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In modern war, the more fighting equipment you have, the fewer men you need.

Coming to terms with a victorious Hitler means coming to terms with his terms, not ours.

Agriculture has about reached the stage that a farmer doesn't know whether a good yield is a blessing or a curse.

Let others argue about the relative value of sea-power and air forces but, as for the United States, give us both.

It's a good thing no nation is attacking the United States. They would take the country before Congress debated and decided what to do about it.

Leland Stowe, veteran foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, says that unless "strong German aid is sent soon to the Italian army, Italy will be completely out of the war."

The idea that the Axis powers are short of fuel oil may be nonsense but the willingness of Hitler to risk trouble in the Balkans by occupying Rumania is generally explained as a step to safeguard the vital oil resources of that country.

If the Axis powers are victorious, they will confront American exporters with a commercial monopoly without parallel in world history.

To the widely read Washington Merry-go-round belongs the credit for the following insight overlooked by Ripley: Senator Joe Guffey is giving this explanation of why the Bible was supposedly dropped when Chief Justice Hughes administered the inaugural oath for Roosevelt's third term.

We understand that an effort will be made to raise funds for the relief of Greek civilians who have suffered as a result of Italy's invasion.

IS THE AXIS SHORT OF OIL? Everybody is entitled to speculate upon the course of the war and to "explain" what happens and what fails to happen.

The mystery of the war that fascinates us is the Italian air force to become a serious factor in the Mediterranean and, if the course of the war is studied, the failure of Germany to develop a heavier air attack upon the British Isles.

Consider the case of Benito Mussolini, whose cohorts are having tough sledding in Africa and Albania. Nowhere has Italian aircraft exerted preponderant power in support of the Fascist soldiers.

PROPOSED LAWS (From Altoona Mirror) Into the legislative hopper at Harrisburg there has been dumped scores of proposed new laws which will pass through the house and senate for passage or rejection.

It would not be a legislative session if the inevitable bills to abolish capital punishment and to permit Pennsylvania governors to succeed themselves were introduced.

Imposition of a graduated income tax in this state by constitutional amendment was urged in a resolution introduced by two members of the house. Before the proposition can be submitted to the people the resolution must be approved by this legislature and the one succeeding.

In the senate, there has been presented a bill to invoke a "Pennsylvania Hatch Act," which in its intent would bar all state employees from any political activity, fixing a \$500 fine and the loss of position for any one found guilty of violating its provisions.

It is certain that a majority of the proposed laws will fall by the wayside as the legislative wheels grind slowly, but surely in the ensuing months. Meanwhile, both branches of the legislature must ponder the all-important budget by which the Commonwealth will operate in the 1941-43 biennium.

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

Just as We Suspected A man waiting for a little work to be finished on his car was watching a mechanic as he changed the oil without spilling a drop.

"Now, there's a real mechanic," we remarked, turning to the foreman.

"Oh, that's his own car," was the reply.

Must Have Overslept Two Irishmen roomed in an eight-story apartment on the top floor and could not sleep on Sunday morning.

When they woke up they realized they would be late for work, as it was seven-fifteen. They rushed to their jobs and the foreman looked at them in bewilderment.

Pat said: "Faith, and what's the matter, boss? We're only twenty minutes late."

"Twenty minutes?" sneered the foreman. "Where were you Monday and Tuesday?"

Kind of Careless The teacher was trying to explain the word "widower" to her class.

"What would you call a man who has just lost his wife?" "Very careless," was the reply of a bright boy.

Peace at Long Last A Sunday school teacher asked her class for the definition of the word "Peace."

Floria, a very small evacuee from bombed London, answered: "Please, miss, when the lady we is staying with gets the list of us washed, she marches us up for bed and then says, 'Now for a bit of peace!'"

Talented Amateur Performer—"I can pick up a cent with my toes."

Bright Spectator—"That's nothing. My dog can do that with his nose."

Court Room Quiz "Judge," said the prisoner as the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

"Can you give me a sentence with the word 'freedom' in it?" "In the evenings," she wrote, "we usually have dates and go to some lonely spot and neck. That ain't nice but I like it."

"Imagine that," remarked dad as he finished reading the letter, "a whole year in college and she still says 'aint'."

Might Have Been Mistaken Proud Papa—"Congratulate me, gentlemen, I wanna register twins."

Record Clerk—"What do you mean, gentlemen? I'm the only one here."

Proud Papa—"Just one? You're sure of that?" Clerk—"Certainly, I'm sure."

Proud Papa—"Well, hold everthing a few minutsch, while I go home and take another look at them twins."

Tough on Both The bride of a few weeks noticed that her husband was depressed.

"Gerald, dearest," she said, "I know something is troubling you, and I want you to tell me what it is; your worries are not your worries now, they are our worries."

