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EDITORIAL

Who can remember the days when the highest compliment was to call a man a "good provider."

Thanksgiving, 1942, will be Old Style, unless the governors of some States insist upon being different.

Thought for America: "How long halt ye between two opinions?"—Old Testament: 1 Kings, xviii, 21.

There are people in the United States who still believe we can have peace if we just leave Mr. Hitler alone.

Bombs rain upon the British Isles but motor vehicles have a more devastating effect upon the people of the United States.

Why should America worry? When Germany controls the Atlantic and Japan bosses the Pacific we won't need merchant ships to handle our trade.

News dispatches indicate that Soviet Russia is moving troops toward the Caucasus area, seemingly to be able to seize a portion of the Near East if the British have to leave that area as a result of German attacks.

If you believe in the theory of protection against any and all eventualities—better get yourself a bicycle. Possibility that the two-wheelers may have to be counted on for a lot of local transportation was envisaged last week by Harry F. Sinclair, oil executive, who told the stockholders of his corporation: "I trust you will not complain and will bear with us if some day it is necessary for you to go about your business on a bicycle rather than in an automobile."

France, it seems, has entered upon full-fledged collaboration with Germany, throwing the weight of its empire against the British. France, sorely stricken and sadly tried, could not resist the lure of German proffers and French leaders undoubtedly believe that the way to open for France to become the junior partner of Hitler, replacing the incompetent Italians. There is nothing to be gained by denouncing the French, much as their action is to be deplored.

There seems to be no reason to disbelieve reports from abroad that news of strikes in this country, together with reports of speeches made by former President Hoover, Colonel Lindbergh and prominent isolationists, have produced an impression in the United States is seriously divided and that the Government is unable to function effectively in the presence of world disorder.

NO LONGER A GRAVEYARD
Unfortunately is the resurrection of trite references to Central Pennsylvania as the "graveyard" of trans-state fliers, resulting from the crackup on Shade Mountain, in Western Snyder county which brought death to Benjamin Brewster, socially prominent New York broker, and his wife.

As a matter of aviation history, the natural barriers to air navigation over the state mountain ranges that traverse this section of Pennsylvania as a branch of the Alleghenies, have been overcome to such an extent through erection of guiding beacon lights, weather report stations and emergency landing fields that comment has been common in recent years upon the low incidence of airplane accidents.

MORE ACTION NEEDED!

For all practical purposes the United States is "in the war." Passage of the Lease-Lend Act officially ended the theory of isolation in foreign affairs. National determination to deliver munitions of war, and other necessary supplies to the British people, charts a course which will eventually result in hostilities. Even aside from this determination on our part, the slow spread of Axis armies and the steady encroachment of Axis power upon the rights of all peoples, insures a clash with the United States.

Our Policy Means War
Not only is the United States arming and equipping the enemies of Axis aggression, but our national policy is frankly based upon an open proclamation that the defeat of Hitler is a necessary prerequisite to a stable and peaceful world. This is a conclusion that means war for us unless the British are able to stop the Axis combinations in battle.

Naval Aid Indicated Now
While the President continues to hope that this country can avoid actual hostilities, there are many responsible officials who have concluded that this can be done only by the prompt use of the naval forces of the United States. In addition, they believe that it may be necessary to bolster our naval contribution by the use of considerable air forces.

The Way to Save American Lives
We believe that this country can avoid the use of thousands of soldiers in a full-fledged war only by immediately reinforcing British naval forces. Naturally, the bulk of our fleet must remain in the Pacific, but we have available a number of ships in the Atlantic which are available to relieve British warships for use in vital combat areas.

The Axis Gang is After Us
Americans should remember always that Hitler cannot win his war unless he breaks the power of the British Fleet and successfully invades the British Isles. As sensible citizens, we should also remember that if Hitler wins his war, no power on earth, except our own strength will prevent him and his gang from making an assault against us.

SABOTAGE IN THE STATE
The Senate has blasted all Republican claims to liberalism. By its deliberate, cynical sabotage of the progressive, humane Democratic party legislative program it has demonstrated that every Republican claim of friendship for organized labor is a lie and every promise of aid to the farmer a falsehood.

Signs of the Times
A storekeeper in a nearby town has the following advertisement in his window: "I Don't Profit! You Profit Here."

Lucky Fate
A young man who had been wandering around the court house corridor for half an hour was getting despondent. "I can't seem to find the marriage license office," he said aloud. "You're very fortunate, I must say," commented a lounge.

Still Underpriced
Butcher—"Well, you know, madam, ham's took a big jump since yesterday." Woman—"All right. Then just give me a pound off this ham you had here yesterday."

Easier in the Old Days
Girls, we are told, were harder to kiss in the olden days, but the old front porch swing wasn't pat to jump the road and crash into a telephone pole about the time a fellow got all puckerred up.

Wonders of Nature
City Visitor (in the farmyard)—"What has that cow got the bell strapped around her neck for?" Farmer—"That's to call the calf when dinner's ready."

Scattered Family
"Ah got five chillun," explained Mamy, the negro cook, to the census taker. "Ah had two by mah fust husband, and one by dis yeah husband Ah got now, an' Ah had two by mahself."

They Simply Would
If a movie seat had five arms, some fellows in Bellefonte would discover some way for one person to rest his elbows on all of them.

