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EDITORIAL

When fire breaks out in a community it concerns everybody. The same observation applies to the entire world.

Japan has moved rather slowly in the Far East but the signs indicate that the empire will move. The question is, will the United States move?

The training of soldiers includes the hardening of their bodies, which takes time but can be accomplished without guns or other munitions of war.

So far as we are concerned we would rather trust the vote of the people in the coming election rather than the decisions of any select group of superior individuals.

Two-thirds of the daily newspapers support the candidacy of Wendell L. Willkie according to a survey made by Editor and Publisher, a newspaper magazine. Interesting also are the figures for 1936, when 356 newspapers were for Roosevelt and 523 for Landon; and 1932, when 399 were for Roosevelt and 537 for Hoover.

The prolonged debate in the Senate, just ended, over the selective service bill has not strengthened the people in this country or abroad, that a democratic legislature can act with dispatch in an emergency. A democracy permits freedom of expression and debate but the privilege extended to individuals should not be permitted to tie up legislation pertaining to national defense.

The proposed constitutional amendment now being advertised throughout the State will not appear on the November ballots. Under the law, the amendments must be advertised in advance of the election of the new Legislature, which must pass upon them before they can appear on the ballots. The Constitution provides that amendments must be presented to and passed by a majority of the members elected to each House at two regular sessions. After a proposed amendment has been passed by the Senate and the House a second time, it is again published and placed on the ballots at the next general election.

Health and Beauty

THE IMPORTANCE OF A VACATION—CONCLUDED

When you start out on your vacation, leave the worries behind you. If your car contains a radio, select the better class of music, something that soothes tired nerves.

People forget that the human machine is the most delicately and perfectly fashioned of any structure that ever came from the hand of the creator. Even automobiles, ships, watches and all man-made machinery must be kept attuned.

When the mind of the tired business man is intent upon some hobby, fishing, for example, he refreshes his soul. The calm, silent water, the overhanging branches of the trees mirrored on its placid surface, all have the effect of bringing se-

rene contentment. Care is forgotten as he intently watches the lines in expectancy of its beginning to dance up and down, cutting up queer dipoles. To those who like it, this form of recreation is very satisfying. The true disciples of Isaac Walton are at peace with the world as they sit quietly in a boat, or on the banks of a stream engaged in their favorite diversion.

One of the best investments that an employer can make, is to grant himself a vacation and extend the same gift to his employees. This makes for better service in all departments of activity. The tired worker, worn out by the same old monotonous grind, becomes dull and discontented. Grant him a respite that he may spend the time amidst new surroundings. If he employs the time wisely, he will return refreshed in mind and body, and go back to his work full of pep and enthusiasm.

Begin now to plan your vacation, so that each moment that you are away from your regular work, will yield dividends of renewed energy and usefulness for the future. But no matter how much you may enjoy your vacation, when you return you feel that "home, the spot of earth supremely blest, a dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest." Several careworn housewives have

According to many rumors the Nazis have a number of bases in the Caribbean, but if they have all the bases that have been reported they must have several thousand.

There are people in the United States who think that Hitler will attack the United States if he wins his war against Great Britain. There are other people who do not believe this. Nobody knows who is right. Consequently, the only thing for the United States to do is to be prepared if attack is coming. This means arming the nation, training soldiers and making every preparation for complete defense. To do otherwise would be extremely foolish.

A fair sample of the junk that is being published in this country from Berlin is the recent dispatch, disclosing that the German navy is trying out a "new weapon," which will "surprise" the world. This line of chatter has been coming from Germany ever since Hitler began his belated tactics. The latest yarn says that the device is being tested in a harbor visited by correspondents but the exact nature of the surprise is, of course, as you would suspect, "withheld."

With the schools of Centre county starting their new year it might not be amiss, without being critical, to urge all teachers and school officials to think seriously of the opportunity that they have in training youth. Of course, we know that school teachers are not overpaid and that their work is not often appreciated as much as it should be. This, however, is not the fault of the school children, many of whom come from homes that do not give them adequate training for anything. No person has a higher regard for teachers, as a class, than we have but it is human for individuals in a great system to acquire a machine-like slant to their work, social structure to be gone through with. This is not true, and teachers should carefully guard against this attitude toward their work with youngsters. The influence of a good teacher upon the life of a growing boy or girl can not be over-estimated. Similarly, the depressing effect of a careless, or unthinking teacher is seldom realized by adults. While no one can reasonably expect perfection from human teachers, it is highly important that teachers themselves take pride in the nobility of their profession.

