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EDITORIAL

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Let the small business man beware of following the lead of big business which involved him and the country in the Hoover catclysm.

It was big business and NOT the government that fattened on him and enriched itself at his expense.

What security did his bank account have under the rule of big business in the 20's?

When the New Deal began to build up agriculture what did the farmer do first with his government check? He paid his back taxes, his bill at the store and bought the necessities he had not been able to afford for several years.

Where did the PWA and WPA worker spend his wages if not with the small merchant.

If he had been in a bread line and existing on charity, where would the small merchant have come in?

Who profits in lower costs from the cheap electricity provided by TVA and related projects and from the sale of gadgets and electrical accessories it induces if not the small merchant?

Let the small merchant and small business man think back and consider these and many other ways in which New Deal measures have sustained and helped him, and then decide whether he wants to follow Wendell Willkie and his big business promoters along a descending road to economic disaster.

Hitler, it seems, is offering Germans Rumania instead of England.

We are beginning to wonder which is the worse, the radio commentators or the newspaper columnists.

Behind the false-anxiety of the Republican leaders over the fate of democracy, there lies the genuine fear that a people's government is here to stay. It is the last, desperate, climatic battle of the war which the old crowd of exploiters has waged for nearly eight years to insure riches for the few regardless of what happened to the many.

With the election day fast approaching, members of Congress have been unable to agree upon any proposal for a long recess. With little or no legislative program demanding action, most members of Congress will take advantage of short recesses to go home for some political fence-mending.

However, they are anxious to avoid absence if controversial matters are brought before Congress and a "gentleman's agreement" is relied upon to prevent embarrassment.

What has become of the big boys of business and finance who were filling the air with their loud laments and crying sadly that the nation was bankrupt? They are strangely silent. Is it a coincidence that their grief became less vocal about the time the government began spending billions for defense?

Did they realize, with their great intelligence, that this expenditure would pour millions of profits into their laps? We cannot follow the logic of the business minds, who saw the nation on the road to insolvency, when it was spending to help starving Americans, and now urge greater expenditures than ever, with business concerns, in order that national defense be strengthened, without batting an eye as they gaze at the mounting deficit.

Rumors of additional assistance to Great Britain are unofficial but there are hints that some flying fortresses and possibly some older submarines may be turned over to the British. In addition, the delivery of planes will be stepped up and it is suggested that, possibly, some fighting planes may be sent to the Chinese. In other words, the nation is getting set to extend assistance to Great Britain and China on the theory that these nations are fighting the potential foes of the United States.

Recognition of the import of the pact between Germany, Italy, and Japan, with its thinly veiled threat against the United States removes all doubt as to the wisdom of this policy. When the election is out of the way, regardless of who wins, American assistance to the fighting nations will be increased.

Maybe Hitler wants to give the Germans an opportunity to be thankful for Turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Herbert Hoover and Wendell Willkie both yell "Dictator" at President Roosevelt. In the 14 years Mr. Roosevelt has held office—as Governor of New York and as President—he has never called out troops. But Hoover had been President less than four years, when he called them out to fight hungry marchers.

The registration of millions of young Americans was carried out last week without a hitch. In fact, public opinion in this country strongly supports the Selective Service Training Act. Even the young men who registered feel that, if they must serve in the armed forces of this Republic, it is necessary for them to have proper training. Acceptance of conscription in time of peace is an indication of the distance that public opinion has traveled in this country in the past year.

Down Italy way the military experts of Mussolini are telling us what spools we can get if we maintain strict neutrality and do nothing to assist the British in their fight against the Axis powers. It is not an accident that the territory offered us is British. We are not supposed to question the title of the generous giver nor their ability to deliver the goods. This nonsense is on a par with the recent absurdity emanating from Tokyo, where serious-minded Japanese solemnly assure us that the pact with Germany and Italy was "for" the United States, not against us. The idea is that it will persuade us to keep out of the war, where we might get hurt.

While the nation continues to desire peace and hopes to maintain peace, there's no mistaking the fact that, as a nation, we are preparing to defend ourselves from an attack which is regarded as inevitable unless Germany and Italy are defeated in Europe and Japan is checked in the Far East. Under the impact of the European War, the policy of official neutrality has entirely vanished. The United States is frankly interested in the successful defense of Great Britain and will take practically any step that is necessary to insure survival of the British fleet. Isolation sentiment, which was so strong in recent years, has dwindled rapidly. In fact, the threat in the Japanese adherence to the European Axis has had a profound effect on the West Coast, which was not influenced to any great extent by the outbreak of war in Europe.