"Oh, very well," he said, "We've just had a letter from a girl in New York, and she's suing us for breach of promise."

No Sale The peddler knocked at the door and started his sales talk with the statement, "I'm out scratching for a living."

"Sorry, but I don't tich," snapped the woman of the house as she slammed the door.

How Many Pounds? Summer Visitor—"I suppose you haven't any skin food?" Proprietor of the country store—"Only soasides, miss."

Call 'Em Out Patron—"Here, waiter, there are too many flies in this raisin pudding."

Obliging Waiter—"Very well, sir, if you will indicate which ones you don't like, I will have them removed."

Watch For Detours The nudists were planning a masquerade, and the ladies were worrying over what to imitate. "Well," said one, "with my varicose veins I think I'll go as a road map."

How About the Poles? "Is your wife having any success in learning to drive the car?" "Well, the road is beginning to turn when she does."

Not Needed A young ensign, very insistent he must have leave, was asked the reason by his commanding officer.

"My wife is expecting a baby," he replied. "Listen, young man, remember, this—you are only necessary at the laying of the keel. For the launching you are entirely superfluous."

Hard to Determine The youth seated himself in the dentist's chair. He wore a wonderful striped silk shirt and an even more wonderful check suit.

"I'm afraid to give him gas," said the dentist to his assistant. "Why?" asked the assistant.

"Well, how will I know when he's unconscious?" "An Honest Druggist Customer—"Do you have anything for gray hair?" Conscientious Druggist—"Nothing, sir, but the greatest respect."

A Rib Tickler She—"Is it true that Eve suspected Adam of infidelity?" He—"I don't imagine, but I've been told that she used to count his ribs every night to see if he was true to her."

Certainly Not A pretty young lady who had a poodle dog in her lap was riding on a bus. A big-nosed lady sitting next to her remarked: "What a nasty little dog. Don't you think, young lady, it would look nicer, if you had a little baby in your lap?"

"No," the pretty one replied in calm, even tones, "it wouldn't. You see, I'm not married."

Strictly Private The bride and groom were on their honeymoon, traveling south on a railroad that ran through Florida. As the train neared the station a porter lingered in the wash room, where the groom was shaving.

"Yo' all is just married, ain't yo'?" queried the colored attendant with a grin.

"Yes, my dear fellow," answered the groom, nervously cutting his lip with the razor. "My wife and I plan to honeymoon here in Florida."

"Is yo' all goin' to Tampa with her?" further inquired the porter. The groom smiled. "You're dam' tootin'; but what the hellizat to you?"

That's all, folks. When a man winds up, behind the eight ball it's usually because some woman gave him the wrong cue. —"SCAT."

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa: I am nearing my seventeenth birthday and am rather large for my age. Here is my trouble. I have never been out with a boy. My parents say they don't mind me talking to boys, but I'm not to go out with them.

There is only one place to go and that is to church. I go to church regularly with my parents. Since you were a girl-once, I am sure you know that a girl likes to go to a show or somewhere else once in a while. I realize I should be grateful for the education my parents are giving me, but don't you think something else should be considered?

Almost all the younger set around me go out with the boys and why shouldn't I? Yours truly, BONNYE—Missouri.

ANSWER: I do think other things should be considered, B., and very definitely so. Every normal girl likes to go with boys and know them when she gets in her teens, and parents pursue a very foolish course when they refuse to allow their daughters to have friends among the opposite sex.

The girl who has played with boys since she was a little thing is not bewitched over by the first male creature she is allowed to see. She is a better judge of boys for having been associated with them so long.

Your parents should know that children cannot be protected and tied to their apron strings forever, and it is far better to increase their freedom and their responsibilities as the years go by rather than to thrust it on them all at once when they have had no previous experience in meeting problems.

You sound like a very sensible trust-worthy girl and I am sure your parents would be making no mistake in allowing you to go to a party or show with some nice boy. Sincerely, LOUISA.

Dear Brown Eyes: If your young man has no car and asks you to come in with your brother and stop at his mother's house, I see no harm in it, unless you go too often and make a nuisance of yourself. I would also make sure that he tells his mother that he has asked you to come in or otherwise she may, as you say, in your letter, think you are running after him.

You are rather young to be going with a boy that old but, as it will probably be years before he can marry, because of his responsibilities, you will probably have time enough to decide just how well you like him. LOUISA.