PEPPER IS HONORED

Senator Claude Pepper, of Florida, was honored in Washington the other day when a group of women, opposed to his strong preparedness stand, hung an over-all clad dummy, labelled "Claude Benedict Arnold Pepper."

The Florida Senator has been outstanding in his advocacy of prompt aid to the Allies and of speedy rearmament on the part of the United States. The female demonstrators consider this a stratagem to get it into the war.

Another stunt, adopted by the good women who are opposing conscription, is the draft "death watch," a group of mothers, garbed in black crepe and heavily veiled, who sit silently in the reception hall of the Senate, trying to get over the idea that passage of the conscription measure will mean the death knell of democracy.

We do not agree with the ladies. In our opinion their black crepe is apt to be much more appropriate if this democracy fails to arm itself and prepare adequate defense. The death of democracy in this country will not come as a result of a conscription bill but it may occur if we have not enough trained soldiers to defend ourselves.

BULLITT TELLS AMERICA

The furor among the isolationists in the United States over the recent speech of Ambassador William C. Bullitt, springs from the simple fact that the former American representative in Paris knows what he is talking about when he warns the United States that it is in danger.

Mr. Bullitt saw the German war machine at first hand. Nobody has to tell him about it. He calls it the most powerful in the history of the world. He says that this country is in the same danger that France was just a year ago.

The absurd criticism, heard in the Senate, comes from those who want the American people to continue to dream, like the small democracies in Europe, that neutrality is a perfect shield in this present-day world. We don't doubt the patriotism of those who profess to believe that the United States is in no danger but we question their intelligent appraisal of the world situation.

Mr. Bullitt's address was a powerful document, deserving the attention of Americans.

BRITISH FLIERS SURPRISE WORLD

It is impossible for anybody to tell how the aerial warfare is coming along in Europe but it is evident that the Germans, at least, are meeting with stern opposition and that the British air force has not been bothered.

The performance of the British Air Force has been one of the outstanding surprises of the war. Time and again, at critical places, they have fought the German aviators to a standstill, notably at Dunkerque and along the British coast.

How long the British can stand the pounding that they are receiving is a question. Undoubtedly, they are taking heavy punishment as well as giving it to Germany.

The superiority that Germany has in the number of planes is vital and will prove to be the controlling factor in the aerial warfare. However, if British manufacturing plants are not destroyed and the United States speeds up the production and delivery of bombers the British will make a war out of the struggle that will be enough to satisfy Mr. Hitler for a long time.

Fighting, as we believe they are, for the interests, as well as the ideals of the United States, we do not think it is wise for this country to withhold supplies from the British. The wisest course, as best we can tell, is to pour material into England and let the British use it against Germany.

been talking to the writer about their vacations. "I am glad to get home, I never want to see that cottage again. The cook had to leave and my family were always bringing in company for meals, and the work fell upon me," was the plaint. "I couldn't have stood it much longer. I am worn to a frazzle. It will take a week for me to rest. I'd rather stay at home." Their families were not very considerate. Every one on a vacation should do his or her share of the work, so that no one person will be unduly burdened, then all can reap the benefits of a change. Mother often needs the rest more than any other member of the family, and yet owing to thoughtlessness or selfishness of others, she must return home to get a little much needed rest.

A secluded garden can be made a loveable place in which to spend parts of long summer days, especially in these times of turmoil and strife. Surrounded by trees and flowers, we can find solitude and relaxation behind protecting walls or hedges, with awnings or trellises to protect us from the sun. If you have the space, you can fix it so that it will be an inviting spot in which to spend the most restful part of your vacation.

When it comes to the war in Europe, the more you read the less you know.

A newspaper may serve a community but, even so, the crew has to eat.

THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
The Mourning After
I sing a song of saxophone,
A pocket full of rye,
A lot of dizzy dancers,
Madly whirling by.
And when the dance is over,
And you're at home, petite,
I'm swallowing gobs of aspirin
And soaking my tired feet.

