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EDITORIAL

FORCE ALONE WILL STOP HITLER

When Hitler came to power in Germany the Saar basin was the focus of possible international trouble.

After a plebiscite, by which France abided, the area was returned to Germany. Three months before Hitler had said, in the Reichstag, that once the question was settled Germany was "willing and determined" to accept the Pact of Locarno—once expected to assure in Europe.

One year later he sent German troops into the Rhineland, almost precipitating a war and, again, in the Reichstag, declared, "We have no territorial demands to make in Europe."

In 1935 he said: "Germany has neither the wish nor the intention to mix in internal Austrian affairs, or to annex or unite with Austria."

In 1937 he said: "I wish to announce that the era of so-called surprises has been concluded."

About a year later he threatened the almost-captive Schuschnigg to capitulate, under martial threat, and marched his soldiers into Vienna, annexing that country to Germany.

Then he said: "Germany wants only peace. She does not want to add to the sorrows of other nations."

Shortly afterward he pushed the Sudeten question to the fore and pursued it until September 1938, when at Berchtesgaden he amazed Mr. Chamberlain by expanding his demands and when the powers forced the Czechs to yield, assured the British Premier that this was "the end of Germany's territorial claims in Europe."

Less than six months later he took advantage of defenseless Czechs and annexed their entire nation, although its territory was supposed to have been "guaranteed" as a result of the cession of the Sudetenland.

Last week he advanced again and acquired Memel. Because his word is worthless and his assurances valueless the world naturally wonders what he will attempt next. No longer does he parade behind a formula of uniting Germanic peoples; now he works on the need of "living space."

No one knows where Hitler will stop but everyone knows that it will take armed force to stop him. Consequently, the only question for other nations to determine is where they will draw the line against surrender and let the Fuehrer march against a line of steel.

IT WOULD BE BETTER

The freedom of the people of Centre county, along with that of millions of other Americans, is protected by the Bill of Rights and it should be the duty of every citizen to thoroughly understand the nature of the privileges accorded them under a liberal interpretation of the provisions included under that term.

Just now, the United States is hearing much about subversive, un-American and other peculiar activities. Various efforts are being made to have Congress pass bills which would tend to uproot these forces which most Americans do not like.

It might be a good idea for us, in our zeal to uphold American liberties, to make certain that we do not violate these liberties in an attempt to stamp out the things that we consider dangerous to the liberties themselves.

For example, among some of the proposals, are bills that would be used to gag advocates of social change. The impossibility of exactly defining the isms that we oppose would tend to make them possible instruments of oppression.

As the Christian Science Monitor well says, "Committees that have studied un-American activities will render the greatest service if they tell us what un-American conditions make Americans discontented with America and how these conditions may be corrected. That will be better than invading the Bill of Rights."

WHAT IS AGED?

A reader of The New York Times writes an indignant letter to the editor, complaining at a reference to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain as "aged." Mr. Chamberlain is 70. This says the correspondent isn't "aged." He raps such flagrant use of the word as "both unfair and psychologically deleterious to septuagenarians." The prime minister, he says, is in the prime years of his life.

Since 70 years is, according to Biblical standards, the normal span of life, comments the Williamsport Sun, it has been quite generally accepted that those who attain this age are "aged." To youngsters, one reaches the "aged" stage some years short of 70. The average span of life having been increased by medical science and modern living conditions, perhaps we should cease thinking of men and women of 70 years as being "aged." A lot, of course, depends upon the individual. Some at three score and ten are definitely old, in body, mind and habits. Others are young and vigorous, physically and mentally.

In contradiction of objections to being called "aged" at 70, there are those who are quite willing, if it benefits themselves to accept description as "aged" at that figure or some years short of it. The advocates of "old age" pensions are eager that, for purposes of receiving subsidies from the public treasury, a person be considered "aged" upon arriving at 65 years or, as some would have it, even at 60.