AS I SEE IT By HORACE SENTZ Well Winnie surely called the turn 'n' he didn't mince no words. He sure made them big ears burn on them dictator birds. Point fer point 'n' part fer part, that speech sure told a lot. It showed us that Churchill's smart with his propogandist pot. He smeared 'n' daubed them up a plenty, for what the listening millions heard made dictators poie cat scenty. But when it come to givein praise old Winnie wasn't dumb. His general's chests with pride did raise as he gave each one a credit plum. Them there bokays he handed out was given with a will. Them boys' keep right on no doubt ole Muey's applear to spill. If them Eysellians heard his speech, they must know by the time that their ill Doochies ain't no n' that ain't worth a dime. Them Frenchmen that was listening in, heard things to give them heart, fer now they know a British win means France'll git a nice fresh start. But the smartest thing that Winnie did, was to blacksiap Uncle Sam, fer Sam's support John made a bid, to help Adolf scam. You see ole Winnie's plenty bright as all them Englishmen know they showed up better as this right if he'd been a year ago. But now he's up 'n' going strong. There's no appeasing fiddle faddle, for things is moving right along, with Winnie in the saddle.

FARM CALENDAR Cows Produce Well—Of the 107 dairy herd improvement associations in operation in Pennsylvania last year, 100 had an average production per cow of 300 or more pounds of butterfat. Dairy extension specialists of the Pennsylvania State College report that the average production of cows in the associations for the year was 5,262 pounds of milk and 345.4 pounds of butterfat.

Woods Protect Orchards—A tract of woodland near an orchard has a sheltering influence on the orchard trees on nights when there is danger of freezing. Penn State fruit specialists have found. Sow Flower Seeds Now—Gloxinia may be grown successfully from seeds sown this month in a light, sandy compost soil, say Penn State flower specialists. Since the seeds are very small, have the soil smooth before planting.

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Query & Answer Column

PROBLEM—Take a couple guesses as to which is the longest river in the world. It is not in the Western Hemisphere. (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

G. H.—Would you be kind enough to name the seven wonders of the ancient world for me?

Ans.—Here they are: the pyramids, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, Temple of Diana at Euphusus, Colossus of Rhodes, Statue of Jupiter by Phidias, Pharos (lighthouse) of Alexandria.

M. W.—I have a \$5 bill, which is so badly mutilated and torn that nobody will accept it. Will the United States redeem this bill?

Ans.—If you can produce three-fourths of the original bill it will be redeemable at its face value in a new bill by the treasurer of the United States. If it is mutilated so that less than three-fifths, but clearly more than two-fifths, of the original proportions remain, it will be redeemed at one-half the face value. Less than two-fifths of a mutilated bill is not redeemable. Mail your bill to the treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

E. F.—How often are the modern Olympic Games held? When and where was the first one held?

Ans.—The modern Olympic Games are held every four years unless something beyond control interferes. The first met was in Athens, Greece, in 1896.

H. K.—Why are the rails on railroads connected in some places by wires?

Ans.—These wires join the rails in order to make a complete circuit. When a train enters a section of tracks so connected a current of electricity starts a bell ringing and causes the signal lights to change in color. When the train leaves the circuit the bell stops ringing and the lights change back to the original color again. The signal is a warning of impending danger.

E. B.—What is the correct pronunciation of "Roosevelt"?

Ans.—Roosevelt is pronounced as though it were spelled Ro-ze-velt, with accent on the first syllable, and the "o" sounded as in the word "go."

S. N.—Does a rabbit chew a cud like cows and camels?

Ans.—No. A rabbit is a rodent and not a ruminant, and does not chew a cud. Ancient writers thought that rabbits chewed the cud because they move their jaws as if they were ruminating.

H. G.—Does a cadet entering the United States Military Academy have to promise to serve a certain period of time?

Ans.—Each cadet when admitted to the Academy signs an agreement to serve for a period of eight years, unless sooner discharged by competent authority.

S. R. T.—When did President Roosevelt first refer to the New Deal?

Ans.—The term was used the first time by the President in his speech accepting the Democratic presidential nomination in Chicago on July 2, 1932. In the last paragraph of that speech Mr. Roosevelt said: "I pledge myself to a New Deal for the American people."

B. O.—Why is corned beef so called?

Ans.—Many years ago, the word corn meant a small hard particle of any substance such as sand, salt, or gun powder. Beef was treated with corns of salt and so derived its name.

M. T.—Is there a reward for the capture of Hitler?

Ans.—Last year a group of Pittsburghers, headed by S. H. Church, of the Carnegie Institution, announced a reward of \$1,000,000 in cash to the person or group who will deliver Adolf Hitler "alive, unharmed and unhurt," into the custody of the League of Nations.

C. E.—What United States coin has the greatest percentage of silver according to its value?

Ans.—All of the silver coins consist of 90 per cent silver and 10 per cent alloy.

D. F.—Are the front legs of a giraffe longer than the back ones?

Ans.—The front legs of a giraffe are about seven inches longer than the hind legs.