Do You Recognize Him?
Some fellows can get away with anything. There's one in our neighborhood that does.

Morals don't mean a thing to him. He's unmarried and lives openly with a woman he's crazy about; and doesn't care what the neighbors say or think. He has no regard for truth or law.

The duties of the so-called good citizen are just so much bunk so far as he's concerned. He doesn't vote at either the primaries or the general election. He never thinks of paying a bill.

We have seen him take a two dollar taxi ride without giving the driver so much as a pleasant look. The driver only stared at him and muttered something silly.

He won't work a lick; he won't go to church; he can't play cards; or dance, or fool around with musical instruments or the radio. So far as known he has no intellectual interests at all.

He neglects his appearance terribly. He's so indolent he'd let the house burn down before he'd turn in an alarm. The telephone can ring itself to pieces and he wouldn't bother to answer it. Even on such a controversial subject as the liquor question, nobody knows exactly where he stands, because one minute he's dry, and the next minute he's wet.

But we'll say this for him, in spite of all his faults, he comes of a darned good family.

He's that new baby on our street.

It's Different Now

A horsefly flew in a stable door
Where he'd been welcome years before;
He lit on the tail of a Chevy coupe
And the backfire took his breath away.

Afraid of What He Saw

Jones became well aware as the dinner went on that he had partaken too freely of the champagne. He was determined however, to show none of the usual signs of tipsiness.

When the guests rose from the table, someone suggested that the hostess exhibit "the latest edition to her family." She agreed, and presently the nurse appeared with a dainty pink basket containing twins.

Jones was nearest, and mindful of his determination to appear sober, he steadied himself as he gazed into the basket.

He blinked as he saw two chubby faces in the basket, but not to be outdone he looked up and said, "My, what a beautiful baby."

School Note

The pretty teacher was assembling her pupils on the opening day of school and to test them out she drew an antlered deer on the board. When it was finished she turned to little Willie.

"What is the name of the animal I have drawn?" she asked. "I don't know, ma'am," said Willie after a careful look.

"Oh, come now, Willie. What does your mother call your daddy?" "Heck," said Willie. "Jackasses don't have horns."

Shouldering the Blame

New Bride—"When I went to the butcher's to get some shin-bone soup made, I was so hoarse he couldn't understand me, so I just showed him my shin."

Hubby—(examining package)—"Yeah. But what's that piece of ham doing in the package?"

You Don't Ring 'Em Up

Gruff Father (to son)—"Why don't you go out and find a job? When I was your age, I was working for three dollars a week in a store, and at the end of five years I owned the store."

Son—"You can't do that nowadays. They have cash registers."

Fond of Animals With Gray

Mrs. Blow—"And wot was you thinkin' of doing wiv your boy, Mrs. Smith?"

Mrs. Glow—"Well, he's that fond of animals his father was thinkin' of makin' a butcher of 'im."

Use Both Hands

Passenger to Station Agent—"What is the population of this town?" Agent—"Durn it, count 'em yourself. They're all here at train time."

Hey—Presto

The farmer was angry. "What're ye comin' home with your milk pail empty for? Didn't the old cow give anything?"

"Yep," replied his son. "Nine quarts and a kick."

Ketchup Will Hold It

Patron—"Waiter, please close that window."

Waiter—"Is there a draft, sir?" Patron—"No, but it's the fourth time my steak has blown off the plate."

Back Up There

Father—"Why do you go with that girl?"

Son—"Because I want to."

Father—(suspiciously)—"Want to what?"

How About Gas?

"Here's my bill," said the attorney. "I would like you to pay \$500 down and \$50 monthly for eighteen months."

"Sounds like buying a car," remarked the client. "I am," replied the lawyer.

Daffy Definition

Bachelor's version of a wedding: A wedding is a funeral at which you smell your own flowers.

Cheater

Missus Jackson—"Dey done caught Begonia cribbing at dat college and sent her home."

Missus Johnson—"Mah gracious, jes' one mo' mouf to her po' pappy to feed."

SKUNK HOLLOW NEWS

News received by your correspondent regarding the accident in which Miss Elizabeth Gulish and Betty Snifton were injured, states that both girls were riding in the same machine which overturned. Miss Elizabeth was cut about the head and shoulders and Miss Betty in the back seat.

