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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.
 "Barring war, the country will soon witness a major surge of fall business."
 Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

EDITORIAL

On to November.
 With the primary election over we enter a comparatively short stretch of campaigning for the general election in November.

The voters have chosen their party nominees for a number of major and minor offices to be filled in Centre county at that time.

The primary campaign has been uniformly quiet. The general election campaign is expected to provide some enthusiasm and perhaps a considerable amount of open baiting on behalf of the candidates. This is only natural, and should result in a better understanding of candidates and issues.

The field of candidates has been reduced in number by the primary election. If voters did not have an opportunity to study the qualifications of the aspirants before the primary election they will be able better to do so now since there are not so many of them.

And that they should make a full study of the qualifications of the men aspiring to public office is a matter of civic duty. When Centre county voters go to the polls in November they should be prepared to cast their votes for the candidates who will render the most intelligent, efficient and economical service.

Too frequently voters take little interest in the abilities and the qualifications of the men seeking public office. But this should not be; public offices should be administered in a business-like way and the voters should consider the candidates in the light of a business man hiring an executive to handle his personal business affairs. Business leader, even employees are selected with great care; public officials should be selected by the same process. Only in that method can the best public service be obtained.

And it is well to remember that in addition to the candidates the voters will be asked to voice their approval or disapproval of five proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Never Too Old to Learn.
 There are individuals in Centre county of middle age who believe that they are too old to study, that youth is the time for mental development and that once a person passes forty the day of learning is past.

They might be interested in the position of Frank N. Freeman, professor of educational psychology at the University of Chicago, who says that adults up to middle life can learn better than children and as well as youths. "Adults," he says, "are likely to regard the necessity of effort as an indication that they are past the learning period" when as a matter of fact "serious learning requires some resolution and application."

The real obstacles to adult study, he finds, are a decline in curiosity, preoccupation with the business of making a living, lack of guidance and compulsion to learn. In other words, the older persons do not care to learn if it requires effort which is not muen of a compliment for the average adult.

War Without Deaths?
 The use of acetyl choline as a war-making chemical is advocated as a step to make war less barbarous. Used in combat it would cause soldiers to drop unconscious to the ground where they could be captured in large numbers. There would be no deaths and no after effects.

While this might be a wonderful idea for breaking through the enemy lines it is questionable whether wars can be satisfactorily concluded through such a large-scale capture of opposing forces. After a few heavy engagements the number of prisoners might be more than the soldiers in action and the task of taking care of them might stagger the humanitarian instincts of combatant nations.

With both sides capturing troops by the thousands the tendency would be to use them as workmen behind the lines and, in time, this would degenerate into a form of slavery that might not end with the war. Besides, what is the use of fighting if you cannot kill your enemies?

Careful Hunters.
 Now that the hunting season is about to get under way, it might be well to remind reads of The Centre Democrat of the dangers inherent in the hunting season.

Scores of nimrods are cut down every year through the premature discharge of weapons, carelessly handled. Other victims fall a prey to the nervous hunter who shoots at the bushes that move rather than at game in full view.

Those who hunt this fall and winter might save their own lives by rigorously observing safety codes. In addition, they might spare innocent bystanders.

Good Advice to Business.
 Some years ago many of us gave up all ideas of becoming experts on business. We then read of great prosperity, booming business and staggering profits but for us it was a fairy tale. Plainly, if we had been half an expert we would have cashed in during the era when cashing in was good.

Nowadays, we read many statements on business trends. Most of them are by men who know nothing about the situation. The experts have lost a lot of face since the late crash caught everybody unawares and it will take a long record of accurate forecasting to restore our confidence in the brothers who tell us what is ahead.

However, the prophets are interesting and sometimes they get off some good advice. For example, Julius H. Barnes, former President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, thinks it unhealthy that, for three years, no president of the Chamber of Commerce

has been "invited to the White House for consultation." He wants business men to make a frank statement of their case. It is a good idea.

Mr. Barnes says business men are "much at fault," many having given "only lip service to democracy" and some have been "secretly willing to sacrifice democracy" for an orderly regime under a dictatorship.