Station EVE
Why was Adam like a radio? Because they took part of him and made a loud-speaker.

The people will express themselves on this issue in 1942.

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

BETTER WATCH YOUR STEP
Methuselah ate what he found on his plate And never, as people do now, Did he note the amount of the caloric count— He ate it because it was chow.

Now in Genesis IX we learn Noah drank wine And there in the twenty-first verse It's alleged as a fact he became somewhat swacked— A victim of alcohol's curse.

King Solomon had about eight hundred wives That he married in groups and in pairs, And I'll make a bet that he knew how to pet, In view of his sundry affairs.

She Needed Her Son
"Marce Govenah, I sutenly dose want my Sam pardoned." "Where is he, auntie?" asked the governor. "Out at de pen," was the reply.

Bitter Experience
Two dear maiden ladies were left some money, and decided to invest it in a poultry farm. They went to a farmer and bought fifty hens, coops, runs, and so on.

Their Synthetic Life
A red-headed movie sheik was being used for breach of promise. "Did you write these letters?" asked the girl's attorney. "Well, then, did you send the girl these flowers?"

Leven Words—No More, No Less
The new minister was going to call on one of the best families in his parish and was going to stay for supper, so they coached their little girl carefully to answer the questions the minister always asked every little girl.

Lock Haven's Winchell
Dr. Edwin C. Blackburn attended the state Rotary Club convention at Buckhills Falls and the nearby woods made the popular local dentist think only of trout fishing.

When You're in the Navy
Riches to riches And fame to fame; The marines get the wimmen And the sailors get the blame.

Foot Sharp Enough
Dad—"You are at the foot of the spelling class again, are you?" Son—"Yes, sir."

Game Warden—"What's the idea of hunting with a last year's license? You know better than that, don't you?" Hunter—"Nothing wrong in that, as far as I can see. I'm only shooting at the birds I missed last year."

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That's all, folks The trouble with love at first sight is second sight. —SCAT.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am a widower with one child. Just lately I have fallen in love with a fine girl who seems to have all the qualities any man could desire.

My advice to you is to break off with this young woman as soon as possible, and thank your stars that you escaped being tied for life to anyone so selfish and heartless.

Dear Louisa: I make as much money as the boy I go with, does. Do you think it will be all right for me to foot some of the bills when we go out at night? I know he cannot afford to take me lots of places and I feel that he is probably not paying his bills in order to give me a good time, but he says it makes him feel little for me to pay for anything.

AS I SEE IT
By HORACE SENTZ
Defense ain't started to pinch yet, but by n' by it will, we'll give lots more its safe to bet than what we put in that tax bill.

CONSTITIATION
Quickly Relieved
Leubert's Laxative Tablets promptly produce laxative action without pain or depressing effect.

Query & Answer Column

PROBLEM—There is a well-known man, an official of the United States, whose surname is composed of 3 syllables. The first syllable is the name of a flower, and the third syllable is the antonym of "freeze." Who is he? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

E. T.—What is the difference between smokeless powder and black powder? Ans.—Black powder merely burns, and explodes only when confined. Smokeless powder has atoms that are not fastened together very firmly, and when it gets hot enough they suddenly fly apart and instantly become gases. This makes the explosion.

H. L.—Who is the forgotten man? Ans.—There are differences of opinion about the forgotten man, but most folks agree he is a ragged individual.

J. B.—Who were the saints whose voices inspired Joan of Arc? Ans.—According to tradition, the voices of the Archangel Michael, St. Margaret of Antioch, and St. Catherine of Alexandria urged Joan of Arc to deliver France.

J. D.—In what part of North Carolina is the old cemetery where married men are buried in one section and bachelors in another? Ans.—In "God's Acre," the Moravian cemetery at Winston-Salem, the dead are buried according to sex and domestic status. The graves are all provided with the same simple slab-stone. Monuments, mausoleums and growing flowers are forbidden.

H. T. P.—Does the word unmarried always imply that the person has never been married? Ans.—It refers only to a person's present status. A widow or widower is spoken of as unmarried.

R. L. W.—Did the same Maxim who invented the machine gun invent the silencer? Ans.—Hiram Stevens Maxim invented the gun and his son, Hiram Percy Maxim, the firearm's silencer.

L. B.—Why is the sky blue? Ans.—When sunlight enters the atmosphere, particles of dust and the molecules of oxygen, nitrogen, and other gases scatter the light in all directions. It is this that causes the blue color of the sky. At great elevations there is no dust, therefore the light is not scattered and the general appearance of the atmosphere is black.

H. T. K.—Was there ever a law in England against the use of pewter in the church? Ans.—Pewter was commonly used in the service of the church in early medieval times, but in 1175 the Council of Westminster proscribed this metal and bishops were forbidden to bless a chalice of pewter. From that time until the fifteenth century it was customary to bury a pewter chalice with the priest.

I. T. L.—Should a cyclamen plant be kept in a cool room at night? Ans.—The plant thrives best when kept in a room with the temperature down to forty-five degrees.

V. C.—Was August Belmont foreign born? Ans.—He was born in Alzey, Germany, and came to New York as a representative of the famous banking firm of Rothschild. He was United States minister to the Netherlands and consul general for Austria.

Answer to Problem—Morganthau, Secretary of the Treasury. "Morgan" (oxeye daisy) and "thau" (thaw).

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