Dr. Gallup, who conducts the famous polls of the American Institute of Public Opinion, defends the accuracy of the present presidential poll, asserting that it will reflect the election outcome just as other Gallup polls have done in the past. The poll expert reminds the public that his business depends upon the accuracy of his forecasts. He says, quite properly, that he will cease writing for the newspapers in November if he pulls a phoney, like that of the Literary Digest, in the next election. Dr. Gallup is right. Of course, his poll may be erroneous but the fact remains that his business of forecasting will be exterminated if he misses this election. Regardless of his inclinations, or preferences, he is more concerned with the accuracy of his predictions than anybody else in the United States.

Early this month a fourth group of average destroyers entered a Canadian port, where they were taken over by British seamen, who had just arrived from Britain. The first batch of American destroyers Sept. 6th are now in service overseas. Since then other over-age ships have been taken to England, where they were refitted for immediate service. The assistance that the United States is rendering the British is important and will probably become more vital as the war continues. It should be remembered by Americans that the aid is being dispatched as a means of defending the United States, rather than as an act of generosity to a brave people. The first line of our defense is now located in the waters that lap the coasts of Europe. It is being manned by British ships, which has isolated the axis navies, rendering them impotent so far as we are concerned. As long as we continue to be confined in their own waters the security of our shores is guaranteed. It is our business to see that the British fleet is always strong enough to assure this.

ABOUT CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

The Centre Democrat feels sure that the young men of Centre county who loyally went to the polls last Wednesday and registered under the Selective Service law, will not endorse the sentiment expressed by a few individuals in this and other places.

For example, last week certain "conscientious objectors" to war refused to register, as required. They declined to comply "in any way" with the law, leaving the impression that such an act would not be "in harmony with the will of God."

The Selective Training and Service Act makes allowances for conscientious objectors but they are required to register. The young men referred to set themselves above all law but the expect to enjoy the protection of this government.

While we are ready to admit the sincerity of some conscientious objectors we do not think that they should be exempt from registration, or that they should not be required to perform non-military acts.

It is strange that those who assert the utmost in the exercise of individual freedom, are opposed to any exertion to maintain the rights of free men. Let us assume that every American, anxious to maintain liberty, becomes so involved in his thinking as to oppose any restraint upon his absolute freedom. It would not be long before an alien conqueror would direct his fire.

Conscientious objectors, who refuse to register, or to perform non-military tasks, should be promptly put in prison. This will give them ample time for reflection and to realize that liberty is only the possession of those who are ready to uphold it.

WHO TOOK THE FOOD?

Lady Astor, sharp-tongued Virginian, who has played an interesting role in British political affairs, begs Americans not to fall for Hitler's propaganda about starving Europe.

She points out that when Hitler entered Denmark, the Danes had enough food to last two years and that even France had full rations, except for pastries. Holland and Norway were well-off for food.

If these countries lack food today, Lady Astor wants to know what became of their food and what will become of any food that is sent to them.

We think the people of this country understand the situation. They are extremely sorry for the people of the Nazi-seized lands but they have no intention of putting any pressure upon the British to relax their blockade. They know that even if the food that they sent did nothing, but keep the conquering populations strong that it would be assisting Germany because Hitler would commandeer them to labor in behalf of Germany's war effort.

DOROTHY BAILS OUT

Dorothy Thompson, an early adorer of Candidate Willkie who writes the newspaper column "On the Record," has come to the conclusion that her one-time favorite won't do. In her article of October 9 she says:

"I shall support the President because I think he has assets on his side that nobody can match—assets for this nation at this time. The President knows the world. . . No new President could acquire this knowledge in weeks or in months or in four years. No one who ever saw and talked with him as I did after the outbreak of the war . . . could ever dare to say that he is a war-monger."

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

She Was Just Sew-Sew She was only a dressmaker's daughter Sweet Sally Lou Pitt McRends; Six nights each week she spent on a tear, And the seventh in making amends.

Dignity of the Law The story is told of old Roscoe Bean, a Justice of the peace who ran a bar and a court in his store at Langtry, Texas.

A passenger from a passing train ran into Bean's emporium and ordered a beer. He had laid down a 10-dollar bill, but there was no action. He shouted and yelled.

Finally Bean came up and gave him a cold bottle. He rang up the ten-spot. "You don't mean to tell me beer is ten dollars a bottle here?" said the irate passenger.