HONOR SYSTEM GOES ON ROCKS

(From Allentown Call)

Fostoria, Ohio, recently tried a novel experiment and because it has failed ingloriously the town is about ready to go back to regulation of motorists.

In that town of 14,000 there was a feeling on the part of merchants that the town was losing business because nearby rivals were easy on farmers and other visitors to the city when parking and other regulations for motorists were violated while Fostoria was enforcing its regulations no matter who the violator might prove to be.

So at the instance of the Fostoria merchants, the town council decided to abolish all regulations and put the motorists "on their honor."

Thus it was up to the motorists to play fairly with each other and with the public. They were not to park in double lines. That would inconvenience motorists in the inner row for obviously they would not be able to move their cars until space to get out had been cleared. Motorists were expected to park directly in front of fire hydrants, for that would inconvenience the firemen in the event of a fire and it might also eventuate in great loss of property or even human life.

The result was interesting. Very soon the business section was littered with cars which parked at any and all angles. There was double parking galore and some cars were parked as far as the middle of the street. Every regulation and every law of common sense was broken throughout the city and motorists who were inconvenienced were at the throats of those who were doing the inconveniencing, if they could find them.

The town council has been doing nothing about it as yet, because the merchants who brought on the no-regulation state of affairs feel that the plan was not given sufficient trial. They believe the idea of "civil patriotism" has not been drilled into the motorists sufficiently and that, given sufficient time, the code of honor will prevail.

It has been a very pretty bit of Utopianism but it is a question whether Utopia has arrived. Human nature still seems to be very much the same sort of human nature that it was in the days of the tooth and claw. On a big scale it is being illustrated in European affairs at this time. In a small way it is being illustrated by the motorists in Fostoria and probably would be illustrated anywhere that all regulations as to motoring were dropped and each and every motorist were expected to operate according to the rules of common sense.

RUDE AWAKENING

(From Greensburg Review)

W. Lee O'Daniel showed the people of Texas a great time last summer and fall with his hillbilly songs, his string band, and alluring promises.

But now that they have seen Mr. O'Daniel performing as governor for a while they have had a rude awakening. The spell of the hillbilly music that kept them charmed as they paraded to the ballot box to vote for Mr. O'Daniel is gone.

Hundreds of thousands of Texans, particularly those who like the philosophy of government exemplified in Vice President John Nance Garner, have made up their minds that the new governor is going to put Texas in a real mess if they do not hold him in check.

Governor O'Daniel is a spender, and a big spender, if given leeway. Texas taxpayers have discovered that and they are out to stop him. The promises sounded good, but now when it gets down to fulfilling the promises and having the taxpayers foot the bills it is a different story.

Governor O'Daniel started out his administration with the idea of giving every old person, rich or poor, a \$30 a month pension. Under pressure, he has given up that idea. He not only found the property-holding Texas taxpayers against him, but he discovered that the federal government would not match state dollars to provide pensions for people who were not needy.

So the governor has another plan. He wants to guarantee an income of about \$30 a month for everyone past 65 years of age. To carry out this idea he has proposed that a number of tax levies be increased and he is sponsoring a proposed constitutional amendment which would impose a two and one-half per cent sales tax. But he is finding the going pretty tough. The hillbilly songs and music fail to charm any more.

TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

For many years the people of the United States have taken it for granted that democratic government had been universally recognized as the ideal and that progress would be marked by the gradual spread of democracy to include the nations of the earth.

No such assumption is warranted today. In fact, the existing democratic regimes and to force people who engage in aggressive tactics of modern dictators threaten to topple joy popular self-government to yield dictatorial powers to officials in order to meet the present crisis.

It begins to look like government by dictators will become fashionable, even if adopted solely as a weapon with which to fight autocracy. The situation can be blamed upon Germany, Italy and Japan. Their use of force to achieve national ends has been facilitated by dictatorship in government.

The United States is setting its defense forces in order and the move comes none too soon. The speed with which nations are now being gobbled up permits no assurances that the future will be anything but an armed truce, with militaristic countries gobbling up the weaker nations whenever possible.

