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EDITORIAL

Kind words and deep sympathy seldom take the place of bread to eat.

The Bible still outsells any book published. And, if you want to know, it is still being widely read.

Watch the advertisements in The Centre Democrat and do your Christmas shopping early and intelligently.

The payment of taxes, looked upon as a burden by some people, is the price we pay for the blessings of modern civilization.

An excellent Christmas present—according to our idea—would be to send The Centre Democrat to some relative away from home.

Hitler prepared his war machine secretly. Stalin prepared to defend Russia against German attack secretly.

Although Congress belittled loudly for a chance to enact strong anti-strike laws, before President Roosevelt gave the go-ahead signal, it has now settled down to considering only very mild measures.

BUYING EARLY PAYS

Once again the people of Centre county are in the midst of their Christmas buying and the merchants of this county are vying with each other in attracting shoppers.

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ITCHING FOR IT

For a long time Japan has been itching for it. Henceforth Uncle Sam will see to it that she coos her full share of scratching.

Japanese attacks on Hawaii and other points yesterday met the fullest requirements of treachery. Even though formal declarations of war are no longer in fashion, attacks such as Japan ordered are scarcely part of the peace parleys in which the representatives of the Japanese government were engaged.

All this sort of thing belongs to the Axis pattern which Japan apparently has decided to adopt wholesale. As Hitler has done repeatedly so Japan chose the Sabbath on which to lose its attack.

This is no time for repining, but some recollections are not pleasant. Among them is the memory of the endless quantities of scrap iron and steel and petroleum supplies which over recent years, if not months, Japan imported from this country.

But as for this Nation, it is one and indivisible. It always has been in times of national peril. If Japan, like its Axis partners, has been foolish enough to misread public opinion in the United States, theirs is the responsibility.

When the flag of this country is insulted, there are no divisions below it. Isolationists, interventionists, pacifists, militarists, partisans, native son, and foreign born, all become full-throated Americans, ready for any sacrifice to protect a country they love with a passion little understood abroad.

Here is an instance where the President need not be anxious about support. Whatever is needed to safeguard the Nation, that he shall have. Back of him and the Army and Navy stand a united people, to whom war is repugnant but to whom war is welcome when it is the only method by which high moral principles can be sustained.

WHAT KIND OF HUMAN BEING ARE YOU?

As the year 1941 winds towards its close and the new year beckons with hope it might not be a bad idea for the individual reader of these columns in The Centre Democrat to take off a little time from the daily routine and think about life and some of its problems.

Many of us have been so engrossed in the tasks impelled upon us by the economic necessity of earning a livelihood that we have drifted a bit in our thinking and lost sight of the enduring aims of human existence.

It might pay us to reevaluate the opportunities of life and begin a more orderly existence that depends upon fundamental and enduring activity rather than upon finances that another depression may wipe off the books.

It might pay some of the families in Centre county to reassess human contributions to general welfare and to strive to take some part in a program that should improve social conditions now, rather than hereafter.

Let's do some straight-talking. Quit kidding yourself. Look carefully into your participation into the activities of the race around you, and decide whether you have been an asset to the people of this community or a form of human shark, preying upon others among whom you live.

WITHOUT AMERICAN SOLDIERS

We are among the people of the United States who hope that the regime of Adolf Hitler, which threatens the world, can be toppled without the intervention of American armed forces.

The foreign policy of President Roosevelt has been predicated upon the hope that the prompt dispatch and safe delivery of supplies might make sure the defeat of Hitler and thus make it unnecessary for the United States to consider the use of American soldiers.

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The Lend-Lease Act made up the first deficiency and the attack on Russia answered the second need. Today the hope of defeating Germany, without American soldiers depends upon continued supplies from this country and continued resistance of the Red army.

This ought to make it apparent that it is to the interest of the United States to see that not only the British but the Russians get what they need to maintain the fight against Germany.

Tyrone Firm Bankrupt

S. C. Batchelor, trading as the W. S. Tyson Drug Co. of Tyrone, Blair county, has filed a petition of bankruptcy in Federal Court in Pittsburgh.

Woman Shoots Deer

When Mrs. Irwin Roberts, of near Bloomsburg, looked from her kitchen window and saw a buck in a nearby field, she dropped her household task, grabbed a gun, and went out and killed the deer, which weighed 125 pounds.

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

Youth Isn't Really Wild (A Drama in One Thrilling Act)

Scene: An old Model A car returning from Lock Haven, at 2 a. m. Characters: X, the unknown quantity, driving. Y, also holding an unknown quantity, sitting in the front seat. A, B and C, three five-gallon tanks, are sitting in the rear seat.

X—"I'm a helluva, helluva, helluva, helluva engineer." Y—"Yes, you are, or you'd have turned on the other cylinder a long time ago." X—"I thought we left that back there." B—"That wasn't no cylinder, that was the muffler."