"No, sir," said Bean. "The beer's a quarter, but you have been fined \$9.75 for contempt of the court I was holding in the back room when you came in."

Modern Nursery Rhymes "Georgie, Porgie, puddin' and pie, Kissed the girls and made them cry—" Halitosis.

Kute Kiddy Krack The mother was reading fairy stories to her six-year-old boy. "And so the little fairy touched the naughty girl with her magic wand and said to her: 'You are a pig—and presto chango, the bad little girl was changed instantly into a grunting pig—'"

"Gee, Mom," interrupted the boy. "I wish Daddy had had a magic wand yesterday."

Hey Hey Time The girl and her boy friend had been sitting in the parlor for a long time and her mother was getting worried.

"Daughter," she called from the top of the stairs, "is that young man still there?"

"Yes, mother," replied the daughter. "He's telling me about his experiences in the harvest fields of Nebraska."

A Leaf From Eve's Diary 1st Day—Adam ate an apple and turned half of a "green pair" into a peach. And from then on I was up and Adam.

2nd Day—The leaves started falling. And it wasn't autumn. 3rd Day—I count Adam's ribs to see if he has been true to me.

4th Day—I discovered that Adam is quite a cave man. 5th Day—Adam starts cav-ing in.

6th Day—I write a song entitled "Ribber, Stay Away From My Door." 7th Day—Adam goes hunting bear.

8th Day—Adam makes a night shirt out of bear skin. The first time any one ever slept in their bear skin.

9th Day—Adam catches a little deer in his bear skin. 10th Day—He shoots a gnu and makes me a coat out of the fur. "Ah," says I, "this is the first gnu skin I've had all season."

11th Day—Mr. Elephant proposes to Miss Elephant. She accepts. He says, "Okay, Ella, move your trunk over to my house."

It Takes an Amateur Down in Arkansas a man was tried for assault and battery with intent to kill. The State produced as evidence the weapons used, a rail, a gun, saw and rifle.

The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons a scythe blade, pitchfork, pistol, dog, razor and hoe.

After being out several hours the jury gave this verdict: "We, the jury, would have given a dollar to see the fight."

Slow Freight Man to Bus Driver—"How long does it take this bus to get to Williamsport?"

Bus Driver—"A little over two hours." Man—"That's poor service. This bus is slower than a lazy snail." Driver—"Well, you can get off and walk if you don't like it."

Man—"No, I'll ride. I'm in no hurry."

Slightly Curious The following took place, we are told, one day recently along the Nittany Valley road.

A farmer picked up a one-armed hitch-hiker who was making his way to Lock Haven.

The farmer began a cross-fire of prying questions. Finally the one-armed stranger lost his patience.

"Mister," he said, "I'll answer one more question and no more." "All right," replied the farmer, "how did you lose your arm?"

"It was bit off," replied the stranger. They rode for a mile in silence before the farmer remarked: "I'd give a dollar and a half to know what bit it off."

Her Full Duty Her father had given her a new car. Dressed in the latest style, she flashed through the country. Sad to relate, she came to grief at a railway crossing.

She emerged from the ruins of her car, took out her vanity bag, and, oblivious of the crowd, proceeded to powder her nose.

The engineer and other trainmen gathered around, and the engineer asked: "Why on earth didn't you stop at the crossing until you were sure the road was clear?"

After she had powdered her nose to the required tint, she turned to the driver and cried: "I sounded my horn before you blew your whistle."

Lawyer's Fee Client—"Why, it's outrageous. You are taking three-fourths of the money."

Lawyer—"Well, my skill, legal training and experience got you the money." Client—"But I was the victim."

Lawyer—"Bosh. Anybody could get hit by a car."

Whatta Pal Gus and Lizzie Callahan had been sitting in the darkened room for an hour and neither said a word. "Why, Gus," finally chirped Lizzie, "you'll wear yourself out kissing me so much."

"What's made you call me Gus?" asked her companion. "But aren't you Gus?" asked Lizzie.

"Heck, no," came the reply. "I'm Olaf. Gus went home an hour ago."

Short Short-Story The wife lay on her death bed. "John," she pleaded, "I want you to make me one promise."

He thought he might as well give in, for after all she was dying. She continued: "Will you ride in the same car with mother?"

"Okay," John sighed. "I'll keep my promise, but it's going to spoil my whole day."