YOUR LIFE IS YOUR AFFAIR

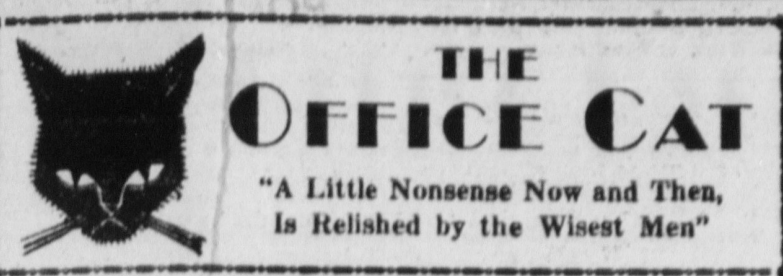
Life is not to be spent entirely in the pursuit of serious ends but neither should it be devoted exclusively to the pleasures of the moment.

The individual must, of necessity, consider the ultimate end of man even if the present condition of the human race compels attention to other than eternal objectives.

The organization of society today forces men and women to work for material gains. This pressure often causes some of them to forget that earning a living, important as it must be, cannot be the sole endeavor of individuals.

Many years ago it was spoken, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and the application of that admonition in shaping our earthly life should be diligently attended to by every one of us.

Men and women should not neglect their physical and mental development but neither should they overlook their spiritual advancement. Those who believe in the immortality of the spirit should be fortified against yielding to the temptations of the flesh.



PEANUTS TO YOU

An elephant never forgets, they say. From New Year's Day to December: Perhaps it's a gift to be that way— But what has he got to remember?

Both Are Fibbers

It is told of a minister that he went into the office of a busy newspaper man and said: "You editors don't tell the truth. If you did, you couldn't live. Your newspaper would fold up." "You're right," agreed the editor. "But don't forget that the preacher who at all times and under all circumstances tell the truth about his members, alive or dead, could not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with white-wash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the newspaper and the gravestone are the great saint-making trio."

Whereupon the editor turned to his job of finishing a marriage notice in which the bride was described as "comely," when he knew in his heart he'd struck a "c" where an "h" ought to be.

SHIP AHOY!

The modern girl knows how to drape. And here and there she'll pin it. But her bathing suit has little shape until her shape gets in it.

A Lot Encouraging

A little girl, on her first day at school, was found by one of the teachers in tears. "Why, dear," asked the sympathetic teacher, "what's the matter?" "They tell me," said the child between her sobs, "that I shall have to stay here until I'm 14!" Teacher patted her on the shoulder. "Cheer up," she said gently, "you're better off than I am. Just think, I have to stay here until I'm 65."

FINGER WAVES

Hitch-hikers find more use for thumbs Than anyone supposes. In fact, when they're refused a lift They use them on their noses.

A Sad Awakening

"Whatcha so sad about?" asked Bill. "Last night I dreamt that I was in a harem and the keeper asked me if I'd like to have a girl. I said, 'Yes,' so he was just about to go out and get me one when a brunette passed. But I said I wanted a blonde. Then he sent the brunette upstairs to get one for me. While we were standin' around waiting for the blonde I woke up, and I've been kickin' myself all day long for not havin' taken the brunette."

Very Stupid

An absent-minded professor has just discovered that he has been changing his shirt every thousand miles and the oil in his car once a week.

1939 Advice

To the Old-Fashioned Girl: Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever. To the Flapper: Be good, sweet maid, and let who will. Be clever.

A GIRL POEM

A gal I hate is Freda Hutch; Does too little, talks too much. A gal I love is Martha Platt; With her you know just where you're at. A gal to meet is Eva Dine; Today she's yours—tomorrow she's mine.

In many respects a man, like a house, is finished when he gets plastered.

Better Start Slow

Farmer—"Come on, I'll show you how to milk a cow." City Visitor—"Perhaps I'd better start on a calf."

