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EDITORIAL

The Greeks had a word for it and the Italians haven't figured it out.

Every citizen of Centre county should join the Red Cross. It is a great organization.

Well, now that the third-term tradition has been broken, we will have to wait and see what happens to the nation.

It is pretty hard to keep up with your neighbors without falling behind with your creditors.

For the first time in peace-time history, the White House will hold no reception to which diplomats or representatives of foreign countries will be invited.

Former Assemblyman John A. Smith, of Cumberland county, recently made some disclosures regarding the use of slag in highway construction.

While the United States is arming itself amid the desire of our people for peace, and with the assurances recently given by both candidates that we will have peace, the government, with almost complete popular support, is pursuing policies that may lead us into war.

RUSSIA MAY JOIN HITLER

There are many Americans wondering what Russia will do in the midst of the present world emergency. They point to the long enmity between the Soviet and Japan and tell us of the inevitable clash between Stalin and Hitler.

So far, Russia has pursued a policy of standing aloof while other nations battle, with Stalin quite confident that the longer the fighting continues the better will Russia take advantage of her "opportunities."

Hitler, with his strong army, dominates Europe. He is quite willing at least for the present to "permit" Russia and Japan to take sectors of the world that belong to the British, or anybody else.

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HE TRUSTED HITLER

The death of Neville Chamberlain recalls the historic day in September, 1938, when the British Prime Minister returned to London from Munich to tell a wildly cheering crowd that he "brought back a peace with honor."

In his hands he held an Anglo-German declaration, recording the "desire of our two peoples never to go to war with one another again."

It is probably too early to accurately appraise the record of Mr. Chamberlain. His appeasement of Hitler was dictated by knowledge of British and French unpreparedness for war, or because he believed that Adolf Hitler was sincere and could be relied upon to keep a promise.

Americans should remember that at Besenitzes-agers Hitler has assured Mr. Chamberlain that the Sudetenland was the last of his territorial ambitions in Europe and that he had no wish to include in the Reich the people of other races than Germans.

Faith in Hitler disappeared six months later when the German armies moved out of the Sudetenland and annexed the remainder of Czechoslovakia.

It appears that the efforts of Vice-President Pierre Laval to collaborate with Reich Fuehrer Hitler have been hindered by British resistance and by the Vichy Government's lack of control of French colonial possessions.

With the "Free French forces" of General De Gaulle vigorously operating in French Equatorial Africa and with other evidences that French colonial forces have determined to resist any effort to turn them over to Spain, Italy or Germany, the Vichy government is unable to deliver the goods Hitler desires.

This development should be encouraging to the British and to the Greeks. Moreover, if there is any truth in persistent rumors that Marshal Weygand who is in Africa, has definitely broken with the Vichy government, there is the possibility of other good news for the fighting democracies.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

The success of the Greeks in defeating the initial attack of the Italians from Albania, is encouraging but should not mislead us into expecting any permanent barrier to the Axis domination of the Balkan area.

The conference in Berlin between Hitler and Molotov, may have concerned itself with Balkan matters. What Germany does in Rumania and Bulgaria will reveal whether Stalin has been paid a satisfactory price for standing aside while the Axis attempts to hew its way to the Near East.

Germany's occupation of Rumania was for one, or another reason, either (1) to counter Russia's advance into Bessarabia and bar further Soviet progress in the Balkans or (2) to pave the way for a German advance, through the Balkans, into the Near Eastern area.

Military experts have stressed the pincer movement that is underway through the Italian campaign against Greece and the German threat from Rumania. Greek resistance has temporarily checked the Italian drive and British naval and air forces may handicap its resumption.

Every development indicates increased naval and aerial activity in the Eastern Mediterranean, where the British seem determined to defend their position with every available resource, excepting only those reserved for home defense.

The concentration of British naval strength in the Near East, together with necessary policing of the coast of Europe from Norway to Spain, has seriously impaired the protection of convoys in the Atlantic.

The incident illustrates the heavy burden being carried by the Royal Navy, which must enforce the continental blockade, safeguard England from invasion, dominate the Mediterranean and, at the same time, guard British ships on the high seas and protect them from submarines now operating from new bases in occupied countries from Narvik to Bordeaux.

Just as the failure of Germany to invade the British Isles marks a turning point in the struggle, up to this time, the outcome of the impending struggle on the seas will terminate another decisive phase. Germany is intensifying her submarine and aerial campaign against British shipping and the chances are that the attack has not reached its peak.

This we find the war today involves antagonists unable to get together in decisive, hand-to-hand grappling. Each side is preparing for the future offensive, designed to produce victory, and seeking through blockade and counter-blockade to seriously weaken the other.

