I saw our forces on maneuvers and in the prelude of battle. This time I spent most of my time in the hospital, visiting casualties and wounded men from overseas. My work this time followed a fixed schedule. I spent the week ends at the Presbyterian Service Center in the city of Columbia, where we ministered to some 600 or 800 soldiers over the week end. I visited with them as they came to the center, lead them in the discussion of topics in which they were interested, and preached at some of the regular services. In addition to this I spoke at one U. S. O service each Sabbath Day, and conducted one or two services in town. During the week I called in the wards at the hospital. The Chaplain assisted me usually had lunch together and all my work at the hospital was directly under his supervision. Under his direction I called at the bedside of about 600 soldiers. Time does not permit me to tell you any of the multitude of human interest stories that are issued from these contacts.

The hope of victory is bright. There is no longer doubt but that Ultimate Victory will be fully ours, but few of us realize what this is costing. It is estimated that Victory will cost the American people 300 billion dollars, and that it will take us 500 years to pay the bill. Our government is trying to pay in money and material as much as possible and as little in human life as is required. But war is not fought without shedding of blood. P. Benning is training more platoon leaders than during any other phase of this war to replace men that have fallen in battle. Gen. Ben Lear, Commander of the Army ground force spoke at a graduation exercise at Ft. Benning while I was there. He pinned the 2nd Lieutenant gold bars on the 2nd Lieutenant and Lieutenant graduates at Ft. Benning since Pearl Harbor. How does the struggle? And what is the end is not yet.

2. Are We Winning? The men on the fighting front are winning. Unfortunately the news from the home front is not so good, and if we were ultimately to win the home front we cannot win permanently on the battle fronts. The trouble with most of us is, that we sincerely feel that in a few years this thing will be only an

pleasant memory. The truth of the matter is that our great grandchildren will feel the effect of this struggle. I stopped one afternoon at the bedside of a sergeant who had spent some two years in the Pacific. His disability is permanent and he is soon to be released from service. When I asked about his plans for the future he had a ready answer. "I am going to enter immediately in the army of one of our allies," he said. When I suggested that he had done his part he replied "I want to remain out of civilian life until Victory is complete, because I do not wish to become a part of civilian indifference, an indifference that I just cannot forgive." I visited several men that were in the hospital who had been in two branches of the service and enlisted again, voluntarily. Are we winning? Our fighting men are. I am very doubtful about the home front.

I feel today that if every American could see what I have seen during the last six weeks that there would be another war. I haven't been near the battle field. If the people of America could only see the things that I have seen in human life, and broken humanity, we would take the time and effort to become a part of civilian indifference, an indifference that I just cannot forgive." I visited several men that were in the hospital who had been in two branches of the service and enlisted again, voluntarily. Are we winning? Our fighting men are. I am very doubtful about the home front.

3. Suggestions I have some suggestions to make to you. I have made them to all before. I repeat them with the earnest hope that you may realize how important they are. Before I make suggestions let me tell you this little story. I heard an old fashioned Methodist preacher tell it in Georgia. One day a Church house caught on fire while the preacher was preaching. When the preacher discovered the fire he announced the fact and asked the crowd to withdraw, and that each person carry some article of his or her own building. When the preacher made the announcement one woman came forward. She weighed 210 pounds. Along came a man, who didn't weigh an ounce over 150 pounds. Nobody expected such a dried up little creature to get the woman out. But he got busy, and some way he got her out and saved her life. In the audience was a big, strong healthy man of 200. He was in the prime of life. He had played football as a young man and was a muscle. Everybody expected that he would help carry the piano out. On his way out he picked up a hymn book. The application is obvious.

Now let me suggest: 1. Get the names and addresses of 2, 3, 5 or 6 soldiers from our Church office and write to them regularly, not once, but regularly until they come home. As I see it there is absolutely no way to justify your neglect and failure in this responsibility. When you see soldiers return, mentally broken, you can rest assured that failure to get mail has helped to do it. Chaplains who have served to overseas have told me that "battle fatigue" can be almost completely eliminated by letters from home. I wish I had the time to confirm this with case illustrations. If you are tempted to say "I don't know what to write, as I don't know what to say to a stranger, just ask a comrade." Ask a comrade who is 200 pound weight or am I carrying a hymn book?

2. Work and Give to the Red Cross. The Red Cross is a Volunteer servant. All dressings, bandages that help the wounds of our boys are prepared by Volunteers hands. If you don't do it they won't have it. If you are tempted to say "Oh, I have done my part at home," just ask a comrade who is carrying a 200 pound burden, or am I carrying a hymn book?

3. Buy War Bonds. This struggle is costing our government about 7 million dollars a day. You and I are responsible to pay the bill. If you are tempted to say "I am paying heavy taxes, and the high cost of living has made it hard for me to pay bills," you just ask yourself "am I carrying a 200 pound burden, or am I carrying a hymn book?"

4. Give liberally to your church. The church has the greatest opportunity of her history and the most serious responsibility. More than ever before in the history of our Nation do we need the leadership and blessing of God, and the influence of the Church on our National life. Our Trustees have developed a plan for the future work of our Church. We want an organization, a building, ministry that will make our Church a powerful force for Christ and good in our neighborhood. It is our hope to collect a total of 300 thousand dollars for this purpose by the end of 1949. Toward this end we are going to give every person who has an interest in this church an opportunity to contribute. I am proud of this ambitious plan, and I am proud of you. I am confident that if you will do. When you are approached with you agree to give \$100.00 when you are able to give \$100.00 will you just ask yourself "am I carrying a 200 pound weight or am I carrying a hymn book?"

5. Commit yourself to the solemn vow that so far as you are concerned, this thing called war will never happen again. Commit your life, your talents, your all to Christ and His church, and serve Him to the end that in truth and reality there shall be "peace on earth good will toward men."

Dr. John Wood Talks At War Service Event Dr. John P. Wood of Birmingham, President-elect of the American Osteopathic Association, will be a speaker at the annual war service clinic assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons at Detroit, October 15 to 17.

Newest scientific developments in the field of surgery, anesthesia, radiology and pathology will be subjects of discussion in which prominent osteopathic surgeons from all parts of the country will participate. The announcement said, while surgical clinics will be held at the three osteopathic general hospitals in Detroit.

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