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EDITORIAL

One reason to believe that better times are here again—contributions to the churches are rising.

It's about the time of the year to begin hearing that old, but sensible, slogan, "Swat the fly."

Judging from the ballyhoo one hears and reads, beauty is just a matter of using the right soap.

Old Dobbin has his faults, but you never saw another horse hitched in front pulling him to the barn for repairs.

We agree with John F. O'Ryan, Major-General, U. S. Army, who says: "In my opinion, if Britain goes down, we are next on Hitler's list."

Sunday, May 18, has been designated by President Roosevelt as "I Am an American" Day. The public is urged to observe the day in recognition of citizens who have become of age or been naturalized during the past twelve months.

The art of prophecy is on the decline in Japan. On the 19th of March a Japanese official, just returned from Berlin, was quoted by a news agency as saying, "The anticipated German landing operation against England now is only a matter of hours."

The American Committee for Defense of British Homes is interested in receiving steel helmets which will be sent to Great Britain for the use of those exposed to danger during air raids.

News of strikes, high-lighted throughout the nation and played up as impediments to national defense, has placed labor leaders on the defensive.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR HIGHWAYS

(Harrisburg Patriot)

Under the pressure of a formidable lobby, as charged on the floor, the bill permitting 50,000 pounds of truck to rumble over Pennsylvania's highways has passed the House.

Two hopes remain that drivers of smaller vehicles will not be crowded off the highways their license fees have built. One is that the bill will be defeated in the Senate, and, if not, that Governor James will veto it.

Either one or both of these guarantees can be gained by the people themselves. All the public needs to do is let the legislators know that twenty-five tons of swaying, growling trucks, the size of railroad freight cars, do not belong on highways which must be shared by trucks of smaller size and of the infinitely greater number of passenger cars.

If questions of damage to road surface and unfair competition to railroads were not involved and even if the danger factor could be eliminated, the drivers of passenger cars would still have a genuine right to protest against giant vehicles which by sight and noise alone add hazards to the drivers of smaller cars.

That only a powerful lobby could force passage of such legislation is apparent. Legislators left to their own sense of justice to the vast majority of highway users, would not legalize "box cars" on motor highways unless heavy pressure were used.

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If such a "deal" was consummated then the whole transaction is "twice cursed." That mandatory milk law is another perfect example of the power of the lobbyists. It was engineered to benefit the dairy interests.

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Nobody but the dairy interests want the law. Everybody else is against it. If instead of being repealed it is to be retained and all as part of a deal to get "box cars" on the highways, then the people have lost control of their Legislature to the lobbyists and had better arouse themselves.

If dairy interests can force their wares on relief folks, then clothing merchants could demand that part of a relief check must be spent for overcoats or fancy vests, or candy merchants could insist that 5 per cent of every relief check be spent with them.

When lobbying attains such strength, government of, for and by the people becomes an empty phrase.

FIRST IN EIGHTEEN YEARS
The 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina was placed in active service on April 9th. It is the first battleship to be built in the United States in eighteen years and was commissioned nearly three months ahead of schedule.

The "newest and most formidable fighting ship in the world" will have a complement of 1,500 officers and men. She will carry nine 16-inch guns, each sixty feet long, and they will hurl some twenty tons of TNT every sixty seconds on a target eighteen miles away.

The battleship is a costly vessel. The North Carolina represents an expenditure of \$67,725,500. This is enough to build many schoolhouses but few Americans today regret the money that is in her hull and machinery.

The big ship will make twenty-seven knots. It is provided with blisters for protection against torpedoes and mines. Armored decks protect against shells and bombs and vital points are guarded by sixteen inches of steel plate.

The comforting thought, in connection with the commissioning of this battleship, is that others like her and much larger, are on the way.

Two-WAY TOLERANCE NECESSARY
A leaflet recently published by the National Conference of Christians and Jews says:

"We of the United States are:
'One-third of a million Indian
'One-third of a million Oriental, Filipino and Mexican
'60,000,000 Anglo-Saxon; 10,000,000 Irish
'15,000,000 Teutonic; 9,000,000 Slavie
'5,000,000 Italian; 4,000,000 Scandinavian
'2,000,000 French; 13,000,000 Negro
'1,000,000 each Finns, Lithuanian, Greek."