Then comes Mr. Barnes' confession of faith that "there is no safer way of life than through the principles of democracy, with all its faults and weaknesses." We have to score him high on that remark and on another: "Business has to have more sympathy with social legislation" because "the steps recently taken will never be retraced."

This is a pointer for the type of business leader, who can think about nothing except taxes and offers no strategy but to weep and moan over the burden that "business" carries.

Mr. Barnes tells business men something else that might possibly apply to future situations, if they will remember that he says "as an indication of what we did not know about the intangibles in government, we were worried about going off the gold standard, yet it has worked out well."

Real Force Makes Peace.

The formation of an international police force was advocated by President Theodore Roosevelt in a message to Congress in 1904.

In 1910 the United States Senate and the House of Representatives adopted a resolution favoring the institution of "the combined navies of the world as an international force for the preservation of universal peace."

The covenant of the League of Nations, drawn up in 1919, implied the formation of an international police force and the use of force against an aggressor.

The world today is plagued by the aggressive tactics of several nations but there is no police force available. The nations that do not approve of aggression, including the United States, are under the impression that peace will descend upon the world through some miraculous change of heart on the part of the nations that disturb world peace.

Nothing promotes aggression more than the example of successful aggression. If world powers, acting together, had checked Japan when that nation invaded Manchuria in 1931 the chances are that Italy would never have attacked Ethiopia or interfered in Spanish affairs and Japan would not be fighting China today.

How many lives would have been spared and how much suffering avoided can only be imagined. Enormous property damage would have been prevented if these unwarranted attacks had been forestalled.

The past presents lessons for application to the future. Wise nations take advantage of experience. Even pacifists can understand today that unless aggressors are stopped now there will be more aggression in the future.

If aggression and ruthless invasion are to be prevented in the years to come they must be profitless now. Nations that wantonly attack without just cause are world criminals and crime flourishes only so long as it pays. Just as criminals in every country are subdued by the force of the law the lawless nations must be controlled by the power of mankind for peace.

The wishes of those who hate war and love peace, the sympathy extended by horror-stricken people to the victims of attack and pious declarations of neutrality that do not differentiate between aggressors and those who defend their own lands are not sufficient to insure peace anywhere. To lay too much stress upon their effectiveness is to be blind to what has already happened in the world.

The aggressor nations must be restrained if there is to be peace and the opportunity for improvement in the living conditions of all members of the human race. Words are not restraint unless they carry with them the threat of punishment through the use of power that is able to inflict penalties. The great democratic nations of the world have the power that will guarantee peace by making warfare too costly for profit. They should not hesitate to act together to make real their aspiration for the establishment of world peace.

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Just an Echo.

The so-called Liberty League, which exploded with a boom about eighteen months ago, reports receipts of \$25,000 in the first six months of 1937.

The money came from Irene du Pont, who seems to be the only financial backer left for the organization which was largely supported by members of his family.

There are citizens who remember when the Liberty League was held up to the people of this country as the voice of millions. As a matter of fact, it was but the echo of a few industrialists, anxious to retain the spoils of a rotten industrial system.

The Office Cat ...

THE WASH DAY FIRE.

Mrs. O'Shea, of Avenue A,
 Had a bad fire on washin' day.
 Wurr! Ochoone! She grabbed the phone
 And called up Agent Terry Malone.
 "Terry, ye Mick, 'tis burned we be,
 Come down and pay me polley."

Malone's machine was painted green;
 At the widow's door it soon was seen.
 "Come in," says she, "Did ye bring the cash?
 Me clothes is ruin't—na-thin' but ash."
 "Twas a spark that popped from the stove," says she,
 "An' burnt three suits of langeree."

Saye he, "Biddy O'Shea,
 Thin underthings is 'longeray'.
 I've known ye long and I know ye well,
 I'll pay y'r claim for this loss, like hell!
 Whin was av them's off, the ither wan's on,
 An' here's the pay for the burnt-up wan."

A Bare Six Inches.

A colored ball player was telling a friend about the hard luck his team had encountered that afternoon. The hard luck had caused them to lose the game and, more important, the side bets.

"Yo' know what happened?" said the ball player sadly. "We lost dat game by a measly lil' six inches."

"Yo' lose de ball game by six inches?" echoed the friend, puzzled. "How come sech a thing?"