Movie Producer Announces Blessed Event

It is the great and estimable pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Klosky to announce the triumph of the current season! The sensation of Hollywood! The event that has been talked of for months! Five years in the making! Wonderful! Stupendous! Unbelievable! The Production of Sammy Klosky Junior.

A Safe Bet

Willie—"Mother, I just made a bet with Walter." Mother—"Why, you naughty boy. What made you do it?" Willie—"Well, Mother, I bet Walter my new cap against a button that you were the best mother in town, and that you'd give me a nickel to get some candy. You don't want me to lose by nice new cap, do you, Mother?"

Tale of Two Smithies

"I went into a barber shop for a shave. I sat down. I waited. It seemed hours. Two men were still in the chairs. I waited. It was getting late. Still I waited. I was getting hungry. It couldn't take much longer. I waited. Finally two men got out of the chairs. The next day the Smith Brothers had a new picture taken."

Water You Think?

First Farmer—"Do you think rain water is really good to put on your hair?" Second Farmer—"Well, if it's good enough for my fodder, it's good enough for me."

Bawling Him Out

The weatherman dreamed that himself was dead; That he stood by his monument tall and read The message thereon—and he hung his head. For "Probably Warmer" was all it said.

Anchor's Aweigh

She said, "You naughty boy, go way." As she had said to many. He said to her, "Go weigh yourself." And handed her a penny.

A Little Shy

Rev. Good (at baptism)—"His name, please." Mother—"Algernon. Phillip Percival Reginald Mortimer Duckworth." Rev. (to his assistant)—"A little more water, please."

Wrong Idea

Mose—"Congratulations on your marriage to Liza. Are you going to take a bridal tour?" Rastus—"A bride to 'er? What do you think I married, a hoos?"

Fair Enough

Hill—"The same tornado that blew away my father's wagon dumped an automobile in the front yard." Billy—"Hub, that's no tornado. That was a trade wind."

Misunderstood

Customer—"I want to buy a present for my wife." Pretty Clerk—"Can I interest you in something very nice in silk stockings?" Customer—"Well, let's see about the present first."

She's One Better

Rastus—"Mah gal's devine." Ephriam—"Youah gal may be de vine, but mah gal's de berries."

Ain't It The Truth?

Science Prof.—"What happens when a body is immersed in water?" Coed—"The telephone rings."

A Dark Secret

He—"Gosh, it's dark in this parlor; I can't even see my hand in front of me." She—"That's all right, I know where it is."

Couldn't See It

Coed—"Is my face dirty or is it my imagination?" Joe College—"Well, your face is clean, but I don't know much about your imagination."

Probably Satisfactory

The doctor was questioning the new nurse about her latest patient. "Have you kept a chart of his progress?" The nurse blushing replied: "No, but I can show you my diary."

She Knew The Trick

Mechanical Engineer—"Do you know what 'Knee-action' is in a car?" She—"Yes, and don't try it."

Good Place

Butcher (holding telephone)—"Where are Mrs. Jones' kidneys?" Delivery Boy—"Oh, gosh. I sent them to Doctor Smith."

New Garment

Substantially Proportioned Lady—"Young man, I am a physical culture instructor. I want to buy a pair of bloomers to wear around my gymnasium." New Clerk—"Yes, ma'am, how big is your gymnasium?"

Seen at a Distance

"Could anyone come between us, love?" he asked in accents tender. "Well," spoke the young brother under the lounge. "They'd have to be awfully slender."

That's all, folks. Be original. Don't wear suspenders or a belt. Eventually your originality will be noticed. Oh, my, yes. —SCAT.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I married a widower about a year ago. He had two children and I am very fond of both of them.

I don't know exactly what to do because I want the child to love me, but this kind of situation is bad for him as well as for me. What do you advise me to do?

Answer:

This is a situation that no one but your husband can handle. Anyone who takes care of a child is entitled to obedience and it is your husband's duty to explain to his son that he must obey you while he is in your care.

So tell your husband to get on the job and straighten things out before they get beyond his control.

Dear Louisa:

I am engaged to a fine young man and he gets a vacation the last part of this month. He wants me to visit his parents but it will take several days to make the trip by car.

Answer:

It will be wiser to take someone else along. If you could make the trip in one day, or if you could break it up by staying with friends it would be permissible for the two of you to go alone.

Successful Hunters

E. W. Lundy and Guy Hocker, of Loyalsburg, members of Casage hunting club, each killed a buck. Mr. Lundy downed an 8-point animal that had been shot through the upper jaw the first day of the season.

\$10 Damage in Crash

Cars operated by Nellie B. Gravatt of State College, and Tra E. Robinson, of Howard, Pa., collided at the corner of College avenue and Allen street last Thursday morning, entailing damage estimated at about \$10.

Former Coach Found Dead

Blair McMillin, 35, former football coach at Clearfield High School, was found dead in the garage of his home in Monacaughla last week, of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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