In addition, according to the same authority, we are:
'2,900,000 Anglican-Episcopalian
'40,000,000 Evangelical Protestant
'1,800,000 Greek Catholic
'22,000,000 Roman Catholic
'4,500,000 Jew
'Two-thirds of a million Mormon
'One-tenth of a million Quaker
'One and one-half million Christian Scientists."

These figures give us some idea of the radical and religious mixture that makes up the people of the United States. It stresses the importance of racial and religious tolerance. This is an obligation which rests upon all Americans, regardless of the group to which they belong.

HERE'S A PLEASANT HOPE
We hope farm prices rise because there is nothing that we can think of that will do the country as much good as genuine prosperity for agriculture.

GERMAN "GENEROSITY"
In the early part of March, Vice-Premier Francois Darlan, of France, said that the Germans had released wheat to the Vichy government and he added, "The Germans in this instance have been more generous and humanitarian than the British."

SECRETARY SHOULD BE HAD
Mr. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, has requested newspapers, broadcasting companies and picture services to refrain from reporting the movements of damaged British ships that come to the United States for repairs.

Physical Fitness
An eight-week "physical fitness" course to harden prospective student and faculty draftees was announced this week by the school of physical education and athletics of the Pennsylvania State College.

THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
Not Many
Breathes there a man with soul so dead...

Not Interested
An attractive young widow from New York went to Florida on the hunt for a man. After registering at a Palm Beach hotel, she sauntered out on the veranda and seated herself near a handsome young man.

We Would
What should one do when one has split red ink on a valuable carpet? asked a reader. In the case of a man, it is really very simple—he merely listens.

Between the Two
Two ministers were walking along a country road. One of them took a cigar out of his pocket and began to smoke. Whereupon the other remarked, "Brother, I see you smoke, I am amazed at you. Do you know that it is a vile habit? Why, even a pig won't smoke."

Echo From an Army Camp
Colonel (instructing aviators)—"Now what's the first thing you do upon making a landing?" Pupil—"Thank God!"

He Knew the Words
No clergyman being present at a recent luncheon, the host singled out a pious, solemn-looking man in a black coat and tie, with a religious appearance, and asked him to pronounce the blessing.

Obvious Reason
Betty, little daughter of a South Ward Bellefonte family, was crying bitterly the other morning. Her mother asked what was the matter. "Boo, hoo. My new shoes hurt me!"

Not So Slow
Three men named Jones, all in the same line of business, opened shops next door to one another. The one on the right had the name "Jones" painted in large letters over the door.

Patriotic Gesture
"Yep," a friend confided to us the other day, "I traded in my old car. You know, I'm not one to hold back on our defense program when the government needs scrap iron."

Let's See Now
Mister (grumbling)—"I never can find a thing around this house. I certainly would like to know where my hat is?"

She Knew of Something
A prominent hostess, when serving her guests wine, remarked to one gentleman: "I should not be offering you wine. You are head of the Temperance League."

Loveless Column
"Dear Miss Dixon," writes a young man, "I and my wife are now living apart. Partly because of the unemployment situation, and partly because she refuses to live with me."

A Family Affair
A little girl went into a downtown drug store and asked the clerk for three rolls of toilet paper. The clerk, however, did not recognize the little purchaser and stopped her, "Who is it for?" he asked.

An Old One Revived
Back in the seventies, before life had gone completely "modern" to us, an elderly city couple, looking for a nice place to spend the summer, answered an advertisement which a farmer had inserted in the city paper.

Receives Promotion
Charles J. Hacherl, of St. Mary's, now stationed at Philadelphia, has been promoted from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant in the navy. It was announced Monday.

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AS I SEE IT
By HORACE SENTZ
So Musky has a case of nerves. Things has went from bad to badder. That dish of Fascist slop he serves. Makes mad Eysenhausen madder.

LOUISA'S LETTER
Dear Louisa: I am almost fifteen and rather large for my age. Here is my trouble: I want to go out with boys, but my "Old Timer" father doesn't want me to.

Query & Answer Column
PROBLEM: What is the name of the Constellation of Stars that reads the same both forward and backward? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

A Way To PROTECT Your Family's Inheritance
If you leave a large sum of money, or a piece of property outright, how long will it last? There's always a possibility that it may be unwisely invested or mismanaged.

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