We have emphasized the importance of the British blockade, which Germany and Italy must break to win the war. We must also recognize the potential threat of the counter-blockade, which Great Britain must defeat to avoid disaster and surrender.

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

Out of Bounds
I draw the line at kissing.
She said in accents fine;
But he was a football hero,
So he crossed the line.

We Wonder, Too
One of the town's oldest residents tells this story about his youngest granddaughter.

It's Still Wrong
In a big department store, on a hot day, a woman was seen to hold her dog up for a drink at one of the fountains.

Impossible
Teacher—"Now if I lay three eggs here and five eggs there, how many will I have?"
Bright Pupil—"I don't think you can do it."

Dig Them Up
Farmer—"Do you guarantee these clover seeds to grow?"
Clerk—"Absolutely. If these seeds don't grow, just bring them back and we'll refund your money any day."

Advice to the Lovelorn
A young lady reader who evidently got confused with Louisa's Letter, addresses the Office Cat with this:

Two Truck Drivers Tell a Joke
"Say, you... who the ?? : : was that... of a good lookin' woman I been with last night?"

In the Days of Polygamy
A Mormon was very ill. One of his wives rushed to the doctor.

Attending to His Own Business
The wealthy old English spinster was very proud of her nimbleness, and when the coachman offered to assist her from the old-fashioned buggy she waved him aside, leaping over the high wheels like a trained athlete.

Home Again Blues
It was almost daybreak when Maizie crawled into bed beside her sister.

Letter From Home
Dear Son:
I do hope you will come home for the Christmas holidays.

Probably Stay Dead
Patient—"Doctor, are you sure this is pneumonia? Sometimes doctors prescribe for pneumonia and the patients die of something else."

Keep It Dark
First Negro—"What fo' dat doctah comin' outa youah house?"
Second Negro—"Ah dunno, but ah's got a hikin'."

Woodman, Spare That Tree
They call 'em virgin pines, because they've never been axed.

If You're Asking Us—
She was a good little girl as far as good little girls go, and as far as good little girls go, she went.

Fire Wardens Get Service Awards
(Continued from page one)
been awarded to:
Clyde Quick, Moshannon;
Russell J. Spangler, Blanchard;
John Tomko, Westport;
Zachery T. Wertz, Renovo;
Samuel Burfield, Sinnemahoning;
Paul L. Bennett, Bellefonte;

Charles F. Bissman, Renovo;
Harold M. Bissman, Renovo;
Herbert L. Dechant, Renovo;
Lester E. Gorham, Lock Haven;
Joseph F. Heichel, Howard;
Robert B. Long, Renovo;
Lloyd Martin, Beech Bend;
Herbert L. Probst, North Bend.

Presentation of the certificates was made through Chas. Hogeland, of Renovo, District Forester in charge of the Spruce Forest District.

THE TELEPHONE SAVED MY WIFE AND BABY
Says This Farmer
There have been two emergencies on our farm when the telephone has saved the day.

NEURALGIA
HEADACHE, FACIACHE, NEURALGIA, NEURITIS, MUSCULAR ACRES, RHEUMATIC PAINS and all kinds of torture quickly relieved by the safe action of LUBBERT'S KIDNEY-SMOTHER CAPSULES.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
How late do you think a girl should be allowed to stay out with a date?

ANSWER:
This is a very hard question to answer, Gladys, for the reason that every community has its own standards of what constitutes early or late.

For instance, in small cities where the boys come for the girls at 8 and 8:30 o'clock, they could hardly go to the movie, get a soft drink and be home before eleven.

Of course, in case of a special occasion, such as Junior-Senior or a dance, the older boys and girls are usually allowed to stay out until twelve, when the dance is over.

It is much better to have a clear understanding with your parents as to when they expect you to be home rather than to have them looking for you several hours earlier than you get in.

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WHO KNOWS?
1. What were the total expenditures of each party during the presidential campaign?

2. What President received the greatest number of electoral college votes?

3. Who is the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army?

4. Have submarines sunk as many ships in this war as in the first World War?

5. Where are the Mosul oil fields?

6. What member of British royalty is keenly interested in Greece?

7. What is the present significance of the number 158?

8. Was the next President of the United States elected on November 5th?

9. Where is Langley Field?

10. How many local draft boards are working under the Selective Service Act?

THE ANSWERS
1. Information not available at this time.

2. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 523, in 1936.

3. Gen. George C. Marshall.

4. The rate of destruction, during unrestricted warfare in 1917, was much higher than any month of the present war.

5. In Iraq.

6. The Duchess of Kent, formerly Princess Marina, of Greece.

7. The first number drawn in the draft lottery.

8. No, he will be "elected" by the Electoral College.

9. In Virginia.

10. 6,175.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—What game is played when the winner goes backward and the loser goes forward at the same time? (Answer elsewhere in this department).