"Well," explained the ball player woefully, "de bases was full in de ninth innin', an' Ah was at bat. A home run, an' we wins de game."
 "Ah had three an' two on me, when de pitcher throws up a fast one an' Ah swings. Wham! Ah swings wif all mah might—only to see us lose dat game by six inches!"

His friend shook his head.
 "Say, dat saah is tough," he cried. "Yo' mean you mized goin' over de fence by six inches?"
 "Oh, no," wailed the player. "Ah means Ah missed dat third strike by six inches!"

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Query and Answer Column

- I. C. C.—How far is the average automobile driven in a year
 Ans.—In this country, the average is about 11,000 miles.
- W. K.—Can you tell me which of the Presidents died in the White House?
 Ans.—William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor died in the White House.
- H. L.—Is the composer of the St. Louis Blues living?
 Ans.—W. C. Handy, the Negro composer who is regarded as the father of the blues, is living in New York City. He will be 84 years old this fall.
- T. L.—Does the whale have vocal cords?
 Ans.—It has. The grampus is especially vociferous.
- B. B.—Are monkeys looking for fleas when they scratch each other?
 Ans.—The Smithsonian Institution says that when monkeys pick and scratch each other they are not looking for fleas. They are simply grooming each other. They remove particles of dandruff and any foreign matter and keep the hair and skin in good condition.
- H. G.—Can coffee be used for anything besides a beverage?
 Ans.—Brazilian scientists are constantly experimenting with new uses for coffee. Laboratory research has resulted in the extraction of alcohol from the coffee pulp and after further treatment has produced a liquor of delicate bouquet. Caffeine oils and fatty acids have been extracted from the beans and used for soap. From the bean pulp cellulose stock has been obtained for the manufacture of paper and cardboard.
- L. H. K.—Is it true that the Dionne quintuplets will appear at the 1939 New York World's Fair?
 Ans.—Dr. Allen Dafeo has rejected an offer of \$500,000 for the appearance of the children at the fair. The directors offered in addition to that sum to have exact reproductions of the nursery and grounds at Callander. Doctor Dafeo gave as his reason for refusing that it is necessary to safeguard the children's health and that they belong to Northern Ontario.
- H. J.—Who was William Clyde Fitch? And where was his native country?
 Ans.—Clyde Fitch was an eminent playwright and author. He was born in New York City, May 2, 1865, and made that city his home. His most notable dramas were "The Masked Ball" and "The Moth and the Flame."
- D. M.—Is Friday, in your opinion, an unlucky day, and the No. "13" an unlucky number?
 Ans.—We don't think so. Only the superstitious believe—or seem to believe—in the various forms of superstition. Friday was so named after Frigg, a Scandinavian goddess.
- Y. G.—Why are the ancient Egyptians pictured with a sort of a corrugated hood that hangs down over the back of the neck?
 Ans.—That which you seem to think is a hood is nothing more nor less than hair. The ancient Egyptians were extremely careful in taking care of and dressing the hair. The hair was carefully curled in spiral ringlets which hung straight down to the shoulders, and which was quite artistic.
- F. O.—Can gorillas talk so that they can understand each other? To what country are they native to?
 Ans.—Gorillas do not talk. The voice resembles a bark, though it is like a roar when the animal becomes enraged. In their wild state the gorillas mate for life and live in families like humans. They build hammocks in trees where they rest and sleep. Instinctively they understand each other's barking chatter.
- V. B.—How old is the English language?
 Ans.—Our modern English language is the outgrowth of Old English, which was introduced into England at the time of the German Conquest. Old English was entirely Germanic in its general character and grammatical construction. The German Conquest was in A. D. 455. Modern English differs so materially from Old English that very few words of the latter resemble the English of the present time.
- W. B.—Can you tell me who Hebe was and what became of him?
 Ans.—Hebe was a female character in mythology, and was the most attractive and joyous personification of eternal youth. She was deprived of this office because of an accident she sustained and was succeeded by Ganymede. Hebe later became the bride of Hercules.
- J. F.—On what day of the week was Benjamin Harrison born?
 Ans.—Benjamin Harrison was born on Tuesday, that being the day of the week of August 20, 1833—his birthday.
- D. R.—Will the earth ever stop spinning?
 Ans.—Scientists do not think it will because there is no friction to impede its motion. If there was air in the path of the earth's orbit in outer space it would have a tendency to stop the spinning as also its circuit around the sun.
- G. S.—I wish to know why a bat can fly around in the dark without hitting anything?
 Ans.—Bats have the most sensitive ears of any known living thing. They can hear echoes reflected from walls, trees or any other obstacle and this tells them where such things are. Instinctively they can dart hither and thither even if they are totally blind.
- H. J.—Will you please answer who the Maronites are?
 Ans.—The Maronites are a sect of Christians who constitute a class in Syria, so named from a monk called Maron. The sect dates from the 5th century, and now numbers about 175,000. The Maronites acknowledge the Pope of Rome as their head, but have the privilege of using the Syriac language instead of Latin in their services. Also celibacy is not enforced upon their priests.
- D. M.—Why is the great obelisk in Central Park, New York, completely covered with unintelligible characters and symbols?
 Ans.—The obelisk in Central Park, New York, which is 231 feet high and 30 feet square at the base, was presented to the United States by the Khedive of Egypt in 1833, and was at once erected, where it now stands. The markings on the obelisk are Egyptian hieroglyphics, symbols and characters of their language, and substantially convey the spirit of good-will by the grace of the Supreme Power.
- R. W.—What is the difference between polygamy and polyandry?
 Ans.—Polygamy is the practice of having two or more wives at the same time, while polyandry is the practice of having two or more husbands at the same time. Both systems are practiced to some extent in various countries, particularly in Tibet and other parts of Asia.
- T. W.—Will you please tell me through your column who wrote the "Marseillaise," the French national air?
 Ans.—The Marseillaise was written by Rouget de Lisle, an officer of artillery, at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1792. The officer named this celebrated war song "Song of the Army of the Rhine," but soon after the beginning of the Franco-German war the name was changed to "The Marseillaise," and was adopted by the French republicans.
- O. D.—What is an Osage Orange?
 Ans.—An Osage Orange is the fruit of a tree which was native to the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas, but is now found in other regions of North America. It resembles an orange in size and color, but it is not edible. The wood of the tree is highly valuable, and for which it is cultivated.
- H. T.—I would like to know what causes the whirlpool at Niagara Falls?
 Ans.—The whirlpool, which is a short distance from the falls, is in an "elbow" of the Niagara River. The action of the water rushing into this elbow and immediately backing out causes the water to whirl. It is one of the sights of great interest to visitors.