Ham Lummo's sow got out Saturday evening and ate up the garbage in Esther Slisher's pantry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blue are moving from our vicinity. Mr. Blue having accepted a position in Chicago. The couple are breaking up home, friends helping.

Si Corniassel, of the Just-A-Mere Farm, was showing a girl visitor from New York around the farm the other day. Suddenly she spied a herd of calves in the field and exclaimed: "Oh, look at the little cowlets." Si grinned and replied: "Them is bullets."

That's all, folks. The old-fashioned girl who was a circus in her bathing suit now has a daughter who is a side show in hers. —SCAT—

4-H CLUB WEEK WINNERS FROM CENTRE COUNTY

In the dress revue held at State College 20th annual 4-H Club Week, Betty McElwain, Unionville, who exhibited a street outfit in the wardrobe class, received a gold medal award. Leona Wolfe, Centre Hall, who exhibited in the girl at school class, also received a gold medal. Arline Wilson, Stormstown, who exhibited in the party dress class, received a silver medal award.

The girls taking part in the statewide judging contest to receive awards are: Rebecca Way, Stormstown, blue ribbon for judging wardrobe outfits; Leona Wolfe, Centre Hall, blue ribbon for judging girl at school outfits; Lois Schilling, Pine Grove Mills, red ribbon and Phyllis Lang, State College, white ribbon, for judging 4-H girl's supper menus and plain butter cakes.

The State College Supper Club which entered a mother-daughter table in the party table revue re-

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I love to read your letters and I pray that you can help me.

I am a girl in my teens and my parents won't allow me to date at night. I never have done anything to keep them from trusting me but whenever my boy or girl friends come after me, I can't go. If I ever get to go I have to get permission from both mother and papa.

Other girls only ask their mother but I can never go without permission from both parents. This hurts me and most of my friends have stopped coming for me. It would not be so bad if the others had to stay home but they go when they get ready.

What shall I do?

Broken Hearted.

S. C.

Answer:

I think your parents are making a mistake in being so strict with you. They should allow you to have dates as long as you behave yourself and come in at a reasonable hour.

I certainly do not believe in turning a girl absolutely loose to come and go when she pleases and with whom she pleases because young girls naturally lack judgment at that age, but she certainly should not be made to feel that her parents expect her to misbehave the minute she has a chance.

Try to make them understand that all you want is a little innocent fun but if they won't see it your way you will soon be old enough to earn your own living and then you can have your dates.

Louisa.

Dear Louisa:

The boy I go with does not dress to suit me. I do not have the heart to tell him but what do you advise me to do about it?

Do you think eighteen years old is too young to get married?

M. S.

Answer:

Your first question is hard to answer because you fail to tell me why you dislike his way of dressing.

Is he careless about his clothes—wearing soiled shirts and unpressed pants, with holes in his socks or does he dress neatly but in poor taste?

There is some excuse for a fellow wearing shabby clothes if he is poor but there is no excuse for him being careless and sloppy. He can press his own pants, sew up holes in his socks and shine his own shoes if he has some pride. Why don't you praise some man or boy, who is always neat, to your friend and let him see how much you appreciate a person who is well groomed.

If it is a question of taste, your problem is a little more difficult. It is hard to let a person know you think his clothes are tacky or too loud. You might point out the kind of clothes you like in the show windows some evening when you are window shopping but I doubt if it does any good.

As to your second question, it depends so much on the girl. If she has finished her education and is very much in love with a fine fellow who is old enough to get married and who has a good job, marriage may work out all right, but when a girl marries at eighteen she has a long time to stay married and she misses some of the most enjoyable years of being young and free from the responsibility of a home.

Louisa.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the relative plane strength of Germany and Great Britain?

2. How old is Wendell Willkie?

3. Who is the Prime Minister of Canada?

4. How far is Hawaii from the Canal Zone?

5. Did the Republican party sell a campaign book in 1936?

6. When did the United States begin its occupation of the Philippines?

7. How many night clubs operate in New York City?

8. What was the electoral college vote in 1928 and 1936?

9. Is the population of this country increasing?

The Answers

1. No accurate information available.

2. 48.