M. D.—I am told that the year 1900 was not a leap year, but that the year 2000 will be a leap year. Can you tell me why?

Ans.—The division of time as reckoned with the earth's movement around the sun is not exactly perfect. To make it as near perfect as possible every four years a leap year was made. But even this was not exact.

D. C.—What is the difference between Hudson seal and genuine seal?

Ans.—Many unscrupulous manufacturers in the past dyed muskrat fur and labeled it "Hudson seal" in order to sell it to people who were too high-brow to buy ordinary muskrat fur if they knew it.

R. H.—Does the government gain or lose in redeeming worn-out money?

Ans.—The government loses on the money it redeems as it is out of the cost of the material and labor to make the bills. The Federal Reserve banks (privately owned) also lose, but their loss is nil compared to that of the government, as their bills are all of the larger denomination and do not circulate like the government's smaller bills.

I. B.—What is the origin of the word "scratch," as used in "he started from scratch"?

Ans.—In primitive times the principal sport was foot-racing. When such an event took place, a chief would take a stick or other implement and draw a long straight furrow on the ground.

A. C. H.—Please give the origin of the use of "In God We Trust" on our coins.

Ans.—The religious motto, "In God We Trust," first appeared on the coins of this country in 1864. Honorable S. P. Chase, then Secretary of the Treasury, addressed a letter to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia saying that "no nation can be strong except in the strength of God or safe in His defense."

H. G.—How large does a country place have to be before it is called an estate?

Ans.—The Bureau of the Census defines a country estate as a farm of ten acres or over, with a residence valued at \$25,000 or over.

M. M.—When did the English take Gibraltar from Spain?

Ans.—Gibraltar was taken by England on July 24, 1704. It was ceded formally by the Treaty of Utrecht on April 11, 1713.

A. R. T.—When was the first election in the United States?

Ans.—The first election in America was that of delegates to the Virginia Assembly in 1619. Twelve years after Jamestown was founded, the second was that of John Winthrop to be governor of Massachusetts in 1631.

J. M.—When did President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson visit in Buckingham Palace?

Ans.—President and Mrs. Wilson occupied the Belgian suite at Buckingham Palace from December 26 to December 31, 1918.

W. G.—Where is the most brilliantly lighted section in the world?

Ans.—New York City's Great White Way with over 4000 large electric signs and innumerable smaller lighting effects is the most vividly illuminated spot in the world.

J. B. R.—What European nations have African possessions?

Ans.—Great Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, and Spain.

W. S.—What is the best way to dispose of a worn-out American flag?

Ans.—When the flag is no longer a fitting emblem to display, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning or by some other method lacking in any suggestion of irreverence or disrespect.

T. D.—What percentage of the bread consumed is made by bakeries?

Ans.—Approximately 85 per cent is now made in commercial bakeries.

H. G. R.—How many Jews from the United States were in the World War?

Ans.—More than 250,000 Jews served in the World War.

F. E. B.—What was the salary of a private in the Spanish-American War?

Ans.—At that time privates in the Army received about \$12 a month.

H. T. B.—Is the Pacific Ocean larger than the Atlantic?

Ans.—The Pacific comprises about 46 per cent of the sea area of the earth, while the Atlantic comprises only 25 per cent.

Y. A.—What do the pyramids symbolize?

Ans.—According to Herodotus, the Egyptians considered the pyramid an emblem of human life; the broad base was significant of the beginning, and its termination in a point the end of our existence in the present state.

F. J. B.—Is it true that the use of tobacco was once forbidden in England?

Ans.—In 1604 James I condemned the taking of tobacco as "a branch of the sinne of drunkenness, which is the roots of all sinnes." A royal proclamation of James I in 1619 prohibited the cultivation of tobacco in England and ordered the destruction of all plants.

W. S.—What is the greatest distance a homing pigeon can fly?

Ans.—Homing pigeons will fly from 600 to 700 miles. A 1500-mile distance has been flown, but this is an exceptional record.

Answer to Problem—In tug-o-war the winner goes backward while the loser goes forward.

High-speed Economy
The faster you drive your car, the fewer miles you get from a gallon of gasoline. Yet Florida Road Test cars that used new Atlantic White Flash PLUS averaged almost 19 miles to the gallon at 50-mile-an-hour speeds.

Gems of Thought
GENTILITY
Gentility is the ability to ignore all others those faults or blemishes we will not tolerate in ourselves.—Anon.

Who hath not learned that when alone he has his own thoughts to guard, and when struggling with mankind his temper, and in society his tongue.—Mary Baker Eddy.

IT PAYS to have a telephone
There have been two emergencies on our farm when the telephone has saved the day.

Dream Highway To Be Beautified
lane toll road. Trees will also be planted on curves to reduce head-light glare.

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