That's all, folks. Did you hear about the guy who asked for Ethyl and got "Sin" Claire? —"SCAT."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: It is seldom, indeed, that a man ventures into your column, but I have a couple of sons who are growing up to whom I'd like to give timely advice but due to circumstances I am unable to approach them on the subject of choosing the type of a girl who would stand by them through hardships and misfortune, so I am praying that through your column I will be able to reach them, and maybe some others who may be benefited by the experience of a disillusioned man.

It is this: I am having to stand by and see one of these sons falling in love with a flippant woman whose conception of love is to take all she can get but give nothing in return; one of our so-called modern women whose only redeeming ability is the knowledge of knowing how to wear her clothes well, but has no idea that love means understanding, devotion, patience, unselfishness.

I feel I have every reason to worry about the future happiness of my boy, because I fell in love the first time with just such a woman. Her "drug store" and "style shop" personality fascinated me. After marriage I realized what marriage to this type of woman meant, a hell on earth.

I am now married the second time, this time to the kind of a girl against whom you so often advise—a girl who is burdened with some responsibilities and aged parents. My second wife is an angel in disguise. Because of demands made upon her from early childhood she has learned the true value of life and love; and has taught me the same.

I have learned that true love wants to give, not take; it understands and forgives; it is patient and understanding; it is humble; and false pride has no room in the devotion of love.

I have also learned that girls and women who have had to do without fads and fancies in their early youth have their feet firmly planted on the ground and know the real value of things they don't cry for the moon because to them it is only so much "green cheese," but are practical, thereby easing the burden of money spending and earning.

I regret that from boyhood to young manhood I was taught to ridicule, to look down on these girls who always had to "stay home" couldn't keep up with our crowd, to us they were old maids, back numbers. Since then I have learned what needless heartaches and grief our thoughtlessness caused.

Please, Louisa, print this so my boys may know, so that society may learn that it is characteristics such as these women possess which are the real and sound foundations of true love and happy homes.

Had I known these things when I was a young man had some one taken time to make me see and understand, what a world of torture and remorse I would have been spared, what a world of disillusion I would have missed. But fate has been kind to me; through my wife I have gotten back my faith in women and marriage, all because of aged parents who depended upon the bounty and devotion of their daughter.

"GRATEFUL"

ANSWER I am very happy to publish your letter "Grateful" and I wish all of our boys could read it before they select their life partners.

Unfortunately boys of that age—and girls too—will rarely take advice from older people. They always think that their case is an exceptional one. It is very hard for us parents to stand by and see them make the same mistakes we made and be unable to help them. We can very well change the old proverb in this way—"experience is a dear school, but youth will learn in no other."

Let us hope that your son has his eyes opened before he takes the fatal step with such a girl as you have described.

I can't agree with you, however, that all girls who have been home girls are sweet while those who have been popular are lacking in most virtues. It depends to a great extent on what kind of girl she was to begin with. Some girls become bitter, narrow and envious when they are denied the things they see other girls enjoy while, on the other hand, some of the young women who appear so superficial, knuckle down to the task of making good wives when put to the test.

I think that there is a greater chance for the development of fine characters by those people who have had to think of other people instead of concentrating on themselves. The majority of the great men and women who have done so much for humanity are those who have encountered hard knocks and distinguished themselves despite the disappointments they received.

You have been very fortunate in your choice of a wife and she is fortunate that your experience has been such that you appreciate her true worth. I doubt if you would have, however, except for your previous unfortunate marriage.

Sincerely, LOUISA.

The rabid patriots who proclaim that the United States can whip the world probably do not suspect how close the nation comes to having to grove the boast.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—In what game in sports does the lowest score always win? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

V. C.—What are the two highest waterfalls in the world, and where are they located? Ans.—The highest waterfall in the world is the Orooco, located at Monte Rosa, Italy, and which is 2,400 feet. Grand Falls in Labrador and Foraima Falls in Guiana each are 2,000 feet high.

B. H.—A friend of mine argues with me that there is such things as sea serpents and mermaids; that he saw the serpents at sea and a mermaid in a circus show. Will you please answer if this can be true? Ans.—There are no real mermaids. All "mermaids" in shows are fakes or optical illusions. There is no such thing as a sea serpent. Frequently a large number of sea turtles (tortoise) will swim in single file formation in the ocean. As they bob up and down it gives the appearance of a huge, long serpent swimming along on the surface of the water if seen at a great distance. This is probably what your friend saw a half-mile or a mile away.

