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EDITORIAL

William Allen White, Republican Sage of Emporia, Kansas, and authority on all things, asks his Republican brethren to 'take stock of themselves.'

Here are some important dates to keep in mind for this month: October 7, Saturday, is the last day to register before the municipal election.

American farmers would do well for themselves and likewise for their country, if they consider carefully the sound advice of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to "proceed with their production plans as if the outbreak in Europe had not occurred."

NEW GLASS-LIKE VIOLIN CAN BE ILLUMINATED A violin that looks like crystal glass and can be illuminated within its case for concerts in the dark.

From the syndicated column "Washington Merry-go-round," edited by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, we get this interesting bit of information: Vandenberg got word from Henry Ford that he would back him to the limit in the neutral flight.

When members of our county assistance boards (sole dispensers) were selected by chairman of Republican county committees, early in the James administration, there was much protest lodged by some members of the state legislature then in session.

PRUDENT ACTS PROMPTLY The prompt action by the Federal Government to halt rising commodity prices due to war psychology is unprecedented.

Following an immediate warning by President Roosevelt in a press conference at the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, with assurances as to the abundance of food and fiber and other supplies.

In suspending the quotas which restricted the importation and domestic marketing of sugar, the President struck a dynamic blow at the hysteria which prevailed in some circles over food supplies and prices.

A TRICKY TRUCE IS OFFERED (Harrisburg Patriot) Precious as peace is, there is no difficulty in understanding why England and France refuse to consider the proffered truce offered by Germany and Russia.

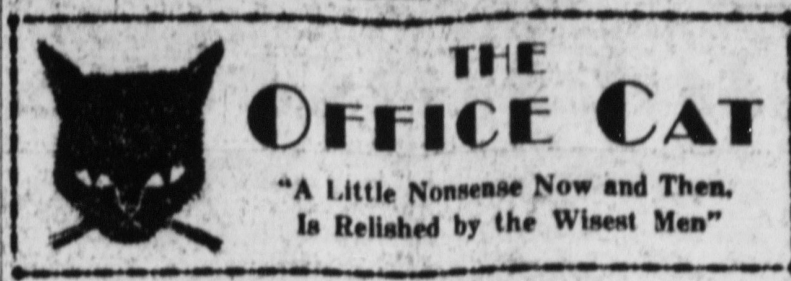
The alternative to the refusal of England and France to accept the Russo-German terms is war to the hilt. The French call that "blackmail." It is all of that. It may be even more sinister.

But what France and England and all the world know is that sooner or later this catalytic issue must be faced. If the Allies accept the terms insolently handed them now, it merely gives their enemies more time and opportunity to "digest their prey" and then resume their assaults on other countries.

There is reason to believe that the democracies of France and England realize that this conflict between the Nazism of Germany and the Communism of Russia on one side and the free and liberal government of nations like France and England will not be settled finally until it is settled right.

France and England probably are convinced that if the sweep of dictatorships and totalitarian governments is to be stopped, now is the time to do it, not later when the foes of individual liberty become still stronger and more barbaric.

PLAN THIS FALL FOR NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN Fall in the home flower garden is not only a time of rich harvest, but also a time of study and planning for next year.



THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

A Covered Well

During the fair at Dallas, Texas, the management was very much interested in procuring a sure-enough pedigreed Indian Chief and his squaw to add to their free attractions.

After diligent search they succeeded in finding an Indian Chief that was a descendant of Chief Gorinome or some other renowned of the Indian tribe, and his squaw was typical of the old days.

After considerable persuasion and an attractive offer he loaded them on the Pullman and started back to Dallas. These Indians had never been on a train much less a pullman, and they were provided with a section, the drawing room not being available.

The Chief, as was characteristic, took the lower berth and put his squaw in the upper.

Soon after retiring he knocked on the berth above and announced that "Big Chief wants more water." She climbed down out of the berth and went back and brought him a drink. She had not much more than gotten back in the berth and half asleep when he called again and she made the second and third trips.

Finally a little later he announced that "Big Chief wants more water," and back she went and stayed and stayed, and the Chief became very much impatient.

When she did return he asked, "Why don't you bring Big Chief more water?" She said, "Indian Squaw can't bring Big Chief any more water. White Squaw sitting on well."

Slips That Pass in the News

(Merton, La. Times) "Returning from Merton Sunday night the Misses Maud and Clara Deeks stopped at the Cherry Creek bridge to repair a tire and had the misfortune to leave a couple of tools (tools) lying along the highway. If anyone finds them their return will be appreciated."

(Dayton, Ill. Journal) "Reverend Persill spent Thursday afternoon and evening visiting the new CCC camp (camp) west of town."