M. H.—What is the plural of scarf?

Ans.—The correct plural is scarfs.

M. J.—Was Will Rogers the full name of the late comedian?

Ans.—He was baptized William Penn Adair Rogers.

E. W.—When were the last liberty head nickels made?

Ans.—The last authorized liberty head nickels were coined in 1912.

K. F.—What European country is the most densely populated?

Ans.—Belgium is the most densely populated country in Europe with a population of 710 to the square mile.

W. H.—Do the hot springs in Iceland supply heat for dwellings?

Ans.—Natural hot water from many of Iceland's volcanic springs is piped into Reykjavik and provides heat for office buildings, homes and hot houses. A public swimming pool and laundry derive their heat from the same source.

H. S.—What United States Senator was so large that a special chair was built for him?

Ans.—A chair of the same shape and design as all the other Senator's chairs, but half again as large, was built for Senator Boise Penrose.

C. T.—Where is the church that is built out of a redwood tree?

Ans.—The First Baptist church of Santa Rosa, Calif., was built of a Sequoia that yielded 78,000 feet of lumber. The stump of the tree is a shrine where the congregation holds an annual memorial service.

T. F.—How often does President Roosevelt swim?

Ans.—The President swims three times a week in the White House pool.

F. F.—What State has the greatest capacity for self-support?

Ans.—It has been stated that of all the States in the Union, Missouri is the only one that could be entirely self-supporting over any considerable period of time. Economically, the State partakes of the characteristics of both the North and the South. It is strong agriculturally, timberwise, horticulturally, and industrially.

P. M.—Does the Government still make two-dollar bills?

Ans.—In 1940, 16,000,000 two-dollar bills were printed.

E. H. M.—What food contains the most iron?

Ans.—Molasses heads the list of iron-containing foods, with about 6.1 parts of usable iron per 100.00 parts by weight of molasses.

E. B.—Who was "Darling Nelly Gray" in the old song?

Ans.—According to one legend, the song of Benjamin Hanby was inspired by a newspaper clipping describing a Kentucky slave auction at which the slave Nelly Gray was torn from the arms of her betrothed and sold to a Georgia plantation owner for \$75.

C. T.—Are Fritz Kreisler's hands insured?

Ans.—The famous violinist's hands are insured for \$1,000,000.

Ans. to Problem—The Nile, which is 270 miles longer than the Amazon.

STATE COLLEGE

Harold P. Zelko, of Woodland Drive, spent Friday in Pittsburgh on business. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roseberry and daughter of Irvin Avenue, spent Wednesday visiting in Ocoeca Mills.

Mrs. Della Staff of South Pugh street, had as her recent guests her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Edward Staff and family of Lewistown.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everhart of State College R. D. had as their guests on Friday Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stevens of Stormstown. Rev. J. W. Wang of Lemont, spent the weekend visiting in Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Evey of Pine Hall, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son at their home on Thursday. Mrs. May Smith of West College Avenue, had as her weekend guest her daughter Nancy of White Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Stephens of West Beaver avenue, have as their guest Ouidabon Henry of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Harry Shomberg and Mrs. Philip Armstrong entertained at a bridge at the home of Mrs. Armstrong on West Fairmount avenue on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

er and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Hassell Thompson all of Bellefonte.

ORVISTON There were 174 present at Sunday School, Sunday. The Loyal Woman's Class met at the home of Mrs. Earl Lomison on Friday night for their regular monthly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yeager of Pleasant Gap spent the weekend at the G. H. Gillespie home. R. B. Poorman of State College visited the Alfred Shank and William Barnhart homes on Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Barnhart of Curtin, is spending some time with her son William and family. Eleanor Conifer of Beech Creek, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Conifer. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shawley and son Roy of Beech Creek spent Sunday at the Alfred Shawley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pierce of Chester, spent the weekend at the Claude Lomison home. Verna Shank of Tyrone, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sahnk. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heverly of Lock Haven, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bertha Conifer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McCormick of Fairway Drive left Saturday for an extended visit with relatives in Troy. Emily Wolf of Park avenue spent the weekend visiting her sister in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harry Lonberger of East Hamilton avenue, entertained with a quilting party and a dinner at her home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Garbick of South Albarton street, had as their weekend guest Betty Linn of Huntingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kalin of South Barnard street, had as their weekend guest their daughter Pauline of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Miller Herman of Millbrook were given a surprise party in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday. Twenty-three guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ishler and daughter Nancy and mother Mrs. Nannie Coxey have left for their new home in Bristol, Penna, where Mr. Ishler has accepted a position with the Kalamazoo Stove and Furnace in Bristol.

Mr. Charles Jordan of State College R. D. had as his guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hold-

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