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. For what do the initials U. S. S. R. in reference to the Soviet Government, stand?
 - 2. Is Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese leader, a Communist?
 - 3. How does employment today compare with 1929?
 - 4. Has European production of wheat increased or decreased since the World War?
 - 5. How much will it cost the Government to pay the equivalent of twelve cents for the present cotton crop?
 - 6. What effect has the Government power program had on the production of electricity?
 - 7. When does Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, come up for reelection?
 - 8. If I register my fingerprints to insure my identification, will Federal Bureau of Investigation officials allow police officers to check them?
 - 9. Is the American Red Cross accepting contributions for relief in the Far East?
 - 10. What punishment is provided for failure of the unemployed to register in the unemployment census to be taken shortly?
- THE ANSWERS**
- 1. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
 - 2. Until his kidnaping last December, Chiang waged unceasing war on Chinese Communists.
 - 3. A Department of Labor survey shows 34,722,000 persons employed in non-agricultural industries in May, compared with 35,377,000 in March, 1929.
 - 4. It has increased about fifty percent.
 - 5. Congress authorized \$130,000,000 for this purpose.
 - 6. Production is setting new records; 1937 indicates gains over 1936.
 - 7. In 1940.
 - 8. The answer is no, according to Inspector L. C. Schilder.
 - 9. Money will be accepted for relief among all nationalities in China. The Japanese Red Cross has declined offers of assistance.
 - 10. None whatever; registration is entirely voluntary.
- Dog Puts Fireman Out**
 After putting out the fire in Gust Peterson's home at 8½ Paul, Fireman Given had the very unpleasant experience of being "put out" by the Peterson's dog.