(Elwood, Maine Press) "Miss Oria Koonz of Alvin, is a house (house) guest this week of her cousin, Miss Alice Tradon."

(Alfred, Miss. Recorder) "Ed Jones is able to get out again after a relapse caused from the shock which the nervous system received some time ago when a punctured tire skidded his car over an embankment and busted his inner tube."

(Malcomb, Kansas News) "After the ceremony the newly-married couple served ice cream and cake. The bride's first marriage resulted in the birth of one son; her second had a like result. The groom is the father of fourteen children. He, too, has been married before."

(Manville, Ill. Journal) "Miss Georgianna Peck went to Danville Saturday to spend a few days with her mother who is a patient at Allen's Hospital. Mrs. Peck is recovering nicely from a recent operation."

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

When a colored revivalist was caught hugging one of the young girls of the congregation, members of the flock asked him to explain his actions. The preacher got a picture showing the Good Shepherd with a lamb in His arms.

"As Ah am de good shepherd of his yere flock," said the colored reverend. "Ah ought to be able to hol' a lamb in mah arms if Ah wants to."

That was a satisfactory explanation to the deacons and elders, but they called a little meeting in the Sunday school room and while there formed this resolution which was then read to the preacher:

"We, de deacons and elders of dis yere church, resolved it is all right fo' Brudder Johnson to hol' de lamb in his arms if he wants to, providin' it am a ram lamb."

Probably Craves Mice

Talking about serious operations, a friend recently told us how difficult his was. He said they used so much cat-gut in sewing him up that his stomach doesn't growl any more—it mews.

Already Employed

A minister named Johnson employed a young Swede as handy man and chauffeur. Later while on a cross-country tour, they stopped at a place where an old-time country camp-meeting was in full swing.

Near the close of the service one of the brethren went among the people exhorting them to "go forward." Coming to the Swede he said, "My friend, don't you want to work for Jehovah?"

"No, tank you," said the Swede. "I bunc got a good job with Reverend Yonson already."

Different Order

During a session of a certain court a man was charged with abusing his team and using loud and profane language. One of the witnesses was an old negro.

"Did the defendant use improper language while beating his horse?" questioned counsel.

"Well, he talk mighty loud, suh."

"Did he indulge in profanity?" The witness seemed puzzled so the lawyer put the question in another form.

"What I mean is—did he use words that would be proper for your minister to use in a sermon?"

"Oh, yes, suh," the old man replied with a grin, "but dey'd have to be ranged in different order."

More Unemployment

They tell of a little Bellefonte lad who liked his first at school and increased in his liking for it, throughout the week, so that when Friday came he was displeased to learn from the teacher that there would be no school on Saturday or Sunday. When he got home his mother asked why he looked so depressed.

"Datin it," he complained, "I've been laid off for two days."

Scottish Thoughtfulness

A Scotchman in planning a new house left the roof off one room. A friend asked the reason for this. "Oh, that's the shower," replied the Scot.

May Be Around the Corner

Dick—"Hain't he got a rich wife?" Bill—"Yes, but she hasn't declared any dividends so far."

Something Extra

A certain fellow got a letter from one of his old girl friends last month that confused him considerably. About a year ago she got married and the letter she sent him stated that she had twins.

"You may wonder what's confusing about it. Well, said girl friend signed the letter 'Yours.'"

That's all folks. The dogs run faster in Kansas than they do in Maine because the trees are further apart. —"SCAT."

Rev. S. B. Evans Succumbs At 81 (Continued from Page 1)

until retirement. His ministry included periods of service at churches in Lock Haven, Mifflinburg, Milton, Danville, Harrisburg, Altoona, Shamokin, Phillipsburg and Williamsport. He was superintendent of the Altoona District, 1912-17, and maintained his home during those years in Tyrone.

He leaves four children: Miss Lucille Evans, teacher of English in the Williamsport Senior High school; Miss G. Winifred Evans, assistant dressmaker of nurses at the Williamsport Hospital; Mrs. Harry W. Morgan, of Williamsport; and Vincent G. Evans, personal supervisor in the Carnegie Steel Company, Pittsburgh. A sister, Miss Olive Evans, who made her home with the retired clergyman, and four grandchildren, also survive.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:— I am a girl of 17 and graduated from high school last year. I kept company with a boy for some time without my parents' knowledge.

As soon as they found it out, they forbade me to go with him. The reason they do not like him is because he has been mixed up in some small thefts. I really think a lot of him and want to go with him. What should I do? B. H. S.—Iowa.