Frank And Earnest

A certain minister, noted for his ability to judge character and for his frank manner, was asked to marry an odd-looking couple. After the ceremony the groom said, "Sorry, parson, but all I can afford is a dollar." The parson replied, after one look at the bride, "You're wasting fifty cents."

Work It Out For Yourself

Marriage, they say, is an institution. Marriage is also a gamble. Gambling is against the law. Therefore, marriage as an institution is unconstitutional and should be abolished.

About the only type of girl who has any use for a windy guy is a flat tire.

Bum Luck

Two members of the legal profession, one decidedly glum of countenance, met on the street. "Well, how's business?" the first asked the second one. "Rotten," the first replied. "I just chased an ambulance twelve miles and found a lawyer in it."

A Pleasant Time Coming

Toastmaster, introducing the speaker: "I'm sure that Mr. Jones, of the Fertilizer Department, will give us a pleasant half hour. He's just full of his subject."

Bad Manners

"Ma, Ma. A big truck ran over Pa and squashed him all over the street." Mother—"Junior, how many times have I told you not to talk about such things when I'm eating?"

Eventually

Victim—"Hey, that wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled." Dentist—"Calm yourself, I'm coming to it."

Taint So

Customer—"I don't want to buy your crackers; they tell me the mice are always running over them." Grocer—"That isn't so. Why the cat sleeps in the barrel every night."

A Useful Member

"Don't upbraid your child severely for sucking his thumb," advises a child psychologist. About all that is necessary, we should think, is to caution him not to swallow it as he may need it some day to hitch-hike.

Why Not Drop It?

"You can't take it with you, and you can't stay here with it but a few short years, so why bother about it at all?"

Where, Oh Where?

"If a church were to turn out all sinners, where would it get a congregation?" asks a writer. And where would it get a preacher?

We've Found That Out

Salt is what makes potatoes taste so good if you don't put any on them.

Ever Think of This?

To be naked is to be nude. To be naked is to be refinished. To be refinished is to be refined. Therefore, to be naked is to be refined. That's all, folks. The lich to get married has kept many an old maid scratching for a husband. —SCAT.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—A lid is put on a box, and is said to be empty. If that is not true, what is inside the box? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

H. H.—What is the life of a patent? And can a person get a patent on the same thing after the time has expired? Ans.—The life of a patent is 17 years. The article cannot again be patented or renewed. However, improvements may be patented, but improvements are protected also for 17 years.

T. R.—If the Ohio River empties into the Mississippi River will you please tell me where it begins? Ans.—The Ohio River begins in Pennsylvania (at Pittsburgh) at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers.

K. G.—On what day of the week will the Fourth of July come on in the year 2039? Ans.—July 4, 2039, will fall on Sunday. Wait and see.

G. V.—What has become of the ex-kaiser of Germany? Ans.—The ex-kaiser is still a self-imposed exile in Doorn, Holland, where he lives in a castle.

G. D.—How many wives did King Solomon have? Ans.—According to I Kings, chapter 11, verse 3, King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

F. J.—Will you please answer in your good paper what kind of government has Finland? And what is its capital? Ans.—The government of Finland has been a republic since 1918. Formerly Finland was ruled by Russia. Their independence from the czar was proclaimed in 1917. The capital is Helsinki.

B. N.—Does a person have to be a citizen of the United States to enlist in the United States army, navy or marines? Ans.—No. Any person who is not a citizen of the United States may enlist in any branch of the military service.

L. E.—Is the word "fortnight" a good word? And what does it mean? Ans.—"Fortnight" is a perfectly good word. It is a contraction of "fourteen nights," and means two weeks.

M. H.—I wish to ask you if golf balls will float? Ans.—The ordinary golf ball will not float. However, there is a special golf ball called "floaters," which are used on courses where there is much water hazards.