3. MacKenzie King.

4. 3,383 miles.

5. Yes.

6. In 1888, during the Spanish-American war.

7. About 1,200.

8. 1928; Hoover 444; Smith 87, 1936; Roosevelt 533; Landon 8.

9. Yes; estimated increase during last ten years was at rate of 7.5 per cent.

Religion, as we understand it, involves a way of life.

ceived a red ribbon award. Ruth Zuber, of Spring Mills, led the Club Fiedler for the general assembly on Friday morning, and Rebecca Way of Stormstown, led part of the singing for the assembly on Tuesday. Eleven delegates from the county and the State College Club girls attended the assemblies, tours, and demonstrations held in connection with Club Week.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: In a recent baseball game in the Pacific Coast League there were three men on bases, with no outs. On the next ball pitched, an infielder executed a triple play unassisted. How was it done? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

M. G.—How can a person start a fire if they have no matches?

Ans.—There are two ways to start a fire if you have no matches. First, with a burning glass you can concentrate sunlight through it and set fire to paper or wood shavings. Second, with a piece of steel and a flinty stone you can easily strike a spark just as people did before matches were invented. With a little thin paper or very dry cotton to serve as tinder you can nurse this spark into a flame.

J. D.—What is it that makes butter when milk is churned?

Ans.—Cream makes the butter. Milk contains millions of little droplets of oil and fat. These are lighter than water but because they are so very small they float up in it very slowly. When you churn the milk these little droplets get together and make the butter.

L. M.—How is the Associated Press news handled?

Ans.—The Associated Press is an organization of newspapers numbering about 2,000. It's news dispatches is syndicated simultaneously to all its members and to appear in print on the same date.

S. J.—What is the origin of the expression "the ghost walks"?

Ans.—This phrase originated among theatrical people. Many years ago a company of strolling English players were rehearsing Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The actors had not received their pay for some time and were becoming rebellious. When the actor playing the part of Hamlet said of the ghost, "Perchance 'twill walk again," the man playing the ghost part replied: "No, I'll be d---d if the ghost walks again until our salaries are paid." Since then "the ghost walks" has meant that salaries are being paid.

J. T.—Did the Federal Government ever borrow any money from foreign governments?

Ans.—Not since the Revolutionary War. In 1783 the last foreign loan was from France, and also about \$175,000 from Spain. The continental Congress borrowed some money from private bankers in Holland, but none from that government. During the Civil War Secretary Chase tried to sell U. S. bonds in London and France, but the exchanges turned them down as too great a hazard.

H. J.—Are live loads really found imbedded in rock?

Ans.—The Smithsonian Institution says that for the purposes of hibernation loads dig holes in the ground or crawl into fissures of rocks. Occasionally such specimens are found after blasting operations and the conclusion hastily drawn that the toad has been living inside the solid rock.

J. C.—Do high church officials outrank the President in social precedence?

Ans.—The State Department says that no one outranks the President of the United States.

J. H.—How often are quintuplets born?

Ans.—Guzzini, in a study of 50,000,000 births, concluded that the incidence of quintuplets was one in 41,000,000.

J. C. H.—Is there a monument to the Holy Bible?

Ans.—What is said to be the only one in the world is on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill. It is a sculpture of an open Bible, bearing the inscription: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."—James 1:5.

R. F.—How much preference does a veteran get in Civil Service examinations?

Ans.—A veteran receives five point preference in all examinations, and in some cases he may receive ten points.

L. H.—Please give some information about the statue of Christ overlooking Rio de Janeiro.

Ans.—The mammoth 130-foot concrete statue of Christ which overlooks the harbor of Rio de Janeiro was conceived by the French sculptor Paul Landowski, and erected by popular subscription. It is situated on Mount Corcovado.

C. R. S.—What commodities are affected by the recent Federal Defense Tax Act?

Ans.—The following are affected by the Revenue Act of 1940: Admissions, cigars, club dues, distilled spirits, wines and fermented malt liquors, playing cards, automobile parts, and automobiles, toilet preparations, firearms, gasoline, lubricating oils, and conveyances.

A. E. W.—What is meant by a cats-paw on the water?

Ans.—On a calm day, when the