C. L.—Why is it that Reno, Nevada, attracts so many people for the purpose of getting divorced? Ans.—Under the Nevada law an action for divorce can be begun after the parties have been residents of the State only six months; elsewhere a residence of at least one year is required, and in some places as high as three years. Further, a decree is granted oftentimes on the grounds which would not be allowed in other States or Commonwealths.

F. B.—Is the marine corps organized in companies and battalions? Ans.—Yes, the marine corps is organized in companies, battalions and regiments. If the number of men at a post is too small to form a company, then they compose what is called a detachment.

D. O.—Is the sun larger than the earth? If so, how much larger? Ans.—Yes, much larger. To get an idea of the relative sizes of the earth and sun, the latter is as many times larger than the earth as a basket ball is larger than a pea.

E. S.—Did William Penn come to this country? Ans.—William Penn landed on this hemisphere on October 26, 1682. M. N.—To settle an argument, please state which was the older—Noah Webster or Daniel Webster? Ans.—Noah was the elder by 24 years. He was born on October 16, 1758, while Daniel was born on January 18, 1782.

G. S.—Will a new broom last longer if I make a jacket for it? Ans.—Yes. But if that is not convenient, try soaking the broom in suds for half an hour and then hang up to dry.

K. D.—When did the great Chicago fire occur? What was the cause? Ans.—The great Chicago fire occurred on October 9, 1871, when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in a milking barn.

T. K.—Please state what year the big copper cent, as large as a half-dollar, went out of circulation? Ans.—The large copper cent which was 18-16 inches in diameter was discontinued in 1875.

F. C. D.—Was General de Gaulle wounded in the World War? Ans.—As a subaltern he was wounded four times at Verdun. In 1917 he was taken prisoner.

J. H.—How does the area of London compare with that of New York City? Ans.—The area of the metropolitan district of New York City is 2514 square miles, while that of greater London is 695 square miles.

A. S.—How much money was raised this year to combat infantile paralysis on the President's birthday? Ans.—The 1940 campaign to fight the disease raised a net total of \$1,407,245.74. This amount exceeded previous records.

G. T.—What was the last battle fought on British soil? Ans.—The Battle of Culloden Moor, Scotland, fought on April 16, 1746. The Highlanders under Prince Charlie, the Young Pretender were defeated by the Royalists under the Duke of Cumberland.

T. V.—How wide is the path of an eclipse? Ans.—The width of the path of an eclipse averaged 100 miles in the temperate and torrid zones. Under favorable circumstances, greater widths are possible.

W. A. R.—What is the significance of the number on the main deck beam of the ship. It identifies the ship from the time it is built until it is sunk and is never changed. The number corresponds to the number which is put on the engine block of an automobile.

G. P.—How much of Egypt is desert? Ans.—About fourteen-fifteenths of Egypt is desert. The habitable portion, however, supports one of the densest populations in the world.

J. W. P.—Can an airplane in flight be damaged when struck by lightning? Ans.—The National Bureau of Standards says that a non-metal airplane may be damaged by a stroke of lightning, but an all-metal plane may be struck without damage.

R. J.—What can I do to keep rabbits from eating the bark of my young fruit trees? Ans.—The Bureau of Plant Industry says that it is a good plan to whitewash fruit trees and then wrap them with burlap in order to protect them from rabbits during the winter. You might also try fencing the trees.

E. D.—Can we actually see steam? Ans.—Steam cannot be seen. It is an invisible gas. The white cloud that rises when water boils results from the condensation of the water vapor.

C. A.—What is the correct plural of the word memorandum? Ans.—The Latin plural of memorandum is memoranda. The English plural is memorandums.

P. L.—What animal runs the fastest? Ans.—The cheetah is credited with being the swiftest four-footed animal. Cheetahs can be tamed and used for hunting. Taken blindfolded into the country, they are released when their quarry is sighted, and can bring down even the fastest deer.

S. Z.—I should like you to advise me whether it is safe to construct the frame work and roof of my house now, and finish it in the spring. Ans.—The National Bureau of Standards says that it is advisable to enclose the frame work of a house as soon as possible. An open frame structure is subject to damage from wind and storm.

M. D.—How many criminals have been legally executed in the United States in the last three years? Ans.—The number of legal executions of criminals in the United States was 141 for 1937 and 187 for 1938. The 1939 figures have not yet been published.

M. N.—What is the source of the saying, The way of a man with a maid? Ans.—It occurs in the Bible in Proverbs 30:19. The passage is as follows: (Continued on page five)

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