N. F.—Did the Indians have horses and ponies before America was discovered by the white man? Ans.—No. When America was discovered, horses were imported from Spain, and a large number of them were abandoned by DeSoto in Texas. While running wild over the State the Indians readily took to riding them.

S. Y.—What is the weight of the Liberty bell? Ans.—The Liberty bell weighs 2,086 pounds.

E. N. H.—In what direction does the moon travel? Ans.—The moon in its journey around the earth travels from west to east. Owing to the fact that the moon's orbit does not lie in the plane of the earth's equator, the moon has also an alternating north-and-south motion; moving north for two weeks and then south for two weeks.

K. R. S.—When was "The Star Spangled Banner" made our national song? Ans.—By an Act of Congress, approved by the President, on March 3, 1931, the words and music of "The Star Spangled Banner" were designated as the national anthem of the United States of America.

E. J. W.—What was Lincoln's favorite poem? Ans.—It was "Mortality," by William Knox, beginning, "O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

T. H. M.—Are regular health examinations a new idea? Ans.—As far back as 1871 Dr. Horace Dobell, an English physician, urged that all persons should have regular examinations as a means of protecting health.

T. F. D.—What is the origin of Johnny cake? Ans.—The name is said to come from journey cake, so called because in pioneer days no man left the settlements without his sack of corn meal to prepare this food.

J. S. H.—What Governor had for his platform the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments? Ans.—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas.

D. H. R.—What is the name of Gen. Nelson A. Miles favorite horse which he gave to Buffalo Bill? Ans.—General Miles gave Duke, one of his most beautiful horses, to Buffalo Bill who used him as lead horse in his shows for many years. Two of the General's other favorite horses were named Golden Pebbles and Old Ebb.

S. S. B.—How many taxis are there in New York City? Ans.—As of November 2, 1938, there were 12,331 taxicabs operating in that city.

A. T. R.—What is the origin of the name Tucson? Ans.—The name of the Arizona city is derived from a Papago word meaning "black base," in allusion to a dark volcanic stratum in the adjacent Tucson Mountains.

M. C.—Does rice contain much starch? Ans.—Rice is approximately 77 per cent starch.

F. H.—How much did the San Francisco-Oakland bridge cost? Ans.—The bridge is estimated to have cost \$77,200,000.

E. C.—How many ships pass through the Panama Canal in a year? How much toll do they pay? Ans.—In the calendar year 1938, 5626 vessels passed through the Panama Canal. The tolls collected on these vessels amounted to \$22,608,555.25.

A. G.—What is the most valuable animal on the farm? Ans.—The mule is rated the most valuable animal by Department of Agriculture specialists. Its national average is \$115 compared with \$84 for the horse, \$56 for the cow, and \$11 for the hog.

Answer to problem: Air is inside the box.

HEALTH

Also a lot of facilities for caring for them.

DO YOU KNOW Medical knowledge is a science but its application to the sick person is an art. State medicine made its appearance in Germany in 1883 and in England in 1911. In both cases it was not due to public demand but came as a political expedient. It has not helped the public or the medical profession in either case.

TREAT SEED OATS TO SAVE CROP FROM SMUT

The worst enemy of the oat crop in Pennsylvania is smut. Where oats have not been treated for two or three years, it is estimated that smut destroys one of every six heads. This means, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney, that the farmer using treated seed can harvest as large a crop from five acres as his neighbor using untreated seed secures from six.

Growers can easily avoid losses from smut by treating their seed with formaldehyde or organic mercury. Although there are two kinds of smut, both can be controlled by the same treatment.

One pint of formaldehyde mixed with 1 pint of water is sufficient for treating 50 bushels of oats. Shovel the oats from one pile to another, at the same time spraying it with the solution, using a small hand sprayer. After all the seed has been treated, cover the pile with canvas or blankets. Remove the covering after five hours to allow the gas to escape. Seed should be sown as soon as possible after treatment.

Organic mercury compounds have given equally satisfactory results. Apply according to the manufacturer's directions.

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