ANSWER:

What do you mean, B. H. S., that he has been mixed up in some small thefts? If he made a mistake once and is sorry for it; if he has turned over a new leaf and is trying to live honestly now, that is one thing, but if you mean that every now and again he continues his dishonest habits, that is quite another.

If a boy is doing the best he can to live down his past, he needs encouragement and the help of other people. But there is certainly no profit in becoming fond of a person who is a petty thief and who will continue to be one all of his days.

There are a good many factors to be taken into consideration before judging a boy harshly, who has strayed from the narrow path and taken things that do not belong to him. The first of these is that honesty is not born in children but has to be taught to them.

Another thing to be considered is this: The boy who has devoted parents who are well-to-do does not have the temptations of the boy who longs for nice clothes and a better life, but who is too poor to enjoy these things.

Now, don't think that I mean by this that a boy who is neglected and poor has a right to steal, but I do say that he deserves a great deal more credit for being honest than the boy who is given everything he wants.

However, if such a boy falls in with bad company, and is mixed up in a scandal, I do not think we should hold it against him too long if he is really sorry about it and tries to live it down. It is the boy who refuses to reform that he had better shun.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:— Since attending school, my little girl has become very fond of one her school-mates. Although the little girl in question seems to be well-behaved and nice, I am wondering whether I should encourage the companionship. The child's parents do not move in the same social circles that we do.

MOTHER—Okl.

ANSWER:

I think that you had better be extremely thankful that your little girl has chosen such a nice little companion. Social circles are of little consequence to children.

They judge more clearly, I sometimes think than adults. You can't judge a good child by

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: Three men went fishing. The three men caught twelve fish. Each fish made two meals. One fish was given to the cat. If each of the men ate the same amount, how many meals were served? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

B. M.—How fast do radio sounds travel? Ans.—Radio sounds travel so fast that they are considered instantaneous, or about the speed of light. To be more specific, radio waves and light waves both travel 186,000 miles per second.

D. C.—How can a bat fly in the dark without hitting anything? Ans.—It is not known for sure. Bats may have some other sense that we do not know of. However, scientists generally believe bats possess extremely sensitive ears, which guides them in their movements in the dark.

W. J.—I would like to know why water boils when it is heated? Ans.—It is the combustion of the molecules into the air. These molecules are so infinitely small that they cannot be seen and will float around in the air forever. When the molecules explode they become steam, and the bubbles of steam rising through the water makes it boil.

R. H.—Is the air hotter or colder at 10 miles above the earth's surface? Ans.—Much colder. When it is 100 degrees above zero at the surface, it is 70 degrees below zero ten miles up.

T. L.—Will you please tell me in your valuable paper the correct pronunciation of the word "prelude"? I have heard it pronounced two different ways over the radio.

Ans.—Two ways are both correct, dependent upon how the word is used. If used as a noun it is pronounced like "pre-lood"; if used as a verb it is like "pre-lood." The accent in both cases is on the first syllable.

W. F.—After diligent work I have figured out the day of the week Christmas will come on in the year A. D. 2039. Now I want to see if you will agree.

Ans.—You failed to say what day of the week you have it, and therefore don't know whether or not we agree. However, it is a fact that Dec. 25 (Christmas), A. D. 2039, will fall on Saturday, if our present calendar system is used at that time.

D. S.—If Germany and Russia are such bitter enemies (off the record) isn't it rather paradoxical that the two nations formed a non-aggression pact?

Ans.—This is a matter of opinion. However, it is thought that this move was for strategic purposes on both sides. Hitler wants Russian aid, or at least neutrality, in an armed conflict with Great Britain and France, while Stalin wants Hitler's assistance in a potential war with Japan. In this pact both sides will benefit, despite the fact that Nazism and Communism are bitter enemies.

T. C.—How do you know the existence of millions of stars which cannot even be seen through the telescope?

Ans.—By means of photography. A photographic plate is placed at the focus of a telescope and exposed for several hours. It will then detect millions of faint stars which are believed to be more than a thousand million miles away.

A. E. W.—Can a citizen of the United States enlist in the British army? Ans.—A citizen of the United States can not enlist in the British army because of the neutrality act which states that "enlisting or entering into the service of a belligerent as a soldier or as a marine or seaman on board any ship of war is forbidden under severe penalty."

F. K.—How large are the Trylon and the Perisphere at the New York World's Fair? Ans.—The Trylon is 700 feet in height and the diameter of the Perisphere is 290 feet.

R. F. W.—What is the meaning of ecce homo? Ans.—The phrase ecce homo is from the Latin and means behold the man. It is said to be the Latin version of the words used by Pilate in presenting Christ wearing the crown of thorns to the Jews.

Answer to problem: Twenty-four meals—23 to the three men and two to the cat.

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